



DRYSHIPS INC. ANNOUNCES CONVERSION PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR ITS CONVERTIBLE NOTES.

ATHENS, GREECE –October 3, 2011 - DryShips Inc. (the “Company” or “DryShips”) (Nasdaq: DRY5), a global provider of marine transportation services for drybulk and petroleum cargoes and off-shore contract drilling oil services, today announced that the applicable conversion price under the Indenture and related Supplemental Indenture governing the Company’s 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes due December 1, 2014 has been adjusted to \$6.90 per share effective as of September 19, 2011. The previous conversion price of \$7.19 per share was adjusted downward in connection with the Company’s partial spin off Ocean Rig UDW Inc. which is expected to be completed on October 5, 2011.

About DryShips

DryShips Inc. is an owner of drybulk carriers and tankers that operate worldwide. Through its majority owned subsidiary, Ocean Rig UDW Inc., DryShips owns and operates 9 offshore ultra deepwater drilling units, comprising of 2 ultra deepwater semisubmersible drilling rigs and 7 ultra deepwater drillships, 3 of which remain to be delivered to Ocean Rig during 2013. DryShips owns a fleet of 35 drybulk carriers (including newbuildings), comprising 7 Capesize, 26 Panamax and 2 Supramax, with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 3.3 million tons, and 12 tankers (including newbuildings), comprising 6 Suezmax and 6 Aframax, with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 1.6 million tons.

DryShips’ common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market where it trades under the symbol “DRYS.”

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