



DryShips Inc. Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.20 Per Common Share

July 18, 2008: ATHENS, GREECE – DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ: DRYS) announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$ 0.20 per common share, payable on August 22, 2008, to stockholders of record as of August 8, 2008.

About DryShips Inc.

DryShips Inc., based in Greece, is an owner and operator of drybulk carriers that operate worldwide. As of the day of this release, DryShips owns a fleet of 48 drybulk carriers comprising 6 Capesize, 30 Panamax, 2 Handymax, and 10 newbuilding drybulk vessels, with a combined deadweight tonnage of about 4.3 million tons.

DryShips Inc.'s common stock is listed on NASDAQ Global Market where it trades under the symbol "DRYS".

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Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although DryShips Inc. believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, DryShips Inc. cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charterhire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in DryShips Inc.'s operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory

authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists. Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by DryShips Inc. with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.