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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus dated December 27, 2017)

815,000 of our Common Shares Offered by the Selling Shareholder

#### SCORPIO BULKERS INC.

The Selling Shareholder named in this prospectus supplement or its respective donees, pledgees, transferees, distributees, or other successors in interest may sell, in one or more offerings pursuant to our registration statement on Form F-3 declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, on December 27, 2017, up to an aggregate of 815,000 of our common shares that were previously acquired by the Selling Shareholder in open market transactions. The Selling Shareholder or its respective donees, pledgees, transferees, designees, or other successors in interest may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of these common shares, including on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in privately negotiated transactions at fixed prices that may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. Information on the Selling Shareholder and the times and manners in which it may offer and sell our common shares are described under the sections entitled "Selling Shareholder" and "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus supplement. While we will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the common shares, we will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "SALT." An investment in our common shares involves risks. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Neither the Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus supplement is January 19, 2018.

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering of common shares and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the base prospectus. The second part, the base prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer only to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts combined, and when we refer to the accompanying prospectus, we are referring to the base prospectus.

If the description of this offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated into each by reference include important information about us, the common shares being offered and other information you should know before investing. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus together with additional information described under the heading, "Where You Can Find Additional Information" before investing in our common shares.

We prepare our financial statements, including all of the financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, in U.S. dollars and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or U.S. GAAP. We have a fiscal year end of December 31.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder has authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder are making an offer to sell the common shares offered hereby in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as well as the information we previously filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference herein and therein, is accurate as of the dates on the front cover of those documents only. Our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Scorpio Bulkers Inc. desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection therewith. This document and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect its current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements 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. This document includes assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events. These statements are intended as "forward-looking statements." We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events may and often do vary from actual results and the differences can be material. When used in this document, the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "targets," "projects," "likely," "will," "would," "could" and similar expressions or phrases may identify forward-looking statements.

All statements in this document that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, such matters as:

- ·our future operating or financial results;
- statements about planned, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending or operating expenses, including drydocking, surveys, upgrades and insurance costs;
- ·the strength of world economies;
- ·the stability of Europe and the Euro;
- ·fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates;
- changes in the supply of drybulk vessels, including when caused by new newbuilding vessel orders or changes to or terminations of existing orders, and vessel scrapping levels;
  - general drybulk shipping market conditions, including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values:
- ·changes in demand in the drybulk shipping industry, including the market for our vessels;
- ·compliance with, and liabilities under, governmental, tax, environmental and safety laws and regulations;
- ·changes in the value of our existing vessels and proposed newbuildings;
- ·changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry docking and insurance costs;
  - changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- ·potential liability from pending or future litigation;
- •general domestic and international political conditions;
- ·our ability to procure or have access to financing, our liquidity and the adequacy of cash flows for our operations; S-iii

- our continued borrowing availability under our debt agreements and compliance with the covenants contained therein;
- ·our ability to successfully employ our existing and newbuilding drybulk vessels;
- our ability to fund future capital expenditures and investments in the construction, acquisition and refurbishment of
- ·our vessels (including the amount and nature thereof and the timing of completion thereof, the delivery and commencement of operations dates, expected downtime and lost revenue);
- ·risks associated with vessel construction;
- ·potential exposure or loss from investment in derivative instruments;
- potential conflicts of interest involving members of our board and senior management and our significant shareholders;
- our expectations regarding the availability of vessel acquisitions and our ability to complete planned acquisition transactions:
- ·vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hire; and
- ·drybulk shipping market trends, charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand.

We have based these statements on assumptions and analyses formed by applying our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. All future written and verbal forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in or referred to in this section. We undertake no obligation, and specifically decline any obligation, except as required by law, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus supplement might not occur.

These factors and the other risk factors described in this prospectus supplement are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information that appears later in this prospectus supplement and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. As an investor or prospective investor, you should carefully review the entire prospectus, including the section of this prospectus supplement entitled "Risk Factors" and the more detailed information that appears later in this prospectus supplement or is contained in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement before making an investment in our securities.

Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus supplement, the terms "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Scorpio Bulkers Inc. and all of its subsidiaries. "Scorpio Bulkers Inc." refers only to Scorpio Bulkers Inc. and not its subsidiaries. The term "Selling Shareholder" refers to the shareholder described in the section entitled "Selling Shareholder," on page S-12.

We use the term deadweight, or dwt, expressed in metric tons, each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, in describing the size of our vessels. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "U.S. dollars," "dollars," "U.S.\$" and "\$" in this prospectus supplement are to the lawful currency of the United States of America.

The term "Scorpio Group Pools" refers to the Scorpio Kamsarmax Pool and the Scorpio Ultramax Pool, which are spot market-oriented pools of similarly sized vessels operated by companies affiliated with us.

On December 31, 2015, we effected a one-for-twelve reverse stock split. All share and per share information throughout this prospectus supplement has been retroactively adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split. The par value was not adjusted as a result of the reverse stock split.

#### Our Company

We are an international shipping company that owns and operates the latest generation of newbuilding drybulk carriers with fuel-efficient specifications and carrying capacities of greater than 30,000 dwt. Our vessels transport a broad range of major and minor bulk commodities, including ores, coal, grains, and fertilizers, along worldwide shipping routes.

As of January 18, 2018, our operating fleet of 56 vessels consisted of 55 wholly-owned or finance leased drybulk vessels (including 18 Kamsarmax vessels and 37 Ultramax vessels), and one time chartered-in Ultramax vessel. In addition, one Kamsarmax vessel which is being constructed at Jiangsu New Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Co Ltd in China is expected to be delivered to us in the second quarter of 2018. We collectively refer to these vessels described above as our "Operating Fleet." All of the vessels in our Operating Fleet are employed, or are expected to be employed, in the Scorpio Group Pools. Upon delivery of the vessel under construction, our owned fleet is expected to have a total carrying capacity of approximately 3.8 million dwt and all of our owned vessels will have carrying capacities of greater than 60,000 dwt.

Our Fleet

The following tables set forth certain summary information regarding our Operating Fleet as of January 18, 2018:

Operating Fleet			
Owned vessels			
Vessel Name	Year Built	DWT	Vessel Type
SBI Samba	2015	84,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Rumba	2015	84,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Capoeira	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Electra	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Carioca	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Conga	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Flamenco	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Bolero	2015	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Sousta	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Rock	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Lambada	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Reggae	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Zumba	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Macarena	2016	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Parapara	2017	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Mazurka	2017	82,000	Kamsarmax
SBI Swing	2017	82,000	Kamsarmax
Total Kamsarmax		1,398,000	
SBI Antares	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Athena	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Bravo	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Leo	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Echo	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Lyra	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Tango	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Maia	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Hydra	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Subaru	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Pegasus	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Ursa	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Thalia	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Cronos	2015	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Orion	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Achilles	2016	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Hercules	2016	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Perseus	2016	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Hermes	2016	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Zeus	2016	60,200	Ultramax

Vessel Name	Year Built	DWT	Vessel Type
SBI Hera	2016	60,200	Ultramax
SBI Hyperion	2016	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Tethys	2016	61,000	Ultramax
SBI Phoebe	2016	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Poseidon	2016	60,200	Ultramax
SBI Apollo	2016	60,200	Ultramax
SBI Samson	2017	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Phoenix	2017	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Gemini	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Libra	2017	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Puma	2014	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Jaguar	2014	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Cougar	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Aries	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Taurus	2015	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Pisces	2016	64,000	Ultramax
SBI Virgo	2017	64,000	Ultramax
Total Ultramax		2,307,800	
Aggregate Owned DWT		3,705,800	

#### Time chartered-in vessel

Vessel Type	Year Built	DWT	Where Built	Daily Base Rate	Earliest Expiry
Ultramax	2017	62,100	Japan	\$10,125	30-Sep-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
Aggregate Ti		62,100			

This vessel has been time chartered-in for 22 to 24 months at the Company's option at \$10,125 per day. The Company has the option to extend this time charter for one year at \$10,885 per day.

Vessel Under Construction

Vessel Name Expected Delivery DWT Shipyard

Hull 2215 - TBN SBI Lynx Q2-18 82,000 Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.

Total Kamsarmax Newbuilding DWT 82,000

#### **Recent Developments**

On December 1, 2017, we entered into Addendum No. 2 to the Memorandum of Agreement dated September 23, 2017, by and between one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries and a subsidiary of Golden Ocean Group Limited, or the Amended Memorandum of Agreement, with respect to the acquisition of a 2015-built Ultramax vessel Golden Aries, or the Acquisition Vessel, which was built at Chengxi Shipyard Co Ltd in China. We refer to this acquisition as the Vessel Acquisition. Pursuant to the Amended Memorandum of Agreement, upon delivery of the Acquisition Vessel, a portion of the aggregate purchase price of the Acquisition Vessel was payable in cash and the remaining portion was payable in the form of 910,802 of our common shares to Golden Ocean Group Limited, or Golden Ocean. The Acquisition Vessel was delivered to us on December 29, 2017, at which time we issued the 910,802 common shares to Golden Ocean.

## Corporate Information

Scorpio Bulkers Inc. was incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on March 20, 2013. Our principal executive offices are located at 9, Boulevard Charles III, MC 98000 Monaco. Our telephone number at that address is 377 9798 5715. We own our vessels through separate wholly-owned subsidiaries that are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Cayman Islands. Our website is www.scorpiobulkers.com. The information contained in or connected to our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

THE OFFERING

Maximum Number of Common Shares

Offered by the Selling Shareholder

815,000 Common Shares

Common Shares

Issued and

Outstanding as of January 18, 2018

74,902,364 Common Shares

Use of Proceeds

All common shares sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be sold by the Selling Shareholder for its own account. We will not receive any of the proceeds from such sales.

NYSE Trading Symbol

"SALT"

Risk Factors

Investing in our common shares involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, on page 4 of the accompanying prospectus, in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2017, and under the caption "Risk Factors" or any similar caption in the documents that we subsequently file with the Commission that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus

supplement and the accompanying base prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common shares involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment in our common shares, you should carefully consider all of the information included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated into each by reference, including those in "Item 3—Key Information—D. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2017, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the Commission after the date of this prospectus supplement and that are incorporated by reference herein. Please see the section of this prospectus supplement entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information—Information Incorporated by Reference." The occurrence of one or more of those risk factors could adversely impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

All common shares sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be sold by the Selling Shareholder for its own account. We will not receive any of the proceeds from such sales.

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2017, on:

#### ·an actual basis;

an adjusted basis to give effect to (i) payments of \$135.1 million for the acquisition of six Ultramax vessels (which, along with the 910,802 common shares issued to Golden Ocean as noted below, represents the total consideration paid for the vessels), (ii) long term debt proceeds of \$85.5 million collateralized by the same six Ultramax vessels, of which \$4.6 million is included in current bank loans, (iii) payments of \$51.6 million for the acquisition of three Ultramax vessels (which, along with the 1,592,594 common shares that may be issued upon the exercise of a warrant as noted below, represents the total consideration paid for the vessels), (iv) long term debt proceeds of \$38.7 million collateralized by the same three Ultramax vessels, of which \$2.7 million is included in current bank loans, (v) proceeds of \$79.0 million that were available under our existing line of credit, of which \$4.6 million is included in current bank loans, (vi) proceeds from the sale-leaseback of the SBI Rumba, a 2015 Japanese built Kamsarmax dry bulk vessel, for consideration of approximately \$19.6 million. As part of the transaction, the Company entered into a ·9.5-year bareboat charter agreement with the buyers, with the Company's option to extend for a further six months. The agreement also provides the Company with options to repurchase the vessel beginning on the fifth anniversary of the sale and until the end of the agreement, (vii) repayment of bank debt of \$13.2 million for one Kamsarmax vessel, (viii) principal repayments of \$9.9 million on credit facilities during the period from October 1, 2017 through January 19, 2018, (ix) \$11.0 million in share purchases for treasury, (x) a reclassification between non-current bank loans and current bank loan of \$12.3 million. This reflects the fourth quarter reinstatement of principal repayments previously deferred with prior loan amendments to their original form, (xi) the issuance of 910,802 common shares that were issued to Golden Ocean upon the delivery of the Acquisition Vessel, as described elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, and (xii) the impact of the issuance of a warrant issued to the parent of the sellers of three Ultramax vessels that the Company agreed to acquire in November 2017, or the Warrant, which Warrant may be exercised for 1,592,594 common shares of the Company; and

·an as further adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance of 1,592,594 common shares upon exercise of the Warrant. Other than as described above, there have been no significant adjustments to our capitalization since September 30, 2017.

