



## **DryShips Inc. Announces Pricing of \$400 Million Convertible Senior Notes Offering**

Athens, Greece, November 19, 2009 – DryShips Inc. (NASDAQ: DRYS) (the "Company" or "Dryships"), a global provider of marine transportation services for drybulk cargoes and off-shore contract drilling oil services, today announced the pricing of its previously announced public offering of convertible senior notes. The offering size was increased from \$300 million to \$400 million. The sale of the convertible notes is expected to close on November 25, 2009, subject to customary closing conditions.

The convertible notes, which are being issued at a price equal to 100% of their face value, will have an interest rate of 5%. The convertible notes will be senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The initial conversion price for the convertible notes will be \$7.19 per share.

The underwriter for the offering will also have the option to purchase up to \$60 million principal amount of additional convertible notes solely to cover any over-allotments. The Company estimates that the net proceeds from the offering will be approximately \$387 million after deducting underwriter discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the offering for vessel acquisitions and other general corporate purposes.

Concurrently with the offering of the convertible notes, the Company has entered into a share lending agreement with Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch ("Deutsche Bank AG"), under which it will loan to Deutsche Bank AG 26.1 million shares of its common stock. The Company has also entered into an equity underwriting agreement with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. pursuant to which Deutsche Bank AG or its affiliates intend to sell shares of the Company's common stock that they will be entitled to borrow from the Company under the share lending agreement.

These shares will be offered in an underwritten offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to the Company's existing shelf registration statement in order to facilitate hedging transactions undertaken by the purchasers of the convertible notes. The Company will not receive any of the proceeds from this sale of common stock but will receive a nominal lending fee from Deutsche Bank AG under the share lending agreement. Deutsche Bank AG will be required to return the borrowed shares on or about the maturity of the convertible notes or, if earlier, upon the conversion, repurchase, cancellation or redemption of all of the convertible notes and upon the occurrence of certain other events. The delivery of common stock pursuant to the share lending agreement will be contingent upon the closing of the convertible notes offering, and the closing of the convertible notes offering will be contingent upon the delivery of common stock pursuant to the share lending agreement.

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. is acting as Sole Book-running Manager for the offerings.

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the convertible notes, common stock or any other securities, nor will there be any sale of convertible notes, common stock or any other securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

The convertible notes and the common stock will be offered only by means of a prospectus, forming a part of the Company's shelf registration statement, related prospectus supplements and other related documents. You may obtain these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the Securities and Exchange Commission website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, copies may be obtained from Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Attention: Prospectus Department, 100 Plaza One, Jersey City, NJ 07311 or at 800-503-4611. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus supplements and accompanying base prospectus along with other documents that the Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for more complete information about the Company and these offerings.

#### **About DryShips Inc.**

DryShips Inc., based in Greece, is an owner and operator of drybulk carriers and offshore oil deep water drilling that operate worldwide. As of the day of this release, DryShips owns a fleet of 39 drybulk carriers comprising 7 Capesize, 30 Panamax and 2 Supramax, with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 3.4 million tons, 2 ultra deep water semisubmersible drilling rigs and 4 ultra deep water newbuilding drillships.

DryShips Inc.'s common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market where 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, drydocking 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.

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