

DryShips Inc.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2008

Commission File Number 000-51141

DRYSHIPS INC.

80 Kifissias Avenue

Amaroussion 15125, Athens Greece

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the Press Release of DryShips, Inc. dated January 9, 2008.

Exhibit 1

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

January 9, 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 January 31, 2008, to stockholders of record as of January 18, 2008.

This is the eleventh consecutive quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share declared by the company since its listing on the NASDAQ Global Market in February 2005.

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 46

drybulk carriers comprising 5 Capesize, 30 Panamax, 2 Supramax, 1 Handymax, and 8 newbuilding drybulk vessels, with a combined deadweight tonnage of over 4 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.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

DryShips Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: January 9, 2008

By: /s/ George Economou

George Economou

Chief Executive Officer