You should read the information below together with the consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2016, included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2017, and our Report on Form 6-K containing our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, filed with the Commission on October 24, 2017, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

	As of September 30, 2017				
	_	As	As Further		
In thousands of U.S. dollars	Actual	Adjusted	Adjusted		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$62,395	\$64,323	\$64,323		
Current debt:					
Bank loans <sup>(1)</sup>	25,293	39,618	39,618		
Sales-Leaseback Obligation <sup>(1)</sup>	-	1,167	1,167		
Non-current debt:					
Bank loans <sup>(1)</sup>	430,656	596,385	596,385		
Sales-Leaseback Obligation <sup>(1)</sup>	-	18,101	18,101		
Senior Notes <sup>(1)</sup>	73,625	73,625	73,625		
Total debt	\$529,574	\$728,896	\$728,896		
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred Stock	\$-	\$-	\$-		
Common Stock	753	762	778		
Paid-in capital	1,724,858	1,745,136	1,745,120		
Treasury stock	-	(11,004)	(11,004)		
Accumulated deficit	(817,154)	(817,154)	(817,154)		
Total shareholders' equity	\$908,457	\$917,740	\$917,740		
Total capitalization	\$1,438,031	\$1,646,636	\$1,646,636		

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts are presented on a gross basis and are not net of deferred financing fees.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON SHARES

Our common shares have traded on the NYSE since December 12, 2013 under the symbol "SALT." The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices for our common shares for the periods indicated, as reported by the NYSE.

All share prices have been adjusted to account for the one-for-twelve reverse stock split effected on December 31, 2015.

	NYSE	
	High	Low
For the Fiscal Year Ended	(U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$)
December 31, 2017	\$9.80	\$5.65
December 31, 2016	8.34	1.84
December 31, 2015	33.12	7.20
December 31, 2014	126.96	22.92
December 31, 2013 (beginning December 12, 2013)	120.60	112.56

	NYSE	
	High	Low
For the Quarter Ended	(U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$)
December 31, 2017	\$8.70	\$ 6.75
September 30, 2017	8.40	6.55
June 30, 2017	9.80	5.80
March 31, 2017	9.70	5.65
December 31, 2016	5.80	3.39
September 30, 2016	3.99	2.91
June 30, 2016	4.20	2.65
March 31, 2016	8.34	1.84

	NYSE High	Low
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For the Month	(U.S.5)	(U.S.\$)
January 2018 (through and including January 18, 2018)	\$7.90	\$ 7.40
December 2017	7.70	7.20
November 2017	8.20	7.10
October 2017	8.70	6.75
September 2017	7.95	6.85
August 2017	8.40	7.20
July 2017	7.65	6.55

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common shares for (i) owners of more than five percent of our common shares and (ii) our directors and executive officers, of which we are aware as of January 18, 2018.

Name	No. of Shares		% Own	ed
Scorpio Services Holding Limited	13,977,513	(2)	18.7	%
GRM Investments Ltd.	12,839,327	(3)	17.1	%
Raging Capital Management, LLC*	4,962,731	(4)	6.6	%
Evermore Global Advisors, LLC*	4,351,926	(5)	5.8	%
Directors and executive officers as a group	3,112,721		4.2	%

This information is derived from Schedule 13D/A filed with the Commission on June 23, 2016, adjusted for additional common shares issued to SSH as payment for fees pursuant to the Amended Administrative Service Agreement and shares subsequently purchased by SSH in the open market. Ms. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of being the majority shareholder of SSH. Emanuele Lauro, our Director and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Bugbee, our Director and President, and Cameron Mackey, our Chief Operating Officer, own 10%, 10% and 7% of SSH, respectively.

- (3) This information is derived from Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on July 25, 2017.
- (4) This information is derived from Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on April 10, 2017.
- (5) This information is derived from Schedule 13G filed with the Commission on January 23, 2017.

As of January 18, 2018, we had 60 shareholders of record, 12 of which were located in the United States and held an aggregate of 70,809,771 of our common shares, representing 94.5% of our outstanding common shares. However, one of the U.S. shareholders of record is CEDE & CO., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which held 69,074,721 of our common shares as of January 18, 2018. Accordingly, we believe that the shares held by CEDE & CO. include common shares beneficially owned by both holders in the United States and non-U.S. beneficial owners. We are not aware of any arrangements the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in our change of control. S-11

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on 74,902,364 common shares outstanding as of January 18, 2018.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes common shares held by funds managed thereby.

#### SELLING SHAREHOLDER

The 815,000 common shares covered by this prospectus supplement owned by the Selling Shareholder were acquired in open market transactions from May 4, 2017 to November 14, 2017.

We previously entered into an amended administrative services agreement, or the Amended Administrative Services Agreement, with the Selling Shareholder for the provision of administrative staff, office space and accounting, legal compliance, financial and information technology services. The Selling Shareholder is a company affiliated with us. The services provided to us by the Selling Shareholder may be sub-contracted to other entities within the Scorpio Group. Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Services Agreement, we reimburse the Selling Shareholder for the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with the administrative services described above. The Selling Shareholder has agreed not to own any drybulk carriers greater than 30,000 dwt for so long as the Amended Administrative Services Agreement is in full force and effect. This agreement may be terminated by the Selling Shareholder upon 12 months' prior written notice or by us with 24 months' notice.

Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Services Agreement, the Selling Shareholder, among other things, arranges vessel acquisitions, including newbuildings, and we formerly paid the Selling Shareholder a fee for these services payable in common shares of us. The amount of common shares payable was determined by dividing \$250,000 by the market value of our common shares based on the volume weighted average price of our common shares over the 30 trading day period immediately preceding the contract date of a definitive agreement to acquire any vessel. As of the date hereof, the Selling Shareholder has received an aggregate of 180,716 common shares under the Amended Administrative Services Agreement.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Selling Shareholder and its beneficial ownership of our common shares. The table is based upon information provided by the Selling Shareholder. The table assumes that all the shares being offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus supplement are ultimately sold in the offering. The Selling Shareholder may sell some, all or none of its shares covered by this prospectus supplement, and as a result the actual number of shares that will be held by the Selling Shareholder upon termination of the offering may exceed the minimum number set forth in the table.

Name of Selling Shareholder	Common Shares Owned Before Offering <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Class Prior to the Offering <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Common Shares Offered Hereby	Common Shares Owned Following the Offering	Percentage of Class Following the Offering	
Scorpio Services Holding Ltd. (3)	13,977,513	18.7 %	815,000	13,162,513	17.6	%

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the Rule 13d-3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities.

(2) Based on 74,902,364 common shares outstanding as of January 18, 2018.

(3) This information is derived from Schedule 13D/A filed with the Commission on June 23, 2016, adjusted for additional common shares issued to the Selling Shareholder as payment for fees pursuant to the Amended Administrative Service Agreement and shares subsequently purchased by the Selling Shareholder in the open market. Ms. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of being the

<sup>(1)</sup> Except as subject to community property laws or otherwise as described in the notes below, where applicable, the person named above has sole voting and investment power with respect to all common shares shown as beneficially owned by it.

majority shareholder of the Selling Shareholder. Emanuele Lauro, our Director and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Bugbee, our Director and President, and Cameron Mackey, our Chief Operating Officer, own 10%, 10% and 7% of the Selling Shareholder, respectively.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Selling Shareholder, which as used herein includes donees, pledgees, transferees, distributees, or other successors in interest, and their respective affiliates that are direct or indirect equity investors in us, including other successors in interest selling our common shares received after the date of this prospectus supplement from the Selling Shareholder as a gift, pledge, distribution, dividend, or other transfer, may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus supplement, including on any stock exchange, quotation service, market or other trading facility on which our common shares are listed or traded, in the over-the-counter market, through underwriters, through agents, to dealers, or in private transactions, at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, at varying prices (which may be above or below market prices prevailing at the time of sale), at negotiated prices or otherwise. The Selling Shareholder may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of our common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus supplement through:

- ·a distribution by way of a dividend or otherwise to existing shareholders of such Selling Shareholder;
- one or more block trades in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may reposition and resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;
- ·purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- ·ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- ·underwriters, brokers or dealers (who may act as agents or principals) or directly to one or more purchasers;
- ·an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- broker-dealers, who may agree with the Selling Shareholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- ·public or privately negotiated transactions;
- ·short sales;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- trading plans entered into by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act that are in place at the time of an offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement that provide for periodic sales of their securities on the basis of parameters described in such trading plans;
- ·any combination of the foregoing; or
- ·any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The Selling Shareholder may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of our common shares owned by it and, if it defaults in the performance of its secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the common shares, from time to time, under this prospectus supplement, or under an amendment to the accompanying prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act of 1933 as amended, or the Securities Act, amending the list of selling shareholders to include the donee, pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling shareholders under the accompanying prospectus. The Selling Shareholder also may transfer our common shares owned by it in other circumstances, in which case the donees, transferees, pledgees, distributees, or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus supplement.

In connection with the sale of our common shares, the Selling Shareholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of our common shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The Selling Shareholder may also sell our common shares short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the common shares to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The Selling Shareholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of our common shares offered by this prospectus supplement, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to the accompanying prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The Selling Shareholder also may sell all or a portion of our common shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, regardless of whether the shares are offered in this prospectus supplement, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule.

There can be no assurance that the Selling Shareholder will sell any or all of our common shares offered by this prospectus supplement.

The aggregate proceeds to the Selling Shareholder from the sale of our common shares offered by it will be the purchase price of the common shares less discounts or commissions, if any. The Selling Shareholder reserves the right to accept and, together with its agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of common shares to be made directly or through agents. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

The Selling Shareholder and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of our common shares may be deemed by the Commission to be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of the shares may therefore be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. A selling shareholder who is deemed by the Commission to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

We have informed the Selling Shareholder that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M, promulgated under the Exchange Act, may apply to sales of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder in the market and to the activities of the Selling Shareholder and its affiliates. In addition, to the extent applicable we will make copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus (as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time) available to the Selling Shareholder for the purpose of satisfying the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The Selling Shareholder may indemnify any broker, dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving the sale of our common shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we are not a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding between any broker or dealer and us with respect to the offer or sale of our common shares pursuant to this prospectus supplement.

At the time that any particular offering of common shares is made, to the extent required by the Securities Act, a prospectus or prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment, will be distributed, setting forth the terms of the offering, including the aggregate number of common shares being offered, the purchase price of the common shares, the public offering price of the common shares, the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and any applicable discounts or commission.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, our common shares may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states our common shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

Underwriters or agents could make sales in privately negotiated transactions and/or any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an at-the-market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, which includes sales made directly on or through the NYSE, the existing trading market for our common shares, or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange.

We will bear the costs relating to the registration and sale of the common shares offered by this prospectus supplement, other than any underwriting discounts and commissions and transfer taxes, if any. We have agreed to indemnify the Selling Shareholder against certain liabilities, including liabilities of any violation us of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and state securities laws applicable to us and relating to the registration of the shares offered by this prospectus supplement that have not resulted from written information provided by the Selling Shareholder to us expressly for use in connection with such registration. We have agreed with the Selling Shareholder to use best efforts to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute a part effective until the earlier of (a) such time as all of our common shares covered by this prospectus supplement have been disposed of pursuant to and in accordance with the registration statement and (b) when all of the common shares owned by the Selling Shareholder may be resold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act without restriction as to volume or manner of sale.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. Copies of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement forms a part.

#### Purpose

Our purpose, as stated in our amended and restated articles of incorporation, is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may now or hereafter be organized under the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or the BCA. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws do not impose any limitations on the ownership rights of our shareholders.

### **Authorized Capital Stock**

Under our amended and restated articles of incorporation our authorized capital stock consists of 112,500,000 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 74,902,364 common shares were issued and outstanding as of January 18, 2018, and 50,000,000 preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding.

#### **Share History**

On December 29, 2017, we issued 910,802 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$8.10 per share to Golden Ocean in connection with the Vessel Acquisition, which represented \$7.38 million of the purchase price of the Acquisition Vessel.

On June 20, 2016, we issued 23.0 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$3.05 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder purchased an aggregate of 5.3 million common shares at the public offering price. We received approximately \$67.5 million of net proceeds from the issuance.

On June 1, 2016, our shareholders approved an amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase our total number of authorized common shares to 112.5 million shares at the annual general meeting of shareholders.

On March 22, 2016, we issued 21.0 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$3.00 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder and certain of our directors purchased an aggregate of approximately 5.0 million common shares at the public offering price. We received approximately \$60.6 million of net proceeds from the issuance.

On December 31, 2015, our board of directors effected a one-for-twelve reverse stock split of our common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, and a reduction in the total number of authorized common shares to approximately 56.3 million shares. Our shareholders approved the reverse stock split and change in authorized common shares at a special meeting of shareholders held on December 23, 2015. The reverse stock split reduced the number of outstanding common shares from approximately 344.2 million shares to approximately 28.7 million shares.

On June 23, 2015, underwriters exercised their option to purchase approximately 1.7 million additional common shares in connection with the offering. The sale of these common shares resulted in net proceeds to us of approximately \$28.4 million, after deducting underwriters' discounts and commissions.

On June 16, 2015, we issued approximately 11.1 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share at \$18.00 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder and certain of our executive officers purchased an aggregate of 0.8 million common shares at the public offering price. We received \$190.2 million of proceeds from the

issuance.

On November 20, 2014, we issued and sold an aggregate of 3.3 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, to certain institutional investors, certain of our executive officers and the Selling Shareholder, in a private offering exempt from registration under the Securities Act, pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement, for gross proceeds of \$150.0 million. In connection with this transaction, we also entered into a Registration Rights Agreement with the purchasers in the offering, pursuant to which we filed a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of common shares held by the investors.

#### **Common Shares**

Each outstanding common share entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred shares, holders of common shares are entitled to receive ratably all dividends, if any, declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividends. Upon our dissolution or liquidation or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and to the holders of preferred stock having liquidation preferences, if any, the holders of our common shares are entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets available for distribution. Holders of common shares do not have conversion, redemption or pre-emptive rights to subscribe to any of our securities. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common shares are subject to the rights of the holders of any preferred shares, which we may issue in the future.

#### **Preferred Shares**

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred shares and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred shares, the terms and rights of that series, including:

- ·the designation of the series;
- ·the number of shares of the series;
- the preferences and relative, participating, option or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series; and
- ·the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

Directors

Our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote. There is no provision for cumulative voting.

Our amended and restated bylaws require our board of directors to consist of at least one member. Our board of directors currently consists of seven members. Our amended and restated bylaws may be amended by the vote of a majority of our entire board of directors.

Directors are elected annually on a staggered basis, and each director elected holds office for a three year term or until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his death, resignation, removal, or the earlier termination of his term of office.

#### Shareholder Meetings

Under our amended and restated bylaws, annual meetings of shareholders will be held at a time and place selected by our board of directors. The meetings may be held in or outside of the Marshall Islands. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors, an officer of the Company who is also a director or a majority of the shares then outstanding and eligible to vote. Our board of directors may set a record date between 15 and 60 days before the date of any meeting to determine the shareholders that will be eligible to receive notice and vote at the meeting. One or more shareholders representing at least one-third of the total voting rights of our total issued and outstanding shares present in person or by proxy at a shareholder meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of the meeting.

### Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment

Under the BCA, our shareholders have the right to dissent from various corporate actions, including any merger or consolidation and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets not made in the usual course of our business, and receive payment of the fair value of their shares. In the event of any further amendment of our amended and restated articles of incorporation, a shareholder also has the right to dissent and receive payment for his or her shares if the amendment alters certain rights in respect of those shares. The dissenting shareholder must follow the procedures set forth in the BCA to receive payment. In the event that we and any dissenting shareholder fail to agree on a price for the common shares, the BCA procedures involve, among other things, the institution of proceedings in the high court of the Republic of The Marshall Islands or in any appropriate court in any jurisdiction in which our shares are primarily traded on a local or national securities exchange.

#### Shareholders' Derivative Actions

Under the BCA, any of our shareholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the shareholder bringing the action is a holder of common shares both at the time the derivative action is commenced and at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

#### Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The BCA authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their shareholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions taken as a director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorney's fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and this insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our shareholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

Anti-takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Several provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws, which are summarized below, may have anti-takeover effects. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, lessen our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize shareholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these anti-takeover provisions, which are summarized below, could also discourage, delay or prevent (1) the merger or acquisition of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise that a shareholder may consider in its best interest and (2) the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

#### Blank check preferred stock

Under the terms of our amended and restated articles of incorporation, our board of directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our shareholders, to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock. Our board of directors may issue preferred shares on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of us or the removal of our management and might harm the market price of our common shares. We have no current plans to issue any preferred shares.

#### Election and removal of directors

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our amended and restated bylaws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of directors. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation also provide that our directors may be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote for those directors. These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

#### Limited actions by shareholders

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our shareholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of shareholders or by the unanimous written consent of our shareholders. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that, unless otherwise prescribed by law, only a majority of our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors or an officer of the Company who is also a director may call special meetings of our shareholders and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice. Accordingly, a shareholder will be prevented from calling a special meeting for shareholder consideration of a proposal unless scheduled by our board of directors and shareholder consideration of a proposal may be delayed until the next annual meeting.

Advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and director nominations

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 150 days nor more than 180 days prior to the one year anniversary of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders. Our amended and restated bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These provisions may impede shareholders' ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

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#### Classified board of directors

As described above, our amended and restated articles of incorporation provide for the division of our board of directors into three classes of directors, with each class as nearly equal in number as possible, serving staggered three year terms beginning on the expiration of the initial term for each class. Accordingly, approximately one-third of our board of directors will be elected each year. This classified board provision could discourage a third party from making a tender offer for our shares or attempting to obtain control of us. It could also delay shareholders who do not agree with the policies of our board of directors from removing a majority of our board of directors for two years.

#### **Business** combinations

Although the BCA does not contain specific provisions regarding "business combinations" between companies organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands and "interested shareholders," we have included these provisions in our amended and restated articles of incorporation. Specifically, our amended and restated articles of incorporation prohibit us from engaging in a "business combination" with certain persons for three years following the date the person becomes an interested shareholder. Interested shareholders generally include:

- ·any person who is the beneficial owner of 15% or more of our outstanding voting shares; or any person who is our affiliate or associate and who held 15% or more of our outstanding voting shares at any time ·within three years before the date on which the person's status as an interested shareholder is determined, and the affiliates and associates of such person.
- Subject to certain exceptions, a business combination includes, among other things:
- ·certain mergers or consolidations of us or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours; any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of our assets or of any subsidiary of ours ·having an aggregate market value equal to 10% or more of either the aggregate market value of all of our assets, determined on a combined basis, or the aggregate value of all of our outstanding shares;
- certain transactions that result in the issuance or transfer by us of any shares of ours to the interested shareholder; any transaction involving us or any of our subsidiaries that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of any class or series of stock, or securities convertible into any class or series of stock, of ours or any such subsidiary that is owned directly or indirectly by the interested shareholder or any affiliate or associate of the interested shareholder; and
- any receipt by the interested shareholder of the benefit directly or indirectly (except proportionately as a shareholder) of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through us. S-20

These provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation do not apply to a business combination if:

before a person became an interested shareholder, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction in which the shareholder became an interested shareholder; upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of our voting shares outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than certain excluded shares;

at or following the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our outstanding voting shares that is not owned by the interest shareholder;

- the shareholder was or became an interested shareholder prior to the closing of this offering; a shareholder became an interested shareholder inadvertently and (i) as soon as practicable divested itself of ownership of sufficient shares so that the shareholder ceased to be an interested shareholder; and (ii) would not, at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to a business combination between us and such shareholder, have been an interested shareholder but for the inadvertent acquisition of ownership; or the business combination is proposed prior to the consummation or abandonment of and subsequent to the earlier of the public announcement or the notice required under our amended and restated articles of incorporation which (i) constitutes one of the transactions described in the following sentence; (ii) is with or by a person who either was not an interested shareholder during the previous three years or who became an interested shareholder with the approval of the board; and (iii) is approved or not opposed by a majority of the members of the board of directors then in office (but not less than one) who were directors prior to any person becoming an interested shareholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors. The proposed transactions referred to in the preceding sentence are limited to:
- a merger or consolidation of us (except for a merger in respect of which, pursuant to the BCA, no vote of our shareholders is required);
- a sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions), whether as part of a dissolution or otherwise, of assets of us or of any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours (other than to any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary or to us) having an aggregate market value equal to 50% or more of either the aggregate market value of all of our assets determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate market value of all the outstanding shares; or
- $\cdot a$  proposed tender or exchange offer for 50% or more of our outstanding voting shares. Transfer Agent

The registrar and transfer agent for our common shares is Computershare Inc.

## **EXPENSES**

The following are the estimated expenses related to this offering, all of which will be paid by us.

Commission registration fee \$735 Legal fees and expenses \$50,000 Accounting fees and expenses \$25,000 Miscellaneous \$4,265 Total \$80,000

<sup>\*</sup> Previously paid.

#### SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands as a corporation. The Marshall Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and provides protections for investors to a significantly lesser extent.

Most of our directors and officers and those of our subsidiaries are residents of countries other than the United States. Substantially all of our and our subsidiaries' assets and a substantial portion of the assets of our directors and officers are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for United States investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us, our directors or officers, or our subsidiaries or to realize against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. However, we have expressly submitted to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts sitting in the City of New York for the purpose of any suit, action or proceeding arising under the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. The Trust Company of the Marshall Islands, Inc., Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Island, Ajeltake Road, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960, as our registered agent, can accept service of process on our behalf in any such action.

In addition, there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Marshall Islands would (1) recognize or enforce against us or our directors or officers judgments of courts of the United States based on civil liability provisions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws; or (2) impose liabilities against us or our directors and officers in original actions brought in the Marshall Islands, based on these laws.

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### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common shares offered hereby was passed upon for us by Seward & Kissel LLP, New York, New York, with respect to matters of the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and with respect to matters of United States and New York law.

#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The industry-related discussions contained in the section "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Industry Market Conditions" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated herein by reference, have been reviewed by SSY Consultancy & Research Ltd., or SSY, which has confirmed to us that it believes such discussions accurately describe the international drybulk shipping market as of the date thereof.

The statistical and graphical information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement has been compiled by SSY from its database and other industry sources. SSY compiles and publishes data for the benefit of its clients. In connection therewith, SSY has advised that (i) certain information in SSY's database is derived from estimates or subjective judgments, (ii) the information in the databases of other maritime data collection agencies may differ from the information in SSY's database and (iii) while SSY has taken reasonable care in the compilation of the statistical and graphical information and believes it to be accurate and correct, data compilation is subject to limited audit and validation procedures.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As required by the Securities Act, we filed a registration statement relating to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement with the Commission. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are parts of that registration statement, which includes additional information.

## Government Filings

We file annual and special reports with the Commission. You may read and copy any document that we file and obtain copies at prescribed rates from the Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling 1 (800) SEC-0330. The Commission maintains a website (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the Commission. Our filings are also available on our website at http://www.scorpiobulkers.com. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Information Incorporated by Reference

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those filed documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the Commission prior to the termination of this offering will also be considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and will automatically update and supersede previously filed information, including information contained in this document.

We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the Commission under Section 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

- •Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on December 8, 2017;
- ·Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on December 4, 2017;
- ·Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on November 7, 2017;
- Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on October 24, 2017, containing our Management's Discussion
- and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes for the nine months ended September 30, 2017;
- •Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on September 29, 2017;
- Our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28,
- ·2017, containing our audited consolidated financial statements for the most recent fiscal year for which those statements have been filed; and
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the
- ·Commission on December 10, 2013, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We are also incorporating by reference all subsequent Annual Reports on Form 20-F that we file with the Commission and certain reports on Form 6-K that we furnish to the Commission after the date of this prospectus supplement (if they state that they are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement) until we file a post-effective amendment indicating that the offering of the securities made by this prospectus supplement has been terminated. In all cases, you should rely on the later information over different information included in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder have authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder are making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as well as the information we previously filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the dates on the front cover of those documents only. Our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

You may request a free copy of the above mentioned filings or any subsequent filing we incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Scorpio Bulkers Inc.

9, Boulevard Charles III MC 98000 Monaco 377 9798 5715

#### Information Provided by the Company

We will furnish holders of our common shares with annual reports containing audited financial statements and a report by our independent registered public accounting firm. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. As a "foreign private issuer," we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements to shareholders. While we furnish proxy statements to shareholders in accordance with the rules of the NYSE, those proxy statements do not conform to Schedule 14A of the proxy rules promulgated under the Exchange Act. In addition, as a "foreign private issuer," our officers and directors are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act relating to short swing profit reporting and liability. S-27

#### **PROSPECTUS**

\$500,000,000 Common Shares, Preferred Shares, Debt Securities, Warrants, Rights, Purchase Contracts, and Units and 815,000 of our Common Shares Offered by the Selling Shareholder

#### SCORPIO BULKERS INC.

Through this prospectus, we may periodically offer:

- (1) our common shares,
- (2) our preferred shares,
- (3) our debt securities,
- (4) our warrants,
- (5) our rights,
- (6) our purchase contracts, and
- (7) our units.

We may also offer securities of the types listed above that are convertible or exchangeable into one or more of the securities listed above. The aggregate offering price of all securities issued and sold by us under this prospectus may not exceed \$500,000,000.

In addition, the Selling Shareholder named in this prospectus or its respective donees, pledgees, transferees, distributes, or other successors in interest may sell, in one or more offerings pursuant to this prospectus, up to an aggregate of 815,000 of our common shares that were previously acquired in open market transactions. The Selling Shareholder or its respective donees, pledgees, transferees, designees, or other successors in interest may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of these common shares, including on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in privately negotiated transactions at fixed prices that may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. Information on the Selling Shareholder and the times and manners in which it may offer and sell our common shares are described under the sections entitled "Selling Shareholder" and "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus. While we will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the common shares, we will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "SALT" and our 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019 are listed on the NYSE under the symbol "SLTB."

The securities to be sold under this prospectus may be offered directly or through underwriters, agents or dealers. The names of any underwriters, agents or dealers will be included in a supplement to this prospectus.

An investment in these securities involves risks. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page 4 of this prospectus, and other risk factors contained in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is December 27, 2017.

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may sell the common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, rights, purchase contracts and units described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$500,000,000. In addition, the Selling Shareholder may sell in one or more offerings pursuant to this prospectus up to 815,000 of our common shares, as described in this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or the Selling Shareholder may offer. We will provide updated information if required whenever we or the Selling Shareholder offer our securities pursuant to this prospectus. This may include a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and terms of the offered securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described below.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not and will not contain all the information provided in the registration statement that we filed with the Commission. Forms of the indenture and other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. For further information about us or the securities offered hereby, you should refer to the registration statement, which you can obtain from the Commission as described below under "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder has authorized any other person to provide you with

different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder will make any offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information that appears later in this prospectus and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements included or incorporated by reference elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. As an investor or prospective investor, you should carefully review the entire prospectus, including the section of this prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" and the more detailed information that appears later in this prospectus or is contained in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus before making an investment in our securities.

Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus, the terms "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Scorpio Bulkers Inc. and all of its subsidiaries. "Scorpio Bulkers Inc." refers only to Scorpio Bulkers Inc. and not its subsidiaries. The term "Selling Shareholder" refers to the shareholder described in the section entitled "Selling Shareholder," on page 16.

We use the term deadweight, or dwt, expressed in metric tons, each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, in describing the size of our vessels. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "U.S. dollars," "dollars," "U.S.\$" and "\$" in this prospectus are to the lawful currency of the United States of America.

The term "Scorpio Group Pools" refers to the Scorpio Kamsarmax Pool and the Scorpio Ultramax Pool, which are spot market-oriented pools of similarly sized vessels operated by companies affiliated with us.

On December 31, 2015, we effected a one-for-twelve reverse stock split. All share and per share information throughout this prospectus has been retroactively adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split. The par value was not adjusted as a result of the reverse stock split.

## Our Company

We are an international shipping company that owns and operates the latest generation of newbuilding drybulk carriers with fuel-efficient specifications and carrying capacities of greater than 30,000 dwt. Our vessels transport a broad range of major and minor bulk commodities, including ores, coal, grains, and fertilizers, along worldwide shipping routes.

As of December 11, 2017, our operating fleet of 48 vessels consisted of 47 wholly-owned or finance leased drybulk vessels (including 17 Kamsarmax vessels and 30 Ultramax vessels), and one time chartered-in Ultramax vessel. In addition, we have agreed to acquire an additional seven Ultramax vessels, which are expected to be delivered to us in December 2017, and one Kamsarmax vessel which is being constructed at Jiangsu New Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Co Ltd in China and is expected to be delivered to us in the second quarter of 2018. We collectively refer to these vessels described above as our "Operating Fleet." All of the vessels in our Operating Fleet are employed, or are expected to be employed, in the Scorpio Group Pools. Upon final delivery of the last vessel, our owned fleet is expected to have a total carrying capacity of approximately 3.9 million dwt and all of our owned vessels will have carrying capacities of greater than 60,000 dwt.

Our common shares are listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "SALT."

### **Employment of Our Fleet**

We typically operate our vessels in spot market-oriented commercial pools, in the spot market or, under certain circumstances, on time charters.

**Spot Market-Oriented Commercial Pools** 

To increase vessel utilization and thereby revenues, we participate in commercial pools with other shipowners with similar modern, well-maintained vessels. By operating a large number of vessels as an integrated transportation system, commercial pools offer customers greater flexibility and a higher level of service while achieving scheduling efficiencies. Pools employ experienced commercial managers and operators who have close working relationships with customers and brokers, while technical management is performed by each shipowner. The managers of the pools negotiate charters with customers primarily in the spot market but may also arrange time charter agreements. The size and scope of these pools enable them to enhance vessel utilization rates for pool vessels by securing backhaul voyages, which is when cargo is transported on the return leg of a journey, and contracts of affreightment, or COAs, thus generating higher effective time charter equivalent, or TCE, revenues than otherwise might be obtainable in the spot market, while providing a higher level of service offerings to customers.

As of the date of this prospectus, all of the vessels in our Operating Fleet are, or are expected to be, employed in a Scorpio Group Pool, which exposes us to fluctuations in spot market charter rates. Our vessels participate in the Scorpio Group Pools under the same contractual terms and conditions as the third party vessels in the pool. Each pool aggregates the revenues and expenses of all of the pool participants and distributes the net earnings calculated on (i) the number of pool points for the vessel, which are based on vessel attributes such as cargo carrying capacity, fuel consumption, and construction characteristics, and (ii) the number of days the vessel operated in the period. Scorpio Commercial Management S.A.M., or SCM, a Monaco corporation controlled by the Lolli-Ghetti family of which our co-founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President are members, is responsible for the administration of the pool and the commercial management of the participating vessels, including marketing the pool, negotiating charters, including voyage charters, short duration time charters and COAs, conducting pool operations, including the distribution of pool cash earnings, and managing bunker (fuel oil) purchases, port charges and administrative services for the vessels. SCM, as operator of the Scorpio Group Pools, charges \$300 a day for each vessel, whether owned by us or chartered-in, plus a 1.75% commission on the gross revenues per charter fixture. See "—Management of Our Business" below.

The pool participants remain responsible for all other costs including the financing, insurance, manning and technical management of their vessels. The earnings of all of the vessels are aggregated and divided according to the relative performance capabilities of the vessel and the actual earning days each vessel is available.

#### Spot Market

A spot market voyage charter is generally a contract to carry a specific cargo from a load port to a discharge port for an agreed freight per ton of cargo or a specified total amount. Under spot market voyage charters, we pay specific voyage expenses such as port, canal and bunker costs. Spot charter rates are volatile and fluctuate on a seasonal and year-to-year basis.

Fluctuations derive from imbalances in the availability of cargoes for shipment and the number of vessels available at any given time to transport these cargoes. Vessels operating in the spot market generate revenue that is less predictable than those under time charters, but may enable us to capture increased profit margins during periods of improvements in drybulk vessel charter rates. Downturns in the drybulk industry would result in a reduction in profit margins.

## Time Charters

Time charters give us a fixed and stable cash flow for a known period of time. Time charters also mitigate in part the volatility and seasonality of the spot market business, which is generally weaker in the second and third quarters of the year. We opportunistically employ vessels under time charter contracts. We may also enter into time charter contracts with profit sharing agreements, which enable us to benefit when the spot market rates increase.

#### Management of Our Business

Commercial and Technical Management - Amended and Restated Master Agreement

Our vessels are commercially managed by SCM, and technically managed by Scorpio Ship Management S.A.M., or SSM, which are companies affiliated with us, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Master Agreement.

SCM's services include securing employment for our vessels in the spot market or on time charters. SCM also manages the Scorpio Group Pools in which our vessels are, or are expected to be, employed. For commercial management of any of our vessels that does not operate in one of these pools, we pay SCM a daily fee of \$300 per vessel, plus a 1.75% commission on the gross revenues per charter fixture. The Scorpio Group Pool participants,

including us and third-party owners, are each expected to pay SCM a pool management fee of \$300 per vessel per day, plus a 1.75% commission on the gross revenues per charter fixture.

SSM's services include providing technical support, such as arranging the hiring of qualified officers and crew, supervising the maintenance and performance of vessels, purchasing supplies, spare parts and new equipment, arranging and supervising drydocking and repairs, and monitoring regulatory and classification society compliance and customer standards. We pay SSM an annual fee of \$200,000 per vessel to provide technical management services for each of our owned vessels.

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The Amended and Restated Master Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 24 months' notice, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Amended and Restated Master Agreement. In the event of the sale of one or more vessels, a notice period of three months' and a payment equal to three months of management fees will apply, provided that the termination does not amount to a change of control, including a sale of substantially all vessels, in which case a payment equal to 24 months of management fees will apply.

#### Amended Administrative Services Agreement

We have entered into an amended administrative services agreement, or the Amended Administrative Services Agreement, with the Selling Shareholder for the provision of administrative staff, office space and accounting, legal compliance, financial and information technology services. The Selling Shareholder is a company affiliated with us. The services provided to us by the Selling Shareholder may be sub-contracted to other entities within the Scorpio Group. Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Services Agreement, we reimburse the Selling Shareholder for the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with the administrative services described above. The Selling Shareholder has agreed not to own any drybulk carriers greater than 30,000 dwt for so long as the Amended Administrative Services Agreement is in full force and effect. This agreement may be terminated by the Selling Shareholder upon 12 months' prior written notice or by us with 24 months' notice.

#### Corporate Structure

Scorpio Bulkers Inc. was incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on March 20, 2013. Our principal executive offices are located at 9, Boulevard Charles III, MC 98000 Monaco. Our telephone number at that address is 377 9798 5715. We own our vessels through separate wholly-owned subsidiaries that are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Cayman Islands. Our website is www.scorpiobulkers.com. The information contained in or connected to our website is not part of this prospectus.

#### The Securities We or the Selling Shareholder May Offer

We may use this prospectus to offer, through one or more offerings, up to \$500,000,000 of our common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, rights, purchase contracts, and units. We may also offer securities of the types aforementioned that are convertible or exchangeable into one or more of the securities aforementioned. A prospectus supplement will describe the specific types, amounts, prices, and detailed terms of any of these offered securities and may describe certain risks in addition to those set forth below associated with an investment in the securities. Terms used in the prospectus supplement will have the meanings described in this prospectus, unless otherwise specified.

In addition, the Selling Shareholder identified herein may sell in one or more offerings pursuant to this prospectus up to 815,000 of our common shares that were previously acquired in open market transactions. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment in our securities, you should carefully consider all of the information included in this prospectus, the risk factors and all of the other information included in any prospectus supplement and the documents that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, including those in "Item 3—Key Information—D. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2017, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the Commission after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information—Information Incorporated by Reference." The occurrence of one or more of those risk factors could adversely impact our business, financial condition or results of operations. When we offer and sell any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, we may include additional risk factors relevant to such securities in the prospectus supplement.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Scorpio Bulkers Inc. desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection therewith. This document and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect its current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements 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. This document includes assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events. These statements are intended as "forward-looking statements." We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events may and often do vary from actual results and the differences can be material. When used in this document, the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "targets," "projects," "likely," "will," "would," "could" and similar expressions or phrases may identify forward-looking statements.

All statements in this document that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, such matters as:

- ·our future operating or financial results;
- statements about planned, pending or recent acquisitions, business strategy and expected capital spending or operating expenses, including drydocking, surveys, upgrades and insurance costs;
- ·the strength of world economies;
- ·the stability of Europe and the Euro;
- ·fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates;
- changes in the supply of drybulk vessels, including when caused by new newbuilding vessel orders or changes to or terminations of existing orders, and vessel scrapping levels;
  - general drybulk shipping market conditions, including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values:
- ·changes in demand in the drybulk shipping industry, including the market for our vessels;
- ·compliance with, and liabilities under, governmental, tax, environmental and safety laws and regulations;
- ·changes in the value of our existing vessels and proposed newbuildings;
- ·changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry docking and insurance costs;
  - changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- ·potential liability from pending or future litigation;
- general domestic and international political conditions;
- ·our ability to procure or have access to financing, our liquidity and the adequacy of cash flows for our operations; our continued borrowing availability under our debt agreements and compliance with the covenants contained therein;

- ·our ability to successfully employ our existing and newbuilding drybulk vessels;
- our ability to fund future capital expenditures and investments in the construction, acquisition and refurbishment of
- ·our vessels (including the amount and nature thereof and the timing of completion thereof, the delivery and commencement of operations dates, expected downtime and lost revenue);
- ·risks associated with vessel construction;
- ·potential exposure or loss from investment in derivative instruments;
- potential conflicts of interest involving members of our board and senior management and our significant shareholders:
- our expectations regarding the availability of vessel acquisitions and our ability to complete planned acquisition transactions;
- ·vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hire; and
- ·drybulk shipping market trends, charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand.

We have based these statements on assumptions and analyses formed by applying our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. All future written and verbal forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in or referred to in this section. We undertake no obligation, and specifically decline any obligation, except as required by law, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus might not occur.

These factors and the other risk factors described in this prospectus are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods presented.

					Period
					from
					March 20,
					2013
	Nine				(Date of
	Months	Year	Year	Year	Inception)
	Ended	Ended	Ended	Ended	to
	September	December	December	December	December
(Dollars in Thousands)	30, 2017	31, 2016	31, 2015	31, 2014	31, 2013
Earnings:					
Net loss	\$ (58,658)	\$(124,835)	\$(510,789)	\$(116,565)	\$ (6,307 )
Plus: Fixed Charges (calculated below)	27,215	39,990	48,087	26,155	
Earnings Available to Cover Fixed Charges	\$ (31,443)	\$(84,845)	\$(462,702)	\$(90,410)	\$ (6,307 )
Fixed Charges:					
Interest component of rent	\$ 1,482	\$9,119	\$17,130	\$24,405	\$
Interest expense and capitalized	21,014	22,953	12,884	1,600	
Amortized expenses related to indebtedness	4,719	7,918	18,073	150	
Fixed charges	\$ 27,215	\$39,990	\$48,087	\$26,155	\$
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>\*</sup> For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, and for the period from March 20, 2013 (date of inception) to December 31, 2013, earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$31,443, \$84,845, \$462,702, \$90,410 and \$6,307, respectively.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of securities by us offered by this prospectus as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will not receive any proceeds from sales of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

# **CAPITALIZATION**

A prospectus supplement or report on Form 6-K incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part will include information relating to our capitalization.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON SHARES

Our common shares have traded on the NYSE since December 12, 2013 under the symbol "SALT." The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices for our common shares for the periods indicated, as reported by the NYSE.

All share prices have been adjusted to account for the one-for-twelve reverse stock split effected on December 31, 2015.

For the Fiscal Year Ended  (U  December 31, 2016  December 31, 2015  December 31, 2014  Hi  (U  (U  (U  (U  (U  (U  (U  (U  (U  (	YSE igh Low U.S.\$) (U.S.\$) 3.34 \$1.84 33.12 7.20 126.96 22.92 120.60 112.56
For the Quarter Ended  September 30, 2017  June 30, 2017  March 31, 2017  December 31, 2016  September 30, 2016  June 30, 2016  March 31, 2016  December 31, 2015  September 30, 2015  June 30, 2015  March 31, 2015	NYSE High Low (U.S.\$) (U.S.\$) \$8.40 \$6.55 9.80 5.80 9.70 5.65 5.80 3.39 3.99 2.91 4.20 2.65 8.34 1.84 19.56 7.20 22.80 17.04 32.16 19.08 33.12 15.72
For the Month  December 2017 (through and including December 11, 20 November 2017  October 2017  September 2017  August 2017  July 2017  June 2017	NYSE High Low (U.S.\$) (U.S.\$)  17) \$7.65 \$7.20 8.20 7.10 8.70 6.75 7.95 6.85 8.40 7.20 7.65 6.55 7.10 5.80

#### SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands as a corporation. The Marshall Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and provides protections for investors to a significantly lesser extent.

Most of our directors and officers and those of our subsidiaries are residents of countries other than the United States. Substantially all of our and our subsidiaries' assets and a substantial portion of the assets of our directors and officers are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for United States investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us, our directors or officers, or our subsidiaries or to realize against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. However, we have expressly submitted to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts sitting in the City of New York for the purpose of any suit, action or proceeding arising under the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. The Trust Company of the Marshall Islands, Inc., Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Island, Ajeltake Road, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960, as our registered agent, can accept service of process on our behalf in any such action.

In addition, there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Marshall Islands would (1) recognize or enforce against us or our directors or officers judgments of courts of the United States based on civil liability provisions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws; or (2) impose liabilities against us or our directors and officers in original actions brought in the Marshall Islands, based on these laws.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell or distribute the securities offered by us pursuant to this prospectus in one or more offerings, including on any stock exchange, quotation service, market or other trading facility on which our securities are listed or traded, in the over-the-counter market, through underwriters, through agents, to dealers, or in private transactions, at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, at varying prices (which may be above or below market prices prevailing at the time of sale), at negotiated prices or otherwise. In addition, the Selling Shareholder, which as used herein includes donees, pledgees, transferees, distributes, or other successors in interest, and their respective affiliates that are direct or indirect equity investors in us, including other successors in interest selling our common shares received after the date of this prospectus from the Selling Shareholder as a gift, pledge, distribution, dividend, or other transfer, may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus, including on any stock exchange, quotation service, market or other trading facility on which our common shares are listed or traded, in the over-the-counter market, through underwriters, through agents, to dealers, or in private transactions, at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, at varying prices (which may be above or below market prices prevailing at the time of sale), at negotiated prices or otherwise.

We may sell some or all of our securities offered by us pursuant to this prospectus, and the Selling Shareholder may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of our common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus, through:

- a distribution by way of a dividend or otherwise to our existing shareholders or existing shareholders of the Selling Shareholder;
- one or more block trades in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may reposition and resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;
- ·purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- ·ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- ·underwriters, brokers or dealers (who may act as agents or principals) or directly to one or more purchasers;
- ·an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
  - broker-dealers, who may agree with us or the Selling Shareholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- ·public or privately negotiated transactions;
- short sales effected after the date the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is declared effective by the Commission:
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise:
- trading plans entered into by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, that are in place at the time of an offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement hereto that provide for periodic sales of their securities on the basis of parameters described in such trading plans;
- ·any combination of the foregoing; or
- ·any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

We, with respect to the securities offered by us pursuant to this prospectus, and the Selling Shareholder, with respect to the common shares owned by it, may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all such securities or common shares, respectively, and, if we or the Selling Shareholder default in the performance of our secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the securities or common shares, as the case may be, from time to time, under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, amending the list of selling shareholders to include the donee, pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling shareholders under this prospectus. The Selling Shareholder also may transfer the common shares owned by it in other circumstances, in which case the donees, transferees, pledgees, distributees, or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of our securities we may, and in connection with the common shares owned by it, the Selling Shareholder may, enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of such securities or common shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume. We or the Selling Shareholder may also sell our securities or common shares short and deliver these securities or common shares to close out our or its short positions, or loan or pledge the securities or common shares to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities or common shares. We or the Selling Shareholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of the securities or common shares offered by this prospectus, which securities or common shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). The Selling Shareholder also may sell all or a portion of our common shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, regardless of whether the shares are offered in this prospectus, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule.

There can be no assurance that the Selling Shareholder will sell any or all of our common shares offered by this prospectus.

The aggregate proceeds to the Selling Shareholder from the sale of our common shares offered by it will be the purchase price of the common shares less discounts or commissions, if any. The Selling Shareholder reserves the right to accept and, together with its agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of common shares to be made directly or through agents. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder.

The Selling Shareholder and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of our securities may be deemed by the Commission to be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of the securities may therefore be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. A selling shareholder who is deemed by the Commission to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

We have informed the Selling Shareholder that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M, promulgated under the Exchange Act, may apply to sales of our common shares by the Selling Shareholder in the market and to the activities of the Selling Shareholder and its affiliates. In addition, to the extent applicable we will make copies of this prospectus (as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time) available to the Selling Shareholder for the purpose of satisfying the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The Selling Shareholder may indemnify any broker, dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving the sale of our common shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

As of the date of this prospectus, we are not a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding between any broker or dealer and us with respect to the offer or sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus.

At the time that any particular offering of securities is made, to the extent required by the Securities Act, a prospectus or prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment, will be distributed, setting forth the terms of the offering, including the aggregate number of securities being offered, the purchase price of the securities, the public offering price of the securities, the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and any applicable discounts or commission.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, our securities may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states our securities may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

Underwriters or agents could make sales in privately negotiated transactions and/or any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an at-the-market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, which includes sales made directly on or through the NYSE, the existing trading market for our common shares, or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange.

We will bear the costs relating to the registration and sale of the securities offered by this prospectus, other than any underwriting discounts and commissions and transfer taxes, if any. We have agreed to indemnify the Selling

Shareholder against certain liabilities, including liabilities of any violation us of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and state securities laws applicable to us and relating to the registration of the common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus that have not resulted from written information provided by the Selling Shareholder to us expressly for use in connection with such registration. We have agreed with the Selling Shareholder to use best efforts to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part effective until the earlier of (a) such time as all of our common shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus have been disposed of pursuant to and in accordance with the registration statement and (b) when all of the common shares owned by the Selling Shareholder may be resold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act without restriction as to volume or manner of sale.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common shares for (i) owners of more than five percent of our common shares and (ii) our directors and executive officers, of which we are aware as of December 11, 2017.

Name	No. of Shares		% Own	ed
Scorpio Services Holding Limited	13,977,513	(2)	18.8	%
GRM Investments Ltd.	12,839,327	(3)	17.3	%
Raging Capital Management, LLC *	4,962,731	(4)	6.7	%
Evermore Global Advisors, LLC *	4,351,926	(5)	5.9	%
Directors and executive officers as a group	3,240,082		4.4	%

This information is derived from Schedule 13D/A filed with the Commission on June 23, 2016, adjusted for additional common shares issued to the Selling Shareholder as payment for fees pursuant to the Amended Administrative Service Agreement and shares subsequently purchased by the Selling Shareholder in the open

- (2) market. Ms. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of being the majority shareholder of the Selling Shareholder. Emanuele Lauro, our Director and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Bugbee, our Director and President, and Cameron Mackey, our Chief Operating Officer, own 10%, 10% and 7% of the Selling Shareholder, respectively.
- (3) This information is derived from Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on July 25, 2017.
- (4) This information is derived from Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on April 10, 2017.
- (5) This information is derived from Schedule 13G filed with the Commission on January 23, 2017.

As of December 5, 2017, we had 59 shareholders of record, 12 of which were located in the United States and held an aggregate of 71,004,994 of our common shares, representing 95.7% of our outstanding common shares. However, one of the U.S. shareholders of record is CEDE & CO., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which held 69,260,109 of our common shares as of December 5, 2017. Accordingly, we believe that the shares held by CEDE & CO. include common shares beneficially owned by both holders in the United States and non-U.S. beneficial owners. We are not aware of any arrangements the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in our change of control.

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on 74,193,896 common shares outstanding as of December 11, 2017.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes common shares held by funds managed thereby.

## SELLING SHAREHOLDER

This prospectus relates to, among other things, the proposed sale from time to time of up to 815,000 of our common shares issued to the Selling Shareholder named in the table below. We have filed the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, among other reasons, in order to permit the Selling Shareholder to offer these shares for resale or transfer from time to time as set forth above in "Plan of Distribution."

The 815,000 common shares covered by this prospectus owned by the Selling Shareholder were acquired in open market transactions from May 4, 2017 to November 14, 2017.

Pursuant to the Amended Administrative Services Agreement that we have entered into, the Selling Shareholder, among other things, arranges vessel acquisitions, including newbuildings, and we formerly paid the Selling Shareholder a fee for these services payable in common shares of us. The amount of common shares payable was determined by dividing \$250,000 by the market value of our common shares based on the volume weighted average price of our common shares over the 30 trading day period immediately preceding the contract date of a definitive agreement to acquire any vessel. As of the date hereof, the Selling Shareholder has received an aggregate of 180,716 common shares under the Amended Administrative Services Agreement.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Selling Shareholder and its beneficial ownership of our common shares. The table is based upon information provided by the Selling Shareholder. The table assumes that all the shares being offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this prospectus are ultimately sold in the offering. The Selling Shareholder may sell some, all or none of its shares covered by this prospectus, and as a result the actual number of shares that will be held by the Selling Shareholder upon termination of the offering may exceed the minimum number set forth in the table.

Name of Selling Shareholder	Common Shares Owned Before Offering <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Class Prior to the Offering <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Common Shares Offered Hereby	Common Shares Owned Following the Offering	Percentage of Class Following the Offering
Scorpio Services Holding Ltd. <sup>(3)</sup>	13,977,513	18.8%	815,000	13,162,513	17.7%

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the Rule 13d-3(a) of the Exchange Act, and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Except as subject to community property laws or otherwise as described in the notes below, where applicable, the person named above has sole voting and investment power with respect to all common shares shown as beneficially owned by it.

(2) Based on 74,193,896 common shares outstanding as of December 11, 2017.

This information is derived from Schedule 13D/A filed with the Commission on June 23, 2016, adjusted for additional common shares issued to the Selling Shareholder as payment for fees pursuant to the Amended

(3) Administrative Service Agreement. Ms. Annalisa Lolli-Ghetti may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of being the majority shareholder of the Selling Shareholder. Emanuele Lauro, our Director and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Bugbee, our Director and President, and Cameron Mackey, our Chief Operating Officer, own 10%, 10% and 7% of the Selling Shareholder, respectively.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. Copies of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

#### Purpose

Our purpose, as stated in our amended and restated articles of incorporation, is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may now or hereafter be organized under the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or the BCA. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws do not impose any limitations on the ownership rights of our shareholders.

## **Authorized Capital Stock**

Under our amended and restated articles of incorporation our authorized capital stock consists of 112,500,000 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 74,193,896 common shares were issued and outstanding as of December 11, 2017, and 50,000,000 preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding.

#### **Share History**

On June 20, 2016, we issued 23.0 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$3.05 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder purchased an aggregate of 5.3 million common shares at the public offering price. We received approximately \$67.5 million of net proceeds from the issuance.

On June 1, 2016, our shareholders approved an amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase our total number of authorized common shares to 112.5 million shares at the annual general meeting of shareholders.

On March 22, 2016, we issued 21.0 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, at \$3.00 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder and certain of our directors purchased an aggregate of approximately 5.0 million common shares at the public offering price. We received approximately \$60.6 million of net proceeds from the issuance.

On December 31, 2015, our board of directors effected a one-for-twelve reverse stock split of our common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, and a reduction in the total number of authorized common shares to approximately 56.3 million shares. Our shareholders approved the reverse stock split and change in authorized common shares at a special meeting of shareholders held on December 23, 2015. The reverse stock split reduced the number of outstanding common shares from approximately 344.2 million shares to approximately 28.7 million shares.

On June 23, 2015, underwriters exercised their option to purchase approximately 1.7 million additional common shares in connection with the offering. The sale of these common shares resulted in net proceeds to us of approximately \$28.4 million, after deducting underwriters' discounts and commissions.

On June 16, 2015, we issued approximately 11.1 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share at \$18.00 per share in an underwritten public offering. The Selling Shareholder and certain of our executive officers purchased an aggregate of 0.8 million common shares at the public offering price. We received \$190.2 million of proceeds from the issuance.

On November 20, 2014, we issued and sold an aggregate of 3.3 million common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, to certain institutional investors, certain of our executive officers and the Selling Shareholder, in a private offering

exempt from registration under the Securities Act, pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement, for gross proceeds of \$150.0 million. In connection with this transaction, we also entered into a Registration Rights Agreement with the purchasers in the offering, pursuant to which we filed a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of common shares held by the investors.

#### Common Shares

Each outstanding common share entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred shares, holders of common shares are entitled to receive ratably all dividends, if any, declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividends. Upon our dissolution or liquidation or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and to the holders of preferred stock having liquidation preferences, if any, the holders of our common shares are entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets available for distribution. Holders of common shares do not have conversion, redemption or pre-emptive rights to subscribe to any of our securities. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common shares are subject to the rights of the holders of any preferred shares, which we may issue in the future.

#### **Preferred Shares**

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred shares and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred shares, the terms and rights of that series, including:

- ·the designation of the series;
- ·the number of shares of the series;
- the preferences and relative, participating, option or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series; and
- ·the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

Directors

Our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote. There is no provision for cumulative voting.

Our amended and restated bylaws require our board of directors to consist of at least one member. Our board of directors currently consists of seven members. Our amended and restated bylaws may be amended by the vote of a majority of our entire board of directors.

Directors are elected annually on a staggered basis, and each director elected holds office for a three year term or until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his death, resignation, removal, or the earlier termination of his term of office.

#### **Shareholder Meetings**

Under our amended and restated bylaws, annual meetings of shareholders will be held at a time and place selected by our board of directors. The meetings may be held in or outside of the Marshall Islands. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors, an officer of the Company who is also a director or a majority of the shares then outstanding and eligible to vote. Our board of directors may set a record date between 15 and 60 days before the date of any meeting to determine the shareholders that will be eligible to receive notice and vote at the meeting. One or more shareholders representing at least one-third of the total voting rights of our total issued and outstanding shares present in person or by proxy at a shareholder meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of the meeting.

#### Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment

Under the BCA, our shareholders have the right to dissent from various corporate actions, including any merger or consolidation and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets not made in the usual course of our business, and receive payment of the fair value of their shares. In the event of any further amendment of our amended and restated articles of incorporation, a shareholder also has the right to dissent and receive payment for his or her shares if the amendment alters certain rights in respect of those shares. The dissenting shareholder must follow the procedures set forth in the BCA to receive payment. In the event that we and any dissenting shareholder fail to agree on a price for the common shares, the BCA procedures involve, among other things, the institution of proceedings in the high court of the Republic of The Marshall Islands or in any appropriate court in any jurisdiction in which our shares are primarily traded on a local or national securities exchange.

## Shareholders' Derivative Actions

Under the BCA, any of our shareholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the shareholder bringing the action is a holder of common shares both at the time the derivative action is commenced and at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The BCA authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their shareholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions taken as a director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorney's fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and this insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our shareholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

Anti-takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Several provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws, which are summarized below, may have anti-takeover effects. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, lessen our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize shareholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these anti-takeover provisions, which are summarized below, could also discourage, delay or prevent (1) the merger or acquisition of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise that a shareholder may consider in its best interest and (2) the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

#### Blank check preferred stock

Under the terms of our amended and restated articles of incorporation, our board of directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our shareholders, to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock. Our board of directors may issue preferred shares on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of us or the removal of our management and might harm the market price of our common shares. We have no current plans to issue any preferred shares.

#### Election and removal of directors

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our amended and restated bylaws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of

nominations for the election of directors. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation also provide that our directors may be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote for those directors. These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

# Limited actions by shareholders

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our shareholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of shareholders or by the unanimous written consent of our shareholders. Our amended and restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that, unless otherwise prescribed by law, only a majority of our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors or an officer of the Company who is also a director may call special meetings of our shareholders and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice. Accordingly, a shareholder will be prevented from calling a special meeting for shareholder consideration of a proposal unless scheduled by our board of directors and shareholder consideration of a proposal may be delayed until the next annual meeting.

Advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and director nominations

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 150 days nor more than 180 days prior to the one year anniversary of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders. Our amended and restated bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These provisions may impede shareholders' ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

#### Classified board of directors

As described above, our amended and restated articles of incorporation provide for the division of our board of directors into three classes of directors, with each class as nearly equal in number as possible, serving staggered three year terms beginning on the expiration of the initial term for each class. Accordingly, approximately one-third of our board of directors will be elected each year. This classified board provision could discourage a third party from making a tender offer for our shares or attempting to obtain control of us. It could also delay shareholders who do not agree with the policies of our board of directors from removing a majority of our board of directors for two years.

#### **Business** combinations

Although the BCA does not contain specific provisions regarding "business combinations" between companies organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands and "interested shareholders," we have included these provisions in our amended and restated articles of incorporation. Specifically, our amended and restated articles of incorporation prohibit us from engaging in a "business combination" with certain persons for three years following the date the person becomes an interested shareholder. Interested shareholders generally include:

·any person who is the beneficial owner of 15% or more of our outstanding voting shares; or any person who is our affiliate or associate and who held 15% or more of our outstanding voting shares at any time ·within three years before the date on which the person's status as an interested shareholder is determined, and the affiliates and associates of such person.

Subject to certain exceptions, a business combination includes, among other things:

- ·certain mergers or consolidations of us or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours; any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of our assets or of any subsidiary of ours ·having an aggregate market value equal to 10% or more of either the aggregate market value of all of our assets, determined on a combined basis, or the aggregate value of all of our outstanding shares;
- ·certain transactions that result in the issuance or transfer by us of any shares of ours to the interested shareholder; any transaction involving us or any of our subsidiaries that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of any class or series of stock, or securities convertible into any class or series of stock, of ours or any such subsidiary that is owned directly or indirectly by the interested shareholder or any affiliate or associate of the interested shareholder; and
- any receipt by the interested shareholder of the benefit directly or indirectly (except proportionately as a shareholder) of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through us.

These provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation do not apply to a business combination if:

before a person became an interested shareholder, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction in which the shareholder became an interested shareholder;

upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of our voting shares outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than certain excluded shares;

at or following the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our outstanding voting shares that is not owned by the interest shareholder;

- the shareholder was or became an interested shareholder prior to the closing of this offering; a shareholder became an interested shareholder inadvertently and (i) as soon as practicable divested itself of ownership of sufficient shares so that the shareholder ceased to be an interested shareholder; and (ii) would not, at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to a business combination between us and such shareholder, have been an interested shareholder but for the inadvertent acquisition of ownership; or the business combination is proposed prior to the consummation or abandonment of and subsequent to the earlier of the public announcement or the notice required under our amended and restated articles of incorporation which (i) constitutes one of the transactions described in the following sentence; (ii) is with or by a person who either was not an interested shareholder during the previous three years or who became an interested shareholder with the approval of the board; and (iii) is approved or not opposed by a majority of the members of the board of directors then in office (but not less than one) who were directors prior to any person becoming an interested shareholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors. The proposed transactions referred to in the preceding sentence are limited to:
- a merger or consolidation of us (except for a merger in respect of which, pursuant to the BCA, no vote of our shareholders is required);
- a sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions), whether as part of a dissolution or otherwise, of assets of us or of any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours (other than to any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary or to us) having an aggregate market value equal to 50% or more of either the aggregate market value of all of our assets determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate market value of all the outstanding shares; or
- $\cdot a$  proposed tender or exchange offer for 50% or more of our outstanding voting shares. Transfer Agent

The registrar and transfer agent for our common shares is Computershare Inc. 20

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series, under one or more indentures, each dated as of a date on or prior to the issuance of the debt securities to which it relates, and pursuant to an applicable prospectus supplement. We may issue senior debt securities and subordinated debt securities pursuant to separate indentures, a senior indenture and a subordinated indenture, respectively, in each case between us and the trustee named in the indenture. These indentures will be filed either as exhibits to an amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part or as an exhibit to a report under the Exchange Act, that will be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part or a prospectus supplement. We refer to any applicable prospectus supplement, amendment to the registration statement and/or Exchange Act reports as "subsequent filings." The senior indenture and the subordinated indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time, are each referred to individually as an "indenture" and collectively as the "indentures." Each indenture will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York (without giving effect to any principles thereof relating to conflicts of law that would result in the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction) unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement and indenture (or post-effective amendment hereto). Each indenture will contain the specific terms of any series of debt securities or provide that those terms must be set forth in or determined pursuant to, an authorizing resolution, as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement or a supplemental indenture, if any, relating to such series. The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities. The particular terms and provisions of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply to the offered debt securities, will be described in the applicable subsequent filings. The statements below are not complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the applicable indenture. The specific terms of any debt securities that we may offer, including any modifications of, or additions to, the general terms described below as well as any applicable material U.S. federal income tax considerations concerning the ownership of such debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and indenture and, as applicable, supplemental indenture. Accordingly, for a complete description of the terms of a particular issue of debt securities, the general description of the debt securities set forth below should be read in conjunction with the applicable prospectus supplement and indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

#### General

We expect that neither indenture will limit the amount of debt securities which may be issued and that each indenture will provide that debt securities may be issued in one or more series.

We expect that the subsequent filings related to a series of offered debt securities will describe the following terms of the series:

- •the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations;
- ·the issue price, expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount;
- ·the maturity date;
- ·the interest rate per annum, if any;
- if the debt securities provide for interest payments, the date from which interest will accrue, the dates on which
- ·interest will be payable, the date on which payment of interest will commence and the regular record dates for interest payment dates;
- ·whether the debt securities will be our senior or subordinated securities;
- ·whether the debt securities will be our secured or unsecured obligations;
- ·the applicability of and terms of any guarantees;
- any period or periods during which, and the price or prices at which, we will have the option to or be required to
- ·redeem or repurchase the debt securities of the series and the other material terms and provisions applicable to such redemption or repurchase;

·any optional or mandatory sinking fund provisions;

any conversion or exchangeability provisions;

if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which debt securities of the series will be issuable;

if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities of the series which will be payable upon acceleration or provable in bankruptcy;

·any events of default not set forth in this prospectus;

the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which principal, premium and interest will be payable, if other than the currency of the United States of America;

if principal, premium or interest is payable, at our election or at the election of any holder, in a currency other than that in which the debt securities of the series are stated to be payable, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, the election may be made;

whether interest will be payable in cash or additional securities at our or the holder's option and the terms and conditions upon which the election may be made;

if denominated in a currency or currencies other than the currency of the United States of America, the equivalent price in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of determining the voting rights of holders of those debt securities under the applicable indenture;

if the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method based on a coin or currency other than that in which the debt securities of the series are stated to be payable, the manner in which the amounts will be determined;

any covenants or other material terms relating to the debt securities, which may not be inconsistent with the applicable indenture;

- ·whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of global securities or certificates in registered form;
- ·any listing on any securities exchange or quotation system;
- ·additional provisions, if any, related to defeasance and discharge of the debt securities; and
- ·any other special features of the debt securities.

Subsequent filings may include additional terms not listed above. Unless otherwise indicated in subsequent filings with the Commission relating to the indenture, principal, premium and interest will be payable and the debt securities will be transferable at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee. Unless other arrangements are made or set forth in subsequent filings or a supplemental indenture, principal, premium and interest will be paid by checks mailed to the registered holders at their registered addresses.

Unless otherwise indicated in subsequent filings with the Commission, the debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with these debt securities.

Some or all of the debt securities may be issued as discounted debt securities, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates, to be sold at a substantial discount below the stated principal amount. United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any discounted securities will be described in subsequent filings with the Commission relating to those securities.

We refer you to the applicable subsequent filings for the particular terms and provisions of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement.

#### Senior Debt Securities

We may issue senior debt securities under a senior debt indenture. These senior debt securities would rank on an equal basis with all our other unsubordinated debt.

#### Subordinated Debt Securities

We may issue subordinated debt securities under a subordinated debt indenture. These subordinated debt securities would rank subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### Covenants

Any series of offered debt securities may have covenants in addition to or differing from those included in the applicable indenture which will be described in subsequent filings prepared in connection with the offering of such securities, limiting or restricting, among other things:

- ·our ability to incur either secured or unsecured debt, or both;
- ·our ability to make certain payments, dividends, redemptions or repurchases;
- ·our ability to create dividend and other payment restrictions affecting our subsidiaries;
- ·our ability to make investments;
- ·mergers and consolidations by us;
- ·sales of assets by us;
- ·our ability to enter into transactions with affiliates;
- ·our ability to incur liens; and
- ·sale and leaseback transactions.

#### Modification of the Indentures

We expect that each indenture and the rights of the respective holders generally may be modified by us only with the consent of holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series under the respective indenture affected by the modification, taken together as a class. But we expect that no modification that:

- (1) changes the amount of securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduces the rate of or changes the interest payment time on any security or alters its redemption provisions (other than any alteration to any such section which would not materially adversely affect the legal rights of any holder under the indenture) or the price at which we are required to offer to purchase the securities;
- (3) reduces the principal or changes the maturity of any security or reduces the amount of, or postpones the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;
- (4) waives a default or event of default in the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any security (except a rescission of acceleration of the securities of any series by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding securities of that series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) makes the principal of or interest, if any, on any security payable in any currency other than that stated in the security;

- (6) makes any change with respect to holders' rights to receive principal and interest, the terms pursuant to which defaults can be waived, certain modifications affecting shareholders or certain currency-related issues; or
- (7) waives a redemption payment with respect to any security or changes any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any securities;

will be effective against any holder without his consent.

Additionally, certain changes under each indenture will not require the consent of any holders. These types of changes are generally limited to clarifications of ambiguities, omissions, defects and inconsistencies in each indenture and amendments, supplements and other changes that would not adversely affect the holders of outstanding debt securities under each indenture, such as adding security, covenants, additional events of default or successor trustees. Events of Default

We expect that each indenture will define an event of default for the debt securities of any series as being any one of the following events:

- ·default in any payment of interest when due which continues for 30 days;
- ·default in any payment of principal or premium when due;
- ·default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment when due;
- default in the performance of any covenant in the debt securities or the applicable indenture which continues for 60 days after we receive notice of the default;
- default under a bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for borrowed money by us or our subsidiaries (to the extent we are directly responsible or liable therefor) having a principal amount in excess of a minimum amount set forth in the applicable subsequent filings, whether such indebtedness now exists or is hereafter created, which default shall have resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, without such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled or cured within 30 days after we receive notice of the default; and
- ·events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.

An event of default of one series of debt securities will not necessarily constitute an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities.

There may be such other or different events of default as described in an applicable subsequent filing with respect to any class or series of offered debt securities.

We expect that under each indenture, in case an event of default occurs and continues for the debt securities of any series, the applicable trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding of that series may declare the principal and accrued but unpaid interest of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable. Further, any event of default for the debt securities of any series which has been cured is expected to be permitted to be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series then outstanding.

We expect that each indenture will require us to file annually, after debt securities are issued under that indenture, with the applicable trustee a written statement signed by two of our officers as to the absence of material defaults under the terms of that indenture. We also expect that each indenture will provide that the applicable trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any default if it considers it in the interest of the holders to do so, except notice of a default in payment of principal, premium or interest.

Subject to the duties of the trustee in case an event of default occurs and continues, we expect that each indenture will provide that the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under that indenture at the request, order or direction of holders unless the holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to these provisions for indemnification and the rights of the trustee, each indenture is expected to provide that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of any series then outstanding have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee as long as the exercise of that right does not conflict with any law or the indenture.

#### Defeasance and Discharge

The terms of each indenture are expected to provide us with the option to be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities issued thereunder upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money or U.S. government obligations, or both, which through the payment of interest and principal will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay any installment of principal, premium and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities on the stated maturity of the payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities and the indenture governing the debt securities.

We expect that this right may only be exercised if, among other things, we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling to the effect that such a discharge will not be deemed, or result in, a taxable event with respect to holders. This discharge would not apply to our obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities, to maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust.

#### Defeasance of Certain Covenants

We expect that the terms of each indenture will provide us with the right to omit complying with specified covenants and specified events of default described in a subsequent filing upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money or U.S. government obligations, or both, which through the payment of interest and principal will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay any installment of principal, premium and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities on the stated maturity of the payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities and the indenture governing the debt securities.

We expect that to exercise this right we will also be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling to the effect that the deposit and related covenant defeasance will not cause the holders of such series to recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes.

A subsequent filing may further describe the provisions, if any, of any particular series of offered debt securities permitting a discharge defeasance.

#### Form of Debt Securities

Each debt security will be represented either by a certificate issued in definitive form to a particular investor or by one or more global securities representing the entire issuance of securities. Both certificated securities in definitive form and global securities may be issued either in registered form, where our obligation runs to the holder of the security named on the face of the security, or in bearer form, where our obligation runs to the bearer of the security. Definitive securities name you or your nominee as the owner of the security, other than definitive bearer securities, which name the bearer as owner, and in order to transfer or exchange these securities or to receive payments other than interest or other interim payments, you or your nominee must physically deliver the securities to the trustee, registrar, paying agent or other agent, as applicable.

Global securities name a depositary or its nominee as the owner of the debt securities represented by these global securities, other than global bearer securities, which name the bearer as owner. The depositary maintains a computerized system that will reflect each investor's beneficial ownership of the securities through an account maintained by the investor with its broker/dealer, bank, trust company or other representative, as we explain more fully below.

## **Global Securities**

We may issue the debt securities in the form of one or more fully registered global securities that will be deposited with a depositary or its nominee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement and registered in the name of that depositary or nominee. In those cases, one or more registered global securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal or face amount of the securities to be represented by registered global securities. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole for securities in definitive registered form, a registered global security may not be transferred except as a whole by and among the depositary for the registered global security, the nominees of the depositary or any successors of the depositary or those nominees. If not described below, any specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any debt securities to be represented by a registered global security will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to those debt securities. We anticipate that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements:

Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered global security will be limited to persons, called participants, that have accounts with the depositary or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a registered global security, the depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal or face amounts of the securities beneficially owned by the participants. Any dealers, underwriters or selling agents participating in the distribution of the securities will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered global security will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary, with respect to interests of participants, and on the records of participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through participants. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of these securities in definitive form. These laws may impair your ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in registered global securities. So long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a registered global security, that depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the securities represented by the registered global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security will not be entitled to have the securities represented by the registered global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the securities under the indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a registered global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary for that registered global security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which the person owns its interest in that registered global security, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders of a registered global security or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a registered global security desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the indenture, the depositary for the registered global security would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through them to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through them. Principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on debt securities represented by a registered global security registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the registered global security. None of us, the trustee or any other agent of us or agent of the trustee will have any responsibility or liability to owners of beneficial interests for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the registered global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests. We expect that the depositary for any of the securities represented by a registered global security, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, interest or other distribution of underlying securities or other property to holders on that registered global security, will immediately credit participants' accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that registered global security as shown on the records of the depositary. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security held through participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of those participants. We expect that the indenture will provide that if the depositary for any of these securities represented by a registered global security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will be required to issue securities in definitive form in exchange for the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. In addition, the indenture is expected to allow us to decide, at any time and in our sole discretion, to not have any of the securities represented by one or more registered global securities. If we make that decision, we will issue securities in definitive form in exchange for all of the registered global security or securities representing those securities. Any securities issued in definitive form in exchange for a registered global security will be registered in the name or names that the depositary gives to the relevant trustee or other relevant agent of ours or theirs. It is expected that the depositary's instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the registered global security that had been held by the depositary.

If we issue registered global securities, we expect that the Depository Trust Company, or DTC, will act as depository and the securities will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as DTC's nominee.

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### **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants to purchase our debt or equity securities or securities of third parties or other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified currencies, securities or indices, or any combination of the foregoing. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any other securities and may be attached to, or separate from, such securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The terms of any warrants to be issued and a description of the material provisions of the applicable warrant agreement will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. We expect that such terms will include, among others:

- ·the title of such warrants;
- ·the aggregate number of such warrants;
- ·the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- ·the currency or currencies in which the price of such warrants will be payable;
- the securities or other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price
- ·of one or more specified currencies, securities or indices, or any combination of the foregoing, purchasable upon exercise of such warrants;
- the price at which, and the currency or currencies in which, the securities or other rights purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;
- ·the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- ·if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which such warrants are issued and the number of such warrants issued with each such security;
- ·if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- ·information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;
- ·if applicable, a discussion of any material U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

The warrants will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any principles thereof relating to conflicts of law that would result in the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction, unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment hereto).

### **DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS**

We may issue rights to purchase our equity securities. These rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered by this prospectus and may or may not be transferable by the shareholder receiving the rights in the rights offering. In connection with any rights offering, we may enter into a standby underwriting agreement with one or more underwriters pursuant to which the underwriter will purchase any securities that remain unsubscribed for upon completion of the rights offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to any rights will describe the terms of the offered rights. We expect that such terms will include, where applicable:

- ·the exercise price for the rights;
- ·the number of rights issued to each shareholder;
- ·the extent to which the rights are transferable;
- any other terms of the rights, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the rights;
- •the date on which the right to exercise the rights will commence and the date on which the right will expire;
- ·the amount of rights outstanding;
- ·the extent to which the rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities; and
- ·the material terms of any standby underwriting arrangement entered into by us in connection with the rights offering.

The description in the applicable prospectus supplement of any rights we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable rights certificate or rights agreement, which will be filed with the Commission if we offer rights. For more information on how you can obtain copies of any rights certificate or rights agreement if we offer rights, see "Where You Can Find Additional Information" of this prospectus. We urge you to read the applicable rights certificate, the applicable rights agreement and any applicable prospectus supplement in their entirety.

The rights will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any principles thereof relating to conflicts of law that would result in the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction, unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment hereto).

## DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue purchase contracts for the purchase or sale of:

debt or equity securities issued by us, a basket of such securities, an index or indices of such securities, or any combination of the above as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement; or currencies.

Each purchase contract will entitle the holder thereof to purchase or sell, and obligate us to sell or purchase, on specified dates, such securities or currencies at a specified purchase price, which may be based on a formula, all as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may, however, satisfy our obligations, if any, with respect to any purchase contract by delivering the cash value of such purchase contract or the cash value of the property otherwise deliverable or, in the case of purchase contracts on underlying currencies, by delivering the underlying currencies, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will also specify the methods by which the holders may purchase or sell such securities or currencies and any acceleration, cancellation or termination provisions, provisions relating to U.S. federal income tax considerations, if any, or other provisions relating to the settlement of a purchase contract.

The purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders thereof or vice versa, which payments may be deferred to the extent set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, and those payments may be unsecured or pre-funded on some basis. The purchase contracts may require the holders thereof to secure their obligations in a specified manner to be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Alternatively, purchase contracts may require holders to satisfy their obligations thereunder when the purchase contracts are issued. Our obligation to settle such pre-paid purchase contracts on the relevant settlement date may constitute indebtedness. Accordingly, pre-paid purchase contracts will be issued under either a senior indenture or subordinated indenture.

The purchase contracts will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any principles thereof relating to conflicts of law that would result in the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction, unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment hereto).

## **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue units consisting of one or more purchase contracts, warrants, debt securities, preferred shares, common shares, rights or any combination of such securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the offered units. We expect that such terms will include, among others:

the terms of the units and of the purchase contracts, warrants, debt securities, preferred shares, common shares and/or rights comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be traded separately;

- ·a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- ·if applicable, a discussion of any material U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- $\cdot$ a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units. 30

## **EXPENSES**

The following are the estimated expenses of the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, all of which will be paid by us.

Commission registration fee	\$62,985	
FINRA fees	\$	*
Legal fees and expenses	\$	*
Accounting fees and expenses	\$	*
NYSE Supplemental Listing Fee	\$	*
Miscellaneous	\$	*
Total	\$	*

<sup>\*</sup> To be provided by a prospectus supplement or as an exhibit to a report on Form 6-K that is incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Seward & Kissel LLP, New York, New York, with respect to matters of the law of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and with respect to matters of United States and New York law.

### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The industry-related discussions contained in the section "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Industry Market Conditions" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated herein by reference, have been reviewed by SSY Consultancy & Research Ltd., or SSY, which has confirmed to us that it believes such discussions accurately describe the international drybulk shipping market as of the date thereof.

The statistical and graphical information incorporated by reference into this prospectus has been compiled by SSY from its database and other industry sources. SSY compiles and publishes data for the benefit of its clients. In connection therewith, SSY has advised that (i) certain information in SSY's database is derived from estimates or subjective judgments, (ii) the information in the databases of other maritime data collection agencies may differ from the information in SSY's database and (iii) while SSY has taken reasonable care in the compilation of the statistical and graphical information and believes it to be accurate and correct, data compilation is subject to limited audit and validation procedures.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As required by the Securities Act, we filed a registration statement relating to the securities offered by this prospectus with the Commission. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement, which includes additional information. Government Filings

We file annual and special reports with the Commission. You may read and copy any document that we file and obtain copies at prescribed rates from the Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling 1 (800) SEC-0330. The Commission maintains a website (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the Commission. Our filings are also available on our website at http://www.scorpiobulkers.com. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

## Information Incorporated by Reference

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those filed documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the Commission prior to the termination of this offering will also be considered to be part of this prospectus and will automatically update and supersede previously filed information, including information contained in this document.

We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the Commission under Section 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

- •Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on December 8, 2017;
- ·Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on December 4, 2017;
- •Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on November 7, 2017;
- Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on October 24, 2017, containing our Management's Discussion
- · and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes for the nine months ended September 30, 2017;
- ·Our Report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on September 29, 2017;
- Our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on February 28,
- $\cdot$ 2017, containing our audited consolidated financial statements for the most recent fiscal year for which those statements have been filed; and
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the
- ·Commission on December 10, 2013, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We are also incorporating by reference all subsequent Annual Reports on Form 20-F that we file with the Commission and certain reports on Form 6-K that we furnish to the Commission after the date of this prospectus (if they state that they are incorporated by reference into this prospectus) until we file a post-effective amendment indicating that the offering of the securities made by this prospectus has been terminated. In all cases, you should rely on the later information over different information included in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder have authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the Selling Shareholder are making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement as well as the information we previously filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the dates on the front cover of those documents only. Our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

You may request a free copy of the above mentioned filings or any subsequent filing we incorporate by reference to this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Scorpio Bulkers Inc.

9, Boulevard Charles III MC 98000 Monaco 377 9798 5715

## Information Provided by the Company

We will furnish holders of our common shares with annual reports containing audited financial statements and a report by our independent registered public accounting firm. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. As a "foreign private issuer," we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements to shareholders. While we furnish proxy statements to shareholders in accordance with the rules of the NYSE, those proxy statements do not conform to Schedule 14A of the proxy rules promulgated under the Exchange Act. In addition, as a "foreign private issuer," our officers and directors are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act relating to short swing profit reporting and liability.

SCORPIO BULKERS INC.		
815,000 Common Shares		
PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT		