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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from            to

Commission file number 001-33393

GENCO SHIPPING & TRADING LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of the Marshall Islands

State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization

299 Park Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

98-043-9758

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

10171

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (646) 443-8550

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes No

Indicated by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company  
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant on the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, computed by reference to the last sale price of such stock of \$15.50 per share as of June 29, 2018 was approximately \$237.3 million. The registrant has no non-voting common equity issued and outstanding. The determination of affiliate status for purposes of this paragraph is not necessarily a conclusive determination for any other purpose.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed

by a court. Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of March 5, 2019 was 41,645,078 shares.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of our Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2018, are incorporated by reference in Part III herein.

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Website Information

We intend to use our website, [www.GencoShipping.com](http://www.GencoShipping.com), as a means of disclosing material non-public information and for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Such disclosures will be included in our website's Investor section. Accordingly, investors should monitor the Investor portion of our website, in addition to following our press releases, SEC filings, public conference calls, and webcasts. To subscribe to our e-mail alert service, please submit your e-mail address at the Investor Relations Home page of the Investor section of our website. The information contained in, or that may be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference into or a part of this document or any other report or document we file with or furnish to the SEC, and any references to our website are intended to be inactive textual references only.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

OVERVIEW

General

We are a New York City-based company incorporated in the Marshall Islands in 2004. We transport iron ore, coal, grain, steel products and other drybulk cargoes along worldwide shipping routes through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels. Our fleet currently consists of 58 drybulk carriers, including 17 Capesize drybulk carriers, two Panamax drybulk carriers, six Ultramax drybulk carriers, 20 Supramax drybulk carriers, and 13 Handysize drybulk carriers, with an aggregate carrying capacity of approximately 5,075,000 deadweight tons (“dwt”). The average age of our current fleet is approximately 9.0 years. All of the vessels in our fleet were built in shipyards with reputations for constructing high-quality vessels. Of the vessels in our fleet, 30 are currently on spot market voyage charters, two are currently on spot market-related time charters, and 26 are on fixed-rate time charter contracts and we are currently time chartering-in six third party vessels.

See pages 7 - 10 for a table of our current fleet.

In 2017, we began implementing initiatives to expand our commercial platform and more actively manage the employment of our vessels. We hired commercial directors for our major bulk and minor bulk fleets and have begun employment of our vessels directly with cargo owners under cargo contracts. To better capitalize on opportunities to employ our vessels, we expanded our global commercial presence with the establishment of new offices in Singapore and Copenhagen. Additionally, we have withdrawn our vessels from pools and have reallocated our freight exposure to the Atlantic basin to seek to capture the earnings premium historically offered. Overall, our fleet deployment strategy remains weighted towards short-term fixtures, which provide optionality in a potentially rising freight rate environment. In addition to both short and long-term time charters, we fix our vessels on spot market voyage charters as well as spot market-related time charters depending on market conditions and management’s outlook.

In 2017, we began a fleet renewal program to modernize its fleet by replacing older vessels with newer vessels having greater fuel efficiency and other improved specifications. Please see below under “Vessel Sales” and “Vessel Acquisitions for further details.

We report financial information and evaluate our operations by charter revenues and not by the length of ship employment for our customers, i.e., spot or time charters. Each of our vessels serves the same type of customer, has similar operations and maintenance requirements, operates in the same regulatory environment, and is subject to similar economic characteristics. Based on this, we have determined that we operate in one reportable segment, the ocean transportation of drybulk cargoes worldwide through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels.

Our management team and our other employees are responsible for the commercial and strategic management of our fleet. Commercial management includes the negotiation of employment for vessels, managing the mix of various types of employment, such as time charters, spot market voyage charters and spot market-related time charters, and monitoring the performance of our vessels under their employment. Strategic management includes locating, purchasing, financing and selling vessels. We contract with two independent technical managers to provide technical management of our fleet at a lower cost than we believe would be possible in-house. Technical management involves the day-to-day management of vessels, including performing routine maintenance, attending to vessel operations and arranging for crews and supplies. Members of our New York City-based management team oversee the activities of our independent technical managers.

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### Scrubbers

On October 27, 2016, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (“MEPC”) announced the ratification of regulations mandating reduction in sulfur emissions from 3.5% currently to 0.5% as of the beginning of 2020 rather than pushing the deadline back to 2025. By 2020, ships will now have to reduce sulfur emissions, for which the principal solutions are the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems (“scrubbers”) or buying fuel with low sulfur content. If a vessel is not retrofitted with a scrubber, it will need to use low sulfur fuel, which is currently more expensive than standard marine fuel containing 3.5% sulfur content. This increased demand for low sulfur fuel may result in an increase in prices for such fuel.

We have entered into agreements to install scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels and are evaluating options to install scrubbers on certain minor bulk vessels. We expect the balance of our fleet will consume compliant, low sulfur fuel beginning in 2020 but intend to continue to evaluate other options. During the course of 2018, we sold seven of our older, less fuel efficient vessels and purchased six modern high specification vessels with a goal of improving fuel consumption and further reduce emissions. We also sold an additional vessel during January 2019 and will continue to seek opportunities to renew our fleet going forward.

### Vessel Sales

During 2018, we completed the sale of seven vessels that were part of our previously announced fleet renewal program. Additionally, we completed the sale of an additional vessel during January 2019, which was classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2018.

### Vessel Acquisitions

On July 12, 2018, we entered into agreements to purchase two modern, high specification Capesize drybulk vessels for an aggregate purchase price of \$98.0 million. These vessels were renamed the Genco Defender and the Genco Liberty (both 2016-built Capesize vessels) and were delivered during the third quarter of 2018. We utilized a combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility as described below under “Credit Facilities.”

On June 6, 2018, we entered into an agreement for the en bloc purchase of four drybulk vessels including two Capesize drybulk vessels and two Ultramax drybulk vessels for approximately \$141.0 million. Each vessel was built

with a fuel-saving “eco” engine. These vessels were renamed the Genco Weatherly (2014-built Ultramax vessel), the Genco Columbia (2016-built Ultramax vessel), the Genco Endeavour (2015-built Capesize vessel) and the Genco Resolute (2015-built Capesize vessel) and were delivered during the third quarter of 2018. The Company utilized a combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility as described below under “Credit Facilities.”

#### Credit Facilities

On May 31, 2018, we entered into a five-year \$460 million senior secured credit facility (the “\$460 Million Credit Facility”). On June 5, 2018, proceeds of \$460.0 million from the \$460 Million Credit Facility were used, together with cash on hand, to refinance all of our prior credit facilities (the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities as defined in Note 8 – Debt of our Consolidated Financial Statements) into one facility, and pay down the debt of seven of the Company’s oldest vessels, which have been identified for sale. The mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners for this facility are Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch (“Nordea”), Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S.

On February 28, 2019, we entered into an amendment to our \$460 Million Credit Facility to provide an additional tranche of up to \$35.0 million to cover a portion of the expenses related to the acquisition and installation of scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels. Borrowings under the \$35.0 million tranche will bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.50% through September 30, 2019 and LIBOR plus a range of 2.25% to 2.75% thereafter, dependent on total net



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indebtedness to consolidated EBITDA for the preceding four calendar quarters. Nordea, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank and Danish Ship Finance A/S are the lenders for the additional tranche.

On August 14, 2018, we entered into a five-year senior secured credit facility (the “\$108 Million Credit Facility”) with Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank. We have used proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price for the six vessels, as identified above under “Vessel Acquisitions,” which were delivered during the third quarter of 2018 and serve as collateral under the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

## Equity Offering

On June 19, 2018, we closed an equity offering of 7,015,000 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$16.50 per share. We received net proceeds of approximately \$109.6 million after deducting underwriters’ discounts and commissions and other expenses. We used the net proceeds to finance a portion of the purchase price for the two Capesize and two Ultramax vessels that we acquired during the third quarter of 2018 as identified above under “Vessel Acquisitions.”

## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other documents with the SEC, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. The SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

In addition, our company website can be found on the Internet at [www.gencoshipping.com](http://www.gencoshipping.com). The website contains information about us and our operations. Copies of each of our filings with the SEC on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, can be viewed and downloaded free of charge after the reports and amendments are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. To view the reports, access [www.gencoshipping.com](http://www.gencoshipping.com), click on Investor, then SEC Filings. No information on our company website is incorporated by reference into this annual report on Form 10-K.

Any of the above documents can also be obtained in print by any shareholder upon request to our Investor Relations Department at the following address:

Corporate Investor Relations

Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

299 Park Avenue, 12th Floor

New York, NY 10171

## BUSINESS STRATEGY

Our strategy is to manage and expand our fleet in a manner that maximizes our cash flows from operations. To accomplish this objective, we intend to:

- Strategically expand the size of our fleet — We may acquire additional modern, high-quality drybulk carriers through timely and selective acquisitions in a manner that is accretive to our cash flows. If we make such acquisitions, we may consider additional debt or equity financing alternatives.
- Continue to operate a high-quality fleet — We intend to maintain a modern, high-quality fleet that meets or exceeds stringent industry standards and complies with charterer requirements through our technical managers' rigorous and comprehensive maintenance program. In addition, our technical managers maintain the quality of our vessels by carrying out regular inspections, both while in port and at sea.

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- Utilize an active commercial strategy — Our current fleet of 58 drybulk vessels concentrates on the transportation of major and minor bulk commodities globally. Historically, Genco has employed its fleet mostly through time charter contracts as well as pooling arrangements. In 2017, the Company made a strategic decision to augment its existing in-house commercial operating platform shifting to an active commercial approach as compared to the previous tonnage provider model in order to improve margins and grow our network of customers. We expanded our presence globally with the establishment of offices in Singapore and Copenhagen in addition to our corporate headquarters in New York. As a result of this strategic shift, we have been fixing an increasing number of vessels on spot market voyage charters, where we provide a vessel for the transportation of goods between a load port and discharge port at a specified per-ton or on a lump sum basis, as well as on contracts of affreightment directly with cargo providers. We believe that our active platform provides added flexibility to changing market conditions and improves operational efficiencies within our owned fleet. Furthermore, we also assess arbitrage opportunities on cargoes through utilizing vessel positions by time chartering-in third party vessels and/or reletting cargo commitments on a voyage basis. In addition to these options, we continue to fix our vessels on both short and medium-term time charters, as well as spot market-related time charters, depending on market conditions and outlook. Overall, our fleet deployment strategy is currently weighted towards short-term fixtures which provide optionality for the Company. We constantly monitor the drybulk market and may in the future pursue other market opportunities for our vessels to capitalize on market conditions, including arranging longer charter periods and entering into vessel pools.
- Maintain low-cost, highly efficient operations — We currently outsource technical management of our fleet to Wallem Shipmanagement Limited (“Wallem”) and Anglo-Eastern Group (“Anglo”), third party independent technical managers. Our management team actively monitors and controls vessel operating expenses incurred by the independent technical managers by overseeing their activities. We also seek to maintain low-cost, highly efficient operations by capitalizing on the cost savings and economies of scale that result from operating sister ships.
- Capitalize on our management team’s reputation — We seek to capitalize on our management team’s reputation for high standards of performance, reliability and safety, and maintain strong relationships with major international charterers and cargo providers, many of whom consider the reputation of a vessel owner and operator when entering into time charters. We believe that our management team’s track record improves our relationships with high quality shipyards and vendors, as well as financial institutions, many of which consider reputation to be an indicator of creditworthiness.

## OUR FLEET

The table below summarizes the characteristics of our vessels that have been delivered to us that are currently in our fleet:

| Vessel         | Class    | Dwt     | Year Built |
|----------------|----------|---------|------------|
| Genco Augustus | Capesize | 180,151 | 2007       |
| Genco Claudius | Capesize | 169,001 | 2010       |

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|-------------------|----------|---------|------|
| Genco Constantine | Capesize | 180,183 | 2008 |
| Genco Commodus    | Capesize | 169,098 | 2009 |
| Genco Hadrian     | Capesize | 169,025 | 2008 |
| Genco London      | Capesize | 177,833 | 2007 |
| Genco Maximus     | Capesize | 169,025 | 2009 |
| Genco Tiberius    | Capesize | 175,874 | 2007 |
| Genco Tiger       | Capesize | 179,185 | 2011 |
| Genco Titus       | Capesize | 177,729 | 2007 |
| Baltic Bear       | Capesize | 177,717 | 2010 |
| Baltic Lion       | Capesize | 179,185 | 2012 |
| Baltic Wolf       | Capesize | 177,752 | 2010 |

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| Vessel           | Class     | Dwt     | Year Built |
|------------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Genco Endeavour  | Capesize  | 181,060 | 2015       |
| Genco Resolute   | Capesize  | 181,060 | 2015       |
| Genco Defender   | Capesize  | 180,021 | 2016       |
| Genco Liberty    | Capesize  | 180,032 | 2016       |
| Genco Raptor     | Panamax   | 76,499  | 2007       |
| Genco Thunder    | Panamax   | 76,588  | 2007       |
| Baltic Hornet    | Ultramax  | 63,574  | 2014       |
| Baltic Wasp      | Ultramax  | 63,389  | 2015       |
| Baltic Scorpion  | Ultramax  | 63,462  | 2015       |
| Baltic Mantis    | Ultramax  | 63,470  | 2015       |
| Genco Weatherly  | Ultramax  | 61,556  | 2014       |
| Genco Columbia   | Ultramax  | 60,294  | 2016       |
| Genco Aquitaine  | Supramax  | 57,981  | 2009       |
| Genco Ardennes   | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2009       |
| Genco Auvergne   | Supramax  | 58,020  | 2009       |
| Genco Bourgogne  | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2010       |
| Genco Brittany   | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2010       |
| Genco Hunter     | Supramax  | 58,729  | 2007       |
| Genco Languedoc  | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2010       |
| Genco Loire      | Supramax  | 53,430  | 2009       |
| Genco Lorraine   | Supramax  | 53,417  | 2009       |
| Genco Normandy   | Supramax  | 53,596  | 2007       |
| Genco Picardy    | Supramax  | 55,257  | 2005       |
| Genco Predator   | Supramax  | 55,407  | 2005       |
| Genco Provence   | Supramax  | 55,317  | 2004       |
| Genco Pyrenees   | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2010       |
| Genco Rhone      | Supramax  | 58,018  | 2011       |
| Genco Warrior    | Supramax  | 55,435  | 2005       |
| Baltic Cougar    | Supramax  | 53,432  | 2009       |
| Baltic Jaguar    | Supramax  | 53,473  | 2009       |
| Baltic Leopard   | Supramax  | 53,446  | 2009       |
| Baltic Panther   | Supramax  | 53,350  | 2009       |
| Genco Avra       | Handysize | 34,391  | 2011       |
| Genco Bay        | Handysize | 34,296  | 2010       |
| Genco Challenger | Handysize | 28,428  | 2003       |
| Genco Champion   | Handysize | 28,445  | 2006       |
| Genco Charger    | Handysize | 28,398  | 2005       |
| Genco Mare       | Handysize | 34,428  | 2011       |
| Genco Ocean      | Handysize | 34,409  | 2010       |
| Genco Spirit     | Handysize | 34,432  | 2011       |
| Baltic Breeze    | Handysize | 34,386  | 2010       |
| Baltic Cove      | Handysize | 34,403  | 2010       |
| Baltic Fox       | Handysize | 31,883  | 2010       |
| Baltic Hare      | Handysize | 31,887  | 2009       |
| Baltic Wind      | Handysize | 34,408  | 2009       |



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FLEET MANAGEMENT

Our management team and other employees are responsible for the commercial and strategic management of our fleet. Commercial management involves negotiating charters for vessels, managing the mix of various types of charters, such as time charters, spot market voyage charters, vessel pools and spot market-related time charters, and monitoring the performance of our vessels under their charters. Strategic management involves locating, purchasing, financing and selling vessels.

We utilize the services of reputable independent technical managers, Wallem and Anglo, for the technical management of our fleet. Technical management involves the day-to-day management of vessels, including performing routine maintenance, attending to vessel operations and arranging for crews and supplies. Members of our New York City-based management team oversee the activities of our independent technical managers. The head of our technical management team has over 30 years of experience in the shipping industry.

Wallem, founded in 1971 and Anglo, founded in 1974, are among the largest ship management companies in the world. These technical managers are known worldwide for their agency networks, covering all major ports in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore. These technical managers provide services to over 850 vessels of all types, including Capesize, Panamax, Ultramax, Supramax, Handymax and Handysize drybulk carriers that meet strict quality standards.

Under our technical management agreements, our technical manager is obligated to:

- provide personnel to supervise the maintenance and general efficiency of our vessels;
- arrange and supervise the maintenance of our vessels to our standards to assure that our vessels comply with applicable national and international regulations and the requirements of our vessels' classification societies;
- select and train the crews for our vessels, including assuring that the crews have the correct certificates for the types of vessels on which they serve;
- check the compliance of the crews' licenses with the regulations of the vessels' flag states and the International Maritime Organization, or IMO;
- arrange the supply of spares and stores for our vessels; and

- report expense transactions to us, and make its procurement and accounting systems available to us.

## OUR CHARTERS

As of March 4, 2019, we employed 30 of our vessels on spot market voyage charters where we provide a vessel for the transportation of goods between a load port and discharge port at a specified per-ton or on a lump sum basis. Under spot market voyage charters, voyage expenses such as fuel and port charges are borne by us. Additionally, as of March 4, 2019, two of our vessels under spot market-related time charters, which are time charters with rates based on published Baltic Indices. These types of charters are similar to time charters with the exception of having a variable rate over the term of the time charter agreement. As such, the revenue earned by these vessels is subject to the fluctuations of the spot market. Lastly, as of March 4, 2019, we employed 26 of our vessels under fixed-rate time charters. A time charter involves the hiring of a vessel from its owner for a period of time pursuant to a contract under which the vessel owner places its ship (including its crew and equipment) at the disposal of the charterer. Under a time charter, the charterer periodically pays a fixed daily charterhire rate to the owner of the vessel and bears all voyage expenses, including the cost of bunkers (fuel), port expenses, agents' fees and canal dues. Additionally, as of March 4, 2019, we were chartering in six third party vessels.

Our vessels operate worldwide within the trading limits imposed by our insurance terms. The technical operation and navigation of the vessel at all times remains the responsibility of the vessel owner, which is generally



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responsible for the vessel's operating expenses, including the cost of crewing, insuring, repairing and maintaining the vessel, costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses.

For the vessels that we employ on time charters and spot market-related time charters, agreements expire within a range of dates (for example, a minimum of 4 months and maximum of 6 months following delivery), with the exact end of the time charter left unspecified to account for the uncertainty of when a vessel will complete its final voyage under the time charter. The charterer may extend the charter period by any time that the vessel is off-hire. If a vessel remains off-hire for more than 30 consecutive days, the time charter may be cancelled at the charterer's option.

In connection with the charter of each of our vessels, we incur commissions generally ranging from 1.25% to 6.25% of the total daily charterhire rate of each charter or total freight revenue to third parties, depending on the number of brokers involved with arranging the relevant charter.

We monitor developments in the drybulk shipping industry on a regular basis and strategically adjust the time and duration of employment for our vessels according to market conditions as they become available for hire.

The following table sets forth information about the current employment of the vessels in our fleet as of March 4, 2019:

| Vessel            | Year Built | Charterer  | Charter Expiration(1) | Cash Daily Rate(2) |      |
|-------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| Capesize Vessels  |            |  |                       |                    |      |
| Genco Augustus    | 2007       | ST Shipping & Transport Pte. Ltd.                | March 2019            | \$10,000           | (3)  |
| Genco Tiberius    | 2007       | Pacific Bulk Cape Company Ltd.                   | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco London      | 2007       | Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo Ltd.        | March 2019            | \$20,000           | (4)  |
| Genco Titus       | 2007       | Vale International S.A.                          | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Constantine | 2008       | Winning Shipping Pte. Ltd.                       | April 2019            | \$20,500           | (5)  |
| Genco Hadrian     | 2008       | Pacific Bulk Cape Company Ltd.                   | March 2019            | \$7,250            | (6)  |
| Genco Commodus    | 2009       | Jiangsu Steamship Pte. Ltd.                      | April 2019            | \$4,000            | (7)  |
| Genco Maximus     | 2009       | Vale International S.A.                          | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Claudius    | 2010       | Jiangsu Steamship Pte. Ltd.                      | April 2019            | \$5,000            | (8)  |
| Genco Tiger       | 2011       | Pacific Bulk Cape Company Ltd.                   | May 2019              | \$5,800            | (9)  |
| Baltic Lion       | 2012       | Xcoal Energy and Resources                       | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Bear       | 2010       | DHL Project & Chartering Ltd.                    | March 2019            | \$13,000           | (10) |
| Baltic Wolf       | 2010       | Cargill Ocean Transportation Singapore Pte. Ltd. | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |

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|------------------|------|---|---------------|------------|------|
| Genco Resolute   | 2015 | FMG International Pte. Ltd.             | February 2019 | Voyage     |      |
| Genco Endeavour  | 2015 | Rio Tingo Shipping (Asia) Pte. Ltd.     | April 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Genco Defender   | 2016 | Anglo-American Marketing Ltd.           | April 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Genco Liberty    | 2016 | Rio Tingo Shipping (Asia) Pte. Ltd.     | March 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Panamax Vessels  |      |   |               |            |      |
| Genco Raptor     | 2007 | United Bulk Carriers International S.A. | June 2019     | 96% of BPI | (11) |
| Genco Thunder    | 2007 | United Bulk Carriers International S.A. | July 2019     | 98% of BPI | (12) |
| Ultramax Vessels |      |   |               |            |      |
| Baltic Hornet    | 2014 | Bunge S.A.                              | March 2019    | \$16,000   | (13) |
| Baltic Wasp      | 2015 | Langlois Enterprise Ltd.                | April 2019    | \$12,250   | (14) |
| Baltic Scorpion  | 2015 | Mid Atlantic Salt LLC                   | March 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Baltic Mantis    | 2015 | OCP S.A.                                | March 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Genco Weatherly  | 2014 | Canpotex Shipping Services              | April 2019    | \$4,300    | (15) |
| Genco Columbia   | 2016 | International Materials Inc.            | March 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Supramax Vessels |      |   |               |            |      |
| Genco Predator   | 2005 | Aquavita International S.A.             | March 2019    | \$3,500    | (16) |
| Genco Warrior    | 2005 | Horizon Shipping Panama Inc.            | March 2019    | \$6,250    | (17) |
| Genco Hunter     | 2007 | Dead Sea Works                          | April 2019    | Voyage     |      |
| Genco Lorraine   | 2009 | Elim Spring Maritime                    | March 2019    | \$3,250    | (18) |

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| Vessel            | Year Built | Charterer                              | Charter Expiration(1) | Cash Daily Rate(2) |      |
|-------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| Genco Loire       | 2009       | Mandarine Ocean Ltd.                   | March 2019            | \$9,000            | (19) |
| Genco Aquitaine   | 2009       | Victory Shipping Pte. Ltd.             | March 2019            | \$10,125           | (20) |
| Genco Ardennes    | 2009       | Western Bulk Pte. Ltd.                 | May 2019              | \$11,500           | (21) |
| Genco Auvergne    | 2009       | TCP Petcoke Corporation                | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Bourgogne   | 2010       | Cargill Ocean Transportation (USA)     | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Brittany    | 2010       | Canpotex Shipping Services             | March 2019            | \$11,000           | (22) |
| Genco Languedoc   | 2010       | Bahri Bunge                            | April 2019            | \$11,750           | (23) |
| Genco Normandy    | 2007       | Camden Iron and Metal                  | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Picardy     | 2005       | The China Navigation Cp. Pte. Ltd.     | March 2019            | \$7,500            | (24) |
| Genco Provence    | 2004       | Pan Ocean Co., Ltd.                    | April 2019            | \$2,000            | (25) |
| Genco Pyrenees    | 2010       | Arcelormittal Sourcing                 | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Rhone       | 2011       | Baltimore Scrap Corp.                  | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Leopard    | 2009       | Freight Force AG                       | March 2019            | \$7,250            | (26) |
| Baltic Panther    | 2009       | Sims Group Global Trade Corp.          | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Jaguar     | 2009       | Dead Sea Works                         | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Cougar     | 2009       | Western Bulk Pte. Ltd.                 | April 2019            | \$7,250            | (27) |
| Handysize Vessels |            |  |                       |                    |      |
| Baltic Hare       | 2009       | Anagra S.A.                            | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Fox        | 2010       | Ravensdown Shipping Services Pty. Ltd. | April 2019            | \$9,500            | (28) |
| Genco Charger     | 2005       | Bunge S.A. Geneve                      | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Challenger  | 2003       | Indagro S.A.                           | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Champion    | 2006       | Olam International Ltd.                | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Wind       | 2009       | EDC Trading Ltd.                       | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Cove       | 2010       | Bunge S.A. Geneve                      | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Baltic Breeze     | 2010       | Ameropa S.A. Lausanne                  | April 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Ocean       | 2010       | Mosaic Global Sales, LLC               | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Bay         | 2010       | Pola Maritime Ltd.                     | March 2019            | \$6,000            | (29) |
| Genco Avra        | 2011       | Bunge S.A. Geneve                      | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |
| Genco Mare        | 2011       | DS Norden A/S                          | April 2019            | \$9,850            | (30) |
| Genco Spirit      | 2011       | RFA International                      | March 2019            | Voyage             |      |

(1) The charter expiration dates presented represent the earliest dates that our charters may be terminated in the ordinary course. Under the terms of certain contracts, the charterer is entitled to extend the time charter from two to four months in order to complete the vessel's final voyage plus any time the vessel has been off-hire.

(2) Time charter rates presented are the gross daily charterhire rates before third party brokerage commission generally ranging from 1.25% to 6.25%. In a time charter, the charterer is responsible for voyage expenses such as bunkers, port expenses, agents' fees and canal dues.

(3)

We have reached an agreement with ST Shipping & Transport Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 50 days at a rate of \$10,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 18, 2019. The vessel had previously redelivered to Genco on January 26, 2019. A ballast bonus was awarded.

- (4) We have reached an agreement with Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha on a time charter for approximately 90 days at a rate of \$20,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers December 25, 2018.
  
- (5) We have reached an agreement with Winning Shipping Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 90 days at a rate of \$20,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 4, 2019.

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- (6) We have reached an agreement with Pacific Bulk Cape Company Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 20 days at a rate of \$7,250 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 3.75% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 26, 2019.
- (7) We have reached an agreement with Jiangsu Steamship Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 50 days at a rate of \$4,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 28, 2019.
- (8) We have reached an agreement with Jiangsu Steamship Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 45 days at a rate of \$5,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 28, 2019. The vessel had previously redelivered to Genco on February 19, 2019.
- (9) We have reached an agreement with Pacific Bulk Cape Company Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 2 to 4 months at a rate based of \$5,800 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in arrears less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on March 2, 2019.
- (10) We have reached an agreement with DHL Project & Chartering Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 40 days at a rate of \$13,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 27, 2019.
- (11) We have reached an agreement with United Bulk Carriers International S.A. on a spot market-related time charter for 10 to 14 months at a rate based on 96% of the Baltic Panamax Index (BPI), published by the Baltic Exchange, as reflected in daily reports. Hire is paid every 15 days in arrears less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on August 25, 2018. A ballast bonus was awarded.
- (12) We have reached an agreement with United Bulk Carriers International S.A. on a spot market-related time charter for 6 to 10 months at a rate based on 98% of the Baltic Panamax Index (BPI), published by the Baltic Exchange, as reflected in daily reports. Hire is paid every 15 days in arrears less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on December 1, 2018. The vessel had previously redelivered to Genco on November 28, 2018. A ballast bonus was awarded.
- (13) We have reached an agreement with Bunge S.A. on a time charter for approximately 45 days at a rate of \$16,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 25, 2019.
- (14) We have reached an agreement with Langlois Enterprise Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 60 days at a rate of \$12,250 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 25, 2019.

- (15) We have reached an agreement with Canpotex Shipping Services on a time charter for approximately 50 days at a rate of \$4,300 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 1.25% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on March 4, 2019.
- (16) We have reached an agreement with Aquavita International S.A. on a time charter for approximately 30 days at a rate of \$3,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 21, 2019.
- (17) We have reached an agreement with Horizon Shipping Panama Inc. on a time charter for approximately 40 days at a rate of \$6,250 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 17, 2019.
- (18) We have reached an agreement with Elim Spring Maritime on a time charter for approximately 25 days at a rate of \$3,250 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 15, 2019.

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- (19) We have reached an agreement with Mandarin Ocean Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 20 days at a rate of \$9,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5% third party brokerage commission. The vessel is expected to deliver to charterers on or about March 5, 2019.
- (20) We have reached an agreement with Victory Shipping Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 25 days at a rate of \$10,125 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on March 2, 2019.
- (21) We have reached an agreement with Western Bulk Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 75 days at a rate of \$11,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5% third party brokerage commission. The vessel is expected to deliver to charterers on or about March 8, 2019.
- (22) We have reached an agreement with Canpotex Shipping Services on a time charter for approximately 60 days at a rate of \$11,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 1.25% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on November 1, 2018.
- (23) We have reached an agreement with Bahri Bunge on a time charter for approximately 4 to 6 months at a rate of \$11,750 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 7, 2019.
- (24) We have reached an agreement with The China Navigation Cp. Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 35 days at a rate of \$7,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 27, 2019.
- (25) We have reached an agreement with Pan Ocean Co., Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 60 days at a rate of \$2,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 22, 2019.
- (26) We have reached an agreement with Freight Force AG on a time charter for approximately 30 days at a rate of \$7,250 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel is expected to deliver to charterers on or about February 23, 2019.
- (27) We have reached an agreement with Western Bulk Pte. Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 3 to 5 months at a rate of \$7,250 per day for the first 30 days, and \$9,500 for the subsequent days. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 16, 2019.
- (28) We have reached an agreement with Ravensdown Shipping Services Pty. Ltd. on a time charter for about five to seven months at a rate of \$9,500 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party

brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on December 2, 2018.

- (29) We have reached an agreement with Pola Maritime Ltd. on a time charter for approximately 40 days at a rate of \$6,000 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on February 12, 2019.
- (30) We have reached an agreement with DS Norden A/S on a time charter for approximately 75 days at a rate of \$9,850 per day. Hire is paid every 15 days in advance less a 5.00% third party brokerage commission. The vessel delivered to charterers on January 19, 2019.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND INSPECTION

All of our vessels have been certified as being “in class” by the American Bureau of Shipping (“ABS”), DNVGL or Lloyd’s Register of Shipping (“Lloyd’s”). Each of these classification societies is a member of the International Association of Classification Societies. Every commercial vessel’s hull and machinery is evaluated by a



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classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that the vessel has been built and maintained in accordance with the rules of the classification society and complies with applicable rules and regulations of the vessel's country of registry and the international conventions of which that country is a member. Each vessel is inspected by a surveyor of the classification society in three surveys of varying frequency and thoroughness: every year for the annual survey, every two to three years for the intermediate survey and every four to five years for special surveys. Special surveys always require drydocking. Vessels that are 15 years old or older are required, as part of the intermediate survey process, to be drydocked every 24 to 36 months for inspection of the underwater portions of the vessel and for necessary repairs stemming from the inspection.

In addition to the classification inspections, many of our customers regularly inspect our vessels as a precondition to chartering them for voyages. We believe that our well-maintained, high-quality vessels provide us with a competitive advantage in the current environment of increasing regulation and customer emphasis on quality.

We have implemented the International Safety Management Code, which was promulgated by the International Maritime Organization, or IMO (the United Nations agency for maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution by ships), to establish pollution prevention requirements applicable to vessels. We obtained documents of compliance and safety management certificates for all of our vessels, which are required by the IMO.

## CREWING AND EMPLOYEES

Each of our vessels is crewed with 21 to 24 officers and seamen. We do not provide any seaborne personnel to crew our vessels. Instead, our technical managers are responsible for locating and retaining qualified officers for our vessels. The crewing agencies handle each seaman's training, travel and payroll, and ensure that all the seamen on our vessels have the qualifications and licenses required to comply with international regulations and shipping conventions. Our vessels are typically manned with more crew members than are required by the country of the vessel's flag in order to allow for the performance of routine maintenance duties.

We currently employ 41 shore-based personnel, including our Singapore and Copenhagen offices. In addition, approximately 1,305 seagoing personnel are employed on our vessels.

## CUSTOMERS

Our assessment of a charterer's financial condition and reliability is an important factor in negotiating employment for our vessels. We generally charter our vessels to major trading houses (including commodities traders), major producers and government-owned entities rather than to more speculative or undercapitalized entities. Our customers

include national, regional and international companies, such as Rio Tinto Shipping (Asia) Pte. Ltd., Vale International S.A., ADMIntermare, a division of ADM International Sarl, and Cargill International S.A. For the year ended December 31, 2018, we did not have any customer who accounted for more than 10% of our voyage revenue.

## COMPETITION

Our business fluctuates in line with the main patterns of trade of the major drybulk cargoes and varies according to changes in the supply and demand for these items. We operate in markets that are highly competitive and based primarily on supply and demand. We compete for charters on the basis of price, vessel location and size, age and condition of the vessel, as well as on our reputation as an owner and operator. We compete with other owners of drybulk carriers in the Capesize, Panamax, Ultramax, Supramax and Handysize class sectors, some of whom may also charter our vessels as customers. Ownership of drybulk carriers is highly fragmented and is divided among approximately 1,965 independent drybulk carrier owners.

## PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

We are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, certificates and other authorizations with respect to our vessels. The kinds of permits, licenses, certificates and other authorizations required for each vessel depend upon several factors, including the commodity transported, the waters in

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which the vessel operates, the nationality of the vessel's crew and the age of the vessel. We believe that we have all material permits, licenses, certificates and other authorizations necessary for the conduct of our operations. However, additional laws and regulations, environmental or otherwise, may be adopted which could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of our doing business.

## INSURANCE

### General

The operation of any drybulk vessel includes risks such as mechanical failure, collision, property loss, cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, piracy, hostilities and labor strikes. In addition, there is always an inherent possibility of marine disaster, including oil spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade. The United States ("U.S.") Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or OPA, which imposes virtually unlimited liability upon owners, operators and demise charterers of vessels trading in the U.S.-exclusive economic zone for certain oil pollution accidents in the United States, has made liability insurance more expensive for ship owners and operators trading in the U.S. market.

While we maintain hull and machinery insurance, war risks insurance, protection and indemnity cover, and freight, demurrage and defense cover and loss of hire insurance for our fleet in amounts that we believe to be prudent to cover normal risks in our operations, we may not be able to achieve or maintain this level of coverage throughout a vessel's useful life. Furthermore, while we believe that our present insurance coverage is adequate, not all risks can be insured, and there can be no guarantee that any specific claim will be paid, or that we will always be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

### Hull and Machinery, War Risks, Kidnap and Ransom Insurance

We maintain marine hull and machinery, war risks and kidnap and ransom insurance, which cover the risk of actual or constructive total loss for all of our vessels. Our vessels are each covered up to at least fair market value with deductibles, which depend primarily on the class of the insured vessel and are subject to change. We are covered, subject to limitations in our policy, to have the crew released in the case of kidnapping due to piracy in the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia.

### Protection and Indemnity Insurance

Protection and indemnity insurance is provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or P&I Associations, which insure our third party liabilities in connection with our shipping activities. This includes third party liability and other related expenses resulting from the injury or death of crew, passengers and other third parties, the loss or damage to cargo, claims arising from collisions with other vessels, damage to other third party property, pollution arising from oil or other substances and salvage, towing and other related costs, including wreck removal. Protection and indemnity insurance is a form of mutual indemnity insurance, extended by protection and indemnity mutual associations, or “clubs.” Subject to the “capping” discussed below, our coverage, except for pollution, is unlimited.

We maintain protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution of \$1 billion per vessel per incident. The 13 P&I Associations that comprise the International Group insure approximately 90% of the world’s commercial tonnage and have entered into a pooling agreement to reinsure each association’s liabilities. The International Group’s website states that the Pool provides a mechanism for sharing all claims in excess of \$10 million up to, currently, approximately \$8.2 billion. We are a member of P&I Associations, which are members of the International Group. As a result, we are subject to calls payable to the associations based on the group’s claim records as well as the claim records of all other members of the individual associations and members of the pool of P&I Associations comprising the International Group.

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Loss of Hire Insurance

We maintain loss of hire insurance, which covers business interruptions and related losses that result from the loss of use of a vessel. Our loss of hire insurance has a 14-day deductible and provides claim coverage for up to 90 days.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER REGULATION

Government regulation and laws significantly affect the ownership and operation of our fleet. We are subject to international conventions and treaties, national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the countries in which our vessels may operate or are registered relating to safety and health and environmental protection including the storage, handling, emission, transportation and discharge of hazardous and non-hazardous materials, and the remediation of contamination and liability for damage to natural resources. Compliance with such laws, regulations and other requirements entails significant expense, including vessel modifications and implementation of certain operating procedures.

A variety of government and private entities subject our vessels to both scheduled and unscheduled inspections. These entities include the local port authorities (applicable national authorities such as the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”), harbor master or equivalent), classification societies, flag state administrations (countries of registry) and charterers, particularly terminal operators. Certain of these entities require us to obtain permits, licenses, certificates and other authorizations for the operation of our vessels. Failure to maintain necessary permits or approvals could require us to incur substantial costs or result in the temporary suspension of the operation of one or more of our vessels.

Increasing environmental concerns have created a demand for vessels that conform to stricter environmental standards. We are required to maintain operating standards for all of our vessels that emphasize operational safety, quality maintenance, continuous training of our officers and crews and compliance with United States and international regulations. We believe that the operation of our vessels is in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and that our vessels have all material permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations necessary for the conduct of our operations. However, because such laws and regulations frequently change and may impose increasingly stricter requirements, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with these requirements, or the impact of these requirements on the resale value or useful lives of our vessels. In addition, a future serious marine incident that causes significant adverse environmental impact could result in additional legislation or regulation that could negatively affect our profitability.

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

The International Maritime Organization, the United Nations agency for maritime safety and the prevention of pollution by vessels (the “IMO”), has adopted the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, collectively referred to as MARPOL 73/78 and herein as “MARPOL,” adopted the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974 (“SOLAS Convention”), and the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966 (the “LL Convention”). MARPOL establishes environmental standards relating to oil leakage or spilling, garbage management, sewage, air emissions, handling and disposal of noxious liquids and the handling of harmful substances in packaged forms. MARPOL is applicable to drybulk, tanker and LNG carriers, among other vessels, and is broken into six Annexes, each of which regulates a different source of pollution. Annex I relates to oil leakage or spilling; Annexes II and III relate to harmful substances carried in bulk in

liquid or in packaged form, respectively; Annexes IV and V relate to sewage and garbage management, respectively; and Annex VI, lastly, relates to air emissions. Annex VI was separately adopted by the IMO in September of 1997.

In 2013, the IMO's Marine Environmental Protection Committee, or the "MEPC," adopted a resolution amending MARPOL Annex I Condition Assessment Scheme, or "CAS." These amendments became effective on October 1, 2014, and require compliance with the 2011 International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, or "ESP Code," which provides for enhanced inspection programs. We may need to make certain financial expenditures to comply with these amendments.

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## Air Emissions

In September of 1997, the IMO adopted Annex VI to MARPOL to address air pollution from vessels. Effective May 2005, Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from all commercial vessel exhausts and prohibits “deliberate emissions” of ozone depleting substances (such as halons and chlorofluorocarbons), emissions of volatile compounds from cargo tanks, and the shipboard incineration of specific substances. Annex VI also includes a global cap on the sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions, as explained below. Emissions of “volatile organic compounds” from certain vessels, and the shipboard incineration (from incinerators installed after January 1, 2000) of certain substances (such as polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs) are also prohibited. We believe that all our vessels are currently compliant in all material respects with these regulations.

The MEPC, adopted amendments to Annex VI regarding emissions of sulfur oxide, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter and ozone depleting substances, which entered into force on July 1, 2010. The amended Annex VI seeks to further reduce air pollution by, among other things, implementing a progressive reduction of the amount of sulfur contained in any fuel oil used on board ships. On October 27, 2016, at its 70th session, the MEPC agreed to implement a global 0.5% m/m sulfur oxide emissions limit (reduced from 3.50%) starting from January 1, 2020. This limitation can be met by using low-sulfur compliant fuel oil, alternative fuels, or certain exhaust gas cleaning systems. Once the cap becomes effective, ships will be required to obtain bunker delivery notes and International Air Pollution Prevention (“IAPP”) Certificates from their flag states that specify sulfur content. Additionally, at MEPC 73, amendments to Annex VI to prohibit the carriage of bunkers above 0.5% Sulphur on ships were adopted and will take effect March 1, 2020, with the exception of vessels fitted with exhaust gas cleaning equipment which can carry fuel of high sulfur content. These regulations subject ocean-going vessels to stringent emissions controls, and may cause us to incur substantial costs.

Sulfur content standards are even stricter within certain “Emission Control Areas,” or (“ECAs”). As of January 1, 2015, ships operating within an ECA were not permitted to use fuel with sulfur content in excess of 0.1%. Amended Annex VI establishes procedures for designating new ECAs. Currently, the IMO has designated four ECAs, including specified portions of the Baltic Sea area, North Sea area, North American area and United States Caribbean area. Ocean-going vessels in these areas will be subject to stringent emission controls and may cause us to incur additional costs. If other ECAs are approved by the IMO, or other new or more stringent requirements relating to emissions from marine diesel engines or port operations by vessels are adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) or the states where we operate, compliance with these regulations could entail significant capital expenditures or otherwise increase the costs of our operations. Refer to “Capital Expenditures” in Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and “We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental and operational safety laws that could require significant expenditures and affect our cash flows and net income and could subject us to increased liability under applicable law or regulation” in Item 1A. Risk Factors for further details of our plan for compliance and potential costs.

Amended Annex VI also establishes new tiers of stringent nitrogen oxide emissions standards for marine diesel engines, depending on their date of installation. At the MEPC meeting held from March to April 2014, amendments to Annex VI were adopted which address the date on which Tier III Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) standards in ECAs will go into effect. Under the amendments, Tier III NOx standards apply to ships that operate in the North American and U.S. Caribbean Sea ECAs designed for the control of NOx produced by vessels with a marine diesel engine installed and constructed on or after January 1, 2016. Tier III requirements could apply to areas that will be designated for Tier III NOx in the future. At MEPC 70 and MEPC 71, the MEPC approved the North Sea and Baltic Sea as ECAs for nitrogen oxide for ships built after January 1, 2021. The EPA promulgated equivalent (and in some senses stricter) emissions standards in late 2009 and we are compliant with the Tier I and Tier II requirements for NOx emissions under the EPA standards and Annex VI. We do not currently own any vessels subject to the Tier III requirements,

although we may acquire such vessels in the future. As a result of these designations or similar future designations, we may be required to incur additional operating or other costs.



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As determined at the MEPC 70, the new Regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI became effective as of March 1, 2018 and requires ships above 5,000 gross tonnage to collect and report annual data on fuel oil consumption to an IMO database, with the first year of data collection commencing on January 1, 2019. The IMO intends to use such data as the first step in its roadmap (through 2023) for developing its strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships, as discussed further below.

As of January 1, 2013, MARPOL made mandatory certain measures relating to energy efficiency for ships. All ships are now required to develop and implement Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plans (“SEEMPS”), and new ships must be designed in compliance with minimum energy efficiency levels per capacity mile as defined by the Energy Efficiency Design Index (“EEDI”). Under these measures, by 2025, all new ships built will be 30% more energy efficient than those built in 2014.

We may incur costs to comply with these revised standards. Additional or new conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could require the installation of expensive emission control systems and could adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

### Safety Management System Requirements

The SOLAS Convention was amended to address the safe manning of vessels and emergency training drills. The Convention of Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (the “LLMC”) sets limitations of liability for a loss of life or personal injury claim or a property claim against ship owners. We believe that our vessels are in substantial compliance with SOLAS and LL Convention standards.

Under Chapter IX of the SOLAS Convention, or the International Safety Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (the “ISM Code”), our operations are also subject to environmental standards and requirements. The ISM Code requires the party with operational control of a vessel to develop an extensive safety management system that includes, among other things, the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for operating its vessels safely and describing procedures for responding to emergencies. We rely upon the safety management system that we and our technical management team have developed for compliance with the ISM Code. The failure of a vessel owner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject such party to increased liability, may decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports.

The ISM Code requires that vessel operators obtain a safety management certificate for each vessel they operate. This certificate evidences compliance by a vessel’s management with the ISM Code requirements for a safety management system. No vessel can obtain a safety management certificate unless its manager has been awarded a document of compliance, issued by each flag state, under the ISM Code. Our technical managers have valid documents of compliance for our offices and safety management certificates for all of our vessels for which the certificates are required by the IMO. The document of compliance and safety management certificate are renewed as required.

Amendments to the SOLAS Convention Chapter VII apply to vessels transporting dangerous goods and require those vessels be in compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (“IMDG Code”). Effective January 1, 2018, the IMDG Code includes (1) updates to the provisions for radioactive material, reflecting the latest provisions from the International Atomic Energy Agency, (2) new marking, packing and classification requirements for dangerous goods, and (3) new mandatory training requirements.

The IMO has also adopted the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (“STCW”). As of February 2017, all seafarers are required to meet the STCW standards and be in possession of a valid STCW certificate. Flag states that have ratified SOLAS and STCW generally employ the classification societies, which have incorporated SOLAS and STCW requirements into their class rules, to undertake surveys to confirm compliance.

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The IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and MEPC, respectively, each adopted relevant parts of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Water (the "Polar Code"). The Polar Code, which entered into force on January 1, 2017, covers design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue as well as environmental protection matters relevant to ships operating in the waters surrounding the two poles. It also includes mandatory measures regarding safety and pollution prevention as well as recommendatory provisions. The Polar Code applies to new ships constructed after January 1, 2017, and after January 1, 2018, ships constructed before January 1, 2017 are required to meet the relevant requirements by the earlier of their first intermediate or renewal survey.

Furthermore, recent action by the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and United States agencies indicate that cybersecurity regulations for the maritime industry are likely to be further developed in the near future in an attempt to combat cybersecurity threats. For example, cyber-risk management systems must be incorporated by ship-owners and managers by 2021. This might cause companies to create additional procedures for monitoring cybersecurity, which could require additional expenses and/or capital expenditures. The impact of such regulations is hard to predict at this time.

### Pollution Control and Liability Requirements

The IMO has negotiated international conventions that impose liability for pollution in international waters and the territorial waters of the signatories to such conventions. For example, the IMO adopted an International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (the "BWM Convention") in 2004. The BWM Convention entered into force on September 9, 2017. The BWM Convention requires ships to manage their ballast water to remove, render harmless, or avoid the uptake or discharge of new or invasive aquatic organisms and pathogens within ballast water and sediments. The BWM Convention's implementing regulations call for a phased introduction of mandatory ballast water exchange requirements, to be replaced in time with mandatory concentration limits, and require all ships to carry a ballast water record book and an international ballast water management certificate.

On December 4, 2013, the IMO Assembly passed a resolution revising the application dates of BWM Convention so that the dates are triggered by the entry into force date and not the dates originally in the BWM Convention. This, in effect, makes all vessels delivered before the entry into force date "existing vessels" and allows for the installation of ballast water management systems on such vessels at the first International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) renewal survey following entry into force of the convention. The MEPC adopted updated guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8) at MEPC 70. At MEPC 71, the schedule regarding the BWM Convention's implementation dates was also discussed and amendments were introduced to extend the date existing vessels are subject to certain ballast water standards. Ships over 400 gross tons generally must comply with a "D-1 standard," requiring the exchange of ballast water only in open seas and away from coastal waters. The "D-2 standard" specifies the maximum amount of viable organisms allowed to be discharged, and compliance dates vary depending on the IOPP renewal dates. Depending on the date of the IOPP renewal survey, existing vessels must comply with the D-2 standard on or after September 8, 2019. For most ships, compliance with the D-2 standard will involve installing on-board systems to treat ballast water and eliminate unwanted organisms. Ballast Water Management systems, which include systems that make use of chemical, biocides, organisms or biological mechanisms, or which alter the chemical or physical characteristics of the Ballast Water, must be approved in accordance with IMO Guidelines (Regulation D-3). Costs of compliance with these regulations may be substantial.

Once mid-ocean ballast exchange ballast water treatment requirements become mandatory under the BWM Convention, the cost of compliance could increase for ocean carriers and may have a material effect on our operations. However, many countries already regulate the discharge of ballast water carried by vessels from country to country to prevent the introduction of invasive and harmful species via such discharges. The U.S., for example, requires vessels entering its waters from another country to conduct mid-ocean ballast exchange, or undertake some alternate measure,

and to comply with certain reporting requirements. The system specification requirements for trading in the U.S. have been formalized and we believe the ballast water treatment systems will range from \$0.5 million to \$0.8 million each, primarily dependent on the size of the vessel. Refer to “Capital Expenditures” section for further information.

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The IMO adopted the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 1969, as amended by different Protocols in 1976, 1984, and 1992, and amended in 2000 (“the CLC”). Under the CLC and depending on whether the country in which the damage results is a party to the 1992 Protocol to the CLC, a vessel’s registered owner may be strictly liable for pollution damage caused in the territorial waters of a contracting state by discharge of persistent oil, subject to certain exceptions. The 1992 Protocol changed certain limits on liability expressed using the International Monetary Fund currency unit, the Special Drawing Rights. The limits on liability have since been amended so that the compensation limits on liability were raised. The right to limit liability is forfeited under the CLC where the spill is caused by the shipowner’s actual fault and under the 1992 Protocol where the spill is caused by the shipowner’s intentional or reckless act or omission where the shipowner knew pollution damage would probably result. The CLC requires ships over 2,000 tons covered by it to maintain insurance covering the liability of the owner in a sum equivalent to an owner’s liability for a single incident. We have protection and indemnity insurance for environmental incidents. P&I Clubs in the International Group issue the required Bunkers Convention “Blue Cards” to enable signatory states to issue certificates. All of our vessels are in possession of a CLC State issued certificate attesting that the required insurance coverage is in force.

IMO also adopted the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (the “Bunker Convention”) to impose strict liability on ship owners (including the registered owner, bareboat charterer, manager or operator) for pollution damage in jurisdictional waters of ratifying states caused by discharges of bunker fuel. The Bunker Convention requires registered owners of ships over 1,000 gross tons to maintain insurance for pollution damage in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime (but not exceeding the amount calculated in accordance with the LLMC). With respect to non-ratifying states, liability for spills or releases of oil carried as fuel in ship’s bunkers typically is determined by the national or other domestic laws in the jurisdiction where the events or damages occur.

Ships are required to maintain a certificate attesting that they maintain adequate insurance to cover an incident. In jurisdictions, such as the United States where the CLC or the Bunker Convention has not been adopted, various legislative schemes or common law govern, and liability is imposed either on the basis of fault or on a strict-liability basis.

## Anti-Fouling Requirements

In 2001, the IMO adopted the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti fouling Systems on Ships, or the “Anti fouling Convention.” The Anti fouling Convention, which entered into force on September 17, 2008, prohibits the use of organotin compound coatings to prevent the attachment of mollusks and other sea life to the hulls of vessels. The exteriors of vessels constructed prior to January 1, 2003 that have not been in drydock must, as of September 17, 2008, either not contain the prohibited compounds or have coatings applied to the vessel exterior that act as a barrier to the leaching of the prohibited compounds. Vessels of over 400 gross tons engaged in international voyages will also be required to undergo an initial survey before the vessel is put into service or before an International Anti fouling System Certificate is issued for the first time; and subsequent surveys when the anti fouling systems are altered or replaced We have obtained Anti fouling System Certificates for all of our vessels that are subject to the Anti fouling Convention.

## Compliance Enforcement

Noncompliance with the ISM Code or other IMO regulations may subject the ship owner or bareboat charterer to increased liability, may lead to decreases in available insurance coverage for affected vessels and may result in the denial of access to, or detention in, some ports. The USCG and European Union authorities have indicated that vessels

not in compliance with the ISM Code by applicable deadlines will be prohibited from trading in U.S. and European Union ports, respectively. As of the date of this report, each of our vessels is ISM Code certified. However, there can be no assurance that such certificates will be maintained in the future. The IMO continues to review and introduce new regulations. It is impossible to predict what additional regulations, if any, may be passed by the IMO and what effect, if any, such regulations might have on our operations.

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United States Regulations

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (“OPA”) established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all “owners and operators” whose vessels trade or operate within the U.S., its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in U.S. waters, which includes the U.S.’s territorial sea and its 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone around the U.S. The U.S. has also enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), which applies to the discharge of hazardous substances other than oil, except in limited circumstances, whether on land or at sea. OPA and CERCLA both define “owner and operator” in the case of a vessel as any person owning, operating or chartering by demise, the vessel. Both OPA and CERCLA impact our operations.

Under OPA, vessel owners and operators are “responsible parties” and are jointly, severally and strictly liable (unless the spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war) for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers (fuel). OPA defines these other damages broadly to include:

- (i) injury to, destruction or loss of, or loss of use of, natural resources and related assessment costs;
- (ii) injury to, or economic losses resulting from, the destruction of real and personal property;
- (iii) loss of subsistence use of natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost;
- (iv) net loss of taxes, royalties, rents, fees or net profit revenues resulting from injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property, or natural resources;
- (v) lost profits or impairment of earning capacity due to injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property or natural resources; and
- (vi) net cost of increased or additional public services necessitated by removal activities following a discharge of oil, such as protection from fire, safety or health hazards, and loss of subsistence use of natural resources.

OPA contains statutory caps on liability and damages; such caps do not apply to direct cleanup costs. Effective December 21, 2015, the USCG adjusted the limits of OPA liability for non-tank vessels, edible oil tank vessels, and any oil spill response vessels, to the greater of \$1,100 per gross ton or \$939,800 (subject to periodic adjustment for inflation). These limits of liability do not apply if an incident was proximately caused by the violation of an applicable U.S. federal safety, construction or operating regulation by a responsible party (or its agent, employee or a person acting pursuant to a contractual relationship), or a responsible party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The limitation on liability similarly does not apply if the responsible party fails or refuses to (i) report the incident where the responsible party knows or has reason to know of the incident; (ii) reasonably cooperate and assist as requested in connection with oil removal activities; or (iii) without sufficient cause, comply with an order issued under the Federal Water Pollution Act (Section 311 (c), (e)) or the Intervention on the High Seas Act.

CERCLA contains a similar liability regime whereby owners and operators of vessels are liable for cleanup, removal and remedial costs, as well as damages for injury to, or destruction or loss of, natural resources, including the reasonable costs associated with assessing the same, and health assessments or health effects studies. There is no liability if the discharge of a hazardous substance results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war. Liability under CERCLA is limited to the greater of \$300 per gross ton or \$5.0 million for vessels

carrying a hazardous substance as cargo and the greater of \$300 per gross ton or \$500,000 for any other vessel. These limits do not

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apply (rendering the responsible person liable for the total cost of response and damages) if the release or threat of release of a hazardous substance resulted from willful misconduct or negligence, or the primary cause of the release was a violation of applicable safety, construction or operating standards or regulations. The limitation on liability also does not apply if the responsible person fails or refused to provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance as requested in connection with response activities where the vessel is subject to OPA.

OPA and CERCLA each preserve the right to recover damages under existing law, including maritime tort law. OPA and CERCLA both require owners and operators of vessels to establish and maintain with the USCG evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to meet the maximum amount of liability to which the particular responsible person may be subject. Vessel owners and operators may satisfy their financial responsibility obligations by providing a proof of insurance, a surety bond, qualification as a self-insurer or a guarantee. We comply and plan to comply going forward with the USCG's financial responsibility regulations by providing applicable certificates of financial responsibility.

The 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico resulted in additional regulatory initiatives or statutes, including higher liability caps under OPA, new regulations regarding offshore oil and gas drilling, and a pilot inspection program for offshore facilities. However, several of these initiatives and regulations have been or may be revised. For example, the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's ("BSEE") revised Production Safety Systems Rule ("PSSR"), effective December 27, 2018, modified and relaxed certain environmental and safety protections under the 2016 PSSR. Additionally, the BSEE released proposed changes to the Well Control Rule, which could roll back certain reforms regarding the safety of drilling operations, and the U.S. President proposed leasing new sections of U.S. waters to oil and gas companies for offshore drilling, expanding the U.S. waters that are available for such activity over the next five years. The effects of these proposals are currently unknown. Compliance with any new requirements of OPA and future legislation or regulations applicable to the operation of our vessels could impact the cost of our operations and adversely affect our business.

OPA specifically permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to oil pollution incidents occurring within their boundaries, provided they accept, at a minimum, the levels of liability established under OPA and some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for oil spills. Many U.S. states that border a navigable waterway have enacted environmental pollution laws that impose strict liability on a person for removal costs and damages resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance. These laws may be more stringent than U.S. federal law. Moreover, some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for discharge of pollutants within their waters, although in some cases, states which have enacted this type of legislation have not yet issued implementing regulations defining vessel owners' responsibilities under these laws. The Company intends to comply with all applicable state regulations in the ports where the Company's vessels call.

While we do not carry oil as cargo, we do carry fuel and lube oil in our drybulk carriers. We currently maintain pollution liability coverage insurance in the amount of \$1 billion per incident for each of our vessels. If the damages from a catastrophic spill were to exceed our insurance coverage, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations, cash flows, and ability to pay dividends.

### Other United States Environmental Regulations

The U.S. Clean Air Act of 1970 (including its amendments of 1977 and 1990) ("CAA") requires the EPA to promulgate standards applicable to emissions of volatile organic compounds and other air contaminants. The CAA requires states to adopt State Implementation Plans, or SIPs, some of which regulate emissions resulting from vessel loading and unloading operations which may affect our vessels.

The U.S. Clean Water Act (“CWA”) prohibits the discharge of oil, hazardous substances and ballast water in U.S. navigable waters unless authorized by a duly-issued permit or exemption, and imposes strict liability in the form of penalties for any unauthorized discharges. The CWA also imposes substantial liability for the costs of removal, remediation and damages and complements the remedies available under OPA and CERCLA. In 2015, the EPA expanded the definition of “waters of the United States” (“WOTUS”), thereby expanding federal authority under the CWA. Following litigation on the revised WOTUS rule, in December 2018, the EPA and Department of the Army

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proposed a revised, limited definition of “waters of the United States.” The effect of this proposal on U.S. environmental regulations is still unknown.

The EPA and the USCG have also enacted rules relating to ballast water discharge, compliance with which requires the installation of equipment on our vessels to treat ballast water before it is discharged or the implementation of other port facility disposal arrangements or procedures at potentially substantial costs, and/or otherwise restrict our vessels from entering U.S. Waters. The EPA will regulate these ballast water discharges and other discharges incidental to the normal operation of certain vessels within United States waters pursuant to the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (“VIDA”), which was signed into law on December 4, 2018 and will replace the 2013 Vessel General Permit (“VGP”) program (which authorizes discharges incidental to operations of commercial vessels and contains numeric ballast water discharge limits for most vessels to reduce the risk of invasive species in U.S. waters, stringent requirements for exhaust gas scrubbers, and requirements for the use of environmentally acceptable lubricants) and current Coast Guard ballast water management regulations adopted under the U.S. National Invasive Species Act (“NISA”), such as mid-ocean ballast exchange programs and installation of approved USCG technology. VIDA establishes a new framework for the regulation of vessel incidental discharges under Clean Water Act (CWA), requires the EPA to develop performance standards for those discharges within two years of enactment, and requires the U.S. Coast Guard to develop implementation, compliance, and enforcement regulations within two years of EPA’s promulgation of standards. Under VIDA, all provisions of the 2013 VGP and USCG regulations regarding ballast water treatment remain in force and effect until the EPA and U.S. Coast Guard regulations are finalized. Non-military, non-recreational vessels greater than 79 feet in length must continue to comply with the requirements of the VGP, including submission of a Notice of Intent (“NOI”) or retention of a PARI form and submission of annual reports. We have submitted NOIs for our vessels where required. Compliance with the EPA, U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations could require the installation of ballast water treatment equipment on our vessels or the implementation of other port facility disposal procedures at potentially substantial cost, or may otherwise restrict our vessels from entering U.S. waters.

## European Union Regulations

In October 2009, the European Union amended a directive to impose criminal sanctions for illicit ship-source discharges of polluting substances, including minor discharges, if committed with intent, recklessly or with serious negligence and the discharges individually or in the aggregate result in deterioration of the quality of water. Aiding and abetting the discharge of a polluting substance may also lead to criminal penalties. The directive applies to all types of vessels, irrespective of their flag, but certain exceptions apply to warships or where human safety or that of the ship is in danger. Criminal liability for pollution may result in substantial penalties or fines and increased civil liability claims. Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 (amending EU Directive 2009/16/EC) governs the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and, subject to some exclusions, requires companies with ships over 5,000 gross tonnage to monitor and report carbon dioxide emissions annually starting on January 1, 2018, which may cause us to incur additional expenses.

The European Union has adopted several regulations and directives requiring, among other things, more frequent inspections of high-risk ships, as determined by type, age, and flag as well as the number of times the ship has been detained. The European Union also adopted and extended a ban on substandard ships and enacted a minimum ban period and a definitive ban for repeated offenses. The regulation also provided the European Union with greater authority and control over classification societies, by imposing more requirements on classification societies and providing for fines or penalty payments for organizations that failed to comply. Furthermore, the EU has implemented regulations requiring vessels to use reduced sulfur content fuel for their main and auxiliary engines. The EU Directive 2005/33/EC (amending Directive 1999/32/EC) introduced requirements parallel to those in Annex VI relating to the sulfur content of marine fuels. In addition, the EU imposed a 0.1% maximum sulfur requirement for fuel used by ships

at berth in EU ports.

#### Greenhouse Gas Regulation

Currently, the emissions of greenhouse gases from international shipping are not subject to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which entered into force in 2005 and pursuant to which adopting countries have been required to implement national programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with

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targets extended through 2020. International negotiations are continuing with respect to a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, and restrictions on shipping emissions may be included in any new treaty. In December 2009, more than 27 nations, including the U.S. and China, signed the Copenhagen Accord, which includes a non-binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in the Paris Agreement, which entered into force on November 4, 2016 and does not directly limit greenhouse gas emissions from ships. On June 1, 2017, the U.S. President announced that the United States intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. The timing and effect of such action has yet to be determined, but the Paris Agreement provides for a four-year exit process.

At MEPC 70 and MEPC 71, a draft outline of the structure of the initial strategy for developing a comprehensive IMO strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships was approved. In accordance with this roadmap, in April 2018, nations at the MEPC 72 adopted an initial strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships. The initial strategy identifies “levels of ambition” to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including (1) decreasing the carbon intensity from ships through implementation of further phases of the EEDI for new ships; (2) reducing carbon dioxide emissions per transport work, as an average across international shipping, by at least 40% by 2030, pursuing efforts towards 70% by 2050, compared to 2008 emission levels; and (3) reducing the total annual greenhouse emissions by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008 while pursuing efforts towards phasing them out entirely. The initial strategy notes that technological innovation, alternative fuels and/or energy sources for international shipping will be integral to achieve the overall ambition. These regulations could cause us to incur additional substantial expenses.

The EU made a unilateral commitment to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions from its member states from 20% of 1990 levels by 2020. The EU also committed to reduce its emissions by 20% under the Kyoto Protocol’s second period from 2013 to 2020. Starting in January 2018, large ships calling at EU ports are required to collect and publish data on carbon dioxide emissions and other information.

In the United States, the EPA issued a finding that greenhouse gases endanger the public health and safety, adopted regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from certain mobile sources, and proposed regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from large stationary sources. However, in March 2017, the U.S. President signed an executive order to review and possibly eliminate the EPA’s plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions. The EPA or individual U.S. states could enact environmental regulations that would affect our operations.

Any passage of climate control legislation or other regulatory initiatives by the IMO, the EU, the U.S. or other countries where we operate, or any treaty adopted at the international level to succeed the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement, that restricts emissions of greenhouse gases could require us to make significant financial expenditures which we cannot predict with certainty at this time. Even in the absence of climate control legislation, our business may be indirectly affected to the extent that climate change may result in sea level changes or certain weather events.

### International Labour Organization

The International Labor Organization (the “ILO”) is a specialized agency of the UN that has adopted the Maritime Labor Convention 2006 (“MLC 2006”). A Maritime Labor Certificate and a Declaration of Maritime Labor Compliance is required to ensure compliance with the MLC 2006 for all ships above 500 gross tons in international trade. All of our vessels are in substantial compliance with and are certified to meet MLC 2006.

### Vessel Security Regulations

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in the United States, there have been a variety of initiatives intended to enhance vessel security such as the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (“MTSA”). To implement certain portions of the MTSA, the USCG issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security

requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and at certain ports and facilities, some of which are regulated by the EPA.

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Similarly, Chapter XI-2 of the SOLAS Convention imposes detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities and mandates compliance with the International Ship and Port Facilities Security Code (“the ISPS Code”). The ISPS Code is designed to enhance the security of ports and ships against terrorism. To trade internationally, a vessel must attain an International Ship Security Certificate (“ISSC”) from a recognized security organization approved by the vessel’s flag state. Ships operating without a valid certificate may be detained, expelled from, or refused entry at port until they obtain an ISSC. The various requirements, some of which are found in the SOLAS Convention, include, for example, on-board installation of automatic identification systems to provide a means for the automatic transmission of safety-related information from among similarly equipped ships and shore stations, including information on a ship’s identity, position, course, speed and navigational status; on-board installation of ship security alert systems, which do not sound on the vessel but only alert the authorities on shore; the development of vessel security plans; ship identification number to be permanently marked on a vessel’s hull; a continuous synopsis record kept onboard showing a vessel’s history including the name of the ship, the state whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, the date on which the ship was registered with that state, the ship’s identification number, the port at which the ship is registered and the name of the registered owner(s) and their registered address; and compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The USCG regulations, intended to align with international maritime security standards, exempt non-U.S. vessels from MTSA vessel security measures, provided such vessels have on board a valid ISSC that attests to the vessel’s compliance with the SOLAS Convention security requirements and the ISPS Code. Future security measures could have a significant financial impact on us. We intend to comply with the various security measures addressed by MTSA, the SOLAS Convention and the ISPS Code.

### Inspection by Classification Societies

The hull and machinery of every commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and SOLAS. Most insurance underwriters make it a condition for insurance coverage and lending that a vessel be certified “in class” by a classification society which is a member of the International Association of Classification Societies, the IACS. The IACS has adopted harmonized Common Structural Rules, or the Rules, which apply to oil tankers and bulk carriers constructed on or after July 1, 2015. The Rules attempt to create a level of consistency between IACS Societies. All of our vessels are certified as being “in class” by all the applicable Classification Societies (American Bureau of Shipping, DNVGL, or Lloyd’s Register of Shipping). All new and secondhand vessels that we purchase must be certified prior to their delivery under our standard agreements.

A vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys, drydockings and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel’s machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every 30 to 36 months for inspection of the underwater parts of the vessel. If any vessel does not maintain its class and/or fails any annual survey, intermediate survey, drydocking or special survey, the vessel will be unable to carry cargo between ports and will be unemployable and uninsurable which could cause us to be in violation of certain covenants in our loan agreements. Any such inability to carry cargo or be employed, or any such violation of covenants, could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

### SEASONALITY

We operate our vessels in markets that have historically exhibited seasonal variations in demand and, as a result, freight and charter rates. We seek to mitigate the risk of these seasonal variations by entering into long-term time charters for our vessels, where possible. However, this seasonality may result in quarter-to-quarter volatility in our operating results, depending on when we enter into our time charters or if our vessels trade on the spot market. The drybulk sector is typically stronger in the fall and winter months in anticipation of increased consumption of coal and raw materials in the northern hemisphere during the winter months. As a result, our revenues could be weaker during the fiscal quarters ended June 30 and September 30, and conversely, our revenues could be stronger during the quarters ended December 31 and March 31.



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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

ADDITIONAL FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

This annual report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements use words such as “anticipate,” “budget,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with a discussion of potential future events, circumstances or future operating or financial performance. These forward-looking statements are based on our management’s current expectations and observations. Included among the factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward looking statements contained in this annual report on Form 10-K are the following: (i) declines or sustained weakness in demand in the drybulk shipping industry; (ii) continuation of weakness or declines in drybulk shipping rates; (iii) changes in the supply of or demand for drybulk products, generally or in particular regions; (iv) changes in the supply of drybulk carriers including newbuilding of vessels or lower than anticipated scrapping of older vessels; (v) changes in rules and regulations applicable to the cargo industry, including, without limitation, legislation adopted by international organizations or by individual countries and actions taken by regulatory authorities; (vi) increases in costs and expenses including but not limited to: crew wages, insurance, provisions, lube oil, bunkers, repairs, maintenance, general and administrative expenses, and management fee expenses; (vii) whether our insurance arrangements are adequate; (viii) changes in general domestic and international political conditions; (ix) acts of war, terrorism, or piracy; (x) changes in the condition of the Company’s vessels or applicable maintenance or regulatory standards (which may affect, among other things, our anticipated drydocking or maintenance and repair costs) and unanticipated drydock expenditures; (xi) the Company’s acquisition or disposition of vessels; (xii) the amount of offhire time needed to complete repairs on vessels and the timing and amount of any reimbursement by our insurance carriers for insurance claims, including offhire days; (xiii) the completion of definitive documentation with respect to charters; (xiv) charterers’ compliance with the terms of their charters in the current market environment; (xv) the extent to which our operating results continue to be affected by weakness in market conditions and freight and charter rates; (xvi) our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operation, to obtain and maintain acceptable terms with our vendors, customers and service providers and to retain key executives, managers and employees; (xvii) completion of documentation for vessel transactions and the performance of the terms thereof by buyers or sellers of vessels and us; (xviii) the terms of definitive documentation for the purchase and installation of exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers, for our vessels and our ability to have scrubbers installed within the price range and time frame anticipated; (xix) our ability to obtain any additional financing we may seek for scrubbers on acceptable terms; (xx) the relative cost and availability of low sulfur and high sulfur fuel or any additional scrubbers we may seek to install; (xxi) our ability to realize the economic benefits or recover the cost of the scrubbers we plan to install; (xxii) worldwide compliance with sulfur emissions regulations due to take effect on January 1, 2020; (xxiii) those other risks and uncertainties discussed below under the headings “RISK FACTORS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS & OPERATIONS”, and (xxiv) other factors listed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The following risk factors and other information included in this report should be carefully considered. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected and the trading price of our common stock could decline.

## RISK FACTORS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

### Industry Specific Risk Factors

A downturn in the global economic environment may negatively impact our business.

Slow growth rates in the global economy may negatively impact the drybulk industry. General market volatility has endured over the last several years as a result of uncertainty about the growth rate of the world economy and the Chinese economy in particular, on which the drybulk industry depends to a significant degree. Freight and

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charter rates have declined significantly in recent years, but have increased from historic lows due to a relative improvement of demand for drybulk commodities, as well as due to slowing growth rates in the supply of drybulk newbuilding vessel deliveries. See “Oversupply of drybulk carrier capacity may lead to rate weakness or further reductions in freight rates, charterhire rates and profitability” for further details. As a result, a number of drybulk shipping companies, including us, have experienced declining revenues, negative cash flow, and liquidity issues in recent years. Although supply and demand fundamentals have improved, in recent years there have been widespread loan covenant defaults in the drybulk industry as well as declarations of bankruptcy by some operators and shipowners as well as charterers.

During May 2018 we refinanced our three existing credit facilities into one facility, the \$460 Million Credit Facility, as further described in Note 8 of our Consolidated Financial Statements and completed a \$116 million capital raise during June 2018. Additionally, we entered into the \$108 Million Credit Facility during August 2018 to finance a portion of the purchase price of six vessels delivered during the third quarter of 2018. Based on current market conditions, we believe these measures are sufficient to address such issues for at least the next twelve months. However, if the current global economic environment worsens or does not sufficiently recover, we may be negatively affected in the following ways:

- As a result of low freight and charter rates that in some instances do not allow us to operate our vessels profitably, our earnings and cash flows could decline. If these conditions continue for a prolonged period of time, they may leave us with insufficient cash resources to fund our operations or make required debt repayments under our credit facilities, which would potentially accelerate the repayment of our outstanding indebtedness. Please refer to “We may face liquidity issues if conditions in the drybulk market worsen for a prolonged period” below for further details.
- If our earnings and cash flows decline for a prolonged period of time, we may also breach one or more of the covenants in our credit facilities, including covenants relating to our minimum cash balance, collateral maintenance and our minimum working capital. This also would potentially accelerate the repayment of outstanding indebtedness.
- Market values of our vessels could decrease in the future, which may cause us to recognize losses if any of our vessels are sold, scrapped or if their values are impaired. Moreover, all of our credit facilities contain collateral maintenance covenants that depend on the appraised values of our vessels. We currently are in compliance with all such covenants under our credit facilities but may not be in compliance if the appraised values of our vessels decline. The collateral maintenance covenants are tested on a quarterly basis under our \$460 Million Credit Facility and \$108 Million Credit Facility. Please refer to “The market values of our vessels may decrease, which could adversely affect our operating results” below for further details.
- Our charterers may fail to meet their obligations under our time charter and freight agreements.

The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, and ability to continue as a going concern.

Freight and charterhire rates for drybulk carriers could remain low from a historical perspective or further decrease in the future, which may adversely affect our earnings.

A prolonged downturn in the drybulk charter market, from which we derive the large majority of our revenues, severely affected the drybulk shipping industry for several years with lows reached in 2016. In the two subsequent years, the Baltic Dry Index (“BDI”), an index published by The Baltic Exchange of shipping rates for key drybulk routes, has shown some improvement. Although the BDI showed improvement in 2018 through October, it has since declined due to factors mentioned in Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Moreover, the BDI remains volatile, and the economic conditions underlying its overall decline have not abated. While some of the factors behind this decline are seasonal such as frontloaded newbuilding deliveries, the Chinese New Year celebration and weather related cargo disruptions, other factors are specific to developments experienced over the last several months including the U.S.-China trade dispute, temporary coal import restrictions in

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China and the breach of a dam at one of Vale SA's iron ore mines in Brazil, which have affected trade volumes and sentiment. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the drybulk charter market will recover in the near future, and the market could experience a further downturn.

The supply of and demand for shipping capacity strongly influences freight rates. Because the factors affecting the supply and demand for vessels are outside of our control and are unpredictable, the nature, timing, direction and degree of changes in industry conditions are also unpredictable.

Factors that influence demand for vessel capacity include:

- demand for and production of drybulk products;
- global and regional economic and political conditions, including developments in international trade, fluctuations in industrial and agricultural production and armed conflicts;
- the distance drybulk cargo is to be moved by sea;
- environmental and other regulatory developments;
- events impacting the production of the commodities that we carry; and
- changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns.

Factors that influence the supply of vessel capacity include:

- the number of newbuilding deliveries;
- port and canal congestion;
- the scrapping rate of older vessels;
- vessel casualties;

- conversion of vessels to other uses;
- the number of vessels that are out of service, i.e., laid-up, drydocked, awaiting repairs or otherwise not available for hire; and
- environmental concerns and regulations

In addition to prevailing and anticipated freight rates, factors that affect the rate of newbuilding, scrapping and laying-up include newbuilding prices, secondhand vessel values in relation to scrap prices, costs of bunkers and other operating costs, costs associated with classification society surveys, normal maintenance and insurance coverage, the efficiency and age profile of the existing fleet in the market and government and industry regulation of maritime transportation practices, particularly environmental protection laws and regulations. These factors influencing the supply of and demand for shipping capacity are outside of our control, and we may not be able to correctly assess the nature, timing and degree of changes in industry conditions.

We anticipate that the future demand for drybulk carriers will continue to depend on economic growth in the world's economies, particularly China and India, seasonal and regional changes in demand, changes in the capacity of the global drybulk carrier fleet and the sources and supply of drybulk cargo to be transported by sea. Adverse economic, political, social or other developments, including a change in worldwide fleet capacity, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, and ability to continue as a going concern.

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Oversupply of drybulk carrier capacity may lead to rate weakness or further reductions in freight rates, charterhire rates and profitability.

Although growth rates have slowed, the market supply of drybulk carriers has continued to increase as a result of the delivery of newbuilding orders, which peaked in 2007. Scrapping of older vessels has not been sufficient to offset the delivery of such newbuildings. Moreover, while the order book for new vessels has decreased since its peak in 2008, a slightly improved market environment over the last two years has resulted in new orders being placed. If the supply of newbuilding vessels outpaces the demand for vessels in the future, it could have a negative impact on freight rates and charterhire rates. If market conditions deteriorate, upon the expiration or termination of our vessels' current employment, we may only be able to employ our vessels at depressed or unprofitable rates, or we may not be able to employ these vessels at all. The occurrence of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, and ability to continue as a going concern.

Prolonged declines in freight and charter rates, changes in the useful life of vessels, and other market deterioration could cause us to incur impairment charges.

We evaluate the carrying amounts of our vessels to determine if events have occurred that would require us to evaluate our vessels for an impairment of their carrying amounts. The recoverable amount of vessels is reviewed based on events and changes in circumstances that would indicate that the carrying amount of the assets might not be recovered. The review for potential impairment indicators and projection of future cash flows related to the vessels is complex and requires us to make various estimates including future freight rates and earnings from the vessels. All of these items have been historically volatile.

We determine the recoverable amount of each vessel by estimating the undiscounted future cash flows associated with each vessel. If the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount of the vessel, the vessel is deemed impaired and such vessel would be written down to its fair market value. The carrying values of our vessels may not represent their fair market value in the future because the new market prices of second-hand vessels tend to fluctuate with changes in freight and charter rates and the cost of newbuildings. Any impairment charges incurred as a result of declines in freight and charter rates could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, and ability to continue as a going concern.

An economic slowdown, weakness, or changes in the economic and political environment in the Asia Pacific region could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

A significant number of the port calls made by our vessels involve the loading or discharging of raw materials and semi-finished products in ports in the Asia Pacific region. As a result, a negative change in economic conditions in any Asia Pacific country, and particularly in China, India or Japan, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. In particular, in recent years, China has been one of the world's fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product, although its rate of growth has been decreasing. We cannot assure you that the Chinese economy will not experience a contraction in the future.

To the extent the Chinese government does not continue to pursue a policy of economic growth and urbanization, including infrastructure stimulus spending, the level of imports to and exports from China could be adversely affected by changes to these initiatives by the Chinese government, as well as by changes in political, economic and social conditions or other relevant policies of the Chinese government, such as changes in laws, regulations or export and import restrictions. Notwithstanding economic reform, the Chinese government may adopt policies that favor domestic drybulk shipping companies and may hinder our ability to compete with them effectively. The Chinese government has also taken actions seen as protecting domestic industries such as coal or steel, which may reduce the demand for drybulk cargoes bound for China and negatively impact the drybulk industry. Moreover, a significant or protracted slowdown in the economies of the United States, the European Union or various Asian countries may adversely affect economic growth in China and elsewhere.

Any increased trade barriers or restrictions on trade, especially trade with China, could have an adverse impact on global economic conditions and, as a result, the amount of cargo that charterers pay to have transported on drybulk



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vessels. As an example of such restrictions, in March 2018, President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on steel and a 10% tariff on aluminum imported into the United States, with temporary or permanent exemptions granted for certain countries. In response to these tariffs, China, the E.U., and other countries have implemented or are evaluating the use of retaliatory measures, which could further increase barriers to trade. Most notable in term of drybulk trade volumes, China imposed tariffs on U.S. soybean exports. Further protectionist measures taken between these two countries or others could lead to reduced volumes of drybulk trade. Our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends could be materially and adversely affected by an economic downturn in any of these countries or by increased trade barriers or restrictions on trade.

We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental and operational safety laws that could require significant expenditures and affect our cash flows and net income and could subject us to increased liability under applicable law or regulation.

Our business and the operation of our vessels are materially affected by government regulation in the form of international conventions and national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which the vessels operate, as well as in the countries of their registration. Because such conventions, laws, and regulations are often revised, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with them or their impact on the resale prices or useful lives of our vessels. Additional conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of our doing business and that may materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. See “Overview — Environmental and Other Regulation” in Item 1, “Business” of this annual report for a discussion of such conventions, laws, and regulations. We are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, certificates and financial assurances with respect to our operations.

The operation of our vessels is affected by the requirements set forth in the ISM Code. The ISM Code requires ship owners, ship managers and bareboat charterers to develop and maintain an extensive “Safety Management System” that includes the adoption of a safety and environmental protection policy setting forth instructions and procedures for safe operation and describing procedures for dealing with emergencies. The failure of a ship owner or bareboat charterer to comply with the ISM Code may subject it to increased liability, may invalidate existing insurance or decrease available insurance coverage for the affected vessels and may result in a denial of access to, or detention in, certain ports.

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (“OPA”) established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for the protection and cleanup of the environment from oil spills. OPA affects all owners and operators whose vessels trade in the U.S., its territories and possessions or whose vessels operate in U.S. waters. OPA allows for liability without regard to fault of vessel owners, operators and demise charterers for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from discharges or threatened discharges of oil from their vessels, including bunkers, in U.S. waters. Such liability is potentially unlimited in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence. OPA also expressly permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to hazardous materials and oil pollution materials occurring within their boundaries, provided they accept, at a minimum, the levels of liability established under OPA.

On October 27, 2016, at MEPC 70, MEPC announced the results from a vote to ratify and formalize regulations mandating a reduction in sulfur emissions from 3.5% currently to 0.5% as of the beginning of 2020 rather than pushing the deadline back to 2025. By 2020 ships will now have to either remove sulfur from emissions through the use of emission scrubbers or buy fuel with low sulfur content. If a vessel is not retrofitted with a scrubber, it will need to use low sulfur fuel, which is more expensive than standard marine fuel. This increased demand for low sulfur fuel may result in an increase in prices for such fuel.

In order to comply with regulations mandating a reduction in sulfur emissions from 3.5% currently to 0.5% as of the beginning of 2020, we have entered into agreements to install exhaust gas cleaning systems (“scrubbers”) on our 17 Capesize vessels during 2019 and are evaluating options to install scrubbers on certain minor bulk vessels. We estimate that the cost of each scrubber, including installation, will be approximately \$2.25 million per vessel, which may vary according to the specifications of our vessels and technical aspects of the installation, among other variables. This does not include any lost revenue associated with offhire days due to the installation of the scrubbers. We expect the portion of our fleet on which we do not install scrubbers to consume compliant, low sulfur fuel beginning in 2020, but

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we will continue to evaluate other options. We expect that our fuel costs and fuel inventories will increase beginning in 2019 as a result of these sulfur emission regulations. Low sulfur fuel is more expensive than standard marine fuel containing 3.5% sulfur content and may become more expensive or difficult to obtain as a result of increased demand. If the cost differential between low sulfur fuel and high sulfur fuel is significantly higher than anticipated, or if low sulfur fuel is not available at ports on certain trading routes, it may not be feasible or competitive to operate vessels on certain trading routes without installing scrubbers or without incurring deviation time to obtain compliant fuel. Scrubbers may not be available to be installed on such vessels at a favorable cost or at all if we seek them at a later date. Conversely, if implementation or enforcement of sulfur emissions regulations is delayed, or if the cost differential between low sulfur fuel and high sulfur fuel is significantly lower than anticipated, we may not realize the economic benefits or recover the cost of the scrubbers we plan to install. The occurrence of any of the foregoing events may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. In addition, a number of countries have imposed restrictions on the discharge of wash water from open loop scrubbers within their port limits. While there are no restrictions on using open loop scrubbers outside of port limits, any changes in these regulations or more stringent standards globally could impact the use of open loop scrubbers going forward.

Recent action by the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and U.S. agencies indicate that cybersecurity regulations for the maritime industry are likely to be further developed in the near future in an attempt to combat cybersecurity threats. This might cause companies to cultivate additional procedures for monitoring cybersecurity, which could require additional expenses and/or capital expenditures. However, the impact of such regulations is difficult to predict at this time.

Regulations relating to ballast water discharge coming into effect during September 2019 may adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

The IMO has imposed updated guidelines for ballast water management systems specifying the maximum amount of viable organisms allowed to be discharged from a vessel's ballast water. Depending on the date of the IOPP renewal survey, existing vessels constructed before September 8, 2017 must comply with the updated D-2 standard on or after September 8, 2019. For most vessels, compliance with the D-2 standard will involve installing on-board systems to treat ballast water and eliminate unwanted organisms. Ships constructed on or after September 8, 2017 are to comply with the D-2 standards on or after September 8, 2017. During the fourth quarter of 2018, we entered into agreements for the purchase of ballast water treatments systems for 47 of our vessels. After the installation of these ballast water treatment systems, all of our vessels will be in compliance with these standards. The costs of compliance may be substantial and adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

Furthermore, United States regulations are currently changing. Although the 2013 Vessel General Permit ("VGP") program and U.S. National Invasive Species Act ("NISA") are currently in effect to regulate ballast discharge, exchange and installation, the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act ("VIDA"), which was signed into law on December 4, 2018, requires that the U.S. Coast Guard develop implementation, compliance, and enforcement regulations regarding ballast water within two years. The new regulations could require the installation of new equipment, which may cause us to incur substantial costs.

Increased inspection procedures and tighter import and export controls could increase costs and disrupt our business.

International shipping is subject to various security and customs inspection and related procedures in countries of origin and destination. Inspection procedures can result in the seizure of the contents of our vessels, delays in the loading, offloading or delivery and the levying of customs duties, fines or other penalties against us.

It is possible that changes to inspection procedures could impose additional financial and legal obligations on us. Furthermore, changes to inspection procedures could also impose additional costs and obligations on our customers and may, in certain cases, render the shipment of certain types of cargo uneconomical or impractical. Any such changes or developments may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

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We operate our vessels worldwide and as a result, our vessels are exposed to international risks which could reduce revenue or increase expenses.

The international shipping industry is an inherently risky business involving global operations. Our vessels will be at risk of damage or loss because of events such as mechanical failure, collision, human error, war, terrorism, piracy, cargo loss and bad weather. All these hazards can result in death or injury to persons, increased costs, loss of revenues, loss or damage to property (including cargo), environmental damage, higher insurance rates, damage to our customer relationships, harm to our reputation as a safe and reliable operator and delay or rerouting. In addition, changing economic, regulatory and political conditions in some countries, including political and military conflicts, have from time to time resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways, piracy, terrorism, labor strikes and boycotts. Our vessels may operate in particularly dangerous areas, including areas of the South China Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia, the Gulf of Guinea, and the Red Sea. In November 2013, the government of the People's Republic of China announced an Air Defense Identification Zone, or ADIZ, covering much of the East China Sea. When introduced, the Chinese ADIZ was controversial because a number of nations are not honoring the ADIZ, and the ADIZ includes certain maritime areas that have been contested among various nations in the region. Tensions relating to the Chinese ADIZ may escalate as a result of incidents relating to the ADIZ or other territorial disputes, which may result in additional limitations on navigation or trade. These sorts of events could interfere with shipping routes and result in market disruptions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

Our vessels may suffer damage, and we may face unexpected dry docking costs, which could adversely affect our cash flow and financial condition.

If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydock repairs are unpredictable and can be substantial. We may have to pay drydocking costs that our insurance does not cover in full. In addition, space at drydocking facilities is sometimes limited and not all drydocking facilities are conveniently located. We may be unable to find space at a suitable drydocking facility or we may be forced to travel to a drydocking facility that is distant from the relevant vessel's position. The loss of earnings while our vessels are being repaired and repositioned or from being forced to wait for space or to travel to more distant drydocking facilities, as well as the actual cost of repairs, could negatively impact our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

The operation of drybulk carriers has certain unique operational risks which could affect our earnings and cash flow.

The operation of certain ship types, such as drybulk carriers, has certain unique risks. With a drybulk carrier, the cargo itself and its interaction with the vessel can be an operational risk. By their nature, drybulk cargoes are often

heavy, dense, easily shifted, and react badly to water exposure. In addition, drybulk carriers are often subjected to battering treatment during unloading operations with grabs, jackhammers (to pry encrusted cargoes out of the hold) and small bulldozers. This treatment may cause damage to the vessel. Vessels damaged due to treatment during unloading procedures may be more susceptible to breach to the sea. Hull breaches in drybulk carriers may lead to the flooding of the vessels' holds. If a drybulk carrier suffers flooding in its forward holds, the bulk cargo may become so dense and waterlogged that its pressure may buckle the vessel's bulkheads, leading to the loss of a vessel. If we are unable to adequately maintain our vessels, we may be unable to prevent these events. Any of these circumstances or events may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. In addition, the loss of any of our vessels could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

Acts of piracy on ocean-going vessels have continued and could adversely affect our business.

Acts of piracy have historically affected ocean-going vessels trading in regions of the world such as the South China Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia, the Gulf of Guinea, and the Red Sea. Sea piracy incidents continue to occur particularly in the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Guinea and increasingly in Southeast Asia. If these piracy attacks result in regions in which our vessels are deployed being characterized by

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insurers as “war risk” zones, or Joint War Committee (JWC) “war and strikes” listed areas, premiums payable for such coverage could increase significantly and such insurance coverage may be more difficult to obtain, if available at all. In addition, crew costs, including costs that may be incurred to the extent we employ onboard security guards, could increase in such circumstances. We may not be adequately insured to cover losses from these incidents, which could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, detention hijacking as a result of an act of piracy against our vessels, or an increase in cost, or unavailability of insurance for our vessels, could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

In response to piracy incidents, following consultation with regulatory authorities, we may station guards on some of our vessels in some instances. While our use of guards is intended to deter and prevent the hijacking of our vessels, it may also increase our risk of liability for death or injury to persons or damage to personal property. If we do not have adequate insurance in place to cover such liability, it could adversely impact our business, results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.

Terrorist attacks and other acts of violence or war may have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Terrorist attacks continue to cause uncertainty in the world’s financial markets and may affect our business, operating results and financial condition. Continuing conflicts and recent developments in the Middle East, and the presence of U.S. and other armed forces in the Middle East and Afghanistan, may lead to additional acts of terrorism and armed conflict around the world, which may contribute to further economic instability in the global financial markets. These uncertainties could also adversely affect our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us or at all. In the past, political conflicts have also resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt international shipping, particularly in the Arabian Gulf region. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operation, and financial condition.

Compliance with safety and other vessel requirements imposed by classification societies may be costly and could reduce our net cash flows and net income.

The hull and machinery of commercial vessels must be certified as being “in class” by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and the SOLAS Convention. Our vessels are currently enrolled with the ABS, DNVGL, or Lloyd’s, each of which is a member of the IACS. Further, to trade internationally, a vessel must attain an ISSC from a recognized security organization.

A vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel’s machinery may be placed on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically

over a five-year period. Our vessels are on special survey cycles for hull inspection and continuous survey cycles for machinery inspection. Every vessel is also required to be drydocked every five years during the special survey. For vessels that are less than 15 years old, intermediate surveys can be performed in the form of in-water examination of its underwater parts every two to three years. For vessels that are older than 15 years, the vessel is required to be drydocked during the intermediate survey as well as the special survey.

If any vessel does not maintain its class or fails any annual, intermediate or special survey, the vessel will be unable to trade between ports and will be unemployable and we could be in violation of certain covenants in our credit facilities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.



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If our vessels call on ports located in countries that are subject to restrictions imposed by the U.S. or other governments, that could adversely affect our reputation and the market for our common shares.

All of our charters with customers contain restrictions prohibiting our vessels from entering any countries or conducting any trade prohibited by the United States. However, there is no assurance that, on such charterers' instructions, our vessels will not call on ports located in countries subject to sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government or countries identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism, such as Iran, Sudan and Syria. Although we believe that we are in compliance with all applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations, and intend to maintain such compliance, there is no assurance that we will be in compliance in the future, particularly as the scope of certain laws may be unclear and may be subject to changing interpretations. Any such violation could result in fines or other penalties and could result in some investors deciding, or being required, to divest their interest, or not to invest, in us. Additionally, some investors may decide to divest their interest, or not to invest, in us simply because we do business with companies that do business in sanctioned countries. Moreover, our charterers may violate applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations as a result of actions that do not involve us or our vessels, and those violations could in turn negatively affect our reputation. Investor perception of the value of our common stock may also be adversely affected by the consequences of war, the effects of terrorism, civil unrest and governmental actions in these and surrounding countries.

We could be adversely affected by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, UK Bribery Act, and other applicable worldwide anti-corruption laws.

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and other applicable worldwide anti-corruption laws generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to government officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. These laws include the U.K. Bribery Act, which became effective on July 1, 2011 and which is broader in scope than the FCPA, as it contains no facilitating payments exception. We charter our vessels into some jurisdictions that international corruption monitoring groups have identified as having high levels of corruption. Our activities create the risk of unauthorized payments or offers of payments by one of our employees or agents that could be in violation of the FCPA or other applicable anti-corruption laws. Our policies mandate compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws. Although we have policies, procedures and internal controls in place to monitor internal and external compliance, we cannot assure that our policies and procedures will protect us from governmental investigations or inquiries surrounding actions of our employees or agents. If we are found to be liable for violations of the FCPA or other applicable anti-corruption laws (either due to our own acts or our inadvertence, or due to the acts or inadvertence of others), we could suffer from civil and criminal penalties or other sanctions.

We may be unable to attract and retain qualified, skilled employees or crew necessary to operate our business.

Our success depends in large part on our ability to attract and retain highly skilled and qualified personnel. In crewing our vessels, we require technically skilled employees with specialized training who can perform physically demanding work. Competition to attract and retain qualified crew members is intense. If we are not able to increase our rates to

compensate for any crew cost increases, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. Any inability our third party technical managers or we experience in the future to hire, train and retain a sufficient number of qualified employees could impair our ability to manage, maintain and grow our business, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

Labor interruptions could disrupt our business.

Our vessels are manned by masters, officers and crews that are employed by third parties. If not resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner, industrial action or other labor unrest could prevent or hinder our operations from being carried out normally and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

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The smuggling of drugs or other contraband onto our vessels may lead to governmental claims against us.

We expect that our vessels will call in ports in South America and other areas where smugglers attempt to hide drugs and other contraband on vessels, with or without the knowledge of crew members. To the extent our vessels are found with contraband, whether inside or attached to the hull of our vessel and whether with or without the knowledge of any of our crew, we may face governmental or other regulatory claims which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

Arrests of our vessels by maritime claimants could cause a significant loss of earnings for the related off-hire period.

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against a vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lienholder may enforce its lien by “arresting” or “attaching” a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. The arrest or attachment of one or more of our vessels could result in a significant loss of earnings for the related off-hire period. In addition, in jurisdictions where the “sister ship” theory of liability applies, a claimant may arrest the vessel which is subject to the claimant’s maritime lien and any “associated” vessel, which is any vessel owned or controlled by the same owner. In countries with “sister ship” liability laws, claims might be asserted against us or any of our vessels for liabilities of other vessels that we own.

Governments could requisition our vessels during a period of war or emergency, resulting in loss of earnings.

A government of a vessel’s registry could requisition for title or seize our vessels. Requisition for title occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and becomes the owner. A government could also requisition our vessels for hire. Requisition for hire occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and effectively becomes the charterer at dictated charter rates. Generally, requisitions occur during a period of war or emergency. Government requisition of one or more of our vessels could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

Changes in fuel prices could adversely affect our profits.

We operate a large portion of the vessels in our fleet on spot market voyage charters. Spot market voyage charter arrangements generally provide that the vessel owner bear the cost of fuel in the form of bunkers, which is a significant expense of operating the vessel. We currently have 30 vessels operating in on spot market voyage charters and we may arrange for more vessels to do so, depending on market conditions. Depending on the timing of increases in the price of fuel and market conditions, we may be unable to pass along increases in fuel prices to our customers.

Currently, a portion of our vessels are operating on spot market voyage charters while the balance are operating under standard time charter arrangements. Under standard time charter arrangements, the charterer bears the cost of fuel in the form of bunkers. At the commencement of a charter, the charterer purchases fuel from us at the then-prevailing market rates, and we are obligated to repurchase fuel at that same initial rate when the charterer redelivers the vessel back to us. Market rates at the time the charterer redelivers the vessel to us after completion of the charter (including any direct continuations) may be more or less than the prevailing market rates at the commencement of the charter. In certain of our short-term time charter agreements, we sell the charterer the amount of the bunkers actually consumed and the charterer is required to redeliver the vessel to us without replenishment of the bunkers consumed. We believe the staggered nature of time charter expirations and the cyclical nature of fuel prices over time should reduce the risk of these repurchase obligations. However, the date of redelivery of vessels and fluctuations in the price and supply of fuel are unpredictable and therefore these arrangements could result in losses or reductions in working capital that are beyond our control. With respect to time charter agreements, we believe the variable expiration of the relevant contracts makes hedging agreements impractical or uneconomic.

Given that under certain arrangements with short-term or spot market voyage charters, we may bear the cost of fuel, the recent volatility in fuel prices could be a factor affecting profitability in these arrangements. To profitably price an individual charter, we must take into account the anticipated cost of fuel for the duration of the charter. Changes in the actual price of fuel at the time the charter is to be performed could result in the charter being performed at a significantly greater or lesser profit than originally anticipated or even result in a loss.

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As noted above under “We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental and operational safety laws that could require significant expenditures and affect our cash flows and net income and could subject us to increased liability under applicable law or regulation,” regulations on sulfur emissions due to take effect in 2020 may result in certain types of marine fuel becoming more expensive. To mitigate this risk, we may enter into forward bunker contracts from time to time that permit us to purchase fuel at a fixed price in exchange for payment of a certain amount. We may incur a loss on such contracts if the price of fuel declines below the price at which the contract permits us to purchase fuel, or a significant increase in the price of fuel may not be mitigated by our entry into such contracts, if any. Either occurrence could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations, cash flows, and ability to pay dividends.

Our results of operations are subject to seasonal fluctuations, which may adversely affect our financial condition.

We operate our vessels in markets that have historically exhibited seasonal variations in demand and, as a result, freight and charter rates. This seasonality may result in quarter-to-quarter volatility in our operating results, depending on when we enter into our time charters or if our vessels trade on the spot market. The drybulk sector is typically stronger in the fall and winter months in anticipation of increased consumption of coal and raw materials in the northern hemisphere during the winter months. As a result, our revenues could be weaker during the fiscal quarters ended June 30 and September 30, and conversely, our revenue could be stronger during the quarters ended December 31 and March 31. This seasonality could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

## Company Specific Risk Factors

We may face liquidity issues if conditions in the drybulk market worsen for a prolonged period.

While supply and demand fundamentals have improved starting in 2017, persistent, historically low rates prior to 2017 in the drybulk shipping market resulted in decreases in our prior period revenues. As a result, we experienced negative cash flows, and in turn, our liquidity was negatively impacted. While we have recently refinanced or amended our credit facilities and conducted an equity raise, if the market environment declines over a prolonged period of time, we may have insufficient liquidity to fund ongoing operations or satisfy our obligations under our credit facilities, which may lead to a default under one or more of our credit facilities.

If we are in default of any of our credit facilities, the repayment of our indebtedness under the relevant facility could potentially be accelerated. In addition, each of our credit facilities contain cross default provisions that could be triggered by a default under any of our other credit facilities, with the result that the repayment of some or all of our

indebtedness could potentially be accelerated.

As a result, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, ability to pay dividends, and we may cease to continue as a going concern. For a further discussion of our liquidity issues, see “Liquidity and Capital Resources” in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” below.

The market values of our vessels may decrease, which could adversely affect our operating results.

If the book value of one of our vessels is impaired due to unfavorable market conditions or a vessel is sold at a price below its book value, we would incur a loss that could adversely affect our financial results. Refer to the “Impairment of long-lived assets” section under the heading “Critical Accounting Policies” in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” for further information. The occurrence of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

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Our earnings will be adversely affected if we do not successfully employ our vessels.

As of March 4, 2019, approximately 55% of our vessels were in arrangements in which they were trading at spot market rates through spot market voyage charters or spot market-related time charters. Thirty of our vessels were engaged under spot market voyage charters and two of our vessels were engaged under spot market-related time charter contracts as of such date. Lastly, 26 of the vessels in our fleet were engaged under fixed rate time charters as of such date. All of the charter contracts for our vessels expire (assuming the option periods in the time charters are not exercised) between March 2019 and July 2019. The charterhire rates for our vessels have sometimes declined below the operating costs of our vessels. Because we currently charter most of our vessels on spot market voyage charters and spot market-related time charters, we are exposed to the cyclical and volatility of the spot charter market, and we do not have significant long-term, fixed-rate time charters to ameliorate the adverse effects of downturns in the spot market. Capesize vessels, which we operate as part of our fleet, have been particularly susceptible to significant freight rate fluctuations in spot charter rates.

To the extent our vessels trade in the spot charter market, we may experience fluctuations in revenue, cash flow and net income. The spot charter market is highly competitive, and spot market voyage charter rates may fluctuate dramatically based primarily on the worldwide supply of drybulk vessels available in the market and the worldwide demand for the transportation of drybulk cargoes. We can provide no assurance that future freight rates and charterhire rates will enable us to operate our vessels profitably. In addition, our standard time charter contracts with our customers specify certain performance parameters, which if not met can result in customer claims. Such claims may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

To the extent our vessels are engaged under spot market voyages, we will face operational risks because we will be responsible for delays in delivery of the cargo, which may be due to issues with weather, the breakdown of a vessel, congestion at the port of delivery, or other factors that may be beyond our control. Such delays can result in customer claims. In addition, spot market voyages will require us to make payments directly to third parties that our charters would ordinarily make under chartering arrangements. Such arrangements carry a risk of disputes and fraud by third parties. As a result of any of these circumstances, we may experience a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

In addition, while we try to capture arbitrage opportunities by taking cargo positions, a significant fluctuation in the rate environment could adversely affect the profitability of those trades.

The revenues we earn may depend on the success and profitability of any vessel pools in which we may operate our vessels.

We currently do not deploy any of our vessels in pooling arrangements. However, we may deploy our vessels in one or more vessel pools from time to time as part of our chartering strategy. Chartering arrangements for our vessels deployed in a pool are handled by the commercial manager of the pool. The profitability of our vessels operating in vessel pools will depend upon the pool managers' ability to successfully implement a profitable chartering strategy, which could include, among other things, obtaining favorable charters and employing vessels in the pool efficiently in order to service those charters. The pool's profitability will also depend on minimizing, to the extent possible, time spent waiting for charters and time spent traveling unladen to pick up cargo. Furthermore, should an incident occur that negatively affects a pool's revenues or should a pool underperform, then our profitability will be negatively impacted as a result. Commercial managers of pools typically exercise significant control and discretion over the operation of the pool, and our success and profitability will depend on the success of the pools in which we participate, particularly if we transition to a new pool. If vessels from other owners which enter into pools in which we participate are not of comparable design or quality to our vessels, or if the owners of such other vessels negotiate for greater pool weightings than those obtained by us, this could negatively impact the profitability of the pools in which we participate or dilute our interest in pool profits. If we wish to withdraw a vessel from a pool, we are required to give advance notice and the agreements we enter into with pools in which we participate may provide the applicable pool the right to defer withdrawal of our vessels. If the commercial manager of the pools in which we participate were to cease serving in such capacity, the pools may not be able to find a replacement commercial manager who will be as successful as the current



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commercial manager in chartering vessels and who may not have the same customer relationships. Additionally, were we to seek to assume direct commercial management of these vessels, either by choice or because of our failure to negotiate or maintain favorable terms with a profitable and well-managed pool, we may face similar challenges.

Restrictive covenants under our credit facilities may restrict our growth and operations.

Our credit facilities impose operating and financial restrictions that may limit our ability to:

- utilize cash above a certain amount as a result of cash sweeps;
- incur additional indebtedness on satisfactory terms or at all;
- incur liens on our assets;
- sell our vessels or the capital stock of our subsidiaries;
- make investments;
- engage in mergers or acquisitions;
- pay dividends;
- make capital expenditures;
- compete effectively to the extent our competitors are subject to less onerous financial restrictions; and
- change the management of our vessels or terminate or materially amend the management agreement relating to any of our vessels.

Therefore, we may need to seek permission from our lenders in order to engage in some corporate actions. Our lenders' interests may be different from ours, and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to obtain our lenders' permission when needed. This may prevent us from taking actions that are in our best interest and from executing our business

strategy of growth through acquisitions and may restrict or limit our ability to pay dividends and finance our future operations.

We depend upon ten charterers for a large part of our revenues. The loss of one or more of these charterers or any other significant customers could adversely affect our financial performance.

We have derived a significant part of our revenues from a small number of charterers. For the year ended December 31, 2018, approximately 32% of our revenues were derived from ten charterers. Of our total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018, we did not have any customer that accounted for more than 10% of our voyage revenue. While we are seeking to expand customer relationships with cargo providers, this may not sufficiently diversify our customer base to mitigate this risk. If we were to lose any of our major customers, or if any of them significantly reduced its use of our services or was unable to make payments to us, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

The aging of our fleet and our practice of purchasing and operating previously owned vessels may result in increased operating costs and vessels off-hire, which could adversely affect our earnings.

The majority of our drybulk carriers were previously owned by third parties. We may seek additional growth through the acquisition of previously owned vessels. While we typically inspect previously owned vessels before purchase, this does not provide us with the same knowledge about their condition that we would have had if these vessels had been built for and operated exclusively by us. Accordingly, we may not discover defects or other problems with such vessels before purchase. Any such hidden defects or problems, when detected, may be expensive to repair,

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and if not detected, may result in accidents or other incidents for which we may become liable to third parties. Also, when purchasing previously owned vessels, we do not receive the benefit of any builder warranties if the vessels we buy are older than one year.

In general, the costs to maintain a vessel in good operating condition increase with the age of the vessel. The average age of the vessels in our current fleet is approximately 9.0 years. Older vessels are typically less fuel-efficient than more recently constructed vessels due to improvements in engine technology and cargo insurance rates increase with the age of a vessel, making older vessels less desirable to charterers.

Governmental regulations, safety and other equipment standards related to the age of vessels may require expenditures for alterations or the addition of new equipment to some of our vessels and may restrict the type of activities in which these vessels may engage. We cannot assure you that, as our vessels age, market conditions will justify those expenditures or enable us to operate our vessels profitably during the remainder of their useful lives. As a result, regulations and standards could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

An increase in operating costs or interest rates could adversely affect our cash flow and financial condition.

Our vessel operating expenses include the costs of crewing and insurance. In addition, to the extent we enter the spot charter market, we would incur the cost of bunkers as part of our voyage expenses. The price of bunker fuel may be volatile over the relatively short periods of spot charters and may increase in the future. If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a drydocking facility. The costs of drydock repairs are unpredictable and can be substantial. Moreover, we expect that the cost of maintenance and drydocking will increase as our fleet ages. Increases in any of these costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

We are also subject to market risks relating to changes in LIBOR rates because we have significant amounts of floating rate debt outstanding. Moreover, in the recent past, concerns have been publicized that some of the member banks surveyed by the British Bankers' Association ("BBA") in connection with the calculation of LIBOR may have been underreporting or otherwise manipulating the inter-bank lending rate applicable to them. A number of BBA member banks entered into settlements with their regulators and law enforcement agencies with respect to alleged LIBOR manipulation, and investigations by regulators and governmental authorities in various jurisdictions are ongoing. In addition, on July 27, 2017, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority announced that it intends to stop persuading or compelling banks to submit LIBOR rates after 2021. It is not currently possible to predict the effect of any establishment of alternative reference rates or any other reforms to LIBOR that may be enacted in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. If LIBOR or any alternative reference rate were to increase significantly, the amount of interest payable on our outstanding indebtedness could increase significantly and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

We depend to a significant degree upon third party managers to provide the technical management of our fleet. Any failure of these technical managers to perform their obligations to us could adversely affect our business.

We have contracted the technical management of our fleet, including crewing, maintenance and repair services, to third party technical management companies. The failure of these technical managers to perform their obligations could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. Although we may have rights against our third party managers if they default on their obligations to us, our shareholders will share that recourse only indirectly to the extent that we recover funds.

In the highly competitive international drybulk shipping industry, we may not be able to compete for charters with new entrants or established companies with greater resources.

We employ our vessels in a highly competitive market that is capital intensive and highly fragmented. Competition arises primarily from other vessel owners, some of whom have substantially greater resources than we do. Competition for the transportation of drybulk cargoes can be intense and depends on price, location, size,

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age, condition and the acceptability of the vessel and its managers to the charterers. Due in part to the highly fragmented market, competitors with greater resources could enter and operate larger fleets through consolidations or acquisitions that may be able to offer better prices and fleets than we are able to offer.

Dividends and share repurchases permitted under our credit facilities are subject to certain limitations.

Under the terms of our \$460 Million Credit Facility and our \$108 Million Credit Facility, our payment of dividends or repurchases of our stock are subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment or stock repurchase if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter, for which purpose the full commitment of up to \$35 million of our new scrubber tranche is assumed to be drawn. The declaration and payment of any dividend or any stock repurchase is subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors, which expects to consider the appropriateness of dividend payments or stock repurchases from time to time as well as relevant legal and contractual requirements. The principal business factors that our Board of Directors expects to consider when determining the timing and amount of dividend payments or stock repurchase include our earnings, financial condition and cash requirements at the time. Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the declaration and payment of dividends or stock repurchases other than from surplus. Marshall Islands law also prohibits the declaration and payment of dividends or stock repurchases while a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend or such a stock repurchase.

We may incur other expenses or liabilities that would reduce or eliminate the cash available for distribution as dividends. We may also enter into new agreements or the Marshall Islands or another jurisdiction may adopt laws or regulations that place additional restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. If we do not pay dividends, the return on your investment would be limited to the price at which you could sell your shares.

We may not be able to grow or effectively manage our growth, which could cause us to incur additional indebtedness and other liabilities and adversely affect our business.

We may seek growth by expanding our business. Our future growth will depend on a number of factors, some of which we can control and some of which we cannot. These factors include our ability to:

- identify vessels for acquisition;
- consummate acquisitions or establish joint ventures;
- integrate acquired vessels successfully with our existing operations;

- expand our customer base; and
- obtain required financing for our existing and new operations.

Currently, there is no availability under our existing credit facilities except for the additional tranche of up to \$35 million under the recent amendment to our \$460 Million Credit Facility to cover a portion of the expenses related to the acquisition and installation of scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels. These limitations place significant restrictions on financing that we could use for our growth.

Growing any business by acquisition presents numerous risks, including undisclosed liabilities and obligations, difficulty obtaining additional qualified personnel, managing relationships with customers and suppliers and integrating newly acquired operations into existing infrastructures. Future acquisitions could result in the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. In addition, competition from other buyers for vessels could reduce our acquisition opportunities or cause us to pay a higher price than we might otherwise pay. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in executing our growth plans or that we will not incur significant expenses and losses in connection with these plans.

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We currently maintain all of our cash and cash equivalents with four financial institutions, which subjects us to credit risk.

We currently maintain all of our cash and cash equivalents with four financial institutions. None of our balances are covered by insurance in the event of default by the financial institutions. The occurrence of such a default of any of these institutions could therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If we are unable to fund our capital expenditures, we may not be able to continue to operate some of our vessels, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and our ability to pay dividends.

In order to fund our capital expenditures, we may be required to incur borrowings or raise capital through the sale of debt or equity securities. Our ability to borrow money and access the capital markets through future offerings may be limited by our financial condition at the time of any such offering as well as by adverse market conditions resulting from, among other things, general economic conditions and contingencies and uncertainties that are beyond our control. Our failure to obtain the funds for necessary future capital expenditures would limit our ability to continue to operate some of our vessels or impair the value of our vessels and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and ability to pay dividends.

We are a holding company, and we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute funds to us in order to satisfy our financial obligations or to make dividend payments.

We are a holding company, and our subsidiaries, which are all wholly owned by us, either directly or indirectly, conduct all of our operations and own all of our operating assets. We have no significant assets other than the equity interests in our wholly owned subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to satisfy our financial obligations and to pay dividends to our shareholders depends on the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute funds to us. In turn, the ability of our subsidiaries to make dividend payments to us will be dependent on them having profits available for distribution and, to the extent that we are unable to obtain dividends from our subsidiaries, this will limit the discretion of our Board of Directors to pay or recommend the payment of dividends.

We are at risk for the creditworthiness of our charterers.

The actual or perceived credit quality of our charterers, and any defaults by them, or market conditions affecting the time charter market and the credit markets, may materially affect our ability to obtain the additional capital resources that may be required to purchase additional vessels or may significantly increase our costs of obtaining such capital.

Our inability to obtain additional financing at all or at a higher than anticipated cost may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

If management is unable to continue to provide reports as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting or our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to continue to provide us with unqualified attestation reports as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting if required, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of our common stock.

Under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to include in this and each of our future annual reports on Form 10-K a report containing our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and, if we are an accelerated or large accelerated filer, a related attestation of our independent registered public accounting firm. As disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as amended, management concluded that our internal controls over financial reporting were not effective as of December 31, 2014 as a result of internal control design deficiencies limited to certain aspects of our implementation of fresh-start accounting. Our independent registered public accounting firm's attestation report as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting was adverse as a result. If, in such future annual reports on Form 10-K, our management cannot provide a report as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting or our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to provide us with an unqualified attestation



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report as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting if required by Section 404, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our Consolidated Financial Statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of our common stock.

If we are unable to operate our financial and operations systems effectively or to recruit suitable employees as we expand our fleet, our performance may be adversely affected.

Our current financial and operating systems may not be adequate as we implement our plan to expand the size of our fleet, and our attempts to improve those systems may be ineffective. In addition, as we expand our fleet, we will have to rely on our outside technical managers to recruit suitable additional seafarers and shore-based administrative and management personnel. We cannot assure you that our outside technical managers will be able to continue to hire suitable employees as we expand our fleet.

We may be unable to attract and retain key management personnel and other employees in the shipping industry, which may negatively affect the effectiveness of our management and our results of operations.

Our success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities and efforts of our management team and our ability to hire and retain key members of our management team. The loss of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business prospects and financial condition. Difficulty in hiring and retaining personnel could have a material adverse effect our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. We do not intend to maintain “key man” life insurance on any of our officers.

We may not have adequate insurance to compensate us if we lose our vessels or to compensate third parties.

There are a number of risks associated with the operation of ocean-going vessels, including mechanical failure, collision, human error, war, terrorism, piracy, property loss, cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, hostilities and labor strikes. Any of these events may result in loss of revenues, increased costs and decreased cash flows. In addition, the operation of any vessel is subject to the inherent possibility of marine disaster, including oil spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade.

We are insured against tort claims and some contractual claims (including claims related to environmental damage and pollution) through memberships in protection and indemnity associations or clubs, or P&I Associations. As a result of such membership, the P&I Associations provide us coverage for such tort and contractual claims. We also carry hull and machinery insurance and war risk insurance for our fleet. We insure our vessels for third party liability

claims subject to and in accordance with the rules of the P&I Associations in which the vessels are entered. We currently maintain insurance against loss of hire, which covers business interruptions that result in the loss of use of a vessel. We can give no assurance that we will be adequately insured against all risks. We may not be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage for our fleet in the future. The insurers may not pay particular claims. Our insurance policies contain deductibles for which we will be responsible and limitations and exclusions which may increase our costs or lower our revenue.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to renew our insurance policies on the same or commercially reasonable terms, or at all, in the future. For example, more stringent environmental regulations have led in the past to increased costs for, and in the future may result in the lack of availability of, protection and indemnity insurance against risks of environmental damage or pollution. Any uninsured or underinsured loss could harm our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends. In addition, our insurance may be voidable by the insurers as a result of certain of our actions, such as our ships failing to maintain certification with applicable maritime self-regulatory organizations. Further, we cannot assure you that our insurance policies will cover all losses that we incur, or that disputes over insurance claims will not arise with our insurance carriers. Any claims covered by insurance would be subject to deductibles, and since it is possible that a large number of claims may be brought, the aggregate amount of these deductibles could be material. In addition, our insurance policies are subject to limitations and exclusions, which may increase our costs or lower our revenues, thereby possibly having a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends.

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We are subject to funding calls by our protection and indemnity associations, and our associations may not have enough resources to cover claims made against them.

We are indemnified for legal liabilities incurred while operating our vessels through membership in P&I Associations. P&I Associations are mutual insurance associations whose members must contribute to cover losses sustained by other association members. The objective of a P&I Association is to provide mutual insurance based on the aggregate tonnage of a member's vessels entered into the association. Claims are paid through the aggregate premiums of all members of the association, although members remain subject to calls for additional funds if the aggregate premiums are insufficient to cover claims submitted to the association. Claims submitted to the association may include those incurred by members of the association, as well as claims submitted to the association from other P&I Associations with which our P&I Association has entered into interassociation agreements. We cannot assure you that the P&I Associations to which we belong will remain viable or that we will not become subject to additional funding calls which could adversely affect us.

We may have to pay U.S. tax on U.S. source income, which will reduce our net income and cash flows.

If we do not qualify for an exemption pursuant to Section 883 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the "Code" (which we refer to as the "Section 883 exemption"), then we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on our shipping income that is derived from U.S. sources. If we are subject to such tax, our net income and cash flows would be reduced by the amount of such tax.

We will qualify for the Section 883 exemption if, among other things, (i) our stock is treated as primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market in the United States (which we refer to as the "publicly traded test"), or (ii) we satisfy the qualified shareholder test or (iii) we satisfy the controlled foreign corporation test (which we refer to as the "CFC test"). Under applicable Treasury Regulations, the publicly-traded test cannot be satisfied in any taxable year in which persons who actually or constructively own 5% or more of our stock (which we sometimes refer to as "5% shareholders"), together own 50% or more of our stock (by vote and value) for more than half the days in such year (which we sometimes refer to as the "five percent override rule"), unless an exception applies. A foreign corporation satisfies the qualified shareholder test if more than 50% of the value of its outstanding shares is owned (or treated as owned by applying certain attribution rules) for at least half of the number of days in the foreign corporation's taxable year by one or more "qualified shareholders." A qualified shareholder includes a foreign corporation that, among other things, satisfies the publicly traded test. A foreign corporation satisfies the CFC test if it is a "controlled foreign corporation" and one or more qualified U.S. persons own more than 50 percent of the total value of all the outstanding stock.

Based on the ownership and trading of our stock in 2018, we believe that we satisfied the publicly traded test and qualified for the Section 883 exemption in 2018. If we do not qualify for the Section 883 exemption, our U.S. source

shipping income, i.e., 50% of our gross shipping income attributable to transportation beginning or ending in the U.S., would be subject to a 4% tax without allowance for deductions (which we sometimes refer to as the "U.S. gross transportation income tax"). We can provide no assurance that changes and shifts in the ownership of our stock by 5% shareholders will not preclude us from qualifying for the Section 883 exemption in 2019 or future taxable years.

During 2017, based on the ownership and trading of our stock, we believe that we did not satisfy the publicly traded test, the qualified shareholder test, or the CFC test, and therefore did not qualify for the Section 883 exemption in 2017. As such, during the year ended December 31, 2017, we recorded \$0.4 million of estimated U.S. gross transportation tax which has been recorded in Voyage Expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Refer to Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

To the extent Genco's U.S. source shipping income, or other U.S. source income, is considered to be effectively connected income, as described below, any such income, net of applicable deductions, would be subject to the U.S. federal corporate income tax, currently imposed at a 21% rate. In addition, Genco may be subject to a 30% "branch profits" tax on such income, and on certain interest paid or deemed paid attributable to the conduct of such trade or business. Shipping income is generally sourced 100% to the United States if attributable to transportation exclusively

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between United States ports (Genco is prohibited from conducting such voyages), 50% to the United States if attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but does not both begin and end, in the United States and otherwise 0% to the United States.

Genco's U.S. source shipping income would be considered effectively connected income only if:

- Genco has, or is considered to have, a fixed place of business in the U.S. involved in the earning of U.S. source shipping income; and
- substantially all of Genco's U.S. source shipping income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation, such as the operation of a vessel that follows a published schedule with repeated sailings at regular intervals between the same points for voyages that begin or end in the U.S.

Genco does not intend to have, or permit circumstances that would result in having, any vessel sailing to or from the U.S. on a regularly scheduled basis. Based on the current shipping operations of Genco and Genco's expected future shipping operations and other activities, Genco believes that none of its U.S. source shipping income will constitute effectively connected income. However, Genco may from time to time generate non-shipping income that may be treated as effectively connected income.

If Genco qualifies for the Section 883 exemption in respect of its shipping income, gain from the sale of a vessel likewise should be exempt from tax under Section 883 of the Code. If, however, Genco's shipping income does not, for whatever reason, qualify for the Section 883 exemption, and assuming that any gain derived from the sale of a vessel is attributable to Genco's U.S. office, as Genco believes would likely be the case, such gain would likely be treated as effectively connected income (determined under rules different from those discussed above) and subject to the net income and branch profits tax regime described above.

We established Genco Shipping Pte. Ltd. ("GSPL"), which is based in Singapore, on September 8, 2017. GSPL applied for and was awarded the Maritime Sector Incentive – Approved International Shipping Enterprise ("MSI-AIS") status under Section 13F of the Singapore Income Tax Act ("SITA") by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. The award is for an initial period of 10 years, commencing on August 15, 2018, and is subject to a review of performance at the end of the initial five year period. The MSI-ASI status provides for a tax exemption on income derived by GSPL from qualifying shipping operations under Section 13F of the SITA. Income from non-qualifying activities is taxable at the prevailing Singapore Corporate income tax rate (currently 17%). During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, GSPL recorded \$28 and no income tax respectively, which has been recorded in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

During 2018, we established Genco Shipping A/S, which is a Danish-incorporated corporation which is based in Copenhagen and considered to be a resident for tax purposes in Denmark. Genco Shipping A/S is subject to corporate taxes in Denmark a rate of 22% during 2018. During the year ended December 31, 2018, Genco Shipping A/S recorded \$79 of income tax which has been recorded in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a “passive foreign investment company,” which could have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. shareholders.

A foreign corporation generally will be treated as a “passive foreign investment company,” which we sometimes refer to as a PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes if, after applying certain look through rules, either (1) at least 75% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of “passive income” or (2) at least 50% of the average value or adjusted bases of its assets (determined on a quarterly basis) produce or are held for the production of passive income, i.e., “passive assets.” U.S. shareholders of a PFIC are subject to a disadvantageous U.S. federal income tax regime with respect to distributions they receive from the PFIC and gain, if any, they derive from the sale or other disposition of their stock in the PFIC.

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For purposes of these tests, “passive income” generally includes dividends, interest, gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties which are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business, as defined in applicable Treasury Regulations. Income derived from the performance of services does not constitute “passive income.” By contrast, rental income would generally constitute passive income unless such income was treated under specific rules as derived from the active conduct of a trade or business. We do not believe that our past or existing operations would cause, or would have caused, us to be deemed a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. In this regard, we treat the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from our time and spot chartering activities as services income, rather than rental income. Accordingly, we believe that (1) our income from our time and spot chartering activities does not constitute passive income and (2) the assets that we own and operate in connection with the production of that income do not constitute passive assets.

While there is no direct legal authority under the PFIC rules addressing our method of operation, there is legal authority supporting this position consisting of pronouncements by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (which we sometimes refer to as the “IRS”), concerning the characterization of income derived from time charters and voyage charters as services income for other tax purposes. However, it should be noted that there is also legal authority, consisting of case law, which characterizes time charter income as rental income rather than services income for other tax purposes.

No assurance can be given that the IRS or a court of law will accept our position, and there is a risk that the IRS or a court of law could determine that we are a PFIC. Moreover, there can be no assurance that we will not become a PFIC in any future taxable year because the PFIC test is an annual test, there are uncertainties in the application of the PFIC rules, and although we intend to manage our business so as to avoid PFIC status to the extent consistent with our other business goals, there could be changes in the nature and extent of our operations in future taxable years.

If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year (and regardless of whether we remain a PFIC for subsequent taxable years), our U.S. shareholders would face adverse U.S. tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless a shareholder makes certain elections available under the Code (which elections could themselves have adverse consequences for such shareholder), such shareholder would be liable to pay U.S. federal income tax at the highest applicable ordinary income tax rates upon the receipt of excess distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our common stock, plus interest on such amounts, as if such excess distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the shareholder’s holding period of our common stock.

Because we generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars but incur a portion of our expenses in other currencies, exchange rate fluctuations could hurt our results of operations.

We generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars, but we may incur drydocking costs, voyage expenses (including port costs, etc.), special survey fees and other expenses in other currencies. If our expenditures on such costs and fees were significant, and the U.S. dollar were weak against such currencies, our business, results of operations, cash flows,

financial condition and ability to pay dividends could be adversely affected.



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Legislative action relating to taxation could materially and adversely affect us.

Our tax position could be adversely impacted by changes in tax laws, tax treaties or tax regulations or the interpretation or enforcement thereof by any tax authority. For example, legislative proposals have been introduced in the U.S. Congress which, if enacted, could change the circumstances under which we would be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which could materially and adversely affect our effective tax rate and cash tax position and require us to take action, at potentially significant expense, to seek to preserve our effective tax rate and cash tax position. We cannot predict the outcome of any specific legislative proposals. Furthermore, on December 22,

2017, President Trump signed into law P.L. 115-97, informally titled the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which makes significant changes to U.S. federal tax laws. The impact of these provisions on our operations and on our shareholders is

uncertain and may not become evident for some period of time.

**RISK FACTORS RELATED TO OUR COMMON STOCK**

Certain shareholders own large portions of our outstanding common stock, which may limit your ability to influence our actions.

Certain shareholders currently hold significant percentages of our common stock. As of March 5, 2019, affiliates of Centerbridge Partners, L.P. owned approximately 25.2%; affiliates of Apollo Global Management owned approximately 13.0%; and affiliates of Strategic Value Partners, LLC owned approximately 24.4% of our common stock.

To the extent a significant percentage of the ownership of our common stock is concentrated in a small number of holders, such holders will be able to influence the outcome of any shareholder vote, including the election of directors, the adoption or amendment of provisions in our articles of incorporation or by-laws and possible mergers, corporate control contests and other significant corporate transactions. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us. This concentration of ownership could also discourage a potential acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us, which could in turn have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

Because we are a foreign corporation, you may not have the same rights or protections that a shareholder in a United States corporation may have.

We are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law and may make it more difficult for our shareholders to protect their interests. Our corporate affairs are governed by our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws and the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or BCA. The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. The rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under the law of the Marshall Islands are not as clearly established as the rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in certain U.S. jurisdictions and there have been few judicial cases in the Marshall Islands interpreting the BCA. Shareholder rights may differ as well. While the BCA does specifically incorporate the non-statutory law, or judicial case law, of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by the management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a U.S. jurisdiction. Therefore, you may have more difficulty in protecting your interests as a shareholder in the face of actions by the management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a United States jurisdiction.

Future sales of our common stock could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

The market price of our common stock could decline due to sales of a large number of shares in the market, including sales of shares by our large shareholders, or the perception that these sales could occur. These sales could also make it more difficult or impossible for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate to raise funds through future offerings of common stock.

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We entered into a registration rights agreement that provides parties who received 10% or more of our common stock in our reorganization with demand and piggyback registration rights. This agreement was amended and restated in connection with our \$125 million equity raise to cover shares issued to Centerbridge, SVP, and Apollo. We entered into an additional registration rights agreement that required us to file a resale registration statement to cover the shares issued in such equity raise. Such registration statement became effective on January 18, 2017 with respect to the resale of 27,061,856 shares of our common stock.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future, which may not be available on favorable terms or at all or which may dilute our common stock or adversely affect its market price.

We may require additional capital to expand our business and increase revenues, add liquidity in response to negative economic conditions, meet unexpected liquidity needs caused by industry volatility or uncertainty and reduce our outstanding indebtedness under our existing facilities. To the extent that our existing capital and borrowing capabilities are insufficient to meet these requirements and cover any losses, we will need to raise additional funds through debt or equity financings, including offerings of our common stock, securities convertible into our common stock, or rights to acquire our common stock or curtail our growth and reduce our assets or restructure arrangements with existing security holders. Any equity or debt financing, or additional borrowings, if available at all, may be on terms that are not favorable to us. Equity financings could result in dilution to our stockholders, as described further below, and the securities issued in future financings may have rights, preferences and privileges that are senior to those of our common stock. If our need for capital arises because of significant losses, the occurrence of these losses may make it more difficult for us to raise the necessary capital. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms if and when needed, we may not be able to take advantage of future opportunities, grow our business or respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated requirements.

Future issuances of our common stock could dilute our shareholders' interests in our company.

We may, from time to time, issue additional shares of common stock to support our growth strategy, reduce debt or provide us with capital for other purposes that our Board of Directors believes to be in our best interest. To the extent that an existing shareholder does not purchase additional shares that we may issue, that shareholder's interest in our company will be diluted, which means that its percentage of ownership in our company will be reduced. Following such a reduction, that shareholder's common stock would represent a smaller percentage of the vote in our Board of Directors' elections and other shareholder decisions.

Volatility in the market price and trading volume of our common stock could adversely impact the trading price of our common stock.

The stock market in recent years has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of companies like us. These broad market factors may materially reduce the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. The market price of our common stock, which has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations in recent months, could continue to fluctuate significantly for many reasons, including in response to the risks described herein or for reasons unrelated to our operations, such as reports by industry analysts, investor perceptions or negative announcements by our competitors or suppliers regarding their own performance, as well as industry conditions and general financial, economic and political instability. A decrease in the market price of our common stock would adversely impact the value of your shares of common stock.

Provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and by-laws may have anti-takeover effects which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Several provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and by-laws, 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 our company. However, these anti-takeover provisions could

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also discourage, delay or prevent (1) the merger or acquisition of our company 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.

Election and Removal of Directors.

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our by-laws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of 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 by-laws provide that, consistent with Marshall Islands law, 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 by-laws provide that, subject to certain exceptions, our Chairman, President, or Secretary at the direction of the Board of Directors or our Secretary at the request of one or more shareholders that hold in the aggregate at least a majority of our outstanding shares entitled to vote may call special meetings of our shareholders, and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice.

Advance Notice Requirements for Shareholder Proposals and Director Nominations.

Our by-laws 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 120 days nor more than 150 days before the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders. Our by-laws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These provisions may impede a shareholder's ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

It may not be possible for our investors to enforce U.S. judgments against us.

We are incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and most of our subsidiaries are also organized in the Marshall Islands. Substantially all of our assets and those of our subsidiaries are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for United States shareholders to serve process within the United States upon us or to enforce judgment upon us for civil liabilities in United States courts. In addition, you should not assume that courts in the countries in which we are incorporated or where our assets are located (1) would enforce judgments of United States courts obtained in actions against us based upon the civil liability provisions of applicable United States federal and state securities laws or (2) would enforce, in original actions, liabilities against us based upon these laws.

Security breaches and other disruptions to our information technology infrastructure could interfere with our operations and expose us to liability which could materially adversely impact our business.

In the ordinary course of business, we rely on information technology networks and systems, some of which are managed by third parties, to process, transmit, and store electronic information, and to manage or support a variety of business processes and activities. Additionally, we collect and store certain data, including proprietary business information and customer and employee data, and may have access to confidential information in the conduct of our business. Despite our cybersecurity measures (including monitoring of networks and systems, and maintenance of backup and protective systems) which are continuously reviewed and upgraded, our information technology networks and infrastructure may still be vulnerable to damage, disruptions, or shutdowns due to attack by hackers or breaches, employee error or malfeasance, power outages, computer viruses, telecommunication or utility failures, systems failures, natural disasters, or other catastrophic events. Any such events could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability or

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penalties under privacy laws, disruption in operations, and damage to our reputation, which could materially adversely affect our business.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We do not own any real property. Effective April 4, 2011, we entered into a seven-year sub-sublease agreement for additional office space in New York, New York. The term of the sub-sublease commenced June 1, 2011, with a free base rental period until October 31, 2011. Following the expiration of the free base rental period, the monthly base rental payments were \$0.1 million per month until May 31, 2015 and thereafter were \$0.1 million per month until the end of the seven-year term. We have also entered into a direct lease with the over-landlord of such office space that commences immediately upon the expiration of such sub-sublease agreements, for a term covering the period from May 1, 2018 to September 30, 2025; the direct lease provides for a free base rental period from May 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018. Following the expirations of the free base rental period, the monthly base rental payments will be \$0.2 million per month from October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2023 and \$0.2 million per month from May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025. For accounting purposes, the sub-sublease agreement and direct lease agreement with the landlord constitute one lease agreement. As a result of the straight-line rent calculation generated by the free rent period and the tenant work credit, the monthly straight-line rental expense for the term of the lease from July 9, 2014 when the Company emerged from bankruptcy (the “Effective Date”) to September 30, 2025 was \$0.2 million.

Future minimum rental payments on the above lease for the next five years and thereafter are as follows: \$2.2 million annually for 2019 through 2022, \$2.4 million for 2023 and a total of \$4.3 million for the remaining term of the lease.

In addition, during November 2017 we entered into a lease for office space in Singapore which expired during January 2019. A lease was signed for a new office space in Singapore effective January 17, 2019 for a three-year term.

Lastly, during July 2018 we entered into a sublease for office space in Copenhagen which commenced on July 1, 2018 and will expire on July 31, 2019.

For a description of our vessels, see “Our Fleet” in Item 1, “Business” in this report. All of the vessels in our current fleet serve as collateral under our credit facilities. Please see “Liquidity and Capital Resources” and “Critical Accounting Policies — Vessels and Depreciation” in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” for a further description. The foregoing descriptions are incorporated into this Item 2 by reference.

We consider each of our significant properties to be suitable for its intended use.

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ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In April 2015, six class action complaints were filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. On May 26, 2015, the six actions were consolidated under the caption In Re Baltic Trading Ltd. Stockholder Litigation, Index No. 651241/2015, and a consolidated class action complaint was filed on June 10, 2015 (the “Consolidated Complaint”). The Consolidated Complaint was purported to be brought by and on behalf of Baltic Trading’s shareholders and alleges that the then-proposed July 2015 merger did not fairly compensate Baltic Trading’s shareholders and undervalued Baltic Trading. The Consolidated Complaint named as defendants the Company, Baltic Trading, the individual members of Baltic Trading’s board, and the Company’s merger subsidiary. The claims generally alleged (i) breaches of fiduciary duties of good faith, due care, disclosure to shareholders, and loyalty, including for failing to maximize shareholder value, and (ii) aiding and abetting those breaches. Among other relief, the complaints sought an injunction against the merger, declaratory judgments that the individual defendants breached fiduciary duties, rescission of the merger agreement, and unspecified damages.

On July 9, 2015, plaintiffs in that action moved to enjoin the merger vote, scheduled to take place on July 17, 2015. The motion to enjoin the vote was denied on July 15, 2015. Plaintiffs sought an emergency injunction and temporary restraining order from the New York State Appellate Division, First Department the following day, on July 16, 2015. The Appellate Division denied the request, and the vote, and subsequent merger, proceeded as scheduled on July 17, 2015. Plaintiffs thereafter withdrew that appeal.

On June 30, 2015, defendants had moved to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint in its entirety. Plaintiffs subsequently served an Amended Consolidated Complaint, and defendants directed their motion to dismiss to that amended complaint. The motion to dismiss was granted and the Amended Consolidated Complaint was dismissed with prejudice on August 29, 2016. By a Decision and Order dated April 26, 2018, the New York State Appellate Division, First Department affirmed the dismissal of the amended complaint. The time for plaintiffs to file a motion for leave to appeal to the New York State Court of Appeals has expired.

We have not been involved in any other legal proceedings which we believe are likely to have, or have had a significant effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows, nor are we aware of any proceedings that are pending or threatened which we believe are likely to have a significant effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or liquidity. From time to time, we may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. We expect that these claims would be covered by insurance, subject to customary deductibles. Those claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

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ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

MARKET INFORMATION, HOLDERS AND DIVIDENDS

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "GNK."

As of March 5, 2019, there were approximately 19 holders of record of our common stock.

We have not declared or paid any dividends since the third quarter of 2008 and currently do not plan to resume the payment of dividends. For a discussion of restrictions applicable to our payment of dividends, please see "Liquidity and Capital Resources—Dividends" in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation" below.

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## PART II

## ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

|   | Successor                        |            |            |            | Period from<br>July 9 to<br>December 31,<br>2014 (5) | Predecessor<br>Period from<br>January 1 to<br>July 9,<br>2014 (5) |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|---|
|   | For the Years Ended December 31, |            |            |            |  |   |
|   | 2018                             | 2017       | 2016       | 2015       |  |   |
| <b>Income Statement</b>   |                                  |            |            |            |  |   |
| <b>Data:</b>  |                                  |            |            |            |  |   |
| (U.S. dollars in thousands except for share and per share amounts)  |                                  |            |            |            |  |   |
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |                                  |            |            |            |  |   |
| Voyage revenues   | \$ 367,522                       | \$ 209,698 | \$ 133,246 | \$ 150,784 | \$ 98,817  | \$ 118,759  |
| Service revenues  | —                                | —          | 2,340      | 3,175      | 1,584  | 1,701   |
| Total revenues  | \$ 367,522                       | \$ 209,698 | \$ 135,586 | \$ 153,959 | \$ 100,401   | \$ 120,460  |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>  |                                  |            |            |            |  |   |
| Voyage expenses   | 114,855                          | 25,321     | 13,227     | 20,257     | 7,525  | 4,140   |
| Vessel operating expenses   | 97,427                           | 98,086     | 113,636    | 122,008    | 56,943   | 64,670  |
| Charter hire expenses   | 1,534                            | —          | —          | —          | —  | —   |
| General and administrative expenses (inclusive of nonvested stock amortization expense of \$2,231, \$4,053, \$20,680, \$42,136, \$20,405 and \$4,352, respectively) (3) | 23,141                           | 22,190     | 45,174     | 74,941     | 32,790   | 26,894  |
| Technical management fees (3)   | 8,000                            | 7,659      | 8,932      | 8,961      | 4,125  | 4,477   |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 68,976                           | 71,776     | 76,330     | 79,556     | 36,714   | 75,952  |
| Other operating income  | —                                | —          | (960)      | —          | (530)  | —   |
| Impairment of vessel assets   | 56,586                           | 21,993     | 69,278     | 39,893     | —  | —   |
| (Gain) loss on sale of vessels  | (3,513)                          | (7,712)    | (3,555)    | 1,210      | —  | —   |
| Goodwill impairment   | —                                | —          | —          | —          | 166,067  | —   |
|   | 367,006                          | 239,313    | 322,062    | 346,826    | 303,634  | 176,133   |

|   |             |             |              |              |              |              |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total operating expenses                                  |             |             |              |              |              |              |
| Operating income (loss)                                   | 516         | (29,615)    | (186,476)    | (192,867)    | (203,233)    | (55,673)     |
| Other expense   | (33,456)    | (29,110)    | (30,300)     | (58,595)     | (7,538)      | (41,122)     |
| Loss before reorganization items, net                     | (32,940)    | (58,725)    | (216,776)    | (251,462)    | (210,771)    | (96,795)     |
| Reorganization items, net                                 | —           | —           | (272)        | (1,085)      | (1,591)      | (915,640)    |
| Net loss before income taxes                              | (32,940)    | (58,725)    | (217,048)    | (252,547)    | (212,362)    | (1,012,435)  |
| Income tax expense  | —           | —           | (709)        | (1,821)      | (996)        | (815)        |
| Net loss  | (32,940)    | (58,725)    | (217,757)    | (254,368)    | (213,358)    | (1,013,250)  |
| Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest    | —           | —           | —            | (59,471)     | (31,064)     | (62,101)     |
| Net loss attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited | \$ (32,940) | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,757) | \$ (194,897) | \$ (182,294) | \$ (951,149) |
| Net loss per share - basic (1)                            | \$ (0.86)   | \$ (1.71)   | \$ (30.03)   | \$ (29.61)   | \$ (30.20)   | \$ (21.83)   |
| Net loss per share - diluted (1)                          | \$ (0.86)   | \$ (1.71)   | \$ (30.03)   | \$ (29.61)   | \$ (30.20)   | \$ (21.83)   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Basic (1)    | 38,382,599  | 34,242,631  | 7,251,231    | 6,583,163    | 6,036,051    | 43,568,942   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted (1)  | 38,382,599  | 34,242,631  | 7,251,231    | 6,583,163    | 6,036,051    | 43,568,942   |

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|   | Successor                                |            |              |           | Period from<br>July 9 to<br>December 31,<br>2014 (5) | Predecessor<br>Period from<br>January 1 to<br>July 9,<br>2014 (5) |
|---|--|------------|--------------|-----------|--|---|
|   | For the Years Ended December 31,<br>2018 |            | 2017         |           |  |   |
| Balance Sheet   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| Data:   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| (U.S. dollars in thousands, at end of period)   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| Cash, including   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| restricted cash   | \$ 202,761                               | \$ 204,946 | \$ 169,068   | 140,889   | \$ 113,109   | \$ N/A  |
| Total assets (2)  | 1,627,470                                | 1,520,959  | 1,568,960    | 1,714,663 | 1,745,155  | N/A   |
| Total debt (current<br>and long-term,<br>including notes<br>payable, net of<br>deferred financing<br>costs) (2) | 535,148                                  | 515,392    | 513,020      | 579,023   | 422,377  | N/A   |
| Total equity  | 1,053,307                                | 975,027    | 1,029,699    | 1,105,966 | 1,292,774  | N/A   |
| Other Data:   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| (U.S. dollars in<br>thousands)  |  |            |              |           |  |   |
| Net cash provided<br>by (used in)<br>operating activities<br>(7)  |  |            |              |           |  |   |
|   | \$ 65,907                                | \$ 24,071  | \$ (52,307)  | (57,500)  | \$ (27,895)  | \$ (34,219)   |
| Net cash (used in)<br>provided by<br>investing activities<br>(6) (7)  |  |            |              |           |  |   |
|   | (195,375)                                | 17,405     | 25,051       | (65,240)  | (23,621)   | (29,508)  |
| Net cash provided<br>by (used in)<br>financing activities   |  |            |              |           |  |   |
|   | 127,283                                  | (5,598)    | 55,435       | 150,520   | 18,273   | 77,207  |
| EBITDA (4)  | \$ 65,326                                | \$ 41,997  | \$ (112,469) | (93,598)  | \$ (137,010)   | \$ (833,366)  |

(1) On July 7, 2016, we completed a one-for-ten reverse stock split with no change in par value per share. The authorized shares of the common stock were not adjusted. All common share and per share amounts of the Successor Company prior to July 7, 2016 have retroactively adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split.

(2) In the first quarter of 2016, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-03 where certain deferred financing costs that were previously presented as a non-current asset were reclassified from non-current assets to a reduction of current and long-term debt. Deferred financing costs reclassified as of December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$16.3 million, \$9.0 million, \$11.4 million, \$9.4 million, and \$7.8 million, respectively.

- (3) During the year ended December 31, 2016, we opted to break out expenses previously classified as General, administrative and management fees into two separate categories to provide a greater level of detail of the underlying expenses. These fees were broken out into General and administrative expenses and Technical management fees. This change was made retrospectively for comparability purposes and there was no effect on the Net Loss for the Successor Company for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 and for the period from July 9 to December 31, 2014 or for the Predecessor Company for the period from January 1 to July 9, 2014.
- (4) EBITDA represents net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited plus net interest expense, taxes and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is included because it is used by management and certain investors as a measure of operating performance. EBITDA is used by analysts in the shipping industry as a common performance measure to compare results across peers. Our management uses EBITDA as a performance measure in our consolidated internal financial statements, and it is presented for review at our board meetings. We believe that EBITDA is useful to investors as the shipping industry is capital intensive which often results in significant depreciation and cost of financing. EBITDA presents investors with a measure in addition to net income to evaluate our performance prior to these costs. EBITDA is not an item recognized by U.S. GAAP (i.e. non-GAAP measure) and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other indicator of a company's operating performance required by U.S. GAAP. EBITDA is not a measure of liquidity or cash flows as shown in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The definition of EBITDA used here may not be comparable to that used by other companies. The following table demonstrates our calculation of EBITDA and provides a reconciliation of EBITDA to net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited for each of the periods presented above:

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|   | Successor                        |             |              |              | Period from<br>July 9 to<br>December 31,<br>2014 (5) | Predecessor<br>Period from<br>January 1 to<br>July 9,<br>2014 (5) |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|---|
|   | For the Years Ended December 31, |             |              |              |  |   |
|   | 2018                             | 2017        | 2016         | 2015         |  |   |
| Net loss attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited | \$ (32,940)                      | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,757) | \$ (194,897) | \$ (182,294)   | \$ (951,149)  |
| Net interest expense                                      | 29,290                           | 28,946      | 28,249       | 19,922       | 7,574  | 41,016  |
| Income tax expense  | —                                | —           | 709          | 1,821        | 996  | 815   |
| Depreciation and amortization                             | 68,976                           | 71,776      | 76,330       | 79,556       | 36,714   | 75,952  |
| EBITDA (4)  | \$ 65,326                        | \$ 41,997   | \$ (112,469) | \$ (93,598)  | \$ (137,010)   | \$ (833,366)  |

- (5) The period from July 9 to December 31, 2014 (Successor Company) and the period from January 1 to July 9, 2014 (Predecessor Company) are distinct reporting periods as a result of our emergence from bankruptcy on July 9, 2014.
- (6) In the first quarter of 2017, the Company adopted ASU 2016-18, which requires the Company to show the changes in the total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. Changes in restricted cash were previously recorded as an investing cash inflow or outflow. The adoption of ASU 2016-18 resulted in a change in net cash provided by (used in) investing activities for the Successor Company of \$15.9 million, (\$9.9) million, \$19.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and the period from July 9 to December 31, 2014 and \$0.1 million for the Predecessor Company during the period from January 1 to July 9, 2014, respectively.
- (7) In the first quarter of 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2016-15, which resulted in insurance proceeds for protection and indemnity claims and loss of hire claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from operating activities and resulted in insurance proceeds for hull and machinery claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from investing activities. Additionally, as part of ASU 2016-15, any cash payments for debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs (including third party costs, premiums paid and other fees paid to lenders) must be classified as cash outflows for financing activities. Lastly, for any debt instruments that contain interest payable in-kind, any cash payments attributable to the payment of in-kind interest will be classified as cash outflows for operating activities. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 resulted in a change in net cash provided by (used in) operating activities and cash (used in) provided by investing activities for the Successor Company of \$2.4 million, \$2.3 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and the period from July 9 to December 31, 2014 and \$0.9 million for the Predecessor Company during the period from January 1 to July 9, 2014, respectively.





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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

General

We are a Marshall Islands company that transports iron ore, coal, grain, steel products and other drybulk cargoes along worldwide shipping routes through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels. Our fleet currently consists of 58 drybulk vessels, including 17 Capesize drybulk vessels, two Panamax drybulk vessels, six Ultramax drybulk vessels, 20 Supramax drybulk vessels, and 13 Handysize drybulk vessels, with an aggregate carrying capacity of approximately 5,075,000 deadweight tons ("dwt"), and the average age of our fleet is currently approximately 9.0 years. We seek to deploy our vessels on time charters, spot market voyage charters, spot market-related time charters or in vessel pools trading in the spot market, to reputable charterers. The majority of the vessels in our current fleet are presently engaged under time charter, spot market voyage charters and spot market-related time charter that expire (assuming the option periods in the time charters are not exercised) between March 2019 and July 2019.

See pages 7 – 10 for a table of our current fleet.

In 2017, we began implementing initiatives to expand our commercial platform and more actively manage the employment of our vessels. We hired commercial directors for our major bulk and minor bulk fleets and have begun employment of our vessels directly with cargo owners under cargo contracts. To better capitalize on opportunities to employ our vessels, we expanded our global commercial presence with the establishment of new offices in Singapore and Copenhagen. Additionally, we have withdrawn our vessels from pools and have reallocated our freight exposure to the Atlantic basin to seek to capture the earnings premium historically offered. Overall, our fleet deployment strategy remains weighted towards short-term fixtures, which provide optionality in a potentially rising freight rate environment. In addition to both short and long-term time charters, we fix our vessels on spot market voyage charters as well as spot market-related time charters depending on market conditions and management's outlook.

Over the course of 2018, the United States has imposed a series of tariffs on several goods imported from various countries. Certain of these countries, including China, have undertaken retaliatory actions with the implementation of tariffs on select U.S. products. Most notable in terms of drybulk trade volumes is China's tariff placed upon U.S. soybean exports, which could negatively impact drybulk rates. To date, our observation of trade flows has been that China has increased its market share of Brazilian soybeans, while U.S. shipments have been re-directed to other destinations such as Latin America and Europe.

On October 27, 2016, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (“MEPC”) announced the ratification of regulations mandating reduction in sulfur emissions from 3.5% currently to 0.5% as of the beginning of 2020 rather than pushing the deadline back to 2025. By 2020, ships will now have to reduce sulfur emissions, for which the principal solutions are the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems (“scrubbers”) or buying fuel with low sulfur content. If a vessel is not retrofitted with a scrubber, it will need to use low sulfur fuel, which is currently more expensive than standard marine fuel containing 3.5% sulfur content. This increased demand for low sulfur fuel may result in an increase in prices for such fuel.

We have entered into agreements to install scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels and are evaluating options to install scrubbers on certain minor bulk vessels. We expect the balance of our fleet will consume compliant, low sulfur fuel beginning in 2020 but intend to continue to evaluate other options. During the course of 2018, we sold seven of our older, less fuel efficient vessels and purchased six modern high specification vessels with a goal of improving fuel consumption and further reduce emissions. We also sold an additional vessel during January 2019 and will continue to seek opportunities to renew our fleet going forward.

On July 12, 2018, we entered into agreements to purchase two modern, high specification Capesize drybulk vessels for an aggregate purchase price of \$98.0 million. These vessels were renamed the Genco Defender and the Genco Liberty (both 2016-built Capesize vessels) and were delivered during the third quarter of 2018. We utilized a

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combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility as described in Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

On June 6, 2018, we entered into an agreement for the en bloc purchase of four drybulk vessels including two Capesize drybulk vessels and two Ultramax drybulk vessels for approximately \$141.0 million. Each vessel was built with a fuel-saving “eco” engine. These vessels were renamed the Genco Weatherly (2014-built Ultramax vessel), the Genco Columbia (2016-built Ultramax vessel), the Genco Endeavour (2015-built Capesize vessel) and the Genco Resolute (2015-built Capesize vessel) and were delivered during the third quarter of 2018. The Company utilized a combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility as described in Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, we reached agreements to sell the Genco Muse (2001-built Handymax vessel), the Genco Beauty (1999-built Panamax vessel), the Genco Knight (1999-built Panamax vessel) and the Genco Vigour (1999-built Panamax vessel). The sales of the Genco Muse, the Genco Beauty and the Genco Knight were completed on December 5, 2018, December 17, 2018 and December 26, 2018. These three vessels do not serve as collateral under any of our credit facilities; therefore, we are not required to pay down any indebtedness with the proceeds from the sale. The sale of the Genco Vigour was completed on January 28, 2019 and has been classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018.

During the third quarter of 2018, we reached agreements to sell the Genco Cavalier (2007-built Supramax vessel), the Genco Surprise (1998-built Panamax vessel), the Genco Explorer (1999-built Handysize vessel) and the Genco Progress (1999-built Handysize vessel). The sale of the Genco Cavalier was completed on October 16, 2018. The Genco Cavalier served as collateral under the \$460 Million Credit Facility; therefore, \$4.9 million of the net proceeds received from the sale will remain classified as restricted cash for 120 days following the sale date, refer to Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018. That amount can be used towards the financing of a replacement vessel or vessels meeting certain requirements and added as collateral under the facility. If such a replacement vessel is not added as collateral, we will be required to use the proceeds as a loan prepayment. The sales of the Genco Surprise, the Genco Explorer and the Genco Progress were completed on August 7, 2018, November 13, 2018 and September 13, 2018, respectively. These three vessels did not serve as collateral under any of our credit facilities; therefore, we were not required to pay down any indebtedness with the proceeds from the sale.

The aforementioned vessels are part of our previously announced fleet renewal program.

Pursuant to the final executed \$400 Million Credit Facility, we were required to sell or scrap ten of our vessels. On April 5, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved scrapping the Genco Marine. We reached an agreement on May 6, 2016 to sell the Genco Marine, a 1996-built Handymax vessel, to be scrapped with Ace Exim Pte Ltd., a demolition yard, which was completed on May 17, 2016.

During October 2016, we reached agreements with third parties to sell three of our vessels, the Genco Pioneer (a 1999-built Handysize vessel), the Genco Sugar (a 1998-built Handysize vessel) and the Genco Leader (a 1999-built Panamax vessel). These sales were completed during October and November 2016. Additionally, during November 2016 we reached an agreement with a third party to sell the Genco Acheron (a 1999-built Panamax vessel) for which the sale was completed during December 2016. Also, during December 2016 the Board of Directors unanimously approved the sale of the Genco Success (a 1997-built Handymax vessel), the Genco Prosperity (a 1997-built Handymax vessel) and the Genco Wisdom (a 1997-built Handymax vessel). These vessel assets were classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016. The sale of the Genco Wisdom and Genco Success were completed during January 2017 and March 2017, respectively, and the Genco Prosperity was completed during May 2017. Lastly, during January 2017, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the sale of the Genco Carrier (a 1998-built Handymax vessel) and the Genco Reliance (a 1999-built Handysize vessel). The sales of these vessels were completed during February 2017. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

The Genco Tiger and the Baltic Lion were offhire for a total of approximately 115 days and 34 days, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2017 to complete repairs to their main engines. The Genco Tiger's main engine experienced a breakdown associated with the vessel's lube filtration system during the first quarter of 2017

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and underwent repairs to rectify the issue. The Baltic Lion, which is a sister vessel to the Genco Tiger, also underwent main engine repairs associated with the lube filtration system. We received approval from the insurance underwriters during June 2017 for payment on account under our loss of hire insurance in the amount of \$1.4 million and \$0.3 million for the Genco Tiger and Baltic Lion, respectively, which was recorded as voyage revenue during the second quarter of 2017. During September 2017 and March 2018, we received the approval of the final remaining loss of hire insurance claim for the Genco Tiger and Baltic Lion of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, which was recorded as voyage revenue during the third quarter of 2017 and first quarter of 2018, respectively. Our loss of hire insurance covers the revenue days lost for the two vessels at a rate of twenty thousand dollars per day up to 90 days after a deductible of fourteen days. As the Genco Tiger had total offhire days of approximately 115 days, 11 days of this offhire exceeded the 90-day loss of hire and fourteen-day deductible period and was not covered by insurance.

On November 15, 2016, we completed the private placement of 27,061,856 shares of Series A Preferred Stock which included 25,773,196 shares at a price per share of \$4.85 and an additional 1,288,660 shares issued as a commitment fee on a pro rata basis as noted above. On January 4, 2017, our shareholders approved at a Special Meeting of Shareholders the issuance of up to 27,061,856 shares of common stock of the Company upon the conversion of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which were purchased by certain investors in a private placement. As a result of such shareholder approval, all outstanding 27,061,856 shares of Series A Preferred Stock were automatically and mandatorily converted into 27,061,856 shares of common stock of the Company on January 4, 2017. Concurrently with the completion of the private placement, we entered into a new senior secured loan facility (the "\$400 Million Credit Facility") for an aggregate principal amount of up to \$400 million, which we used to refinance the outstanding debt under the Prior Facilities. Refer to Note 1 — General Information and Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

We report financial information and evaluate our operations by charter revenues and not by the length of ship employment for our customers, i.e., spot or time charters. Each of our vessels serve the same type of customer, have similar operations and maintenance requirements, operate in the same regulatory environment, and are subject to similar economic characteristics. Based on this, we have determined that we operate in one reportable segment, the ocean transportation of drybulk cargoes worldwide through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels.

Our management team and our other employees are responsible for the commercial and strategic management of our fleet. Commercial management includes the negotiation of charters for vessels, managing the mix of various types of charters, such as time charters, spot market voyage charters and spot market-related time charters, and monitoring the performance of our vessels under their charters. Strategic management includes locating, purchasing, financing and selling vessels. We currently contract with two independent technical managers to provide technical management of our fleet at a lower cost than we believe would be possible in-house. Technical management involves the day-to-day management of vessels, including performing routine maintenance, attending to vessel operations and arranging for crews and supplies. Members of our New York City-based management team oversee the activities of our independent technical managers.

We formerly provided technical services for drybulk vessels purchased by Maritime Equity Partners LLC (“MEP”) under an agency agreement between us and MEP. These services included oversight of crew management, insurance, drydocking, ship operations and financial statement preparation, but did not include chartering services. The services were initially provided for a fee of \$750 per ship per day plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs and were provided for an initial term of one year. This arrangement was approved by an independent committee of our Board of Directors. On September 30, 2015, under the oversight of an independent committee of our Board of Directors, Genco Management (USA) Limited and MEP entered into certain agreements under which MEP paid \$2.2 million of the amount of service fees in arrears (of which \$0.3 million was paid in 2016 by the new owners of five of the MEP vessels sold in January 2016 as described below) and the daily service fee was reduced from \$750 to \$650 per day effective on October 1, 2015. During January 2016 and the three months ended September 30, 2016, five and seven of MEP’s vessels, respectively, were sold to third parties, upon which these vessels were no longer subject to the agency agreement. Based upon the September 30, 2015 agreement, termination fees were due in the amount \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, which was assumed by the new owners of the MEP vessels that were sold. The amount of

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these termination fees has been paid in full. The daily service fees earned for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been paid in full.

Year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017

## Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

We believe that the following table reflects important measures for analyzing trends in our results of operations. The table reflects our ownership days, chartered-in days, available days, operating days, fleet utilization, TCE rates and daily vessel operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 on a consolidated basis.

|   | For the Year Ended<br>December 31, |          | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |   |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|---|
|   | 2018                               | 2017     |                        |          |   |
| Fleet Data:                                     |                                    |          |                        |          |   |
| Ownership days (1)                              |                                    |          |                        |          |   |
| Capesize  | 5,251.5                            | 4,745.0  | 506.5                  | 10.7     | % |
| Panamax   | 2,022.7                            | 2,190.0  | (167.3)                | (7.6)    | % |
| Ultramax  | 1,731.2                            | 1,460.0  | 271.2                  | 18.6     | % |
| Supramax  | 7,588.4                            | 7,665.0  | (76.6)                 | (1.0)    | % |
| Handymax  | 338.4                              | 632.8    | (294.4)                | (46.5)   | % |
| Handysize                                       | 5,316.4                            | 5,514.6  | (198.2)                | (3.6)    | % |
| Total   | 22,248.6                           | 22,207.4 | 41.2                   | 0.2      | % |
| Chartered-in days (2)                           |                                    |          |                        |          |   |
| Capesize  | —                                  | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Panamax   | —                                  | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Ultramax  | —                                  | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Supramax  | 49.4                               | —        | 49.4                   | 100.0    | % |
| Handymax  | 37.3                               | —        | 37.3                   | 100.0    | % |
| Handysize                                       | 45.8                               | —        | 45.8                   | 100.0    | % |
| Total   | 132.5                              | —        | 132.5                  | 100.0    | % |
| Available days (owned & chartered-in fleet) (3) |                                    |          |                        |          |   |
| Capesize  | 5,171.7                            | 4,651.3  | 520.4                  | 11.2     | % |
| Panamax   | 2,021.7                            | 2,020.5  | 1.2                    | 0.1      | % |
| Ultramax  | 1,724.0                            | 1,455.7  | 268.3                  | 18.4     | % |
| Supramax  | 7,624.4                            | 7,555.2  | 69.2                   | 0.9      | % |



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|                                  |          |          |         |        |   |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------|---|
| Handymax                         | 365.7    | 609.3    | (243.6) | (40.0) | % |
| Handysize                        | 5,323.8  | 5,466.5  | (142.7) | (2.6)  | % |
| Total                            | 22,231.3 | 21,758.5 | 472.8   | 2.2    | % |
| Available days (owned fleet) (4) |          |          |         |        |   |
| Capesize                         | 5,171.7  | 4,651.3  | 520.4   | 11.2   | % |
| Panamax                          | 2,021.7  | 2,020.5  | 1.2     | 0.1    | % |
| Ultramax                         | 1,724.0  | 1,455.7  | 268.3   | 18.4   | % |
| Supramax                         | 7,575.0  | 7,555.2  | 19.8    | 0.3    | % |
| Handymax                         | 328.4    | 609.3    | (280.9) | (46.1) | % |
| Handysize                        | 5,278.0  | 5,466.5  | (188.5) | (3.4)  | % |
| Total                            | 22,098.8 | 21,758.5 | 340.3   | 1.6    | % |
| Operating days (5)               |          |          |         |        |   |
| Capesize                         | 5,169.5  | 4,519.3  | 650.2   | 14.4   | % |
| Panamax                          | 1,970.9  | 2,009.6  | (38.7)  | (1.9)  | % |
| Ultramax                         | 1,700.4  | 1,443.8  | 256.6   | 17.8   | % |
| Supramax                         | 7,528.4  | 7,499.9  | 28.5    | 0.4    | % |

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|                       | For the Year Ended   |          | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |       |   |       |   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|-------|---|-------|---|
|                       | December 31,<br>2018 | 2017     |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Handymax              | 351.8                | 583.7    | (231.9)                | (39.7)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Handysize             | 5,253.8              | 5,410.1  | (156.3)                | (2.9)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Total                 | 21,974.8             | 21,466.4 | 508.4                  | 2.4      | %     |   |       |   |
| Fleet utilization (6) |                      |          |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Capesize              | 99.4                 | %        | 96.4                   | %        | 3.0   | % | 3.1   | % |
| Panamax               | 97.4                 | %        | 98.6                   | %        | (1.2) | % | (1.2) | % |
| Ultramax              | 98.2                 | %        | 98.9                   | %        | (0.7) | % | (0.7) | % |
| Supramax              | 98.6                 | %        | 98.8                   | %        | (0.2) | % | (0.2) | % |
| Handymax              | 93.6                 | %        | 92.2                   | %        | 1.4   | % | 1.5   | % |
| Handysize             | 98.4                 | %        | 98.8                   | %        | (0.4) | % | (0.4) | % |
| Fleet average         | 98.5                 | %        | 98.1                   | %        | 0.4   | % | 0.4   | % |

|                                     | For the Year Ended   |           | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|---|
|                                     | December 31,<br>2018 | 2017      |                        |          |   |
| Average Daily Results:              |                      |           |                        |          |   |
| Time Charter Equivalent (7)         |                      |           |                        |          |   |
| Capesize                            | \$ 15,422            | \$ 12,017 | \$ 3,405               | 28.3     | % |
| Panamax                             | 9,648                | 7,974     | 1,674                  | 21.0     | % |
| Ultramax                            | 10,420               | 9,203     | 1,217                  | 13.2     | % |
| Supramax                            | 10,816               | 7,466     | 3,350                  | 44.9     | % |
| Handymax                            | 12,031               | 7,421     | 4,610                  | 62.1     | % |
| Handysize                           | 9,099                | 6,960     | 2,139                  | 30.7     | % |
| Fleet average                       | 11,364               | 8,474     | 2,890                  | 34.1     | % |
| Daily vessel operating expenses (8) |                      |           |                        |          |   |
| Capesize                            | \$ 4,855             | \$ 4,816  | \$ 39                  | 0.8      | % |
| Panamax                             | 4,137                | 4,334     | (197)                  | (4.5)    | % |
| Ultramax                            | 4,531                | 4,511     | 20                     | 0.4      | % |
| Supramax                            | 4,303                | 4,517     | (214)                  | (4.7)    | % |
| Handymax                            | 4,767                | 4,160     | 607                    | 14.6     | % |
| Handysize                           | 4,035                | 3,972     | 63                     | 1.6      | % |
| Fleet average                       | 4,379                | 4,417     | (38)                   | (0.9)    | % |

(1)

Ownership days. We define ownership days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet has been owned by us. Ownership days are an indicator of the size of our fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that we record during a period.

- (2) Chartered-in days. We define chartered-in days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which we chartered-in third party vessels.
  
- (3) Available days (owned and chartered-in fleet). We define available days, which we have recently updated and incorporated in the table above to better demonstrate the manner in which we evaluate our business, as the number of our ownership days and chartered-in days less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to familiarization upon acquisition, repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades or special surveys. Amounts for available days in the table above for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating available days. Companies in the shipping industry generally use available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.

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- (4) Available days (owned fleet). We define available days for the owned fleet as available days less chartered-in days.
- (5) Operating days. We define operating days as the number of our total available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to unforeseen circumstances. The shipping industry uses operating days to measure the aggregate number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues. Amounts for operating days in the table above for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating available days.
- (6) Fleet utilization. We calculate fleet utilization, which we have recently updated and incorporated in the table above to better demonstrate the manner in which we evaluate our business, as the number of our operating days during a period divided by the number of ownership days plus chartered-in days less drydocking days. Amounts for fleet utilization in the table above for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating fleet utilization.
- (7) TCE rates. We define TCE rates as our voyage revenues less voyage expenses and charter-hire expenses, divided by the number of the available days of our owned fleet during the period, which is consistent with industry standards. TCE rate is a common shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare daily earnings generated by vessels on time charters with daily earnings generated by vessels on voyage charters, because charterhire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per-day amounts while charterhire rates for vessels on time charters generally are expressed in such amounts.

|                                      | For the Year Ended |            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                                      | December 31,       |            |
|                                      | 2018               | 2017       |
| Voyage revenues (in thousands)       | \$ 367,522         | \$ 209,698 |
| Voyage expenses (in thousands)       | 114,855            | 25,321     |
| Charter hire expenses (in thousands) | 1,534              | —          |
|                                      | 251,133            | 184,377    |
| Total available days for owned fleet | 22,098.9           | 21,758.5   |
| Total TCE rate                       | \$ 11,364          | \$ 8,474   |

- (8) Daily vessel operating expenses. We define daily vessel operating expenses to include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance (excluding drydocking), the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses. Daily vessel operating expenses are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.

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## Operating Data

The following tables represent the operating data and certain balance sheet and other data for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 on a consolidated basis.

|  | For the Years Ended December |            |            |          |   |
|--|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|---|
|  | 31,                          |            |            |          |   |
|  | 2018                         | 2017       | Change     | % Change |   |
| Income Statement Data:   |                              |            |            |          |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands, except for per share amounts)  |                              |            |            |          |   |
| Revenue:   |                              |            |            |          |   |
| Voyage revenues  | \$ 367,522                   | \$ 209,698 | \$ 157,824 | 75.3     | % |
| Service revenues   | —                            | —          | —          | —        | % |
| Total revenues   | 367,522                      | 209,698    | 157,824    | 75.3     | % |
| Operating Expenses:  |                              |            |            |          |   |
| Voyage expenses  | 114,855                      | 25,321     | 89,534     | 353.6    | % |
| Vessel operating expenses  | 97,427                       | 98,086     | (659)      | (0.7)    | % |
| Charter hire expenses  | 1,534                        | —          | 1,534      | 100.0    | % |
| General and administrative expenses (inclusive of nonvested stock amortization expense of \$2,231 and \$4,053, respectively) | 23,141                       | 22,190     | 951        | 4.3      | % |
| Technical management fees  | 8,000                        | 7,659      | 341        | 4.5      | % |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 68,976                       | 71,776     | (2,800)    | (3.9)    | % |
| Impairment of vessel assets  | 56,586                       | 21,993     | 34,593     | 157.3    | % |
| Gain on sale of vessels  | (3,513)                      | (7,712)    | 4,199      | (54.4)   | % |
| Total operating expenses   | 367,006                      | 239,313    | 127,693    | 53.4     | % |
| Operating income (loss)  | 516                          | (29,615)   | 30,131     | (101.7)  | % |
| Other expense  | (33,456)                     | (29,110)   | (4,346)    | 14.9     | % |
| Loss before reorganization items, net  | (32,940)                     | (58,725)   | 25,785     | (43.9)   | % |
| Reorganization items, net  | —                            | —          | —          | —        | % |
| Loss before income taxes   | (32,940)                     | (58,725)   | 25,785     | (43.9)   | % |
| Income tax expense   | —                            | —          | —          | —        | % |
| Net loss   | (32,940)                     | (58,725)   | 25,785     | (43.9)   | % |

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|  |            |            |              |        |   |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------|---|
| Net loss per share - basic                 | \$ (0.86)  | \$ (1.71)  | \$ 0.85      | (49.7) | % |
| Net loss per share - diluted               | \$ (0.86)  | \$ (1.71)  | \$ 0.85      | (49.7) | % |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding |            |            |              |        |   |
| - basic                                    | 38,382,599 | 34,242,631 | \$ 4,139,968 | 12.1   | % |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding |            |            |              |        |   |
| - diluted                                  | 38,382,599 | 34,242,631 | \$ 4,139,968 | 12.1   | % |

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|  | For the Years Ended<br>December 31, |            |            |           |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|---|
|  | 2018                                | 2017       | Change     | % Change  |   |
| Balance Sheet Data:  |                                     |            |            |           |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands, at end of period)                      |                                     |            |            |           |   |
| Cash, including restricted cash                                    | \$ 202,761                          | \$ 204,946 | \$ (2,185) | (1.1)     | % |
| Total assets   | 1,627,470                           | 1,520,959  | 106,511    | 7.0       | % |
| Total debt (current and long-term, net of deferred financing fees) | 535,148                             | 515,392    | 19,756     | 3.8       | % |
| Total equity   | 1,053,307                           | 975,027    | 78,280     | 8.0       | % |
| Other Data:  |                                     |            |            |           |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands)  |                                     |            |            |           |   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                          | \$ 65,907                           | \$ 24,071  | 41,836     | 173.8     | % |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities                | (195,375)                           | 17,405     | (212,780)  | (1,222.5) | % |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                | 127,283                             | (5,598)    | 132,881    | (2,373.7) | % |
| EBITDA (1)   | 65,326                              | 41,997     | \$ 23,329  | 55.5      | % |

(1) EBITDA represents net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading plus net interest expense, taxes and depreciation and amortization. Refer to pages 50 - 51 included in Item 6 where the use of EBITDA is discussed and for a table demonstrating our calculation of EBITDA that provides a reconciliation of EBITDA to net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading for each of the periods presented above.

## Results of Operations

## VOYAGE REVENUES-

Our revenues are driven primarily by the number of vessels in our fleet, the number of days during which our vessels operate and the amount of daily charterhire or freight rates that our vessels earn, that, in turn, are affected by a number of factors, including:

- the duration of our charters;
- our decisions relating to vessel acquisitions and disposals;

- the amount of time that we spend positioning our vessels;
- the amount of time that our vessels spend in drydock undergoing repairs;
- maintenance and upgrade work;
- the age, condition and specifications of our vessels;
- levels of supply and demand in the drybulk shipping industry; and
- other factors affecting spot market charter rates for drybulk carriers.

During 2018, voyage revenues increased by \$157.8 million, or 75.3%, as compared to 2017. The increase in voyage revenues was primarily due to the employment of vessels on spot market voyage charters beginning during the second half of 2017, as well as higher spot market rates achieved by the majority of our vessels.

The average TCE rate of our fleet increased 34.1% to \$11,364 a day during 2018 from \$8,474 a day during 2017. The increase in TCE rates was primarily due to higher rates achieved by the majority of our vessels during 2018 as compared to 2017.



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The Baltic Dry Index, or BDI (a drybulk index), increased in 2018 as compared to the previous year despite experiencing meaningful volatility. At the beginning of 2018, the BDI came under seasonal pressure due to the front-loaded nature of the orderbook, which led to increased newbuilding vessel deliveries as well as the occurrence of the Chinese New Year holiday. Freight rate volatility continued into the second quarter prior to rising to 2018 highs during the third quarter of 2018. Specifically, the BDI reached a multi-year high of 1,774 in July, a mark not realized since January 2014. This BDI strength continued into August before marginally declining to end the third quarter. The rise in the BDI was primarily due to demand for high quality, seaborne iron ore cargoes primarily from Brazil and Australia as well as a firm coal trade and strong soybean shipments from Brazil together with low net fleet growth. During the fourth quarter of 2018, the BDI retreated from these strong levels due to an iron ore inventory destock in China, together with restrictions imposed on imported coal as well as limited U.S. soybean shipments to China during the ordinarily peak season. In 2019 to date, various seasonal factors including increased newbuilding deliveries, weather related disruptions and the Chinese New Year have negatively impacted the market in the short-term. Additionally, a dam breach at Brazilian miner Vale SA's operations has caused a temporary disruption to iron ore cargoes originating in the Atlantic basin while reports of coal imports restrictions in China as well as the continued U.S.-China trade dispute have hampered drybulk market sentiment.

For 2018 and 2017, we had ownership days of 22,248.6 days and 22,207.4 days, respectively. The increase in ownership days is primarily a result of the delivery of six vessels during third quarter of 2018 substantially offset by the sale of two vessels during third quarter of 2018 and the sale of five vessels during the fourth quarter of 2018. Fleet utilization increased marginally to 98.5% during 2018 from 98.1% during 2017.

Please see pages 7 - 10 for a table that sets forth information about the current employment of the vessels in our fleet.

VOYAGE EXPENSES-

In time charters, spot market-related time charters and pool agreements, operating costs including crews, maintenance and insurance are typically paid by the owner of the vessel and specified voyage costs such as fuel and port charges are paid by the charterer. These expenses are borne by the Company during spot market voyage charters. There are certain other non-specified voyage expenses such as commissions which are typically borne by us. Voyage expenses include port and canal charges, fuel (bunker) expenses and brokerage commissions payable to unaffiliated third parties. Port and canal charges and bunker expenses primarily increase in periods during which vessels are employed on spot market voyage charters because these expenses are for the account of the vessel owner. At the inception of a time charter, we record the difference between the cost of bunker fuel delivered by the terminating charterer and the bunker fuel sold to the new charterer as a gain or loss within voyage expenses. In short-term time charters, voyage expenses include the cost of bunkers consumed pursuant to the terms of the time charter agreement. Additionally, we may record lower of cost and net realizable value adjustments to re-value the bunker fuel on a quarterly basis for certain time charter agreements where the inventory is subject to gains and losses. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Voyage expenses increased by \$89.6 million from \$25.3 million during 2017 to \$114.9 million during 2018. This increase was primarily due to the employment of vessels on additional spot market voyage charters during the year ended December 31, 2018 which incur significantly higher voyage expenses as compared to time charters, spot market-related time charters and pool arrangements. Additionally, there was an increase in the costs of bunkers consumed during short-term time charters during 2018 as compared to 2017.

#### VESSEL OPERATING EXPENSES-

Vessel operating expenses decreased marginally by \$0.7 million from \$98.1 million during 2017 to \$97.4 million during 2018. This decrease was primarily due to the timing of drydocking related expenses, partially offset by higher crew related expenses.

Average daily vessel operating expenses for our fleet decreased marginally by \$38 per day from \$4,417 per day during 2017 as compared to \$4,379 in 2018. The decrease in daily vessel operating expenses was predominantly due to

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lower drydock related expenses, partially offset by higher crew related expenses. We believe daily vessel operating expenses are best measured for comparative purposes over a 12-month period in order to take into account all of the expenses that each vessel in our fleet will incur over a full year of operation. Our actual daily vessel operating expenses per vessel for the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$61 below the weighted-average budgeted rate of \$4,440 per day.

Our vessel operating expenses, which generally represent fixed costs, may increase due to factors beyond our control, some of which may affect the shipping industry in general. These include potential increases in lube expenses as a result of the positioning or sailing time of our vessels, as well as developments relating to market prices for crewing and insurance, which may also cause these expenses to increase.

Based on our management's estimates and budgets provided by our technical manager for our fleet of 58 vessels, we expect our vessels to have average daily vessel operating expenses during 2019 of:

| Vessel Type | Average Daily Budgeted Amount |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Capesize    | \$ 4,950                      |
| Panamax     | 4,450                         |
| Ultramax    | 4,775                         |
| Supramax    | 4,350                         |
| Handysize   | 4,135                         |

Based on these average daily budgeted amounts by vessel type, we expect our fleet to have average daily vessel operating expenses of \$4,525 during 2019.

#### CHARTER HIRE EXPENSES-

During 2018, we time chartered-in five third party vessels which resulted in total expenses of \$1.5 million. We did not time charter-in any vessels during 2017.

#### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-

We incur general and administrative expenses which relate to our onshore non-vessel-related activities. Our general and administrative expenses include our payroll expenses, including those relating to our executive officers, rent, legal, auditing and other professional expenses. General and administrative expenses include nonvested stock amortization expense which represent the amortization of stock-based compensation that has been issued to our Directors and employees pursuant to the Management Incentive Program (the "MIP") and the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. Refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation in our Consolidated Financial Statements. General and administrative expenses also include legal and professional fees associated with our credit facilities which are not capitalizable to deferred financing costs. We expect to incur additional general and administrative expenses during 2019 as a result of our global expansion to Singapore and Copenhagen.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.9 million from \$22.2 million during 2017 to \$23.1 million during 2018 primarily due to an increase in compensation expense, as well as an increase in legal and professional fees associated with the refinancing of our debt with the \$460 Million Credit Facility (refer to Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements). These increases were partially offset by a decrease in nonvested stock amortization expense. Refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

#### TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT FEES-

We incur management fees to third party technical management companies for the day-to-day management of our vessels, including performing routine maintenance, attending to vessel operations and arranging for crews and supplies.

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For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, technical management fees were \$8.0 million and \$7.7 million, respectively. The \$0.3 million increase was primarily a result of the delivery of six vessels during the third quarter of 2018.

### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION-

We depreciate the cost of our vessels on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of each vessel. Depreciation is based on the cost of the vessel less its estimated residual value. We estimate the useful life of our vessels to be 25 years and we estimate the residual value by taking the estimated scrap value of \$310 per lightweight ton times the weight of the ship in lightweight tons.

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased by \$2.8 million from \$71.8 million during 2017 to \$69.0 million during 2018. This decrease was primarily due to the decrease in depreciation expense for the nine vessels that were deemed to be impaired as of February 27, 2018. Additionally, there was a decrease in depreciation expense for the five vessels that were deemed to be impaired as of August 4, 2017, of which four vessels were sold during the third and fourth quarters of 2018. These vessels were reduced to their respective fair market values on those dates and are being depreciated over their remaining useful life. There was also a decrease in the amortization of drydocking assets as there were less vessels that completed drydocking during 2018 as compared to 2017. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in depreciation expense for the six vessels delivered during the third quarter of 2018. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding impairment.

### IMPAIRMENT OF VESSEL ASSETS-

During 2018 and 2017, we recorded \$56.6 million and \$22.0 million of impairment of vessel assets, respectively.

On July 24, 2018, we entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Surprise. As the anticipated undiscounted cash flows, including the net sales price, did not exceed the net book value of the vessel as of June 30, 2018, we reduced the carrying value of the Genco Surprise to the net sales price on June 30, 2018. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$0.2 million during 2018.

On February 27, 2018, our Board of Directors determined to dispose of our following nine vessels; the Genco Cavalier, the Genco Loire, the Genco Lorraine, the Genco Muse, the Genco Normandy, the Baltic Cougar, the Baltic Jaguar, the Baltic Leopard and the Baltic Panther, at times and on terms to be determined in the future. Given this decision, and that the estimated future undiscounted cash flows for each of these older vessels did not exceed the net

book value for each vessel, we have adjusted the values of these older vessels to their respective fair market values during 2018. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$56.4 million during 2018.

At June 30, 2017, we determined that the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to the Genco Surprise did not exceed the carrying value of the vessel at June 30, 2017. As such, we reduced the carrying value of the Genco Surprise to its fair market value as of June 30, 2017, which resulted in an impairment loss of \$3.3 million during 2017.

On August 4, 2017, our Board of Directors determined to dispose of the Genco Beauty, the Genco Explorer, the Genco Knight, the Genco Progress and the Genco Vigour at times and on terms to be determined in the future. Given this decision, and that the estimated future undiscounted cash flows for each of these vessels did not exceed the net book value for each vessel, we reduced the carrying value of these vessels to their respective fair market values at August 4, 2017. This resulted in an \$18.7 million impairment loss during 2017.

Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

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GAIN ON SALE OF VESSELS-

During 2018, we recorded a net gain on sale of vessels of \$3.5 million related primarily to the sale of the Genco Progress during the third quarter of 2018 and the sale of the Genco Cavalier, Genco Explorer, Genco Muse, Genco Beauty and Genco Knight during the fourth quarter of 2018. During 2017, we recorded a net gain on sale of vessels of \$7.7 million related primarily to the sale of the Genco Prosperity, Genco Success, Genco Carrier, Genco Reliance and Genco Wisdom for which the sales were completed during the first half of 2017.

OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME-

NET INTEREST EXPENSE-

Net interest expense increased by \$0.4 million to \$29.3 million during 2018 as compared to \$28.9 million during 2017. Net interest expense during the years ended 2018 and 2017 consisted of interest expense under our credit facilities and amortization of deferred financing costs for those facilities. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to interest expense associated with the \$108 Million Credit Facility, which was entered into on August 14, 2018. These increases were partially offset by an increase in interest income earned during 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily as a result of interest income earned on time deposits as well as a higher cash balance due to proceeds from the equity issuance during the second quarter of 2018 and proceeds from the sale of vessels. Refer to Note 8 — Debt and Note 1 — General Information in the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding our credit facilities and the equity issuance, respectively.

LOSS ON DEBT EXTINGUISHMENT –

During 2018, we recorded a \$4.5 million loss on debt extinguishment as a result of the refinancing of our \$400 Million Credit Facility, \$98 Million Credit Facility and 2014 Term Loan Facilities with the \$460 Million Credit Facility on June 5, 2018. Refer to Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding our credit facilities.

Year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the year ended December 31, 2016

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

We believe that the following table reflects important measures for analyzing trends in our results of operations. The table reflects our ownership days, chartered-in days, available days, operating days, fleet utilization, TCE rates and daily vessel operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 on a consolidated basis.

|                       | For the Year Ended   |          | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|---|
|                       | December 31,<br>2017 | 2016     |                        |          |   |
| Fleet Data:           |                      |          |                        |          |   |
| Ownership days (1)    |                      |          |                        |          |   |
| Capesize              | 4,745.0              | 4,758.0  | (13.0)                 | (0.3)    | % |
| Panamax               | 2,190.0              | 2,850.9  | (660.9)                | (23.2)   | % |
| Ultramax              | 1,460.0              | 1,464.0  | (4.0)                  | (0.3)    | % |
| Supramax              | 7,665.0              | 7,686.0  | (21.0)                 | (0.3)    | % |
| Handymax              | 632.8                | 1,967.7  | (1,334.9)              | (67.8)   | % |
| Handysize             | 5,514.6              | 6,449.3  | (934.7)                | (14.5)   | % |
| Total                 | 22,207.4             | 25,175.9 | (2,968.5)              | (11.8)   | % |
| Chartered-in days (2) |                      |          |                        |          |   |
| Capesize              | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Panamax               | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Ultramax              | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | % |
| Supramax              | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | % |



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|   | For the Year Ended   |          | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |       |   |       |   |
|---|----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|-------|---|-------|---|
|   | December 31,<br>2017 | 2016     |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Handymax  | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | %     |   |       |   |
| Handysize                                       | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | %     |   |       |   |
| Total   | —                    | —        | —                      | —        | %     |   |       |   |
| Available days (owned & chartered-in fleet) (3) |                      |          |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Capesize  | 4,651.3              | 4,725.5  | (74.2)                 | (1.6)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Panamax   | 2,020.5              | 2,831.2  | (810.7)                | (28.6)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Ultramax  | 1,455.7              | 1,460.2  | (4.5)                  | (0.3)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Supramax  | 7,555.2              | 7,642.8  | (87.6)                 | (1.1)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Handymax  | 609.3                | 1,960.8  | (1,351.5)              | (68.9)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Handysize                                       | 5,466.5              | 6,408.2  | (941.7)                | (14.7)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Total   | 21,758.5             | 25,028.7 | (3,270.2)              | (13.1)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Available days (owned fleet) (4)                |                      |          |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Capesize  | 4,651.3              | 4,725.5  | (74.2)                 | (1.6)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Panamax   | 2,020.5              | 2,831.2  | (810.7)                | (28.6)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Ultramax  | 1,455.7              | 1,460.2  | (4.5)                  | (0.3)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Supramax  | 7,555.2              | 7,642.8  | (87.6)                 | (1.1)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Handymax  | 609.3                | 1,960.8  | (1,351.5)              | (68.9)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Handysize                                       | 5,466.5              | 6,408.2  | (941.7)                | (14.7)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Total   | 21,758.5             | 25,028.7 | (3,270.2)              | (13.1)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Operating days (5)                              |                      |          |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Capesize  | 4,519.3              | 4,722.8  | (203.5)                | (4.3)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Panamax   | 2,009.6              | 2,796.4  | (786.8)                | (28.1)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Ultramax  | 1,443.8              | 1,458.4  | (14.6)                 | (1.0)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Supramax  | 7,499.9              | 7,591.0  | (91.1)                 | (1.2)    | %     |   |       |   |
| Handymax  | 583.7                | 1,895.4  | (1,311.7)              | (69.2)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Handysize                                       | 5,410.1              | 6,347.1  | (937.0)                | (14.8)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Total   | 21,466.4             | 24,811.1 | (3,344.7)              | (13.5)   | %     |   |       |   |
| Fleet utilization (6)                           |                      |          |                        |          |       |   |       |   |
| Capesize  | 96.4                 | %        | 99.9                   | %        | (3.5) | % | (3.5) | % |
| Panamax   | 98.6                 | %        | 98.1                   | %        | 0.5   | % | 0.5   | % |
| Ultramax  | 98.9                 | %        | 99.6                   | %        | (0.7) | % | (0.7) | % |
| Supramax  | 98.8                 | %        | 98.8                   | %        | —     | % | —     | % |
| Handymax  | 92.2                 | %        | 96.3                   | %        | (4.1) | % | (4.3) | % |
| Handysize                                       | 98.8                 | %        | 99.0                   | %        | (0.2) | % | (0.2) | % |
| Fleet average                                   | 98.1                 | %        | 98.8                   | %        | (0.7) | % | (0.7) | % |



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|                                     | For the Year Ended<br>December 31, |          | Increase   | % Change |   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|---|
|                                     | 2017                               | 2016     | (Decrease) |          |   |
| Average Daily Results:              |                                    |          |            |          |   |
| Time Charter Equivalent (7)         |                                    |          |            |          |   |
| Capesize                            | \$ 12,017                          | \$ 4,674 | \$ 7,343   | 157.1    | % |
| Panamax                             | 7,974                              | 4,199    | 3,775      | 89.9     | % |
| Ultramax                            | 9,203                              | 6,250    | 2,953      | 47.2     | % |
| Supramax                            | 7,466                              | 4,974    | 2,492      | 50.1     | % |
| Handymax                            | 7,421                              | 4,078    | 3,343      | 82.0     | % |
| Handysize                           | 6,960                              | 4,823    | 2,137      | 44.3     | % |
| Fleet average                       | 8,474                              | 4,795    | 3,679      | 76.7     | % |
| Daily vessel operating expenses (8) |                                    |          |            |          |   |
| Capesize                            | \$ 4,816                           | \$ 4,935 | \$ (119)   | (2.4)    | % |
| Panamax                             | 4,334                              | 4,416    | (82)       | (1.9)    | % |
| Ultramax                            | 4,511                              | 4,613    | (102)      | (2.2)    | % |
| Supramax                            | 4,517                              | 4,657    | (140)      | (3.0)    | % |
| Handymax                            | 4,160                              | 4,240    | (80)       | (1.9)    | % |
| Handysize                           | 3,972                              | 4,136    | (164)      | (4.0)    | % |
| Fleet average                       | 4,417                              | 4,514    | (97)       | (2.1)    | % |

- (1) Ownership days. We define ownership days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which each vessel in our fleet has been owned by us. Ownership days are an indicator of the size of our fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that we record during a period.
- (2) Chartered-in days. We define chartered-in days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which we chartered-in third party vessels.
- (3) Available days (owned and chartered-in fleet). We define available days, which we have recently updated and incorporated in the table above to better demonstrate the manner in which we evaluate our business, as the number of our ownership days and chartered-in days less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to familiarization upon acquisition, repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades or special surveys. Amounts for available days in the table above for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating available days. Companies in the shipping industry generally use available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.
- (4) Available days (owned fleet). We define available days for the owned fleet as available days less chartered-in days.
- (5)

Operating days. We define operating days as the number of our total available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to unforeseen circumstances. The shipping industry uses operating days to measure the aggregate number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues. Amounts for operating days in the table above for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating available days.

- (6) Fleet utilization. We calculate fleet utilization, which we have recently updated and incorporated in the table above to better demonstrate the manner in which we evaluate our business, as the number of our operating days during a period divided by the number of ownership days plus chartered-in days less drydocking days. Amounts for fleet utilization in the table above for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating fleet utilization.
- (7) TCE rates. We define TCE rates as our voyage revenues less voyage expenses and charter-hire expenses, divided by the number of the available days of our owned fleet during the period, which is consistent with industry standards. TCE rate is a common shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare daily earnings generated by vessels on time charters with daily earnings generated by vessels on voyage charters, because

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charterhire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per-day amounts while charterhire rates for vessels on time charters generally are expressed in such amounts.

|                                      | For the Year Ended |            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                                      | December 31,       |            |
|                                      | 2017               | 2016       |
| Voyage revenues (in thousands)       | \$ 209,698         | \$ 133,246 |
| Voyage expenses (in thousands)       | 25,321             | 13,227     |
| Charter hire expenses (in thousands) | —                  | —          |
|                                      | 184,377            | 120,019    |
| Total available days for owned fleet | 21,758.5           | 25,028.7   |
| Total TCE rate                       | \$ 8,474           | \$ 4,795   |

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(8) Daily vessel operating expenses. We define daily vessel operating expenses to include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance (excluding drydocking), the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses. Daily vessel operating expenses are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by ownership days for the relevant period.

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## Operating Data

The following tables represent the operating data and certain balance sheet and other data for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 on a consolidated basis.

|   | For the Years Ended  |            | Change    | % Change |   |
|---|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|
|   | December 31,<br>2017 | 2016       |           |          |   |
| Income Statement Data:  |                      |            |           |          |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands, except for per share amounts)   |                      |            |           |          |   |
| Revenue:  |                      |            |           |          |   |
| Voyage revenues   | \$ 209,698           | \$ 133,246 | \$ 76,452 | 57.4     | % |
| Service revenues  | —                    | 2,340      | (2,340)   | (100.0)  | % |
| Total revenues  | 209,698              | 135,586    | 74,112    | 54.7     | % |
| Operating Expenses:   |                      |            |           |          |   |
| Voyage expenses   | 25,321               | 13,227     | 12,094    | 91.4     | % |
| Vessel operating expenses   | 98,086               | 113,636    | (15,550)  | (13.7)   | % |
| General and administrative expenses (inclusive of nonvested stock amortization expense of \$4,053 and \$20,680, respectively) | 22,190               | 45,174     | (22,984)  | (50.9)   | % |
| Technical management fees   | 7,659                | 8,932      | (1,273)   | (14.3)   | % |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 71,776               | 76,330     | (4,554)   | (6.0)    | % |
| Other operating income  | —                    | (960)      | 960       | 100.0    | % |
| Impairment of vessel assets   | 21,993               | 69,278     | (47,285)  | (68.3)   | % |
| Gain on sale of vessels   | (7,712)              | (3,555)    | (4,157)   | 116.9    | % |
| Total operating expenses  | 239,313              | 322,062    | (82,749)  | (25.7)   | % |
| Operating loss  | (29,615)             | (186,476)  | 156,861   | (84.1)   | % |
| Other expense   | (29,110)             | (30,300)   | 1,190     | (3.9)    | % |
| Loss before reorganization items, net   | (58,725)             | (216,776)  | 158,051   | (72.9)   | % |
| Reorganization items, net   | —                    | (272)      | 272       | (100.0)  | % |
| Loss before income taxes  | (58,725)             | (217,048)  | 158,323   | (72.9)   | % |
| Income tax expense  | —                    | (709)      | 709       | (100.0)  | % |
| Net loss  | (58,725)             | (217,757)  | 159,032   | (73.0)   | % |

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|  |            |            |            |        |   |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------|---|
| Net loss per share - basic                           | \$ (1.71)  | \$ (30.03) | \$ 28.32   | (94.3) | % |
| Net loss per share - diluted                         | \$ (1.71)  | \$ (30.03) | \$ 28.32   | (94.3) | % |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic   | 34,242,631 | 7,251,231  | 26,991,400 | 372.2  | % |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 34,242,631 | 7,251,231  | 26,991,400 | 372.2  | % |

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|   | For the Years Ended<br>December 31, |              |            |          |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|---|
|   | 2017                                | 2016         | Change     | % Change |   |
| Balance Sheet Data:   |                                     |              |            |          |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands, at end of period)                       |                                     |              |            |          |   |
| Cash, including restricted cash                                     | \$ 204,946                          | 169,068      | \$ 35,878  | 21.2     | % |
| Total assets  | 1,520,959                           | 1,568,960    | (48,001)   | (3.1)    | % |
| Total debt (current and long-term, net of deferred financing costs) | 515,392                             | 513,020      | 2,372      | 0.5      | % |
| Total equity  | 975,027                             | 1,029,699    | (54,672)   | (5.3)    | % |
| Other Data:   |                                     |              |            |          |   |
| (U.S. Dollars in thousands)   |                                     |              |            |          |   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                 | \$ 24,071                           | \$ (52,307)  | \$ 76,378  | (146.0)  | % |
| Net cash provided by investing activities (1)                       | 17,405                              | 25,051       | (7,646)    | (30.5)   | % |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities                 | (5,598)                             | 55,435       | (61,033)   | (110.1)  | % |
| EBITDA (2)  | \$ 41,997                           | \$ (112,469) | \$ 154,466 | (137.3)  | % |

(1) In the first quarter of 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) ASU 2016-15 which resulted in insurance proceeds for protection and indemnity claims and loss of hire claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from operating activities and resulted in insurance proceeds for hull and machinery claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from investing activities. Additionally, as part of ASU 2016-15, any cash payments for debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs (including third party costs, premiums paid and other fees paid to lenders) must be classified as cash outflows for financing activities. Lastly, for any debt instruments that contain interest payable in-kind, any cash payments attributable to the payment of in-kind interest will be classified as cash outflows for operating activities. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 resulted in a change in net cash provided by (used in) operating activities and net cash provided by investing activities of \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively

(2) EBITDA represents net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading plus net interest expense, taxes and depreciation and amortization. Refer to pages 50 - 51 included in Item 6 where the use of EBITDA is discussed and for a table demonstrating our calculation of EBITDA that provides a reconciliation of EBITDA to net (loss) income attributable to Genco Shipping & Trading for each of the periods presented above.

## Results of Operations

## VOYAGE REVENUES-



During 2017, voyage revenues increased by \$76.5 million, or 57.4%, as compared to 2016. The increase in voyage revenues was primarily due to the employment of vessels on spot market voyage charters beginning during the second half of 2017, as well as higher spot market rates achieved by the majority of our vessels. These increases were partially offset by the operation of fewer vessels during 2017 as compared to 2016.

The average TCE rate of our fleet increased 76.7% to \$8,474 a day during 2017 from \$4,795 a day during 2016. The increase in TCE rates was primarily due to higher rates achieved by the majority of our vessels during 2017 as compared to 2016.

The Baltic Dry Index, or BDI (a drybulk index) displayed volatility throughout 2017 following a historically weak environment in 2016. The BDI began to gradually increase in the second half of 2016 following an all-time low of 290 on February 10, 2016. To start 2017, the BDI came under seasonal pressure due to the front-loaded nature of the orderbook which led to increased newbuilding vessel deliveries as well as the occurrence of the Chinese New Year holiday. Following a rebound in March, the BDI retreated and remained mostly range bound until September after which the BDI increased reaching multi-year highs in the process. During the fourth quarter of 2017, the BDI hit 1,743, the highest point since January 2014. The preeminent driver behind the BDI increase was augmented steel production in China which led to a rise in demand for high quality, seaborne iron ore cargoes primarily from Brazil and Australia.

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For 2017 and 2016, we had ownership days of 22,207.4 days and 25,175.9 days, respectively. The decrease in ownership days is a result of the sale of nine of our vessels during the fourth quarter of 2016 and the first half of 2017, in addition to the scrapping of one vessel during the second quarter of 2016. Fleet utilization decreased to 98.1% during 2017 from 98.8% during 2016 primarily as a result of 114.6 offhire days and 34.0 offhire days for the Genco Tiger and Baltic Lion, respectively, related to repairs completed to their main engines.

SERVICE REVENUES-

Service revenues consist of revenues earned from providing technical services to MEP pursuant to the agency agreement between us and MEP. These services included oversight of crew management, insurance, drydocking, ship operations and financial statement preparation, but did not include chartering services. The services were provided for a fee of \$750 per ship per day until October 1, 2015, when the daily fees were reduced to \$650 per ship per day pursuant to an agreement entered into between Genco Management (USA) LLC and MEP. There was no service revenue earned during the year ended December 31, 2017 as MEP was dissolved effective December 31, 2016 and the remaining MEP vessels were sold during 2016. The \$2.3 million of service revenue recorded during the year ended December 31, 2016 consisted primarily of \$1.1 million of management fees and \$1.1 million of termination fees related to the sale of the twelve MEP vessels.

VOYAGE EXPENSES-

Voyage expenses increased by \$12.1 million from \$13.2 million during 2016 to \$25.3 million during 2017. This increase was primarily due to the employment of vessels on spot market voyage charters during the second half of 2017 which incur significantly higher voyage expenses as compared to time charters, spot market-related time charters and pool arrangements.

VESSEL OPERATING EXPENSES-

Vessel operating expenses decreased by \$15.6 million from \$113.6 million during 2016 to \$98.1 million during 2017. This decrease was primarily due to the operation of a smaller fleet as a result of the sale of nine vessels during the fourth quarter of 2016 and first half of 2017, in addition to the scrapping of one vessel during the second quarter of 2016. Additionally, the decrease was due to lower expenses related to crewing and insurance, partially offset by higher drydocking related expenses.

Average daily vessel operating expenses for our fleet decreased by \$97 per day from \$4,514 per day during 2016 as compared to \$4,417 in 2017. The decrease in daily vessel operating expenses was primarily due to lower expenses related to crewing and insurance, partially offset by higher drydocking related expenses. We believe daily vessel operating expenses are best measured for comparative purposes over a 12-month period in order to take into account all of the expenses that each vessel in our fleet will incur over a full year of operation. Our actual daily vessel operating expenses per vessel for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$23 below the weighted-average budgeted rate of \$4,440 per day.

#### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-

General and administrative expenses decreased by \$23.0 million from \$45.2 million during 2016 to \$22.2 million during 2017. The decrease was primarily due to a \$16.6 million decrease in nonvested stock amortization expense. This decrease was primarily due to the vesting of the last tranche of MIP warrants on August 7, 2017. Additionally, upon the resignation of Peter C. Georgiopoulos, former Chairman of the Board of Directors, on October 13, 2016, the amortization of his outstanding restricted shares and warrants were accelerated resulted in additional expense during 2016. Refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Additionally, the decrease in general and administrative expense was due to a \$5.5 million decrease in financing related advisory and legal fees.

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TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT FEES-

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, technical management fees were \$7.7 million and \$8.9 million, respectively. The \$1.3 million decrease was due to the sale of nine vessels during the fourth quarter of 2016 and first half of 2017, in addition to the scrapping of one vessel during the second quarter of 2016.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION-

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased by \$4.6 million from \$76.3 million during 2016 to \$71.8 million during 2017. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in depreciation expense for the nine vessels which were deemed impaired at June 30, 2016 and were written down to their net realizable value at June 30, 2016. These vessels were subsequently sold during the fourth quarter of 2016 and the first half of 2017. Additionally, there was a decrease in depreciation for the Genco Marine which was scrapped on May 17, 2016. Lastly, there was a decrease in depreciation expense for the six vessels that were deemed impaired at August 4, 2017 and June 30, 2017 and were written down to their fair market value. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in drydocking amortization expense as a result of additional vessels drydocking during 2017 as compared to 2016.

OTHER OPERATING INCOME-

During 2017 and 2016, other operating income was \$0 and \$1.0 million, respectively. This decrease is primarily due to the one-time nature of a payment of \$0.2 million received from Samsun Logix Corporation (“Samsun”) as part of the cash settlement related to the revised rehabilitation plan approved by the South Korean courts on April 8, 2016 and \$0.8 million received from Samsun as full and final settlement of the aforementioned approved cash settlement. Refer to Note 16 — Commitments and Contingencies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding the settlement payments.

IMPAIRMENT OF VESSEL ASSETS-

During 2017 and 2016, we recorded \$22.0 million and \$69.3 million, respectively, of impairment of vessel assets. On August 4, 2017, our Board of Directors determined to dispose of the Genco Beauty, the Genco Explorer, the Genco Knight, the Genco Progress and the Genco Vigour at times and on terms to be determined in the future. Given this decision, and that the estimated future undiscounted cash flows for each of these vessels did not exceed the net book value for each vessel, we reduced the carrying value of these vessels to their respective fair market values at August 4,

2017. This resulted in an \$18.7 million impairment loss during 2017. Additionally, at June 30, 2017, we determined that the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to the Genco Surprise did not exceed the carrying value of the vessel at June 30, 2017. As such, we reduced the carrying value of the Genco Surprise to its fair market value as of June 30, 2017, which resulted in an impairment loss of \$3.3 million during 2017.

During 2016, we recorded \$67.6 million of impairment for nine of our vessels, the Genco Acheron, Genco Carrier, Genco Leader, Genco Pioneer, Genco Prosperity, Genco Reliance, Genco Success, Genco Sugar, and Genco Wisdom, as we had deemed that it was more likely than not that these vessels would be scrapped. Additionally, during 2016 we recorded \$1.7 million of impairment of vessel assets to adjust the net realizable value of the Genco Marine which was scrapped on May 17, 2016.

Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

#### GAIN ON SALE OF VESSELS -

During 2017, we recorded a net gain on sale of vessels of \$7.7 million related primarily to the sale of the Genco Prosperity, Genco Success, Genco Carrier, Genco Reliance and Genco Wisdom for which the sales were completed

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during the first half of 2017. During 2016, we recorded a net gain on sale of vessels of \$3.6 million related to the sale of the Genco Marine, Genco Sugar, Genco Pioneer, Genco Leader and Genco Acheron.

OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME-

IMPAIRMENT OF INVESTMENT-

During 2016, we recorded Impairment of investment of \$2.7 million. Prior to selling our remaining investment in Jinhui during the fourth quarter of 2016, we reviewed our investment in Jinhui for indicators of other-than-temporary impairment on a quarterly basis. Based on our review, we deemed the investment in Jinhui to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2016. Refer to Note 5 — Investments in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)-

Other (expense) income fluctuated by \$0.8 million from income of \$0.6 million during 2016 to expense of \$0.2 million during 2017. This fluctuation is primarily due to a net gain recorded during 2016 related to the sale of available-for-sale investments. The remainder of our investments were sold during the fourth quarter of 2016. Refer to Note 5 — Investments and Note 9 — Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

NET INTEREST EXPENSE-

Net interest expense increased by \$0.7 million to \$28.9 million during 2017 as compared to \$28.2 million during 2016. Net interest expense during the years ended 2017 and 2016 consisted of interest expense under our credit facilities and amortization of deferred financing costs for those facilities. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to a \$2.0 million increase in interest expense as a result of higher interest rates during 2017 as compared with 2016. These increases were partially offset by a \$1.3 million increase in interest income earned during 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily as a result of interest income earned on time deposits as well as a higher cash balance due to proceeds from the equity issuance during the fourth quarter of 2016 and proceeds from the sale of vessels. Refer to Note 8 — Debt in the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding our credit facilities and the equity issuance.

REORGANIZATION ITEMS, NET

Reorganization items, net decreased by \$0.3 million from \$0.3 million during 2016 to \$0 during 2017. These reorganization items include trustee fees and professional fees incurred after we emerged from bankruptcy on July 9, 2014 in relation to the Chapter 11 Cases. The decrease is due to the winding down of settlement payments related to the Chapter 11 Cases. As of December 31, 2016, all outstanding claims arising from the Chapter 11 Cases were settled. Refer to Note 15 — Reorganization items, net in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further detail.

INCOME TAX EXPENSE-

Income tax expense decreased to \$0 during 2017 from \$0.7 million during 2016. Income tax expense during 2016 consisted primarily of federal, state and local income taxes on net income earned by Genco Management (USA) LLC (“Genco (USA)”), one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries. Pursuant to certain agreements, we provided technical management of vessels for MEP in exchange for specified fees for these services provided. These services were provided by Genco (USA), which elected to be taxed as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes. As such, Genco (USA) was subject to United States federal income tax on its worldwide net income, including the net income derived from providing these services. Refer to the “Income taxes” section of Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies included in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

The decrease in income tax expense during 2017 as compared to 2016 is primarily due to a decrease in service revenue recorded by Genco (USA) which was earned from MEP during 2016 as a result of the sale of MEP’s twelve

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vessels during 2016. MEP was subsequently dissolved by December 31, 2016. As such, there was no income tax recorded during 2017.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flow from operations, cash on hand, equity offerings and credit facility borrowings. We currently use our funds primarily for the acquisition of vessels generally and under our ongoing fleet renewal program, drydocking for our vessels, and satisfying working capital requirements as may be needed to support our business and make required payments under our indebtedness. Our ability to continue to meet our liquidity needs is subject to and will be affected by cash utilized in operations, the economic or business environment in which we operate, shipping industry conditions, the financial condition of our customers, vendors and service providers, our ability to comply with the financial and other covenants of our indebtedness, and other factors. We expect that our fuel costs and fuel inventories will increase beginning in 2019 as a result of sulfur emission regulations due to take effect on January 1, 2020.

On June 19, 2018, we closed an equity offering of 7,015,000 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$16.50 per share. We received net proceeds of approximately \$109.6 million after deducting underwriters' discounts and commissions and other expenses. We used the net proceeds to finance a portion of the purchase price for the two Capesize and two Ultramax vessels that we acquired during the third quarter of 2018. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions.

On February 28, 2019, we entered into an Amendment and Restatement Agreement (the "Amendment") for our \$460 Million Credit Facility (as defined below) with Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch ("Nordea"), as Administrative Agent and Security Agent, the various lenders party thereto, and Nordea, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S as Bookrunners and Mandated Lead Arrangers. The Amendment provides for an additional tranche up to \$35.0 million to finance a portion of the acquisitions, installations, and related costs for exhaust gas cleaning systems (or "scrubbers") for 17 of the our Capesize vessels. The key terms associated with this additional tranche are as follows:

- The final maturity date is May 31, 2023.
- Borrowings under the tranche may be incurred pursuant to multiple drawings on or prior to March 30, 2020 in minimum amounts of \$5.0 million and may be used to finance up to 90% of the scrubber costs noted above.
- Borrowings under the tranche will bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.50% through September 30, 2019 and LIBOR plus a range of 2.25% to 2.75% thereafter, dependent upon our ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months'



EBITDA.

- The tranche is subject to equal consecutive quarterly repayments commencing on the last day of the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2020 in an amount reflecting a repayment profile whereby the loans shall have been repaid after four years calculated from March 31, 2020. Assuming that the full \$35.0 million is borrowed, each quarterly repayment amount would be equal to \$2.5 million.
- For purposes of whether any dividends are subject to a limitation of 50% of our consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter, the full commitment of up to \$35.0 million for the scrubber tranche is assumed to be drawn.
- Collateral and financial covenants otherwise remain substantially the same as they were under the \$460 Million Credit Facility.

In addition, the Amendment permits us to sell or dispose of collateral vessels without prepayment of loans if the sale proceeds are reinvested in a qualified replacement vessel included as collateral within 180 days of such sale or

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disposition rather than 120 days under the original \$460 Million Credit Facility. We can invoke this reinvestment right in connection with a maximum of 16 collateral dispositions, one of which is to be the Genco Cavalier.

On August 14, 2018, we entered into a five-year senior secured credit facility (the “\$108 Million Credit Facility”) with Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank. We have used proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price for the six vessels, as identified in Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions, which were delivered during the third quarter of 2018 and serve as collateral under the \$108 Million Credit Facility. We drew down a total of \$108.0 million during the third quarter of 2018, which represents 45% of the appraised value of the six vessels. The final maturity date of the \$108 Million Credit Facility is August 14, 2023. The \$108 Million Credit Facility provides for the following additional key terms:

- Borrowings under the \$108 Million Credit Facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.50% through September 30, 2019 and LIBOR plus a range of 2.25% to 2.75% thereafter, dependent upon our ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months EBITDA.
- Scheduled amortization payments under the \$108 Million Credit Facility reflect a repayment profile whereby the facility shall have been repaid to nil when the average vessel aged of the collateral vessels reaches 20 years. Based on this, the required repayments are \$1.6 million per quarter commencing on December 31, 2018, with a final balloon payment on the maturity date.
- Mandatory prepayments are to be applied to remaining amortization payments pro rata, while voluntary prepayments are to be applied to remaining amortization payments in order of maturity.
- Dividends may be paid subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter.
- Acquisitions and additional indebtedness are allowed subject to compliance with financial covenants, a collateral maintenance test, and other customary conditions.
- Key financial covenants, which are based on those in our \$460 Million Credit Facility, include:
  - minimum liquidity, with unrestricted cash and cash equivalents to equal or exceed the greater of \$30.0 million and 7.5% of total indebtedness (no restricted cash is required);
  - minimum working capital, with consolidated current assets (excluding restricted cash) minus consolidated current liabilities (excluding the current portion of long-term indebtedness) to be not less than zero;

- debt to capitalization, with the ratio of total indebtedness to total capitalization to be not more than 70%; and
- collateral maintenance, with the aggregate appraised value of collateral vessels to be at least 135% of the principal amount of the loan outstanding under the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

At December 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all financial covenants under the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

On May 31, 2018, we entered into a five-year \$460 million senior secured credit facility (the “\$460 Million Credit Facility”). On June 5, 2018, proceeds of \$460.0 million from the \$460 Million Credit Facility were used, together with cash on hand, to refinance all of our prior credit facilities (the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities as defined in Note 8 — Debt of our Consolidated Financial Statements) into one facility, and pay down the debt of seven of the Company’s oldest vessels, which have been identified for sale. The

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mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners for this facility are Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S. Below are the key terms of this facility:

- The final maturity date of the facility is May 31, 2023.
  
- Borrowings under the facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 3.25% through December 31, 2018 and LIBOR plus a range of 3.00% to 3.50% thereafter, dependent upon our ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months EBITDA.
  
- Amortization is based on a repayment profile in which the loan will be repaid to nil when the average age of the vessels serving as collateral from time to time reaches 17 years, following an initial non-amortization period ending December 31, 2018; the first scheduled quarterly amortization payment on December 31, 2018 was \$15.0 million, with a final payment of \$190.0 million due on May 31, 2023; the amortization amounts are to be recalculated based on changes in collateral vessels upon our request.
  
- Acquisitions and additional indebtedness are allowed subject to compliance with financial covenants, a collateral maintenance test, and other customary conditions.
  
- Dividends may be paid subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for any period during which the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter.
  
- Collateral vessels can be sold or disposed of without prepayment of the loan if replaced with a new vessel within 120 days having an equal or greater appraised value if we are in compliance with the collateral maintenance test. On February 13, 2019, we entered into an amendment with our lenders to extend this period to 180 days.
  
- Key covenants include:
  - minimum liquidity, with unrestricted cash and cash equivalents to equal or exceed the greater of \$30 million and 7.5% of total indebtedness;
  
  - minimum working capital, with consolidated current assets (excluding restricted cash) minus consolidated current liabilities (excluding the current portion of long-term indebtedness) to be not less than zero;
  
  - debt to capitalization, with the ratio of total indebtedness to total capitalization to be not more than 70%; and
  
  - collateral maintenance, with the aggregate appraised value of collateral vessels to be at least 135% of the principal amount of the loan outstanding under the facility.

- Collateral includes the current vessels in our fleet other than the seven vessels identified for sale; collateral vessel earnings and insurance; and time charters in excess of 24 months in respect of the collateral vessels.

At December 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all financial covenants under the \$460 Million Credit Facility.

While supply and demand fundamentals have generally been improving since 2017, persistent, historically low rates prior to 2017 resulted in decreases in our prior period revenues. As a result, we experienced negative cash flows, and in turn, our liquidity had been negatively impacted. To address our liquidity and covenant compliance issues at the

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time, in November 2016 we refinanced or amended our credit facilities and completed a \$125 million capital raise. Based on current market conditions, we believe these measures are sufficient to address such issues and that our capital resources are sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next twelve months. Given the commencement of quarterly amortization payments of \$16.6 million under our credit facilities on December 31, 2018 and anticipated capital expenditures relating to installation of ballast water treatment systems (“BWTS”) and scrubbers on our vessels for environmental regulatory compliance during 2019, we anticipate that our cash expenditures will increase.

We intend to finance a significant portion of the cost associated with scrubbers on our vessels with borrowings as described above and further under “Capital Expenditures” below. Moreover, in the future, we may require capital to fund acquisitions or to improve or support our ongoing operations and debt structure. We may from time to time seek to raise additional capital through equity or debt offerings, selling vessels or other assets, pursuing strategic opportunities, or otherwise. We may also from time to time seek to refinance our indebtedness or obtain waivers or modifications to our credit agreements to obtain more favorable terms, enhance flexibility in conducting our business, or otherwise. We may seek to accomplish any of these independently or in conjunction with one or more of these actions. However, if market conditions are unfavorable, we may be unable to accomplish any of the foregoing on acceptable terms or at all.

## Dividends

Under the terms of our \$460 Million Credit Facility, as amended and restated, and our \$108 Million Credit Facility, we may pay dividends, subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter. The declaration and payment of any dividend is subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors, which expects to consider the appropriateness of dividend payments from time to time as well as relevant legal and contractual requirements. The principal business factors that our Board of Directors expects to consider when determining the timing and amount of dividend payments include our earnings, financial condition and cash requirements at the time. Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the declaration and payment of dividends other than from surplus. Marshall Islands law also prohibits the declaration and payment of dividends while a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend.

## Cash Flow

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$65.9 million as compared to \$24.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. Included in the net loss during the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$56.6 million of non-cash impairment charges, as well as a \$4.5 million loss on the extinguishment of debt, a \$5.3 million payment on the \$400 Million Credit Facility and gains totaling \$3.5 million arising from the sale of seven vessels. Included in the net loss during the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$22.0 million of non-cash impairment charges, paid in kind interest incurred of \$4.5 million related to the \$400 Million Credit Facility, as well as a gain on sale of vessels in the amount of \$7.7 million due to the sale of five vessels. Depreciation and amortization

expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 decreased by \$2.8 million primarily due to the revaluation of nine of our vessels that were written down to their estimated fair market value during the first quarter of 2018, as well as the revaluation of six of our vessels that were written down to their estimated fair market value during the second and third quarters of 2017. These decreases in depreciation were partially offset by an increase in depreciation expense for the six vessels delivered during the third quarter of 2018. Additionally, the fluctuation in inventories increased by \$7.7 million due to additional fuel inventory for our vessels as the result of the employment of our vessels on spot market voyage charters. There was also a \$7.6 million increase in the fluctuation in due from charterers due to the timing of payments received from charterers. These changes were offset by a \$5.5 million decrease in deferred drydocking costs incurred because there were less vessels that completed drydocking during 2018 as compared to 2017.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$195.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$17.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2017. Net cash used in investing activities during 2018 consisted primarily of \$241.9 million purchase of vessels related primarily to the six vessels that delivered to us during the third quarter of 2018. This cash outflow during 2018 was partially offset by \$44.3 million proceeds from the sale of seven vessels during the second half of 2018 and \$3.6 million of proceeds received for hull and machinery claims related primarily to the receipt of the remaining insurance settlement for the main engine

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repair claim for the Genco Tiger. Net cash provided by investing activities during 2017 consisted primarily of \$15.5 million proceeds from the sale of five vessels during 2017 and \$2.4 million of proceeds received for hull and machinery claims related primarily to the receipt of the remaining insurance settlement for the main engine repair claims for the Baltic Lion and Genco Tiger.

Net cash provided by financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$127.3 million as compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$5.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2017. Net cash provided by financing activities of \$127.3 million during 2018 consisted primarily of the \$460.0 million drawdown on the \$460 Million Credit Facility, the \$108.0 million drawdown on the \$108 Million Credit Facility and the net proceeds from the issuance of common stock on June 19, 2018 of \$109.8 million partially offset by the following: \$399.6 million repayment of debt under the \$400 Million Credit Facility; \$93.9 million repayment of debt under the \$98 Million Credit Facility; \$25.5 million repayment of debt under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities; \$15.0 million repayment of debt under the \$460 Million Credit Facility; \$11.8 million payment of deferred financing costs; \$3.0 million payment of debt extinguishment costs and \$1.6 million repayment of debt under the \$108 Million Credit Facility. On August 14, 2018, we entered into the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price for the six vessels acquired during the three months ended September 30, 2018. On June 5, 2018, the \$460 Million Credit Facility refinanced the following three existing credit facilities; the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities. Net cash used in financing activities of \$5.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 consisted of the following: \$2.8 million repayment of debt under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities; \$1.3 million repayment of debt under the \$98 Million Credit Facility; \$1.1 million payment of Series A Preferred Stock issuance costs; and \$0.4 million repayment of debt under the \$400 Million Credit Facility.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$24.1 million as compared to net cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2016 of \$52.3 million. Included in the net loss during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are \$22.0 million and \$72.0 million of non-cash impairment charges, respectively. Also included in the net loss during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are \$4.1 million and \$20.7 million, respectively, of non-cash amortization of nonvested stock compensation related to the Company's equity incentive plans. There was also an increase in the gain on sale of vessels in the amount of \$4.2 million, as well as increase in paid in kind interest of \$3.7 million related to the \$400 Million Credit Facility during the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the prior year. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 decreased by \$4.6 million primarily due to the operation of fewer vessels during the year ended December 31, 2017 as well as the revaluation of ten of our vessels to their estimated net realizable value during the first half of 2016. Additionally, the fluctuation in inventories decreased by \$7.3 million primarily due to additional fuel inventory as of December 31, 2017 for vessels that were fixed on spot market voyage charters and the fluctuation in prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$6.9 million due to the timing of payments. Lastly, there was a \$5.6 million increase in deferred drydocking costs incurred because there were more vessels that completed drydocking during the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the prior year. This was offset by an increase in the fluctuation in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$6.8 million due to the timing payments.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$17.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to \$25.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2016. The decrease is primarily due to a \$10.5 million decrease for the proceeds from the sale of available-for-sale securities. The remainder of our available-for-sale securities were sold during the fourth quarter of 2016. This decrease was partially offset by a \$2.5 million increase in the proceeds from



the sale of vessels.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$5.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$55.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2016. Net cash used in financing activities of \$5.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 consisted primarily of the following: \$2.8 million repayment of debt under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities; \$1.3 million repayment under the \$98 Million Credit Facility; \$1.1 million payment of Series A Preferred Stock issuance costs; and \$0.4 million repayment of debt under the \$400 Million Credit Facility. Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2016 of \$55.4 million consisted primarily of the \$400.0 million drawdown on the \$400 Million Credit Facility and net proceeds from the issuance of Series A Preferred Stock in the amount of \$121.9 million partially offset by the following: \$145.3 million repayment of debt under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, \$140.4 million repayment of debt under

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the \$148 Million Credit Facility, \$60.1 million repayment of debt under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, \$56.2 million repayment of debt under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, \$38.5 million repayment of debt under \$44 Million Term Loan Facility, \$18.6 million repayment of debt under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility, \$3.0 million repayment of debt under the \$98 Million Credit Facility, \$2.8 million repayment of debt under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities and \$1.5 million payment of deferred financing costs. On November 15, 2016, the \$400 Million Credit Facility refinanced the following six credit facilities: the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, the \$148 Million Credit Facility, the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility and the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility.

## Credit Facilities

Refer to Note 8 —Debt of our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of our outstanding credit facilities, including the underlying financial and non-financial covenants. On August 14, 2018, we entered into the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price for the six vessels acquired during the three months ended September 30, 2018. On June 5, 2018, the \$460 Million Credit Facility refinanced the following three existing credit facilities; the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities.

## Interest Rate Swap Agreements, Forward Freight Agreements and Currency Swap Agreements

At December 31, 2018 and 2017, we did not have any interest rate swap agreements. As part of our business strategy, we may enter into interest rate swap agreements to manage interest costs and the risk associated with changing interest rates. In determining the fair value of interest rate derivatives, we would consider the creditworthiness of both the counterparty and ourselves immaterial. Valuations prior to any adjustments for credit risk would be validated by comparison with counterparty valuations. Amounts would not and should not be identical due to the different modeling assumptions. Any material differences would be investigated.

As part of our business strategy, we may enter into arrangements commonly known as forward freight agreements, or FFAs, to hedge and manage our exposure to the charter market risks relating to the deployment of our vessels. Generally, these arrangements would bind us and each counterparty in the arrangement to buy or sell a specified tonnage freighting commitment “forward” at an agreed time and price and for a particular route. Upon settlement, if the contracted charter rate is less than the average of the rates (as reported by an identified index) for the specified route and period, the seller of the FFA is required to pay the buyer an amount equal to the difference between the contracted rate and the settlement rate multiplied by the number of days in the specific period. Conversely, if the contracted rate is greater than the settlement rate, the buyer is required to pay the seller the settlement sum. Although FFAs can be entered into for a variety of purposes, including for hedging, as an option, for trading or for arbitrage, if we decided to enter into FFAs, our objective would be to hedge and manage market risks as part of our commercial management. It is not currently our intention to enter into FFAs to generate a stream of income independent of the revenues we derive from the operation of our fleet of vessels. If we determine to enter into FFAs, we may reduce our exposure to any declines in our results from operations due to weak market conditions or downturns, but may also limit our ability to

benefit economically during periods of strong demand in the market. We have not entered into any FFAs as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

#### Interest Rates

The effective interest rate for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 include interest rates associated with the interest expense for our various credit facilities including the following: the \$108 Million Credit Facility; the \$460 Million Credit Facility; the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities (until these facilities were refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility); and the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, \$44 Million Term Loan Facility, \$148 Million Credit Facility and \$22 Million Term Loan Facility (until these facilities were refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility on November 15, 2016).

The effective interest rate for the aforementioned credit facilities, including the cost associated with unused commitment fees, if applicable, was 5.71%, 5.29% and 4.50% during 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The interest

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rate on the debt, excluding unused commitment fees, ranged from 3.83% to 8.43%; 3.36% to 7.82%; and 2.69% to 7.12% during 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations and their scheduled maturity dates as of December 31, 2018. The table incorporates the employment agreement entered into in September 2007 with our Chief Executive Officer and President, John Wobensmith, which was amended on March 23, 2017. The interest and borrowing fees and scheduled credit agreement payments below reflect the \$460 Million Credit Facility and the \$108 Million Credit Facility, as well as other fees associated with the facilities. Refer to Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding the terms of the aforementioned credit facilities. The following table also incorporates the future lease payments associated with the lease for our current office space in New York. Refer to Note 16 — Commitments and Contingencies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding the terms of our current lease agreement. Lastly, the table incorporates vessel purchase obligations which include the contractual purchase obligations for the purchase of ballast water treatment systems for 47 of our vessels and the contractual purchase obligations for the purchase of scrubber equipment for 17 of our vessels, refer to “Capital Expenditures” section below for further information. All of our time charter-in agreements with third parties are less than twelve months and have not been included below.

|                                | Total                       | Less Than<br>One<br>Year | One to<br>Three<br>Years | Three to<br>Five<br>Years | More than<br>Five Years |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                | (U.S. dollars in thousands) |                          |                          |                           |                         |
| Credit Agreements              | \$ 551,420                  | \$ 66,320                | \$ 132,640               | \$ 352,460                | \$ —                    |
| Interest and borrowing fees    | 104,452                     | 29,953                   | 48,633                   | 25,866                    | —                       |
| Vessel purchase obligations    | 37,683                      | 31,198                   | 5,007                    | 1,478                     | —                       |
| Executive employment agreement | 467                         | 467                      | —                        | —                         | —                       |
| Office leases                  | 15,590                      | 2,230                    | 4,460                    | 4,608                     | 4,292                   |
| Totals                         | \$ 709,612                  | \$ 130,168               | \$ 190,740               | \$ 384,412                | \$ 4,292                |

Interest expense has been estimated using 2.50% based on one-month LIBOR plus the applicable margin of 3.25% for the \$460 Million Credit Facility and 2.50% for the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

## Capital Expenditures

We make capital expenditures from time to time in connection with our vessel acquisitions. Our fleet currently consists of 58 drybulk vessels, including 17 Capesize drybulk carriers, two Panamax drybulk carriers, six Ultramax

drybulk carriers, 20 Supramax drybulk carriers, and 13 Handysize drybulk carriers.

As previously announced, we have initiated a fuel efficiency upgrade program for certain of our vessels in an effort to generate fuel savings and increase the future earnings potential for these vessels. The upgrades have been successfully installed on 17 of our vessels in the aggregate during planned drydockings from 2014 to 2017.

Under U.S. Federal law and 33 CFR, Part 151, Subpart D, U.S. approved BWTS will be required to be installed in all vessels at the first out of water drydocking after January 1, 2016 if these vessels are to discharge ballast water inside 12 nautical miles of the coast of the U.S. U.S. authorities did not approve ballast water treatment systems until December 2016. Therefore, the U.S. Coast Guard (“USCG”) has granted us extensions for our vessels with 2016 drydocking deadlines until January 1, 2018; however, an alternative management system (“AMS”) may be installed in lieu. For example, in February 2015, the USCG added Bawat to the list of ballast water treatment systems that received AMS acceptance. An AMS is valid for five years from the date of required compliance with ballast water discharge standards, by which time it must be replaced by an approved system unless the AMS itself achieves approval. Furthermore, we received extensions for vessels drydocking in 2016 that allowed for further extensions to the vessels’ next scheduled drydockings in year 2021. Additionally, for our vessels scheduled to drydock in 2017 and 2018, the USCG has granted an extension that enables us to defer installation to the next scheduled out of water drydocking. Any

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newbuilding vessels that we acquire will have a USCG approved system or at least an AMS installed when the vessel is being built.

In addition, on September 8, 2016, the Ballast Water Management (“BWM”) Convention was ratified and had an original effective date of September 8, 2017. However, on July 7, 2017, the effective date of the BWM Convention was extended two years to September 8, 2019 for existing ships. This will require vessels to have a BWTS installed to coincide with the vessels’ next International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (“IOPP”) renewal survey after September 8, 2019. In order for a vessel to trade in U.S. waters, it must be compliant with the installation date as required by the USCG as outlined above.

During the second half of 2018, we entered into agreements for the purchase of BWTS for 47 of our vessels. The cost of these systems will vary based on the size and specifications of each vessel and if the systems will be installed in China. Based on the contractual purchase price of the BWTS and the estimated installation fees, the Company estimates the cost of the systems to be approximately \$0.8 million for Capesize, \$0.5 million for Panamax, \$0.5 million for Supramax and \$0.5 million for Handysize vessels. These costs will be capitalized and depreciated over the remainder of the life of the vessel. We intend to fund the BWTS purchase price and installation fees using cash on hand.

Under maritime regulations due to take effect on January 1, 2020, ships will have to reduce sulfur emissions, for which the principal solutions are the use of scrubbers or buying fuel with low sulfur content. We have entered into agreements to install scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels and are evaluating options to install scrubbers on certain minor bulk vessels. The balance of our vessels are expected to consume compliant, low sulfur fuel, but we will continue to evaluate other options. We anticipate scrubber installation on the 17 Capesize vessels to be completed in 2019 and estimate that the cost of each scrubber, including installation, will be approximately \$2.25 million per vessel, which may vary according to the specifications of our vessels and technical aspects of the installation, among other variables. These costs will be capitalized and depreciated over the remainder of the life of the vessel. This does not include any lost revenue associated with offhire days due to the installation of the scrubbers. We have entered into an amendment to our \$460 Million Credit Facility for an additional tranche of up to \$35 million to cover a portion of the expenses to the acquisition and installation of scrubbers on our 17 Capesize vessels. We intend to fund the remainder of the costs with cash on hand. The estimated costs and off-hire days associated with the installation of the scrubbers are included in the expenditure table below. For vessels for which we do not currently anticipate installing scrubbers on, we expect to incur additional costs in order to transition these vessels from high sulfur fuel to compliant, low sulfur fuel.

In addition to acquisitions that we may undertake in future periods, we will incur additional expenditures due to special surveys and drydockings for our fleet. We estimate our drydocking costs, including capitalized costs incurred during drydocking related to vessel assets and vessel equipment, BWTS costs, scrubber costs and scheduled off-hire days for our fleet through 2020 to be:

| Year | Estimated Drydocking Cost (1)<br>(U.S. dollars in millions) | Estimated BWTS Cost (2) | Estimated Scrubber Cost | Estimated Off-hire Days (3) |
|------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2019 | \$ 19.8   | \$ 13.8                 | \$ 38.3                 | 875                         |
| 2020 | \$ 10.7   | \$ 5.1                  | \$ —                    | 300                         |

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- (1) Estimated drydocking costs during 2019 includes \$4.8 million of costs for vessels that could potentially be sold which were impaired during the year ended December 31, 2018.
- (2) The \$13.8 million and \$5.1 million of estimated BWTS costs during 2019 and 2020, respectively, represent the remaining deposits and payments for the BWTS for certain vessels expected to be drydocked during 2019 and 2020, respectively. The \$13.8 million of estimated BWTS costs during 2019 include \$2.7 million of costs for vessels that could potentially be sold which were impaired during the year ended December 31, 2018.
- (3) Estimated offhire days during 2019 include 120 days for vessels that could potentially be sold which were impaired during the year ended December 31, 2018.

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The costs reflected are estimates based on drydocking our vessels in China. Actual costs will vary based on various factors, including where the drydockings are actually performed. We expect to fund these costs with cash on hand. These costs do not include drydock expense items that are reflected in vessel operating expenses.

Actual length of drydocking will vary based on the condition of the vessel, yard schedules and other factors. Higher repairs and maintenance expenses during drydocking for vessels which are over 15 years old typically result in a higher number of off-hire days depending on the condition of the vessel.

During 2018 and 2017, we incurred a total of \$2.2 million and \$7.8 million of drydocking costs, respectively, excluding costs incurred during drydocking that were capitalized to vessel assets or vessel equipment.

Three of our vessels completed drydocking during 2018. We estimate that 35 of our vessels will be drydocked during 2019 and 14 of our vessels will be drydocked during 2020.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

## Inflation

Inflation has only a moderate effect on our expenses given current economic conditions. In the event that significant global inflationary pressures appear, these pressures would increase our operating, voyage, general and administrative, and financing costs.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES



The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The preparation of those financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments of uncertainties and potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. We have described below what we believe are our most critical accounting policies, because they generally involve a comparatively higher degree of judgment in their application. For an additional description of our significant accounting policies, see Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this 10-K.

#### Performance Claims

Voyage revenue is based on contracted charterparties which rates fluctuate based on changes in the spot market. However, there is always the possibility of dispute over terms and payment of hires and freights. In particular, disagreements may arise as to the responsibility of lost time and revenue due to us as a result. Additionally, there are certain performance parameters included in contracted charterparties which if not met, can result in customer claims. Accordingly, we periodically assess the recoverability of amounts outstanding and estimate a provision if there is a possibility of non-recoverability. At each balance sheet date, we provide a provision based on a review of all outstanding charter receivables and we also will accrue for any estimated customer claims primarily a result of time charter performance issues that have not yet been deducted by the charterer. We provide for reserves which offset the due from charterers balance if a disputed amount or performance claim has been deducted by the charterer. If a disputed amount or potential performance claim has not been deducted by the charterer, we record the estimated customer claims as deferred revenue. Providing for these reserves will be offset by a decrease in revenue. Although we believe its

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provisions to be reasonable at the time they are made, it is possible that an amount under dispute is not ultimately recovered and the estimated provision for doubtful accounts is inadequate.

Vessels and Depreciation

We record the value of our vessels at their cost (which includes acquisition costs directly attributable to the vessel and expenditures made to prepare the vessel for its initial voyage) less accumulated depreciation. We depreciate our drybulk vessels on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, estimated to be 25 years from the date of initial delivery from the shipyard. Depreciation is based on cost less the estimated residual scrap value of \$310/lwt based on the 15-year average scrap value of steel. An increase in the residual value of the vessels will decrease the annual depreciation charge over the remaining useful life of the vessels. Similarly, an increase in the useful life of a drybulk vessel would also decrease the annual depreciation charge. Comparatively, a decrease in the useful life of a drybulk vessel or in its residual value would have the effect of increasing the annual depreciation charge. However, when regulations place limitations over the ability of a vessel to trade on a worldwide basis, we will adjust the vessel's useful life to end at the date such regulations preclude such vessel's further commercial use.

The carrying value of each of our vessels does not represent the fair market value of such vessel or the amount we could obtain if we were to sell any of our vessels, which could be more or less. Under U.S. GAAP, we would not record a loss if the fair market value of a vessel (excluding its charter) is below our carrying value unless and until we determine to sell that vessel or the vessel is impaired as discussed below under the heading "Impairment of long-lived assets." As of December 31, 2018, excluding the three Bourbon vessels we resold immediately upon delivery to MEP at our cost, we have sold 20 of our vessels since our inception and realized a profit in each instance, with the exception of the Genco Marine which was scrapped on May 17, 2016, the Genco Surprise which sold during the third quarter of 2018 and the Genco Muse which was sold during the fourth quarter of 2018.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, we recorded losses of \$56.6 million related to the impairment of vessel assets. There was \$0.2 million of impairment expense recorded during 2018 for the Genco Surprise. On July 24, 2018 we entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Surprise. As the anticipated undiscounted cash flows, including the net sales price, did not exceed the net book value of the vessel at June 30, 2018, the vessel value was adjusted to its net sales price as of June 30, 2018. Additionally, there was \$56.4 million of impairment expense recorded during 2018 for nine of our vessels; the Genco Cavalier, the Genco Loire, the Genco Lorraine, the Genco Muse, the Genco Normandy, the Baltic Cougar, the Baltic Jaguar, the Baltic Leopard and the Baltic Panther. On February 27, 2018, our Board of Directors determined to dispose of these vessels at times and on terms to be determined in the future. As such, the future undiscounted cash flows did not exceed the net book value of these vessels and the vessel values were adjusted to their respective fair market values which resulted in an impairment loss. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, we recorded losses of \$22.0 million related to the impairment of vessel assets. There was \$18.7 million of impairment expense recorded during 2017 for five of our vessels; the Genco

Beauty, the Genco Explorer, the Genco Knight, the Genco Progress and the Genco Vigour. On August 4, 2017, the Board of Directors determined to dispose of these vessels at times and on terms to be determined in the future. As such, the future undiscounted cash flows did not exceed the net book value of these vessels and the vessel values were adjusted to their respective fair market values which resulted in an impairment loss. Additionally, during 2017, a \$3.3 million impairment loss was recorded for the Genco Surprise at June 30, 2017 when we determined that the future undiscounted cash flows did not exceed the net book value for the Genco Surprise. Therefore, we adjusted the value of the Genco Surprise to its fair market value which resulted in an impairment loss of \$3.3 million. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded losses of \$69.3 million related to the impairment of vessel assets. The \$69.3 million impairment expense recorded during 2016 included \$67.6 million impairment loss for nine of our vessels (the Genco Acheron, Genco Carrier, Genco Leader, Genco Pioneer, Genco Prosperity, Genco Reliance, Genco Success, Genco Sugar and Genco Wisdom) for which we had determined that it was more likely than not would be scrapped pursuant to the terms of the Commitment Letter that we originally entered into on June 8, 2016. Additionally, a \$1.7 million impairment loss was recorded during the first quarter of 2016 for the Genco Marine when

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we had determined that it was more likely than not that the vessel would be scrapped. On April 5, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved scrapping the Genco Marine and it was sold to a demolition yard and scrapped on May 17, 2016. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Pursuant to our bank credit facilities, we regularly submit to the lenders valuations of our vessels on an individual charter free basis in order to evidence our compliance with the collateral maintenance covenants under our bank credit facilities. Such a valuation is not necessarily the same as the amount any vessel may bring upon sale, which may be more or less, and should not be relied upon as such. We were in compliance with the collateral maintenance covenants under our \$460 Million Credit Facility and \$108 Million Credit Facility as of December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. We obtained valuations for all of the vessels in our fleet pursuant to the terms of the \$460 Million Credit Facility and the \$108 Million Credit Facility. In the chart below, we list each of our vessels, the year it was built, the year we acquired it, and its carrying value at December 31, 2018 and 2017. Vessels have been grouped according to their collateralized status as of December 31, 2018. The carrying value of the Genco Loire, Genco Lorraine, Genco Normandy, Baltic Cougar, Baltic Jaguar, Baltic Leopard and Baltic Panther at December 31, 2018 reflect the impairment loss recorded during 2018 for these vessels. The carrying value of the Genco Beauty, Genco Explorer, Genco Knight, Genco Progress and Genco Surprise at December 31, 2017 reflect the impairment loss recorded during 2017 for these vessels. Lastly, the carrying value of the Genco Vigour at December 31, 2018 and 2017 reflect the impairment loss recorded during 2017.

At December 31, 2018, the vessel valuations of all of our vessels for covenant compliance purposes under our credit facility as of the most recent compliance testing date were lower than their carrying values at December 31, 2018, with the exception of the Baltic Lion, Genco Tiger, Genco Weatherly, and Genco Vigour. At December 31, 2017, the vessel valuations of all of our vessels for covenant compliance purposes under our credit facilities as of the most recent compliance testing date were lower than their carrying values at December 31, 2017, with the exception of the Baltic Lion, Genco Tiger and the six vessels that were written down to their fair market value during the year ended December 31, 2017 as noted above (Genco Surprise, Genco Beauty, Genco Explorer, Genco Knight, Genco Progress and Genco Vigour).

The amount by which the carrying value at December 31, 2018 of all of the vessels in our fleet, with the exception of the four aforementioned vessels, exceeded the valuation of such vessels for covenant compliance purposes ranged, on an individual basis, from \$1.1 million to \$14.9 million per vessel, and \$336.3 million on an aggregate fleet basis. The amount by which the carrying value at December 31, 2017 of all of the vessels in our fleet, with the exception of the eight aforementioned vessels, exceeded the valuation of such vessels for covenant compliance purposes ranged, on an individual basis, from \$3.7 million to \$15.2 million per vessel, and \$395.5 million on an aggregate fleet basis. The average amount by which the carrying value of these vessels exceeded the valuation of such vessels for covenant compliance purposes was \$6.1 million and \$7.6 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. However, neither such valuation nor the carrying value in the table below reflects the value of long-term time charters related to some of our vessels.

Carrying Value (U.S.  
dollars in

| Vessels                       | Year Built | Year<br>Acquired | thousands) as of     |                      |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                               |            |                  | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
| \$460 Million Credit Facility |            |                  |                      |                      |
| Genco Commodus                | 2009       | 2009             | 38,389               | 40,191               |
| Genco Maximus                 | 2009       | 2009             | 38,423               | 40,241               |
| Genco Claudius                | 2010       | 2009             | 40,376               | 42,211               |
| Baltic Bear                   | 2010       | 2010             | 39,866               | 41,644               |
| Baltic Wolf                   | 2010       | 2010             | 39,989               | 41,780               |
| Baltic Lion                   | 2009       | 2013             | 30,870               | 32,063               |
| Genco Tiger                   | 2010       | 2013             | 28,716               | 29,870               |
| Genco Raptor                  | 2007       | 2008             | 16,096               | 17,019               |
| Genco Thunder                 | 2007       | 2008             | 16,173               | 17,080               |
| Baltic Scorpion               | 2015       | 2015             | 26,648               | 27,708               |

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| Vessels           | Year Built | Year Acquired | Carrying Value (U.S. dollars in thousands) as of |                   |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|--|-------------------|
|                   |            |               | December 31, 2018                                | December 31, 2017 |
| Baltic Mantis     | 2015       | 2015          | 26,897   | 27,965            |
| Genco Hunter      | 2007       | 2007          | 18,223   | 19,344            |
| Genco Warrior     | 2005       | 2007          | 15,674   | 16,842            |
| Genco Aquitaine   | 2009       | 2010          | 17,436   | 18,267            |
| Genco Ardennes    | 2009       | 2010          | 17,466   | 18,285            |
| Genco Auvergne    | 2009       | 2010          | 17,582   | 18,475            |
| Genco Bourgogne   | 2010       | 2010          | 18,420   | 19,346            |
| Genco Brittany    | 2010       | 2010          | 18,444   | 19,365            |
| Genco Languedoc   | 2010       | 2010          | 18,448   | 19,375            |
| Genco Loire       | 2009       | 2010          | 10,773   | 17,646            |
| Genco Lorraine    | 2009       | 2010          | 10,769   | 17,620            |
| Genco Normandy    | 2007       | 2010          | 9,134  | 16,068            |
| Baltic Leopard    | 2009       | 2009          | 10,779   | 17,679            |
| Baltic Jaguar     | 2009       | 2010          | 10,785   | 17,716            |
| Baltic Panther    | 2009       | 2010          | 10,782   | 17,690            |
| Baltic Cougar     | 2009       | 2010          | 10,784   | 17,705            |
| Genco Picardy     | 2005       | 2010          | 15,736   | 16,886            |
| Genco Provence    | 2004       | 2010          | 14,809   | 15,855            |
| Genco Pyrenees    | 2010       | 2010          | 18,395   | 19,333            |
| Genco Rhone       | 2011       | 2011          | 19,532   | 20,460            |
| Genco Bay         | 2010       | 2010          | 17,284   | 18,172            |
| Genco Ocean       | 2010       | 2010          | 17,356   | 18,226            |
| Genco Avra        | 2011       | 2011          | 18,378   | 19,271            |
| Genco Mare        | 2011       | 2011          | 18,420   | 19,300            |
| Genco Spirit      | 2011       | 2011          | 18,470   | 19,343            |
| Genco Challenger  | 2003       | 2007          | 9,543  | 10,365            |
| Baltic Wind       | 2009       | 2010          | 16,427   | 17,224            |
| Baltic Cove       | 2010       | 2010          | 17,296   | 18,176            |
| Baltic Breeze     | 2010       | 2010          | 17,382   | 18,247            |
| Baltic Fox        | 2010       | 2013          | 16,876   | 17,766            |
| Baltic Hare       | 2009       | 2013          | 15,910   | 16,722            |
| Genco Constantine | 2008       | 2008          | 36,086   | 37,963            |
| Genco Augustus    | 2007       | 2007          | 33,747   | 35,683            |
| Genco London      | 2007       | 2007          | 33,152   | 34,958            |
| Genco Titus       | 2007       | 2007          | 33,235   | 35,076            |
| Genco Tiberius    | 2007       | 2007          | 33,756   | 35,616            |
| Genco Hadrian     | 2008       | 2008          | 36,139   | 37,900            |
| Genco Predator    | 2005       | 2007          | 15,701   | 16,862            |
| Genco Cavalier    | 2007       | 2008          | —  | 16,011            |
| Genco Champion    | 2006       | 2008          | 12,314   | 13,179            |
| Genco Charger     | 2005       | 2007          | 11,453   | 12,285            |
| Baltic Hornet     | 2014       | 2014          | 25,114   | 26,146            |

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|             |      |      |              |              |
|-------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Baltic Wasp | 2015 | 2015 | 25,370       | 26,398       |
| TOTAL       |      |      | \$ 1,105,823 | \$ 1,222,618 |

\$108 Million Credit Facility

|                 |      |      |        |   |
|-----------------|------|------|--------|---|
| Genco Endeavour | 2015 | 2018 | 45,368 | — |
| Genco Resolute  | 2015 | 2018 | 45,497 | — |
| Genco Columbia  | 2016 | 2018 | 27,702 | — |
| Genco Weatherly | 2014 | 2018 | 22,564 | — |

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| Vessels            | Year Built | Year<br>Acquired | Carrying Value (U.S.<br>dollars in<br>thousands) as of |                      |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|--|----------------------|
|                    |            |                  | December 31,<br>2018                                   | December 31,<br>2017 |
| Genco Liberty      | 2016       | 2018             | 48,930   | —                    |
| Genco Defender     | 2016       | 2018             | 48,986   | —                    |
|                    |            |                  | \$ 239,047   | \$ —                 |
| Unencumbered       |            |                  |  |                      |
| Genco Beauty       | 1999       | 2005             | —  | 6,075                |
| Genco Explorer     | 1999       | 2004             | —  | 3,874                |
| Genco Knight       | 1999       | 2005             | —  | 6,065                |
| Genco Muse         | 2001       | 2005             | —  | 11,459               |
| Genco Progress     | 1999       | 2005             | —  | 3,873                |
| Genco Surprise     | 1998       | 2006             | —  | 5,536                |
| Genco Vigour       | 1999       | 2004             | 5,699  | 6,077                |
| TOTAL              |            |                  | \$ 5,699   | \$ 42,959            |
| Consolidated Total |            |                  | \$ 1,350,569   | \$ 1,265,577         |

If we were to sell a vessel or hold a vessel for sale, and the carrying value of the vessel were to exceed its fair market value, net of commission, we would record a loss in the amount of the difference. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions in our Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding the sale of vessel assets and the classification of vessel assets held for sale as of December 31, 2018.

## Deferred drydocking costs

Our vessels are required to be drydocked approximately every 30 to 60 months for major repairs and maintenance that cannot be performed while the vessels are operating. We capitalize the costs associated with drydockings as they occur and amortize these costs on a straight-line basis over the period between drydockings. Deferred drydocking costs include actual costs incurred at the drydock yard; cost of travel, lodging and subsistence of our personnel sent to the drydocking site to supervise; and the cost of hiring a third party to oversee the drydocking. We believe that these criteria are consistent with U.S. GAAP guidelines and industry practice and that our policy of capitalization reflects the economics and market values of the vessels. Costs that are not related to drydocking are expensed as incurred. If the vessel is drydocked earlier than originally anticipated, any remaining deferred drydock costs that have not been amortized are expensed at the end of the next drydock.

## Impairment of long-lived assets



We follow the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) subtopic 360-10, “Property, Plant and Equipment” (“ASC 360-10”) which requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than their carrying amounts. If indicators of impairment are present, we perform an analysis of the anticipated undiscounted future net cash flows to be derived from the related long-lived assets.

The weak supply and demand fundamentals experienced in recent years has negatively impacted the drybulk industry. General market volatility has endured as a result of uncertainty about the growth rate of the world economy and the Chinese economy in particular, on which the drybulk industry depends to a significant degree. The economies of the U.S., European Union, and other parts of the world continue to experience relatively slower growth rates. As a result of these factors and the increased supply of drybulk vessels, freight rates and charter rates have declined significantly in recent years, albeit better performance in 2017 and 2018 as compared to previous years.

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When indicators of impairment are present and our estimate of undiscounted future cash flows for any vessel is lower than the vessel's carrying value, the carrying value is written down, by recording a charge to operations, to the vessel's fair market value if the fair market value is lower than the vessel's carrying value.

We determined that as of December 31, 2018, the future income streams expected to be earned by such vessels over their remaining operating lives on an undiscounted basis would be sufficient to recover their carrying values. Our estimated future undiscounted cash flows exceeded each of our vessels' carrying values by a considerable margin (approximately 11% - 123% of carrying value). Our vessels remain fully utilized and have a relatively long average remaining useful life of approximately 16 years in which to recover sufficient cash flows on an undiscounted basis to recover their carrying values as of December 31, 2018. Management will continue to monitor developments in charter rates in the markets in which it participates with respect to the expectation of future rates over an extended period of time that are utilized in the analyses.

In developing estimates of future undiscounted cash flows, we make assumptions and estimates about the vessels' future performance, with the significant assumptions being related to charter rates, fleet utilization, vessels' operating expenses, vessels' capital expenditures and drydocking requirements, vessels' residual value and the estimated remaining useful life of each vessel. The assumptions used to develop estimates of future undiscounted cash flows are based on historical trends. Specifically, we utilize the rates currently in effect for the duration of their current time charters or spot market voyage charters, without assuming additional profit sharing. For periods of time where our vessels are not fixed on time charters or spot market voyage charters, we utilize an estimated daily time charter equivalent for our vessels' unfixed days based on the most recent ten year historical one-year time charter average. Further, for our older vessels, those vessels in operation for at least 18 years, we evaluate the current rate environment compared to the ten-year historical one-year time charter rate and adjust the rate to better reflect the expected cash flows over the remaining useful lives of those vessels. Older vessels are inherently more susceptible to impairment from weakness in the charter rate environment as their shorter remaining useful lives provide for less of an opportunity for them to benefit from potentially stronger rates in the future. It is reasonably possible that the estimate of undiscounted cash flows may change in the near term due to changes in current rates which adversely affect the average rates being utilized and could result in impairment of certain of our older vessels. Actual equivalent drybulk shipping rates are currently lower than the estimated rates. We believe current rates have been driven by seasonal issues, as well as a number of factors that have affected demand growth and overall sentiment in the drybulk market as discussed under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Results of Operations—Voyage Revenues."

Of the inputs that the Company uses for its impairment analysis, future time charter rates are the most significant and most volatile. Based on the sensitivity analysis performed by the Company, the Company would record impairment on its vessels for time charter declines from their most recent ten-year historical one-year time charter averages as follows:

| Vessel Class | Percentage Decline from Ten-Year<br>Historical One-Year Time Charter<br>Average at Which Point Impairment<br>Would be Recorded |   |                      |   |
|--------------|--|---|----------------------|---|
|              | As of  |   | As of                |   |
|              | December 31,<br>2018   | % | December 31,<br>2017 | % |
| Capesize     | (16.1)   | % | (49.2)               | % |
| Panamax      | (22.3)   | % | (44.0)               | % |
| Ultramax     | (19.9)   | % | (41.9)               | % |
| Supramax     | (6.4)  | % | (26.2)               | % |
| Handymax     | —  | % | (26.1)               | % |
| Handysize    | (3.6)  | % | (20.5)               | % |

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Our time charter equivalent (TCE) rates for our fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, were above or (below) the ten-year historical one-year time charter average as of such dates as follows:

| Vessel Class | TCE Rates as Compared with Ten-Year Historical One-Year Time Charter Average<br>(as percentage above/(below)) |        |                                   |        |
|--------------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|
|              | As of<br>December 31,<br>2018   |        | As of<br>December 31,<br>2017 (1) |        |
|              | Capesize  | (14.0) | %                                 | (54.3) |
| Panamax      | (19.9)  | %      | (50.4)                            | %      |
| Ultramax     | (16.0)  | %      | (43.7)                            | %      |
| Supramax     | (4.1)   | %      | (47.4)                            | %      |
| Handymax     | —   | %      | (39.4)                            | %      |
| Handysize    | 2.4   | %      | (35.0)                            | %      |

(1) The amounts as of December 31, 2017 in the table above have been adjusted for our updated method of calculating TCE rates. Refer to pages 55 – 57 for further information.

The projected net operating cash flows are determined by considering the future charter revenues from existing time charters for the fixed fleet days and an estimated daily time charter equivalent for the unfixed days over the estimated remaining life of the vessel, assumed to be 25 years from the delivery of the vessel from the shipyard, reduced by brokerage and address commissions, expected outflows for vessels' maintenance and vessel operating expenses (including planned drydocking and special survey expenditures) and capital expenditures adjusted annually for inflation, assuming fleet utilization of 98%. The salvage value used in the impairment test is estimated to be \$310 per light weight ton, consistent with our vessels' depreciation policy discussed above.

Although we believe that the assumptions used to evaluate potential impairment are reasonable and appropriate, such assumptions are highly subjective. There can be no assurance as to how long charter rates and vessel values will remain at their currently low levels or whether they will improve by any significant degree. Charter rates may remain at depressed levels for a prolonged period of time, which could adversely affect our revenue and profitability, and future assessments of vessel impairment.

## Investments

We held an investment in the capital stock of Jinhui. Jinhui is a drybulk shipping owner and operator focused on the Supramax segment of drybulk shipping. We also held an investment in the stock of Korea Line Corporation ("KLC"). KLC is a marine transportation service company which operates a fleet of carriers which includes carriers for iron ore,

liquefied natural gas and tankers for oil and petroleum products. These investments were designated as available-for-sale and were reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses recorded in shareholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). We classified the investment as a current or noncurrent asset based on our intent to hold the investment at each reporting date. During the fourth quarter of 2016, we sold our remaining shares of Jinhui and KLC and did not have any remaining investments as of December 31, 2016.

Investments were reviewed quarterly to identify possible other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with ASC Subtopic 320-10, "Investments — Debt and Equity Securities" ("ASC 320-10"). When evaluating the investments, we reviewed factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below the cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer, the underlying net asset value of the issuer's assets and liabilities, and our ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time which may be sufficient for anticipated recovery in market value. Should the decline in the value of any investment be deemed to be other-than-temporary, the investment basis would be written down to fair market value, and the write-down would be recorded to earnings as a loss. Investments that are not expected to be sold within the next year are classified as noncurrent.

Prior to the sale of our remaining investments, we evaluated our investments on a quarterly basis to determine the likelihood of any further significant adverse effects on the fair value and amount of any impairment. In the event we

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determined that the Jinhui or KLC investments were subject to any other-than-temporary impairment, the amount of the impairment was reclassified from the Consolidated Statement of Equity and recorded as a loss in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the amount of the impairment.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest rate risk

We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes. Our objective is to manage the impact of interest rate changes on our earnings and cash flow in relation to our borrowings. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, we did not have any interest rate swap agreements to manage interest costs and the risks associated with changing interest rates.

We are subject to market risks relating to changes in LIBOR rates because we have significant amounts of floating rate debt outstanding. During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, we were subject to the following interest rates on the outstanding debt under our credit facilities (refer to Note 8 — Debt in our Consolidated Financial Statements for effective dates and termination dates for our credit facilities outlined below):

- \$108 Million Credit Facility — one-month LIBOR plus 2.50% effective during the third quarter of 2018. We drew down \$51.8 million on August 17, 2018, \$22.1 million on September 6, 2018 and \$34.1 million on September 11, 2018
- \$460 Million Credit Facility – one-month LIBOR plus 3.25% effective June 5, 2018, when the draw down on this facility was made
- \$400 Million Credit Facility — three-month LIBOR plus 3.75% effective November 14, 2016 until June 5, 2018, when this credit facility was refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility
- \$98 Million Credit Facility — three-month LIBOR plus 6.125% effective until June 5, 2018, when this credit facility was refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility
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2014 Term Loan Facilities — three-month or six-month LIBOR plus 2.50% until June 5, 2018, when this credit facility was refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility

The following credit facilities were subject to the following interest rates on the outstanding debt under our credit facility until November 15, 2016, when they were refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility:

- 2015 Revolving Credit Facility — three-month LIBOR plus a range of 3.40% to 4.25%
- \$148 Million Credit Facility — LIBOR plus 3.00%
- \$44 Million Term Loan Facility — three-month LIBOR plus 3.35%
- \$22 Million Term Loan Facility — three-month LIBOR plus 3.35%
- \$253 Million Term Loan Facility — three-month or six-month LIBOR plus 3.50%
- \$100 Million Term Loan Facility — LIBOR plus 3.50%

A 1% increase in LIBOR would result in an increase of \$5.3 million in interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2018.

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From time to time, the Company may consider derivative financial instruments such as swaps and caps or other means to protect itself against interest rate fluctuations.

### Derivative financial instruments

As part of our business strategy, we may enter into interest rate swap agreements to manage interest costs and the risk associated with changing interest rates. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, we did not have any derivative financial instruments.

Refer to the “Interest rate risk” section above for further information regarding interest rate swap agreements.

### Currency and exchange rate risk

The international shipping industry’s functional currency is the U.S. Dollar. Virtually all of our revenues and most of our operating costs are in U.S. Dollars. We incur certain operating expenses in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar, and the foreign exchange risk associated with these operating expenses is immaterial.

### Investments

We held investments in equity securities of Jinhui, which were classified as available for sale (“AFS”) under Accounting Standards Codification 320-10, “Investments — Debt and Equity Securities” (“ASC 320-10”). Pursuant to guidance in ASC 320-10, changes between our cost basis in these securities and their market value are recognized as an adjustment to their carrying values with an offsetting adjustment to AOCI at each reporting date. Prior to the sale of our remaining shares of Jinhui during the fourth quarter of 2016, we reviewed the carrying value of such investments on a quarterly basis to determine if there were any indicators of other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with ASC 320-10. Based on our review as of June 30, 2016, we deemed our investment in Jinhui to be other-than-temporarily impaired due to the duration and severity of the decline in its market value versus its cost basis and the absence of the intent and ability to recover the initial carrying value of the investment. Therefore, a total loss of \$2.7 million has been recorded as impairment of investment in our Consolidated Statement of Operations during the year ended December 31, 2016. Refer to Note 5 — Investments in our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.





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ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Consolidated Financial Statements

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders and the Board of Directors of

Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, equity, and cash flows, for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 5, 2019, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material

misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York

March 5, 2019

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2005.

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## Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017

(U.S. Dollars in thousands, except for share and per share data)

|   | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets  |                      |                      |
| Current assets:   |                      |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 197,499           | \$ 174,479           |
| Restricted cash   | 4,947                | 7,234                |
| Due from charterers, net of a reserve of \$669 and \$246, respectively                              | 22,306               | 12,855               |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 10,449               | 7,338                |
| Inventories   | 29,548               | 15,333               |
| Vessels held for sale   | 5,702                | —                    |
| Total current assets  | 270,451              | 217,239              |
| Noncurrent assets:  |                      |                      |
| Vessels, net of accumulated depreciation of \$244,529 and \$213,431, respectively                   | 1,344,870            | 1,265,577            |
| Deferred drydock, net of accumulated amortization of \$13,553 and \$9,540 respectively              | 9,544                | 13,382               |
| Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,281 and \$1,003, respectively | 2,290                | 1,014                |
| Other noncurrent assets   | —                    | 514                  |
| Restricted cash   | 315                  | 23,233               |
| Total noncurrent assets   | 1,357,019            | 1,303,720            |
| Total assets  | \$ 1,627,470         | \$ 1,520,959         |
| Liabilities and Equity  |                      |                      |
| Current liabilities:  |                      |                      |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | \$ 29,143            | \$ 23,230            |
| Current portion of long-term debt   | 66,320               | 24,497               |
| Deferred revenue  | 6,404                | 4,722                |
| Total current liabilities:  | 101,867              | 52,449               |
| Noncurrent liabilities:   |                      |                      |
| Long-term lease obligations   | 3,468                | 2,588                |
| Long-term debt, net of deferred financing costs of \$16,272 and \$9,032, respectively               | 468,828              | 490,895              |
| Total noncurrent liabilities  | 472,296              | 493,483              |
| Total liabilities   | 574,163              | 545,932              |

Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)

Equity:

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Common stock, par value \$0.01; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 41,644,470 and 34,532,004 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively | 416          | 345          |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 1,740,163    | 1,628,355    |
| Retained deficit  | (687,272)    | (653,673)    |
| Total equity  | 1,053,307    | 975,027      |
| Total liabilities and equity  | \$ 1,627,470 | \$ 1,520,959 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited

## Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands, Except for Earnings Per Share and Share Data)

|  | For the Years Ended December 31, |            |            |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
|  | 2018                             | 2017       | 2016       |
| Revenues:  |                                  |            |            |
| Voyage revenues  | \$ 367,522                       | \$ 209,698 | \$ 133,246 |
| Service revenues   | —                                | —          | 2,340      |
| Total revenues   | 367,522                          | 209,698    | 135,586    |
| Operating expenses:  |                                  |            |            |
| Voyage expenses  | 114,855                          | 25,321     | 13,227     |
| Vessel operating expenses  | 97,427                           | 98,086     | 113,636    |
| Charter hire expenses  | 1,534                            | —          | —          |
| General and administrative expenses (inclusive of nonvested stock amortization expense of \$2,231, \$4,053 and \$20,680, respectively) | 23,141                           | 22,190     | 45,174     |
| Technical management fees  | 8,000                            | 7,659      | 8,932      |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 68,976                           | 71,776     | 76,330     |
| Other operating income   | —                                | —          | (960)      |
| Impairment of vessel assets  | 56,586                           | 21,993     | 69,278     |
| Gain on sale of vessels  | (3,513)                          | (7,712)    | (3,555)    |
| Total operating expenses   | 367,006                          | 239,313    | 322,062    |
| Operating income (loss)  | 516                              | (29,615)   | (186,476)  |
| Other (expense) income:  |                                  |            |            |
| Impairment of investment   | —                                | —          | (2,696)    |
| Other income (expense)   | 367                              | (164)      | 645        |
| Interest income  | 3,801                            | 1,551      | 204        |
| Interest expense   | (33,091)                         | (30,497)   | (28,453)   |
| Loss on debt extinguishment  | (4,533)                          | —          | —          |
| Other expense  | (33,456)                         | (29,110)   | (30,300)   |
| Loss before reorganization items, net  | (32,940)                         | (58,725)   | (216,776)  |
| Reorganization items, net  | —                                | —          | (272)      |
| Loss before income taxes   | (32,940)                         | (58,725)   | (217,048)  |
| Income tax expense   | —                                | —          | (709)      |

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|  |             |             |              |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Net loss   | \$ (32,940) | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,757) |
| Net loss per share-basic                                     | \$ (0.86)   | \$ (1.71)   | \$ (30.03)   |
| Net loss per share-diluted                                   | \$ (0.86)   | \$ (1.71)   | \$ (30.03)   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding-basic             | 38,382,599  | 34,242,631  | 7,251,231    |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding-diluted           | 38,382,599  | 34,242,631  | 7,251,231    |
| See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. |             |             |              |

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Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss

For the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

|                            | For the Years Ended December 31, |             |              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                            | 2018                             | 2017        | 2016         |
| Net loss                   | \$ (32,940)                      | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,757) |
| Other comprehensive income | —                                | —           | 21           |
| Comprehensive loss         | \$ (32,940)                      | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,736) |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited

Consolidated Statements of Equity

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

|   | Series A<br>Preferred<br>Stock | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income<br>(Loss) | Retained<br>Deficit | Total Equity |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Balance — January 1, 2016   | \$ —                           | \$ 73           | \$ 1,483,105                     | \$ (21)   | \$ (377,191)        | \$ 1,105,966 |
| Net loss  |                                |                 |                                  |   | (217,757)           | (217,757)    |
| Other comprehensive income  |                                |                 |                                  | 21  |                     | 21           |
| Issuance of 27,061,856 shares<br>of Series A Preferred Stock      | 120,789                        |                 |                                  |   |                     | 120,789      |
| Issuance of 61,244 shares of<br>nonvested stock                   |                                | 1               | (1)                              |   |                     | —            |
| Issuance of 3,138 shares of<br>vested RSUs                        |                                | —               | —                                |   |                     | —            |
| Nonvested stock amortization                                      |                                |                 | 20,680                           |   |                     | 20,680       |
| Balance — December 31, 2016                                       | \$ 120,789                     | \$ 74           | \$ 1,503,784                     | \$ —  | \$ (594,948)        | \$ 1,029,699 |
| Net loss  |                                |                 |                                  |   | (58,725)            | (58,725)     |
| Conversion of 27,061,856<br>shares of Series A Preferred<br>Stock | (120,789)                      | 270             | 120,519                          |   |                     | —            |
| Issuance of 115,700 shares of<br>vested RSUs                      |                                | 1               | (1)                              |   |                     | —            |
| Nonvested stock amortization                                      |                                |                 | 4,053                            |   |                     | 4,053        |
| Balance — December 31, 2017,<br>as previously reported            | \$ —                           | \$ 345          | \$ 1,628,355                     | \$ —  | \$ (653,673)        | \$ 975,027   |
| Impact of adoption of ASC 606                                     |                                |                 |                                  |   | (659)               | (659)        |

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|  |      |        |              |      |              |              |
|--|------|--------|--------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| As adjusted balance — January 1, 2018        | \$ — | \$ 345 | \$ 1,628,355 | \$ — | \$ (654,332) | \$ 974,368   |
| Net loss                                     |      |        |              |      | (32,940)     | (32,940)     |
| Issuance of 7,015,000 shares of common stock |      | 70     | 109,578      |      |              | 109,648      |
| Issuance of 97,466 shares of vested RSUs     |      | 1      | (1)          |      |              | —            |
| Nonvested stock amortization                 |      |        | 2,231        |      |              | 2,231        |
| Balance — December 31, 2018                  | \$ — | \$ 416 | \$ 1,740,163 | \$ — | \$ (687,272) | \$ 1,053,307 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

|   | For the Years Ended December 31, |             |              |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | 2018                             | 2017        | 2016         |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                                  |             |              |
| Net loss  | \$ (32,940)                      | \$ (58,725) | \$ (217,757) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                                  |             |              |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 68,976                           | 71,776      | 76,330       |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs  | 3,035                            | 2,325       | 2,847        |
| PIK interest, net   | —                                | 4,542       | 800          |
| Payment of PIK interest   | (5,341)                          | —           | —            |
| Amortization of nonvested stock compensation expense                                      | 2,231                            | 4,053       | 20,680       |
| Impairment of vessel assets   | 56,586                           | 21,993      | 69,278       |
| Gain on sale of vessels   | (3,513)                          | (7,712)     | (3,555)      |
| Impairment of investment  | —                                | —           | 2,696        |
| Loss on debt extinguishment   | 4,533                            | —           | —            |
| Insurance proceeds for protection and indemnity claims                                    | 303                              | 765         | 494          |
| Insurance proceeds for loss of hire claims  | 58                               | 2,230       | 812          |
| Realized gain on sale of investment   | —                                | —           | (689)        |
| Change in assets and liabilities:   |                                  |             |              |
| (Increase) decrease in due from charterers  | (10,099)                         | (2,482)     | 213          |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets                          | (6,626)                          | (5,875)     | 1,010        |
| (Increase) decrease in inventories  | (14,215)                         | (6,485)     | 844          |
| Decrease in other noncurrent assets   | 514                              | —           | —            |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses                              | 2,571                            | 1,494       | (5,309)      |
| Increase in deferred revenue  | 1,190                            | 3,234       | 430          |
| Increase in lease obligations   | 880                              | 720         | 719          |
| Deferred drydock costs incurred   | (2,236)                          | (7,782)     | (2,150)      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                                       | 65,907                           | 24,071      | (52,307)     |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                                  |             |              |
| Purchase of vessels, including deposits   | (241,872)                        | (262)       | (458)        |
| Purchase of other fixed assets  | (1,462)                          | (290)       | (329)        |
| Net proceeds from sale of vessels   | 44,330                           | 15,513      | 13,024       |
| Sale of AFS securities  | —                                | —           | 10,489       |
| Insurance proceeds for hull and machinery claims  | 3,629                            | 2,444       | 2,325        |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities                                       | (195,375)                        | 17,405      | 25,051       |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                                  |             |              |
| Proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility   | 108,000                          | —           | —            |
| Repayments on the \$108 Million Credit Facility   | (1,580)                          | —           | —            |
| Proceeds from the \$460 Million Credit Facility   | 460,000                          | —           | —            |
| Repayments on the \$460 Million Credit Facility   | (15,000)                         | —           | —            |

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| Proceeds from \$400 Million Credit Facility        | —         | —     | 400,000   |
| Repayments on the \$400 Million Credit Facility    | (399,600) | (400) | —         |
| Repayments on the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility | —         | —     | (60,099)  |
| Repayments on the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility | —         | —     | (145,268) |

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|   | For the Years Ended December 31, |            |            |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
|   | 2018                             | 2017       | 2016       |
| Repayments on the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility                      | —                                | —          | (56,218)   |
| Repayments on the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility                     | —                                | —          | (38,500)   |
| Repayments on the \$98 Million Credit Facility                        | (93,939)                         | (1,332)    | (3,000)    |
| Repayments on the \$148 Million Credit Facility                       | —                                | —          | (140,383)  |
| Repayments on the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility                     | —                                | —          | (18,625)   |
| Repayments on the 2014 Term Loan Facilities                           | (25,544)                         | (2,763)    | (2,763)    |
| Cash settlement of non-accredited Note holders                        | —                                | —          | (101)      |
| Payment of debt extinguishment costs                                  | (2,962)                          | —          | —          |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock                                | 110,249                          | —          | —          |
| Payment of common stock issuance costs                                | (496)                            | —          | —          |
| Proceeds from issuance of Series A Preferred Stock                    | —                                | —          | 125,000    |
| Payment of Series A Preferred Stock issuance costs                    | —                                | (1,103)    | (3,108)    |
| Payment of deferred financing costs                                   | (11,845)                         | —          | (1,500)    |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                   | 127,283                          | (5,598)    | 55,435     |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (2,185)                          | 35,878     | 28,179     |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period     | 204,946                          | 169,068    | 140,889    |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period           | \$ 202,761                       | \$ 204,946 | \$ 169,068 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016

1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited (“GS&T”) and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”). The Company is engaged in the ocean transportation of drybulk cargoes worldwide through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels. GS&T is incorporated under the laws of the Marshall Islands and as of December 31, 2018, is the direct or indirect owner of all of the outstanding shares or limited liability company interests of the following subsidiaries: Genco Ship Management LLC; Genco Investments LLC; Genco RE Investments LLC; Genco Shipping Pte. Ltd.; Genco Shipping A/S; Baltic Trading Limited (“Baltic Trading”); and the ship-owning subsidiaries as set forth below under “Other General Information.”

On April 15, 2016, the shareholders of the Company approved, at a Special Meeting of Shareholders (the “Special Meeting”), proposals to amend the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company to (i) increase the number of authorized shares of common stock of the Company from 250,000,000 to 500,000,000 and (ii) authorize the issuance of up to 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in one or more classes or series as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The authorized shares did not change as a result of the reverse stock split as discussed below. Following the Special Meeting on such date, the Company filed Articles of Amendment of its Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Registrar of Corporations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to implement to the foregoing amendments. Additionally, at the Special Meeting, the shareholders of the Company approved a proposal to amend the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company to effect a reverse stock split of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock at a ratio between 1-for-2 and 1-for-25 with such reverse stock split to be effective at such time and date, if at all, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, but no later than one year after shareholder approval thereof. On July 7, 2016, the Company completed a one-for-ten reverse stock split of its common stock.

On October 13, 2016, Peter C. Georgiopoulos resigned as Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company. The Board of Directors appointed Arthur L. Regan, a current director of the Company, as Interim Executive Chairman of the Board. In connection with his departure, Mr. Georgiopoulos entered into a Separation Agreement and a Release Agreement with the Company on October 13, 2016. Under the terms of these agreements, subject to customary conditions, Mr. Georgiopoulos received an amount equal to the annual Chairman’s fee awarded to him in recent years of \$500 as a severance payment and full vesting of his unvested equity awards, which consisted of grants of 68,581 restricted shares of the Company’s common stock and warrants exercisable for approximately 213,937 shares of the Company’s common stock with an exercise price per share ranging \$259.10 to \$341.90. Refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation. The agreements also contain customary provisions pertaining to confidential information, releases of claims by Mr. Georgiopoulos, and other restrictive covenants.

On November 15, 2016, pursuant to the Purchase Agreements (as defined in Note 8 — Debt), the Company completed the private placement of 27,061,856 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (“Series A Preferred Stock”) which included 25,773,196 shares at a price per share of \$4.85 and an additional 1,288,660 shares issued as a commitment fee on a pro rata basis. The Company received net proceeds of \$120,789 after deducting placement agents’ fees and expenses. On January 4, 2017, the Company’s shareholders approved at a Special Meeting of Shareholders the issuance of up to 27,061,856 shares of common stock of the Company upon the conversion of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which were purchased by certain investors in a private placement (the “Conversion Proposal”). As a result of shareholder approval of the Conversion Proposal, all outstanding 27,061,856 shares of Series A Preferred Stock were automatically and mandatorily converted into 27,061,856 shares of common stock of the Company on January 4, 2017.

On June 19, 2018, the Company closed an equity offering of 7,015,000 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$16.50 per share. The Company received net proceeds of \$109,648 after deducting underwriters’ discounts and commissions and other expenses.

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## Other General Information

At December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company's fleet consisted of 59, 60 and 65 vessels, respectively.

Below is the list of Company's wholly owned ship-owning subsidiaries as of December 31, 2018:

| Wholly Owned Subsidiaries | Vessel Acquired   | Dwt     | Delivery Date | Year Built |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| Genco Vigour Limited      | Genco Vigour      | 73,941  | 12/15/04      | (3) 1999   |
| Genco Augustus Limited    | Genco Augustus    | 180,151 | 8/17/07       | 2007       |
| Genco Tiberius Limited    | Genco Tiberius    | 175,874 | 8/28/07       | 2007       |
| Genco London Limited      | Genco London      | 177,833 | 9/28/07       | 2007       |
| Genco Titus Limited       | Genco Titus       | 177,729 | 11/15/07      | 2007       |
| Genco Challenger Limited  | Genco Challenger  | 28,428  | 12/14/07      | 2003       |
| Genco Charger Limited     | Genco Charger     | 28,398  | 12/14/07      | 2005       |
| Genco Warrior Limited     | Genco Warrior     | 55,435  | 12/17/07      | 2005       |
| Genco Predator Limited    | Genco Predator    | 55,407  | 12/20/07      | 2005       |
| Genco Hunter Limited      | Genco Hunter      | 58,729  | 12/20/07      | 2007       |
| Genco Champion Limited    | Genco Champion    | 28,445  | 1/2/08        | 2006       |
| Genco Constantine Limited | Genco Constantine | 180,183 | 2/21/08       | 2008       |
| Genco Raptor LLC          | Genco Raptor      | 76,499  | 6/23/08       | 2007       |
| Genco Thunder LLC         | Genco Thunder     | 76,588  | 9/25/08       | 2007       |
| Genco Hadrian Limited     | Genco Hadrian     | 169,025 | 12/29/08      | 2008       |
| Genco Commodus Limited    | Genco Commodus    | 169,098 | 7/22/09       | 2009       |
| Genco Maximus Limited     | Genco Maximus     | 169,025 | 9/18/09       | 2009       |
| Genco Claudius Limited    | Genco Claudius    | 169,001 | 12/30/09      | 2010       |
| Genco Bay Limited         | Genco Bay         | 34,296  | 8/24/10       | 2010       |
| Genco Ocean Limited       | Genco Ocean       | 34,409  | 7/26/10       | 2010       |
| Genco Avra Limited        | Genco Avra        | 34,391  | 5/12/11       | 2011       |
| Genco Mare Limited        | Genco Mare        | 34,428  | 7/20/11       | 2011       |
| Genco Spirit Limited      | Genco Spirit      | 34,432  | 11/10/11      | 2011       |
| Genco Aquitaine Limited   | Genco Aquitaine   | 57,981  | 8/18/10       | 2009       |
| Genco Ardennes Limited    | Genco Ardennes    | 58,018  | 8/31/10       | 2009       |
| Genco Auvergne Limited    | Genco Auvergne    | 58,020  | 8/16/10       | 2009       |
| Genco Bourgogne Limited   | Genco Bourgogne   | 58,018  | 8/24/10       | 2010       |
| Genco Brittany Limited    | Genco Brittany    | 58,018  | 9/23/10       | 2010       |
| Genco Languedoc Limited   | Genco Languedoc   | 58,018  | 9/29/10       | 2010       |
| Genco Loire Limited       | Genco Loire       | 53,430  | 8/4/10        | 2009       |
| Genco Lorraine Limited    | Genco Lorraine    | 53,417  | 7/29/10       | 2009       |
| Genco Normandy Limited    | Genco Normandy    | 53,596  | 8/10/10       | 2007       |
| Genco Picardy Limited     | Genco Picardy     | 55,257  | 8/16/10       | 2005       |
| Genco Provence Limited    | Genco Provence    | 55,317  | 8/23/10       | 2004       |

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|                         |                 |         |          |          |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Genco Pyrenees Limited  | Genco Pyrenees  | 58,018  | 8/10/10  | 2010     |
| Genco Rhone Limited     | Genco Rhone     | 58,018  | 3/29/11  | 2011     |
| Genco Weatherly Limited | Genco Weatherly | 61,556  | 7/26/18  | 2014     |
| Genco Columbia Limited  | Genco Columbia  | 60,294  | 9/10/18  | 2016     |
| Genco Endeavour Limited | Genco Endeavour | 181,060 | 8/15/18  | 2015     |
| Genco Resolute Limited  | Genco Resolute  | 181,060 | 8/14/18  | 2015     |
| Genco Defender Limited  | Genco Defender  | 180,021 | 9/6/18   | 2016     |
| Genco Liberty Limited   | Genco Liberty   | 180,032 | 9/11/18  | 2016     |
| Baltic Lion Limited     | Baltic Lion     | 179,185 | 4/8/15   | (1) 2012 |
| Baltic Tiger Limited    | Genco Tiger     | 179,185 | 4/8/15   | (1) 2011 |
| Baltic Leopard Limited  | Baltic Leopard  | 53,446  | 4/8/10   | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Panther Limited  | Baltic Panther  | 53,350  | 4/29/10  | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Cougar Limited   | Baltic Cougar   | 53,432  | 5/28/10  | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Jaguar Limited   | Baltic Jaguar   | 53,473  | 5/14/10  | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Bear Limited     | Baltic Bear     | 177,717 | 5/14/10  | (2) 2010 |
| Baltic Wolf Limited     | Baltic Wolf     | 177,752 | 10/14/10 | (2) 2010 |
| Baltic Wind Limited     | Baltic Wind     | 34,408  | 8/4/10   | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Cove Limited     | Baltic Cove     | 34,403  | 8/23/10  | (2) 2010 |
| Baltic Breeze Limited   | Baltic Breeze   | 34,386  | 10/12/10 | (2) 2010 |
| Baltic Fox Limited      | Baltic Fox      | 31,883  | 9/6/13   | (2) 2010 |
| Baltic Hare Limited     | Baltic Hare     | 31,887  | 9/5/13   | (2) 2009 |
| Baltic Hornet Limited   | Baltic Hornet   | 63,574  | 10/29/14 | (2) 2014 |
| Baltic Wasp Limited     | Baltic Wasp     | 63,389  | 1/2/15   | (2) 2015 |
| Baltic Scorpion Limited | Baltic Scorpion | 63,462  | 8/6/15   | 2015     |
| Baltic Mantis Limited   | Baltic Mantis   | 63,470  | 10/9/15  | 2015     |

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- (1) The delivery date for these vessels represents the date that the vessel was purchased from Baltic Trading.
- (2) The delivery date for these vessels represents the date that the vessel was delivered to Baltic Trading.
- (3) The Genco Vigour was sold on January 28, 2019. Refer to Note 21 — Subsequent Events

The Company formerly provided technical services for drybulk vessels purchased by Maritime Equity Partners (“MEP”). These services included oversight of crew management, insurance, drydocking, ship operations and financial statement preparation, but did not include chartering services. The services were initially provided for a fee of \$750 per ship per day plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs and were provided for an initial term of one year. On September 30, 2015, under the oversight of an independent committee of the Company’s Board of Directors, Genco Management (USA) Limited and MEP entered into certain agreements under which MEP paid \$2,178 of the amount of service fees in arrears (of which \$261 was paid in 2016 by the new owners of five of the MEP vessels sold in January 2016 as described below) and the daily service fee was reduced from \$750 to \$650 per day effective on October 1, 2015. During January 2016, five of MEP’s vessels were sold to third parties and were no longer subject to the agency agreement. Based upon the September 30, 2015 agreement, termination fees were due in the amount of \$296 which was assumed by the new owners of the five MEP vessels that were sold and were paid in full during February 2016. Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2016, the remaining seven of MEP’s vessels were sold to third parties, and the agency agreement was deemed terminated upon the sale of these vessels. Based upon the September 30, 2015 agreement, termination fees were due in the amount of \$830, which was assumed by the new owners of the seven MEP vessels that were sold and were paid in full as of September 30, 2016. MEP has been dissolved, and all previous amounts were settled as of December 31, 2016. Refer to Note 7 — Related Party Transactions.

## 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Principles of consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) which includes the accounts of GS&T and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### Business geographics

The Company’s vessels regularly move between countries in international waters, over hundreds of trade routes and, as a result, the disclosure of geographic information is impracticable.

#### Vessel acquisitions

When the Company enters into an acquisition transaction, it determines whether the acquisition transaction was the purchase of an asset or a business based on the facts and circumstances of the transaction. As is customary in the shipping industry, the purchase of a vessel is normally treated as a purchase of an asset as the historical operating data for the vessel is not reviewed nor is it material to the Company's decision to make such acquisition.

When a vessel is acquired with an existing time charter, the Company allocates the purchase price to the vessel and the time charter based on, among other things, vessel market valuations and the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the acquired charters) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the charter terms and (ii) management's estimate of the fair market charter rate, measured over a period equal to the remaining term of the charter. The capitalized above-market (assets) and below-market (liabilities) charters are amortized as a reduction or increase, respectively, to voyage revenues over the remaining term of the charter.

#### Segment reporting

The Company reports financial information and evaluates its operation by voyage revenues and not by the length of ship employment for its customers, i.e., spot or time charters. Each of the Company's vessels serve the same type of customer, have similar operation and maintenance requirements, operate in the same regulatory environment, and

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are subject to similar economic characteristics. Based on this, the Company has determined that it operates in one reportable segment, the ocean transportation of drybulk cargoes worldwide through the ownership and operation of drybulk carrier vessels.

### Revenue recognition

Since the Company's inception, revenues have been generated from time charter agreements, spot market voyage charters, pool agreements and spot market-related time charters. A time charter involves placing a vessel at the charterer's disposal for a set period of time during which the charterer may use the vessel in return for the payment by the charterer of a specified daily hire rate, including any ballast bonus payments received pursuant to the time charter agreement. Spot market-related time charters are the same as other time charter agreements, except the time charter rates are variable and are based on a percentage of the average daily rates as published by the Baltic Dry Index ("BDI"). Voyage revenues also include the sale of bunkers consumed during short-term time charters pursuant to the terms of the time charter agreement.

The Company records time charter revenues, including spot market-related time charters, over the term of the charter as service is provided. Revenues are recognized on a straight-line basis as the average revenue over the term of the respective time charter agreement for which the performance obligations are satisfied beginning when the vessel is delivered to the charterer until it is redelivered back to the Company. The Company records spot market-related time charter revenues over the term of the charter as service is provided based on the rate determined based on the BDI for each respective billing period. As such, the revenue earned by the Company's vessels that are on spot market-related time charters is subject to fluctuations of the spot market. Time charter contracts, including spot market-related time charters, are considered operating leases and therefore do not fall under the scope of ASC 606 (as defined under "Recent accounting pronouncements" below) because (i) the vessel is an identifiable asset; (ii) the Company does not have substantive substitution rights; and (iii) the charterer has the right to control the use of the vessel during the term of the contract and derives economic benefit from such use.

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, six of the Company's vessels were chartered under spot-market related time charters that included a profit-sharing element, the Genco Commodus, Baltic Lion, Genco London, Genco Maximus, Baltic Wasp and Baltic Wolf. These time charters all ended during the year ended December 31, 2017. Under these charter agreements, the rate for the spot market-related time charter was linked to a floor of \$3 with a 50% index-based profit sharing component. During the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no time charters with profit-sharing elements.

Pursuant to the new revenue recognition guidance as disclosed in Note 14 — Voyage Revenue, which was adopted during the first quarter of 2018, revenue for spot market voyage charters is now recognized ratably over the total transit time of each voyage, which commences at the time the vessel arrives at the loading port and ends at the time the discharge of cargo is completed at the discharge port. Prior to the adoption of the new guidance, revenue for spot market voyage charters was recognized ratably over the total transit time of the voyage, which previously commenced

the latter of when the vessel departed from its last discharge port and when an agreement was entered into with the chartered, and ended at the the time discharge of cargo was completed at the discharge port.

At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company did not have any of its vessels in vessel pools. Under pool arrangements, the vessels operate under a time charter agreement whereby the cost of bunkers and port expenses are borne by the pool and operating costs including crews, maintenance and insurance are typically paid by the owner of the vessel. Since the members of the pool share in the revenue less voyage expenses generated by the entire group of vessels in the pool, and the pool operates in the spot market, the revenue earned by these vessels is subject to the fluctuations of the spot market. The Company recognizes revenue from these pool arrangements based on its portion of the net distributions reported by the relevant pool, which represents the net voyage revenue of the pool after voyage expenses and pool manager fees.

#### Voyage expense recognition

In time charters, spot market-related time charters and pool agreements, operating costs including crews, maintenance and insurance are typically paid by the owner of the vessel and specified voyage costs such as fuel and port

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charges are paid by the charterer. These expenses are borne by the Company during spot market voyage charters. As such, there are significantly higher voyage expenses for spot market voyage charters as compared to time charters, spot market-related time charters and pool agreements. There are certain other non-specified voyage expenses, such as commissions, which are typically borne by the Company. At the inception of a time charter, the Company records the difference between the cost of bunker fuel delivered by the terminating charterer and the bunker fuel sold to the new charterer as a gain or loss within voyage expenses. Additionally, the Company records lower of cost and net realizable value adjustments to re-value the bunker fuel on a quarterly basis for certain time charter agreements where the inventory is subject to gains and losses. These differences in bunkers, including any lower of cost and net realizable value adjustments, resulted in a net gain (loss) of \$3,000, \$2,021 and (\$4,920) during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Additionally, voyage expenses include the cost of bunkers consumed during short-term time charters pursuant to the terms of the time charter agreement.

### Other operating income

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company recorded other operating income of \$960. There was no operating income recorded during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. Other Operating income recorded during the year ended December 31, 2016 consists primarily of \$934 received from Samsun Logix Corporation (“Samsun”) pursuant to the revised rehabilitation plan that was approved by the South Korean courts on April 8, 2016, which was settled in full on October 27, 2016. Refer to Note 16 — Commitments and Contingencies for further information regarding the bankruptcy settlement with Samsun.

### Loss on debt extinguishment

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded \$4,533 related to the loss on the extinguishment of debt in accordance with ASC 470-50 — “Debt – Modifications and Extinguishments” (“ASC 470-50”). This loss was recognized as a result of the refinancing of the \$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities with the \$460 Million Credit Facility on June 5, 2018 as described in Note 8 — Debt.

### Due from charterers, net

Due from charterers, net includes accounts receivable from charters, including receivables for spot market voyages, net of the provision for doubtful accounts. At each balance sheet date, the Company records the provision based on a review of all outstanding charter receivables. Included in the standard time charter contracts with the Company’s customers are certain performance parameters which, if not met, can result in customer claims. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company had a reserve of \$669 and \$246, respectively, against the due from charterers balance and an additional accrual of \$345 and \$327, respectively, in deferred revenue, each of which is primarily associated with estimated customer claims against the Company including vessel performance issues under time charter

agreements.

Revenue is based on contracted charterparties. However, there is always the possibility of dispute over terms and payment of hires and freights. In particular, disagreements may arise concerning the responsibility of lost time and revenue. Accordingly, the Company periodically assesses the recoverability of amounts outstanding and estimates a provision if there is a possibility of non-recoverability. The Company believes its provisions to be reasonable based on information available.

#### Inventories

Inventories consist of consumable bunkers and lubricants. For bunkers that are subject to gains and losses as a result of certain time charter agreements, these inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value, and all others are stated at cost. Cost is determined by the first in, first out method. During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company opted to break out these inventory assets that were previously classified as Prepaid expenses and other current assets into its own financial statement line item in the Consolidated Balance Sheets to provide a greater level of detail in the face of the financial statements. Inventories have been increasing as the result of the employment of

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vessels on spot market voyages, which result in higher bunker inventories. This change was made retrospectively for comparability purposes, and there was no effect on the Total current assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

### Vessel operating expenses

Vessel operating expenses include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance, the cost of spares and consumable stores, and other miscellaneous expenses. Vessel operating expenses are recognized when incurred.

### Charter hire expenses

During the second quarter of 2018, the Company began chartering-in third party vessels. The costs to charter-in these vessels, which primarily include the daily charter hire rate net of commissions, are recorded as Charter hire expenses.

### Vessels, net

Vessels, net is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Included in vessel costs are acquisition costs directly attributable to the acquisition of a vessel and expenditures made to prepare the vessel for its initial voyage. The Company also capitalizes interest costs for a vessel under construction as a cost that is directly attributable to the acquisition of a vessel. Vessels are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, determined to be 25 years from the date of initial delivery from the shipyard. Depreciation expense for vessels for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$64,012, \$66,514 and \$71,829, respectively.

Depreciation expense is calculated based on cost less the estimated residual scrap value. The costs of significant replacements, renewals and betterments are capitalized and depreciated over the shorter of the vessel's remaining estimated useful life or the estimated life of the renewal or betterment. Undepreciated cost of any asset component being replaced that was acquired after the initial vessel purchase is written off as a component of vessel operating expense. Expenditures for routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Scrap value is estimated by the Company by taking the estimated scrap value of \$310 per lightweight ton ("lwt") times the weight of the vessel noted in lwt.

### Vessels held for sale

On November 23, 2018, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Vigour, and the relevant vessel assets have been classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018. This vessel was sold on January 28, 2019. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions and Note 21— Subsequent Events for additional information.

Fixed assets, net

Fixed assets, net is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are based on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the specific asset placed in service. The following table is used in determining the typical estimated useful lives:

| Description                           | Useful lives  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
|                                       | Lesser of the estimated useful life of the asset or life of the lease |
| Leasehold improvements                |   |
| Furniture, fixtures & other equipment | 5 years   |
| Vessel equipment                      | 2-15 years  |
| Computer equipment                    | 3 years   |

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Depreciation and amortization expense for fixed assets for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$335, \$274 and \$388, respectively.

Deferred drydocking costs

The Company's vessels are required to be drydocked approximately every 30 to 60 months for major repairs and maintenance that cannot be performed while the vessels are operating. The Company defers the costs associated with the drydockings as they occur and amortizes these costs on a straight-line basis over the period between drydockings. Costs deferred as part of a vessel's drydocking include actual costs incurred at the drydocking yard; cost of travel, lodging and subsistence of personnel sent to the drydocking site to supervise; and the cost of hiring a third party to oversee the drydocking. If the vessel is drydocked earlier than originally anticipated, any remaining deferred drydock costs that have not been amortized are expensed at the end of the next drydock.

Amortization expense for drydocking for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$4,629, \$4,988 and \$4,113, respectively, and is included in Depreciation and amortization expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operation. All other costs incurred during drydocking are expensed as incurred.

Impairment of long-lived assets

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 the Company recorded \$56,586, \$21,993 and \$69,278, respectively, related to the impairment of vessel assets in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 360 — "Property, Plant and Equipment" ("ASC 360"). ASC 360 requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than their carrying amounts. If indicators of impairment are present, the Company performs an analysis of the anticipated undiscounted future net cash flows to be derived from the related long-lived assets.

On July 24, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Surprise, a 1998-built Panamax vessel, for \$5,300 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. As the anticipated undiscounted cash flows, including the net sales price, did not exceed the net book value of the vessel as of June 30, 2018, the vessel value for the Genco Surprise was adjusted to its net sales price of \$5,141 as of June 30, 2018. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$184 during the year ended December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions for further detail regarding the sale.

On February 27, 2018, the Board of Directors determined to dispose of the Company's following nine vessels: the Genco Cavalier, the Genco Loire, the Genco Lorraine, the Genco Muse, the Genco Normandy, the Baltic Cougar, the Baltic Jaguar, the Baltic Leopard and the Baltic Panther, at times and on terms to be determined in the future. Given this decision, and that the estimated future undiscounted cash flows for each of these older vessels did not exceed the net book value for each vessel, we adjusted the values of these older vessels to their respective fair market values during the year ended December 31, 2018. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$56,402 during the year ended December 31, 2018.

On August 4, 2017, the Board of Directors determined to dispose of the Company's vessels built in 1999, namely the Genco Beauty, the Genco Explorer, the Genco Knight, the Genco Progress and the Genco Vigour, at times and on terms to be determined in the future. Given this decision, and that the estimated future undiscounted cash flows for each of these older vessels did not exceed the net book value for each vessel, the Company has adjusted the values of these older vessels to their respective fair market values during the year ended December 31, 2017. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$18,654 during the year ended December 31, 2017.

At June 30, 2017, the Company determined that the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to the Genco Surprise did not exceed the carrying value of the vessel at June 30, 2017 and reduced the carrying value of the Genco Surprise, a 1998-built Panamax vessel, to its fair market value as of June 30, 2017. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$3,339 during the year ended December 31, 2017.

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At June 8, 2016, the Company determined that the scrapping of nine of its vessels, the Genco Acheron, Genco Carrier, Genco Leader, Genco Pioneer, Genco Prosperity, Genco Reliance, Genco Success, Genco Sugar, and Genco Wisdom, was more likely than not pursuant to the Commitment Letter entered into for the \$400 Million Credit Facility as defined and disclosed in Note 8 — Debt. Therefore, at June 8, 2016, the time utilized to determine the recoverability of the carrying value of the vessel assets was significantly reduced. After determining that the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to the aforementioned nine vessels did not exceed the carrying value of the vessels at June 8, 2016, the Company reduced the carrying value of the nine vessels to their net realizable value, which was based on the expected net proceeds from scrapping the vessels. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$67,594 during the year ended December 31, 2016. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions for further information about the sale of these vessels.

At March 31, 2016, the Company determined that the scrapping of the Genco Marine was more likely than not based on discussions with the Company's Board of Directors. Therefore, at March 31, 2016, the time utilized to determine the recoverability of the carrying value of the vessel asset was significantly reduced. After determining that the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to the Genco Marine did not exceed the carrying value of the vessel at March 31, 2016, the Company reduced the carrying value of the Genco Marine to its net realizable value, which was based on the expected proceeds from scrapping the vessel. This resulted in an impairment loss of \$1,684 during the year ended December 31, 2016. On April 5, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved scrapping the Genco Marine and the sale of the Genco Marine to the scrap yard was completed on May 17, 2016.

### Gain on sale of vessels

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company recorded net gains of \$3,513, \$7,712 and \$3,555, respectively, related to the sale of vessels. The \$3,513 net gain recognized during the year ended December 31, 2018 related primarily to the sale of the Genco Progress, the Genco Cavalier, the Genco Explorer, the Genco Muse, the Genco Beauty and the Genco Knight. The \$7,712 net gain recognized during the year ended December 31, 2017 related primarily to the sale of the Genco Wisdom, the Genco Reliance, the Genco Carrier, the Genco Success and the Genco Prosperity. The \$3,555 net gain recognized during the year ended December 31, 2016 related to the sale of the Genco Marine, the Genco Sugar, the Genco Pioneer, the Genco Leader and the Genco Acheron.

### Deferred financing costs

Deferred financing costs, which are presented as a direct deduction within the outstanding debt balance in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet, consist of fees, commissions and legal expenses associated with securing loan facilities and other debt offerings and amending existing loan facilities. These costs are amortized over the life of the related debt and are included in Interest expense in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers highly liquid investments, such as money market funds and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash

Current and non-current restricted cash includes cash that is restricted pursuant to our credit facilities, refer to Note 8 — Debt. The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the Consolidated Balance Sheets that sum to the total of the same amounts shown in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

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|  | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 | December 31,<br>2016 | December 31,<br>2015 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$ 197,499           | \$ 174,479           | \$ 133,400           | \$ 121,074           |
| Restricted cash - current                  | 4,947                | 7,234                | 8,242                | 19,500               |
| Restricted cash - noncurrent               | 315                  | 23,233               | 27,426               | 315                  |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | \$ 202,761           | \$ 204,946           | \$ 169,068           | \$ 140,889           |

## Investments

The Company previously held an investment in the capital stock of Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited (“Jinhui”) and in Korea Line Corporation (“KLC”). Jinhui is a drybulk shipping owner and operator focused on the Supramax segment of drybulk shipping. KLC is a marine transportation service company which operates a fleet of carriers which includes carriers for iron ore, liquefied natural gas and tankers for oil and petroleum products. The investments in Jinhui and KLC were designated as Available For Sale (“AFS”) and were reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses recorded in equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (“AOCI”). The Company classified the investments as current or noncurrent assets based on the Company’s intent to hold the investments at each reporting date. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company no longer held investments in Jinhui or KLC. Refer to Note 5 — Investments.

Investments were reviewed quarterly to identify possible other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with ASC Subtopic 320-10, “Investments — Debt and Equity Securities” (“ASC 320-10”). When evaluating its investments, the Company reviewed factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below the cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer, the underlying net asset value of the issuers assets and liabilities, and the Company’s ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time which may be sufficient for anticipated recovery in market value. Should the decline in the value of any investment be deemed to be other-than-temporary, the investment basis would be written down to fair market value, and the write-down would be recorded to earnings as a loss. Refer to Note 5 — Investments.

## United States Gross Transportation Tax

Pursuant to Section 883 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) (the “Code”), qualified income derived from the international operations of ships is excluded from gross income and exempt from U.S. federal income tax if a company engaged in the international operation of ships meets certain requirements (the “Section 883 exemption”). Among other things, in order to qualify, the Company must be incorporated in a country that grants an equivalent exemption to U.S. corporations and must satisfy certain qualified ownership requirements.

The Company is incorporated in the Marshall Islands. Pursuant to the income tax laws of the Marshall Islands, the Company is not subject to Marshall Islands income tax. The Marshall Islands has been officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a qualified foreign country that currently grants the requisite equivalent exemption from tax. The Company is not taxable in any other jurisdiction, with the exception of Genco Management (USA) Limited, Genco Shipping Pte. Ltd. and Genco Shipping A/S, as noted in the “Income taxes” section below.

The Company will qualify for the Section 883 exemption if, among other things, (i) the Company’s stock is treated as primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market in the United States (the “publicly traded test”) or (ii) the Company satisfies the qualified shareholder test or (iii) the Company satisfies the controlled foreign corporation test (the “CFC test”). Under applicable Treasury Regulations, the publicly traded test cannot be satisfied in any taxable year in which persons who actually or constructively own 5% or more of the Company’s stock (which the Company sometimes refers to as “5% shareholders”), together own 50% or more of the Company’s stock (by vote and value) for more than half the days in such year (which the Company sometimes refers to as the “five percent override rule”), unless an exception applies. A foreign corporation satisfies the qualified shareholder test if more than 50 percent of the value of its outstanding shares is owned (or treated as owned by applying certain attribution rules) for at least half



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of the number of days in the foreign corporation's taxable year by one or more "qualified shareholders." A qualified shareholder includes a foreign corporation that, among other things, satisfies the publicly traded test. A foreign corporation satisfies the CFC test if it is a "controlled foreign corporation" and one or more qualified U.S. persons own more than 50 percent of the total value of all the outstanding stock.

Based on the publicly traded requirement of the Section 883 regulations, the Company believes that it qualified for exemption from income tax on income derived from the international operations of vessels during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2016. However, based on the ownership and trading of the Company's stock in 2017, the Company believes that it did not satisfy the publicly traded test, the qualified shareholder test or the CFC test, and therefore did not qualify for the Section 883 exemption in 2017. In order to meet the publicly traded requirement, the Company's stock must be treated as being primarily and regularly traded for more than half the days of any such year. Under the Section 883 regulations, the Company's qualification for the publicly traded requirement may be jeopardized if 5% shareholders own, in the aggregate, 50% or more of the Company's common stock for more than half the days of the year. Management believes that during the year ended December 31, 2017, the combined ownership of its 5% shareholders equaled 50% or more of its common stock for more than half the days of that year. Management believes that during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2016, the combined ownership of its 5% shareholders did not equal 50% or more of its common stock for more than half the days of each of those years.

If the Company does not qualify for the Section 883 exemption, the Company's U.S. source shipping income, i.e., 50% of its gross shipping income attributable to transportation beginning or ending in the U.S. (but not both beginning and ending in the U.S.) is subject to a 4% tax without allowance for deductions (the "U.S. gross transportation tax").

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded estimated U.S. gross transportation tax of \$365 which has been recorded in Voyages expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operation. During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2016, the Company qualified for Section 883 exemption and, therefore, did not record any U.S. gross transportation tax.

## Income taxes

To the extent the Company's U.S. source shipping income, or other U.S. source income, is considered to be effectively connected income, as described below, any such income, net of applicable deductions, would be subject to the U.S. federal corporate income tax, imposed at a 21% rate effective 2018. In addition, the Company may be subject to a 30% "branch profits" tax on such income, and on certain interest paid or deemed paid attributable to the conduct of such trade or business. Shipping income is generally sourced 100% to the United States if attributable to transportation exclusively between United States ports (the Company is prohibited from conducting such voyages), 50% to the United States if attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but does not both begin and end, in the United States (as described in "United States Gross Transportation Tax" above) and otherwise 0% to the United States.

The Company's U.S. source shipping income would be considered effectively connected income only if:

- the Company has, or is considered to have, a fixed place of business in the U.S. involved in the earning of U.S. source shipping income; and
- substantially all of the Company's U.S. source shipping income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation, such as the operation of a vessel that follows a published schedule with repeated sailings at regular intervals between the same points for voyages that begin or end in the U.S.

The Company does not intend to have, or permit circumstances that would result in having, any vessel sailing to or from the U.S. on a regularly scheduled basis. Based on the current shipping operations of the Company and the Company's expected future shipping operations and other activities, the Company believes that none of its U.S. source shipping income will constitute effectively connected income. However, the Company may from time to time generate non-shipping income that may be treated as effectively connected income.

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In addition to the Company's shipping income and pursuant to certain agreements, the Company technically and commercially managed vessels for Baltic Trading until the July 2015 merger and provided technical management of vessels for MEP in exchange for specified fees for these services provided. These services were performed by Genco Management (USA) Limited ("Genco (USA)"), which elected to be taxed as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes. As such, Genco (USA) was subject to United States federal income tax (imposed at rates of 21% rate effective 2018) on its worldwide net income, including the net income derived from providing these services. Genco (USA) entered into a cost-sharing agreement with the Company and Genco Ship Management LLC, collectively "Manco," pursuant to which Genco (USA) agreed to reimburse Manco for the costs incurred by Genco (USA) for the use of Manco's personnel and services in connection with the provision of management services for both Baltic Trading and MEP's vessels.

There was no revenue earned by the Company for these services during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. Total revenue earned by the Company for these services during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$2,340, of which \$0 eliminated upon consolidation. After allocation of certain expenses, there was taxable net income of \$1,502 associated with these activities for the year ended December 31, 2016. This resulted in estimated U.S. federal net income tax expense of \$709.

The Company established Genco Shipping Pte. Ltd. ("GSPL"), which is based in Singapore, on September 8, 2017. GSPL applied for and was awarded the Maritime Sector Incentive – Approved International Shipping Enterprise ("MSI-AIS") status under Section 13F of the Singapore Income Tax Act ("SITA") by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. The award is for an initial period of 10 years, commencing on August 15, 2018, and is subject to a review of performance at the end of the initial five year period. The MSI-ASI status provides for a tax exemption on income derived by GSPL from qualifying shipping operations under Section 13F of the SITA. Income from non-qualifying activities is taxable at the prevailing Singapore Corporate income tax rate (currently 17%). During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, GSPL recorded \$28 and no income tax respectively in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operation.

During 2018, the Company established Genco Shipping A/S, which is a Danish-incorporated corporation which is based in Copenhagen and considered to be a resident for tax purposes in Denmark. Genco Shipping A/S is subject to corporate taxes in Denmark a rate of 22% during 2018. During the year ended December 31, 2018, Genco Shipping A/S recorded \$79 of income tax in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operation.

Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue primarily relates to cash received from charterers prior to it being earned. These amounts are recognized as income when earned. Additionally, deferred revenue includes estimated customer claims mainly due to time charter performance issues. Refer to "Revenue recognition" above for description of the Company's revenue

recognition policy.

Comprehensive loss

Comprehensive income is comprised of net income and amounts related to unrealized gains or losses associated with the Company's AFS investments.

Nonvested stock awards

The Company follows ASC Subtopic 718-10, "Compensation — Stock Compensation" ("ASC 718-10"), for nonvested stock issued under its equity incentive plans. Stock-based compensation costs from nonvested stock have been classified as a component of additional paid-in capital in the Consolidated Statements of Equity.

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### Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include vessel valuations, the valuation of amounts due from charterers, performance claims, residual value of vessels, useful life of vessels and the fair value of derivative instruments, if any. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk are amounts due from charterers and cash and cash equivalents. With respect to amounts due from charterers, the Company attempts to limit its credit risk by performing ongoing credit evaluations and, when deemed necessary, requires letters of credit, guarantees or collateral. The Company earned all of its voyage revenues from 182, 102 and 52 customers during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, there were no customers that individually accounted for more than 10% of voyage revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2017, there were two customers that individually accounted for more than 10% of voyage revenues; Swissmarine Services S.A., including its subsidiaries (“Swissmarine”) and Clipper Group, including Clipper Bulk Shipping, the Clipper Logger Pool and the Clipper Sapphire Pool (“Clipper”), which represented 15.09% and 10.98% of voyage revenues, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2016, there were three customers that individually accounted for more than 10% of voyage revenues; Swissmarine, Clipper, and Pioneer Navigation Ltd., which represented 25.31%, 22.96% and 11.11% of voyage revenues, respectively.

At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company maintains all of its cash and cash equivalents with four financial institutions. None of the Company’s cash and cash equivalent balance is covered by insurance in the event of default by these financial institutions.

### Fair value of financial instruments

The estimated fair values of the Company’s financial instruments, such as amounts due to / due from charterers, accounts payable and long-term debt, approximate their individual carrying amounts as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 due to their short-term maturity or the variable-rate nature of the respective borrowings under the credit facilities. See Note 10 — Fair Value of Financial Instruments for additional disclosure on the fair value of long-term

debt.

#### Recent accounting pronouncements

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2018-13, “Disclosure Framework: Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (“ASU 2018-13”),” which change the disclosure requirements for fair value measurements by removing, adding, and modifying certain disclosures. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and for interim periods within that year. Early adoption is permitted for any eliminated or modified disclosures upon issuance of this ASU. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this adoption on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-09, “Compensation – Stock Compensation (Topic 718), Scope of Modification Accounting” (“ASU 2017-09”). This ASU provides guidance on determining which changes to the terms and conditions of share-based payment awards require an entity to apply modification accounting. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and for interim periods within that year and early adoption is permitted. ASU 2017-09 must be applied prospectively to an award modified on or after the adoption date. The Company adopted ASU 2017-09 during the first quarter of 2018 and there was no effect on its consolidated financial statements.

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In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, “Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash” (“ASU 2016-18”). This ASU adds or clarifies the guidance in ASC 230 – Statement of Cash Flows regarding the classification and presentation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-18 requires entities to show the changes in the total of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the statement of cash flow. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and for interim periods within those years and early adoption is permitted. ASU 2016-18 must be adopted retrospectively. The Company early adopted ASU 2016-18 during the fourth quarter of 2017. The retrospective application of ASU 2016-18 resulted in restricted cash being reclassified as a component of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended December 31, 2016.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, “Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments” (“ASU 2016-15”). This ASU adds or clarifies the guidance in ASC 230 – Statement of Cash Flows regarding the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and for interim periods within those years and early adoption is permitted. This ASU shall be applied retrospectively to all periods presented, but may be applied prospectively from the earliest date practicable if retrospective application would be impracticable. The Company adopted ASU 2016-15 during the first quarter of 2018. The retrospective application of ASU 2016-15 resulted in insurance proceeds for protection and indemnity claims and loss of hire claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from operating activities and resulted in insurance proceeds for hull and machinery claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from investing activities. These amounts were previously recorded in the cash flows from operating activities as the change in prepaid expenses and other current assets. Additionally, as part of ASU 2016-15, any cash payments for debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs (including third party costs, premiums paid and other fees paid to lenders) must be classified as cash outflows for financing activities. Lastly, for any debt instruments that contain interest payable in-kind, any cash payments attributable to the payment of in-kind interest will be classified as cash outflows for operating activities. There were no cash payments for in-kind interest during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Refer to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, “Leases (Topic 842)” (“ASC 842”), which replaces the existing guidance in ASC 840 – Leases. This ASU requires a dual approach for lessee accounting under which a lessee would account for leases as finance leases or operating leases. Both finance leases and operating leases will result in the lessee recognizing a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability for leases with lease terms of more than twelve months. For finance leases, the lessee would recognize interest expense and amortization of the right-of-use asset and for operating leases, the lessee would recognize a straight-line total lease expense. Accounting by lessors will remain largely unchanged from current U.S. GAAP. The requirements of this standard include an increase in required disclosures. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Lessees and lessors will be required to apply the new standard at the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which they first apply the new guidance, using a modified retrospective transition method. The requirements of this standard include a significant increase in required disclosures. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11, “Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements” which provides clarifications and improvements to ASC 842, including allowing entities to elect an additional transition method with which to adopt ASC 842. The approved transition method enables entities to apply the transition requirements at the effective date of ASC 842 (rather than at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented as currently required) with the effect of the initial application of ASC 842 recognized as a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings in the period of adoption. As a result, an entity’s reporting for the comparative periods presented in the year of adoption would continue to be in accordance with ASC 840, Lease (Topic 840) (“ASC 840”),

including the disclosure requirements of ASC 840. The Company will adopt ASC 842 at the beginning of 2019 using this transition method. The new guidance provides a number of optional practical expedients in the transition. The Company will elect the package of practical expedients, which among other things, allows the carryforward of the historical lease classification. Further, upon implementation of the new guidance, the Company will elect the practical expedients to combine lease and non-lease components, and to not recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases. While the Company is still assessing the impact of the disclosure requirements under ASC 842, the Company expects that upon adoption on January 1, 2019, ASC 842 will result in a right-of-use asset and an increase in the related lease liability for its operating lease for the Company's office in New York, NY of approximately \$9.7 million in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Refer to Note 16 — Commitment and Contingencies for further information regarding our operating lease agreement.

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In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, “Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities” (“ASU 2016-01”). This ASU requires that equity investments be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income (loss). ASU 2016-01 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those years. The Company adopted ASU 2016-01 during the first quarter of 2018 and there was no impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements as the Company currently does not have any equity investments.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers” (“ASU 2014-09” or “ASC 606”), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle is that a company should recognize revenue when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. ASC 606 defines a five-step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under existing U.S. GAAP. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods therein, and shall be applied either retrospectively to each period presented or as a cumulative effect adjustment as of the date of adoption (the “modified retrospective transition method”). The Company adopted ASC 606 during the first quarter of 2018 using the modified retrospective transition method applied to all contracts and determined that the only impact was to spot market voyage charter contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. Upon adoption, the Company recognized the cumulative effect of adopting this guidance as an adjustment to its opening balance of retained deficit as of January 1, 2018. Prior periods were not retrospectively adjusted. The adoption of ASC 606 did not have a financial impact on the recognition of revenue generated from time charter agreements, spot market-related time charters and pool agreements. Refer to Note 14 — Voyage Revenue for further discussion of the financial impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

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For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company had non-cash investing activities not included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for items included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisting of \$2,656 for the Purchase of vessels, including deposits, \$262 for the Net proceeds from sale of vessels and \$360 for the Purchase of other fixed assets. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company had non-cash financing activities not included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for items included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisting of \$105 for the Payment of common stock issuance costs and \$1 for Payment of deferred financing costs.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company had non-cash investing activities not included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for items included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisting of \$36 for the Purchase of other fixed assets.

Professional fees and trustee fees in the amount of \$0 were recognized by the Company in Reorganization items, net for the year ended December 31, 2017 (refer to Note 15). During this period, \$25 of professional fees and trustee fees were paid through December 31, 2017 and \$0 is included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses as of December 31, 2017.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company had non-cash investing activities not included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for items included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisting of \$35 for the Purchase of vessels, including deposits, \$20 for the Purchase of other fixed assets and \$27 for the Net proceeds from sale of vessels. Additionally, for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company had non-cash financing activities not included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for items included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisting of \$1,103 associated with the Payment of Series A Preferred Stock issuance costs.

Professional fees and trustee fees in the amount of \$272 were recognized by the Company in Reorganization items, net for the year ended December 31, 2016 (refer to Note 15). During this period, \$294 of professional fees and trustee fees were paid through December 31, 2016 and \$25 is included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses as of December 31, 2016.

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During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company made a reclassification of \$5,702 from Vessels, net of accumulated depreciation to Vessels held for sale due to the approval by the Board of Directors to sell the Genco Vigour prior to December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made a reclassification of \$4,840 from Vessels, net of accumulated depreciation to Vessels held for sale due to the approval by the Board of Directors to sell the Genco Success, Genco Wisdom and Genco Prosperity prior to December 31, 2016. Refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions.

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, cash paid for interest, excluding the PIK interest paid as a result of the refinancing of the \$400 Million Credit Facility, was \$30,167, \$25,098 and \$25,619, respectively.

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, cash paid for estimated income taxes was \$0, \$0 and \$703, respectively.

On May 15, 2018, the Company issued 14,268 restricted stock units to certain members of the Board of Directors. The aggregate fair value of these restricted stock units was \$255.

On February 27, 2018, the Company issued 37,346 restricted stock units and options to purchase 122,608 shares of the Company's stock at an exercise price of \$13.69 to certain individuals. The fair value of these restricted stock units and stock options were \$512 and \$926, respectively.

On May 17, 2017, the Company issued 25,197 restricted stock units to certain members of the Board of Directors. These restricted stock units vested on May 15, 2018. The aggregate fair value of these restricted stock units was \$255.

On March 23, 2017, the Company issued 292,398 restricted stock units and options to purchase 133,000 shares with an exercise price of \$11.13 per share to John C. Wobensmith, Chief Executive Officer and President. The fair value of these restricted stock units and stock options were \$3,254 and \$853, respectively.

On May 18, 2016, the Company issued 66,666 restricted stock units to certain members of the Board of Directors. These restricted stock units vested on May 17, 2017. The aggregate fair value of these restricted stock units was \$340.

On February 17, 2016, the Company granted 40,816 and 20,408 shares of nonvested stock under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan to Peter C. Georgiopoulos, former Chairman of the Board of Directors, and John C. Wobensmith, respectively. The grant date fair value of such nonvested stock was \$318.

Refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation for further information regarding the aforementioned grants.

The Company adopted ASU 2016-15 during the first quarter of 2018 as noted in Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. The retrospective application of ASU 2016-15 resulted in insurance proceeds for protection and indemnity claims and loss of hire claims for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from operating activities and resulted in insurance proceeds for hull and machinery claims to be separately disclosed in the cash flows from investing activities. These amounts were previously recorded in the cash flows from operating activities as the change in prepaid expense and other current assets. The cash flow information for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 has been updated to reflect the adoption of ASU 2016-15 as presented in the table below:

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|   | As Reported<br>December 31,<br>2017 | As Adjusted<br>December 31,<br>2017 | Effect of<br>Change |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash Flow Data:                               |                                     |                                     |                     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities (1) | \$ 26,515                           | \$ 24,071                           | \$ (2,444)          |
| Net cash provided by investing activities (1) | 14,961                              | 17,405                              | 2,444               |
|   | As Reported<br>December 31,<br>2016 | As Adjusted<br>December 31,<br>2016 | Effect of<br>Change |
| Cash Flow Data:                               |                                     |                                     |                     |
| Net cash used in operating activities (1)     | \$ (49,982)                         | \$ (52,307)                         | \$ (2,325)          |
| Net cash provided by investing activities (1) | 22,726                              | 25,051                              | 2,325               |

## 4 - VESSEL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

## Vessel Acquisitions

On June 6, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement for the en bloc purchase of four drybulk vessels, including two Capesize drybulk vessels and two Ultramax drybulk vessels for approximately \$141,000. Each vessel was built with a fuel-saving “eco” engine. The Genco Resolute, a 2015-built Capesize vessel, was delivered on August 14, 2018 and the Genco Endeavour, a 2015-built Capesize vessel, was delivered on August 15, 2018. The Genco Weatherly, a 2014-built Ultramax vessel, was delivered on July 26, 2018 and the Genco Columbia, a 2016-built Ultramax vessel, was delivered on September 10, 2018. The Company utilized a combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance the purchase.

On July 12, 2018, the Company entered into agreements to purchase two 2016-built Capesize drybulk vessels for an aggregate purchase price of \$98,000. The Genco Defender was delivered on September 6, 2018 and the Genco Liberty was delivered on September 11, 2018. The Company utilized a combination of cash on hand and proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance the purchase.

## Vessel Dispositions

On November 23, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Vigour, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, to a third party for \$6,550 less a 2.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on January 28, 2019. The vessel assets have been classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 21 — Subsequent Events for further information.

On November 21, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Knight, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, to a third party for \$6,200 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on December 26, 2018.

On November 15, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Beauty, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, to a third party for \$6,560 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on December 17, 2018.

On October 31, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Muse, a 2001-built Handymax vessel, to a third party for \$6,660 less a 2.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on December 5, 2018.

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On August 30, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Cavalier, a 2007-built Supramax vessel, to a third party for \$10,000 less a 2.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on October 16, 2018. This vessel served as collateral under the \$460 Million Credit Facility; therefore, \$4,947 of the net proceeds received from the sale will remain classified as restricted cash for 180 days following the sale date which has been reflected as current restricted cash in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018. That amount can be used towards the financing of a replacement vessel or vessels meeting certain requirements and added as collateral under the facility. If such a replacement vessel is not added as collateral within such 180 day period, the Company will be required to use the proceeds as a loan prepayment.

On July 24, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the Genco Surprise, a 1998-built Panamax vessel, for \$5,300 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. On August 7, 2018, the Company completed the sale of the Genco Surprise. Refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies regarding the impairment recorded for this vessel during the year ended December 31, 2018.

On June 27, 2018, the Company reached agreements to sell the Genco Explorer and the Genco Progress, both 1999-built Handysize vessels, to a third party for \$5,600 each less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale of the Genco Progress was completed on September 13, 2018 and the sale of the Genco Explorer was completed on November 13, 2018.

With the exception of the Genco Cavalier, the aforementioned six vessels that were sold during the year ended December 31, 2018 and the Genco Vigour do not serve as collateral under any of the Company's credit facilities; therefore the Company is not required to pay down any indebtedness with the proceeds from the sales.

On December 19, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Prosperity, a 1997-built Handymax vessel, and on December 21, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Prosperity to a third party for \$3,050 less a 3.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on May 16, 2017.

On December 5, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Success, a 1997-built Handymax vessel, and on December 15, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Success to a third party for \$2,800 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on March 19, 2017.

During January 2017, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Carrier, a 1998-built Handymax vessel, and on January 25, 2017, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Carrier to a third party for \$3,560 less a \$92 broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on February 16,

2017.

During January 2017, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Reliance, a 1999-built Handysize vessel, and on January 12, 2017, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Reliance to a third party for \$3,500 less a 3.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on February 9, 2017.

On December 19, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Wisdom, a 1997-built Handymax vessel. On December 21, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Wisdom to a third party for \$3,250 less a 3.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on January 9, 2017.

On November 7, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Acheron, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, and on November 14, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Acheron to a third party for \$3,480 less a 5.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on December 12, 2016.

On October 24, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Leader, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, and on October 25, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Leader to a third party for \$3,470 less a 3.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on November 4, 2016. On November 4, 2016, the Company utilized the net proceeds from the sale to pay down \$3,366 on the \$148 Million Credit

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Facility as the Genco Leader was a collateralized vessel under this facility prior to the refinancing of the \$148 Million Credit Facility with the \$400 Million Credit Facility, refer to Note 8 — Debt.

On September 30, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Pioneer, a 1999-built Handysize vessel, and on October 8, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Pioneer to a third party for \$2,650 less a 5.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on October 26, 2016. On October 26, 2016 the Company utilized the net proceeds from the sale to pay down \$2,504 on the \$148 Million Credit Facility as the Genco Pioneer was a collateralized vessel under this facility prior to the refinancing of the \$148 Million Credit Facility with the \$400 Million Credit Facility, refer to Note 8 — Debt.

On September 30, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved selling the Genco Sugar, a 1998-built Handysize vessel, and on October 10, 2016, the Company reached an agreement to sell the Genco Sugar to a third party for \$2,450 less a 5.5% broker commission payable to a third party. The sale was completed on October 20, 2016. On October 21, 2016, the Company utilized the net proceeds from the sale to pay down \$2,315 on the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility as the Genco Sugar was a collateralized vessel under this facility prior to the refinancing of the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility with the \$400 Million Credit Facility, refer to Note 8 — Debt.

On April 5, 2016, the Board of Directors unanimously approved scrapping the Genco Marine. The Company reached an agreement on May 6, 2016 to sell the Genco Marine, a 1996-built Handymax vessel, to be scrapped with Ace Exim Pte Ltd., a demolition yard, for a net amount \$2,187 less a 2.0% broker commission payable to a third party. On May 17, 2016, the Company completed the sale of the Genco Marine.

Refer to Note 1 — General Information for a listing of the delivery dates for the vessels in the Company's fleet.

## 5 - INVESTMENTS

The Company held an investment in the capital stock of Jinhui and the stock of KLC. Jinhui is a drybulk shipping owner and operator focused on the Supramax segment of drybulk shipping. KLC is a marine transportation service company which operates a fleet of carriers which includes carriers for iron ore, liquefied natural gas and tankers for oil and petroleum products. These investments were designated as AFS and were reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses recorded in equity as a component of AOCI. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company did not hold any shares of Jinhui capital stock or shares of KLC stock.

Prior to the sale of its remaining shares of Jinhui capital stock, the Company reviewed the investment in Jinhui for indicators of other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with ASC 320-10. Based on the Company's review, it

had deemed the investment in Jinhui to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2016 due to the duration and severity of the decline in its market value versus its cost basis and the absence of the intent and ability to recover the initial carrying value of the investment. As a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge in the Consolidated Statements of Operations of \$2,696 during the year ended December 31, 2016. The Company reviewed its investments in Jinhui and KLC for impairment on a quarterly basis. The Company's investment in Jinhui was a Level 1 item under the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 10 — Fair Value of Financial Instruments.

The unrealized gains (losses) on the Jinhui capital stock and KLC stock were a component of AOCI since these investments were designated as AFS securities. If the investment in Jinhui was deemed other-than-temporarily impaired, the cost basis for the investment would be revised to its fair value on that date.

Refer to Note 9 — Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) for a breakdown of the components of AOCI during the year ended December 31, 2016, including the effects of the sale of Jinhui and KLC shares and other-than-temporary impairment of the investment in Jinhui.

## 6 - NET LOSS PER SHARE

The computation of basic net loss per share is based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. The computation of diluted net loss per share assumes the vesting of nonvested

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stock awards and the exercise of stock options (refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation), for which the assumed proceeds upon vesting are deemed to be the amount of compensation cost attributable to future services and are not yet recognized using the treasury stock method, to the extent dilutive. There were 149,170, 226,931 and 89,526 shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, because they were anti-dilutive. There were 255,608, 133,000 and 0 stock options excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, because they were anti-dilutive. (refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation)

The Company's diluted net loss per share will also reflect the assumed conversion of equity warrants issued when the Company emerged from bankruptcy on July 9, 2014 (the "Effective Date") and MIP Warrants issued by the Company (refer to Note 18 — Stock-Based Compensation) if the impact is dilutive under the treasury stock method. The equity warrants have a 7-year term which commenced on the day following the Effective Date and are exercisable for one tenth of a share of the Company's common stock. There were no unvested MIP Warrants during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and 713,122 unvested MIP Warrants during the year ended December 31, 2016 excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share because they were anti-dilutive. There were 3,936,761 equity warrants excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 because they were anti-dilutive. The Company's diluted net loss per share will also reflect the assumed conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock (refer to Note 1 — General Information) if the impact is dilutive. Of the 27,061,856 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding at December 31, 2016, all are anti-dilutive.

The components of the denominator for the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share are as follows:

|   | For the Years Ended December 31, |            |           |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2018                             | 2017       | 2016      |
| Common shares outstanding, basic:                 |                                  |            |           |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic | 38,382,599                       | 34,242,631 | 7,251,231 |
| Common shares outstanding, diluted:               |                                  |            |           |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic | 38,382,599                       | 34,242,631 | 7,251,231 |
| Dilutive effect of Series A Preferred Stock       | —                                | —          | —         |
| Dilutive effect of warrants                       | —                                | —          | —         |
| Dilutive effect of stock options                  | —                                | —          | —         |

|   |            |            |           |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| Dilutive effect of restricted stock awards          | —          | —          | —         |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding, diluted | 38,382,599 | 34,242,631 | 7,251,231 |

## 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

On October 13, 2016, Peter C. Georgiopoulos resigned as Chairman of the Board and a Director of the Company, refer to Note 1 — General Information. During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company did not identify any related party transactions. The following represent related party transactions reflected in these consolidated financial statements during the year ended December 31, 2016:

The Company incurred travel and other office related expenditures from the former company Gener8 Maritime, Inc. (“Gener8”), where the Company’s former Chairman, Peter C. Georgiopoulos, formerly served as Chairman of the

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Board. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred travel and other office related expenditures totaling \$73 reimbursable to Gener8 or its service provider. At December 31, 2017, the amount due to Gener8 from the Company was \$0.

The Company had entered into agreements with Aegean Marine Petroleum Network, Inc. (“Aegean”) to purchase lubricating oils for certain vessels in its fleet. Peter C. Georgiopoulos was formerly the Chairman of the Board of Aegean. During the year ended December 31, 2016, Aegean supplied lubricating oils and bunkers to the Company’s vessels aggregating \$1,188. At December 31, 2017, \$0 remained outstanding.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company invoiced MEP for technical services provided, including termination fees, and expenses paid on MEP’s behalf aggregating \$2,325. Peter C. Georgiopoulos was a director of and had a minority interest in MEP. At December 31, 2017, \$0 was due to the Company from MEP. Total service revenue earned by the Company, including termination fees, for technical service provided to MEP for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$2,340.

## 8 - DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

|  | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Principal amount                       | \$ 551,420           | \$ 519,083           |
| PIK interest                           | —                    | 5,341                |
| Less: Unamortized debt financing costs | (16,272)             | (9,032)              |
| Less: Current portion                  | (66,320)             | (24,497)             |
| Long-term debt, net                    | \$ 468,828           | \$ 490,895           |

|                               | December 31, 2018 |                                       | December 31, 2017 |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
|                               | Principal         | Unamortized<br>Debt Financing<br>Cost | Principal         | Unamortized<br>Debt<br>Financing<br>Cost |
| \$460 Million Credit Facility | \$ 445,000        | \$ 14,423                             | \$ —              | \$ —                                     |
| \$108 Million Credit Facility | 106,420           | 1,849                                 | —                 | —  |
| \$400 Million Credit Facility | —                 | —                                     | 399,600           | 6,332                                    |

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|                              |            |           |            |          |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| \$98 Million Credit Facility | —          | —         | 93,939     | 1,370    |
| 2014 Term Loan Facilities    | —          | —         | 25,544     | 1,330    |
| PIK interest                 | —          | —         | 5,341      | —        |
| Total debt                   | \$ 551,420 | \$ 16,272 | \$ 524,424 | \$ 9,032 |

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, \$16,272 and \$9,032 of deferred financing costs, respectively, were presented as a direct deduction within the outstanding debt balance in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Amortization expense for deferred financing costs for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$3,035, \$2,325 and \$2,847, respectively. This amortization expense is recorded as a component of Interest expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Effective June 5, 2018, the portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs for the \$400 Million Credit Facility and 2014 Term Loan Facilities that was identified as a debt modification, rather than an extinguishment of debt, is being amortized over the life of the \$460 Million Credit Facility in accordance with ASC 470-50. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company paid \$2,962 of debt extinguishment costs in relation to the refinancing of the

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\$400 Million Credit Facility, the \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities with the \$460 Million Credit Facility.

\$108 Million Credit Facility

On August 14, 2018, the Company entered into a five-year senior secured credit facility (the “\$108 Million Credit Facility”) with Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (“CACIB”), as Structurer and Bookrunner, CACIB and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ) as Mandate Lead Arrangers, CACIB as Administrative Agent and as Security Agent, and the other lenders party thereto from time to time. The Company has used proceeds from the \$108 Million Credit Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price for the six vessels, including four Capesize Vessels and two Ultramax vessels, which were delivered to the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2018 (refer to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions). These six vessels also serve as collateral under the \$108 Million Credit Facility. The Company drew down a total of \$108,000 during the third quarter of 2018, which represents 45% of the appraised value of the six vessels.

As of December 31, 2018, there was no availability under the \$108 Million Credit Facility. Total debt repayments of \$1,580 were made during the year ended December 31, 2018 under the \$108 Million Credit Facility. There were no debt repayments made during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the total outstanding net debt balance was \$104,571 and \$0, respectively.

The \$108 Million Credit Facility provides for the following key terms:

- The final maturity date of the \$108 Million Credit Facility is August 14, 2023.
- Borrowings under the \$108 Million Credit Facility bear interest at London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus 2.50% through September 30, 2019 and LIBOR plus a range of 2.25% to 2.75% thereafter, dependent upon the Company’s ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months EBITDA.
- Scheduled amortization payments under the \$108 Million Credit Facility reflect a repayment profile whereby the facility shall have been repaid to nil when the average vessel aged of the collateral vessels reaches 20 years. Based on this, the required repayments are \$1,580 per quarter commencing on December 31, 2018, with a final balloon payment on the maturity date.
- Mandatory prepayments are to be applied to remaining amortization payments pro rata, while voluntary prepayments are to be applied to remaining amortization payments in order of maturity.

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- Dividends may be paid subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter.
- Acquisitions and additional indebtedness are allowed subject to compliance with financial covenants (including a collateral maintenance test) and other customary conditions.
- Key financial covenants are substantially similar to those under the Company's \$460 Million Credit Facility and include:
  - minimum liquidity, with unrestricted cash and cash equivalents to equal or exceed the greater of \$30,000 and 7.5% of total indebtedness;
  - minimum working capital, with consolidated current assets (excluding restricted cash) minus consolidated current liabilities (excluding the current portion of long-term indebtedness) to be not less than zero;

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- debt to capitalization, with the ratio of total indebtedness to total capitalization to be not more than 70%; and
- collateral maintenance, with the aggregate appraised value of collateral vessels to be at least 135% of the principal amount of the loan outstanding under the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the \$108 Million Credit Facility.

The following table sets forth the scheduled repayment of the outstanding principal debt of \$106,420 at December 31, 2018 under the \$108 Million Credit Facility:

| Year Ending December 31, | Total      |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 2019                     | \$ 6,320   |
| 2020                     | 6,320      |
| 2021                     | 6,320      |
| 2022                     | 6,320      |
| 2023                     | 81,140     |
| Total debt               | \$ 106,420 |

\$460 Million Credit Facility

On May 31, 2018, the Company entered into a five-year senior secured credit facility for an aggregate amount of up to \$460,000 (the “\$460 Million Credit Facility”) with Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch (“Nordea”), as Administrative Agent and Security Agent, the various lenders party thereto, and Nordea, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S as Bookrunners and Mandated Lead Arrangers. Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft, and CTBC Bank Co. Ltd. are Co-Arrangers under the \$460 Million Credit Facility. On June 5, 2018, proceeds of \$460,000 under the \$460 Million Credit Facility were used, together with cash on hand, to refinance all of the Company’s existing credit facilities (the \$400 Million Credit Facility, \$98 Million Credit Facility and 2014 Term Loan Facilities. as defined below) into one facility, and pay down the debt on seven of the Company’s oldest vessels, which have been identified for sale.

As of December 31, 2018, there was no availability under the \$460 Million Credit Facility. Total debt repayments of \$15,000 were made during the year ended December 31, 2018 under the \$460 Million Credit Facility. There were no debt repayments made during the years ended December 13, 2017 and 2016. As of December 31, 2018 and December

31, 2017, the total outstanding net debt balance was \$430,577 and \$0, respectively.

The \$460 Million Credit Facility provides for the following key terms:

- The final maturity date of the \$460 Million Credit Facility is May 31, 2023.
- Borrowings under the \$460 Million Credit Facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 3.25% through December 31, 2018 and LIBOR plus a range of 3.00% and 3.50% thereafter, dependent upon the Company's ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months EBITDA. Scheduled amortization payments are \$15,000 per quarter commencing on December 31, 2018, with a final payment of \$190,000 due on the maturity date.
- Scheduled amortization payments may be recalculated upon the Company's request based on changes in collateral vessels, prepayments of the loan made as a result of a collateral vessel disposition as part of the Company's fleet renewal program, or voluntary prepayments, subject in each case to a minimum repayment profile under which the loan will be repaid to nil when the average age of the vessels serving as collateral from

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time to time reaches 17 years. Mandatory prepayments are applied to remaining amortization payments pro rata, while voluntary prepayments are applied to remaining amortization payments in order of maturity.

- Acquisitions and additional indebtedness are allowed subject to compliance with financial covenants, a collateral maintenance test, and other customary conditions.
  
- Dividends may be paid subject to customary conditions and a limitation of 50% of consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter, with the full commitment of up to \$35,000 of the scrubber tranche assumed to be drawn per the February 28, 2019 amendment and restatement of this facility (refer to Note 21 – Subsequent Events).
  
- Collateral vessels can be sold or disposed of without prepayment of the loan if a replacement vessel or vessels meeting certain requirements are included as collateral within 120 days of such sale or disposition. On February 13, 2019, the Company entered into an amendment with its lenders to extend this period to 180 days. In addition:
  - the Company must be in compliance with the collateral maintenance test;
    - the replacement vessels must become collateral for the loan; and either
  - the replacement vessels must have an equal or greater appraised value that the collateral vessels for which they are substituted, or
  - ratio of the aggregate appraised value of the collateral vessels (including replacement vessels) to the outstanding loan amount after the collateral disposition (accounting for any prepayments of the loan by the time the replacement vessels become collateral vessels) must equal or exceed the aggregate appraised value of the collateral vessels to the outstanding loan before the collateral disposition.
  
- Key financial covenants include:
  - minimum liquidity, with unrestricted cash and cash equivalents to equal or exceed the greater of \$30,000 and 7.5% of total indebtedness (no restricted cash is required);
  - minimum working capital, with consolidated current assets (excluding restricted cash) minus consolidated current liabilities (excluding the current portion of long-term indebtedness) to be not less than zero;
  - debt to capitalization, with the ratio of total indebtedness to total capitalization to be not more than 70%; and

- collateral maintenance, with the aggregate appraised value of collateral vessels to be at least 135% of the principal amount of the loan outstanding under the \$460 Million Credit Facility.
- Collateral includes the current vessels in the Company's fleet other than the seven oldest vessels in the fleet which have been identified for sale, collateral vessel earnings and insurance, and time charters in excess of 24 months in respect of the collateral vessels.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the \$460 Million Credit Facility.

The following table sets forth the scheduled repayment of the outstanding principal debt of \$445,000 at December 31, 2018 under the \$460 Million Credit Facility:

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| Year Ending December 31, | Total      |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 2019                     | \$ 60,000  |
| 2020                     | 60,000     |
| 2021                     | 60,000     |
| 2022                     | 60,000     |
| 2023                     | 205,000    |
| Total debt               | \$ 445,000 |

## Commitment Letter

On June 8, 2016, the Company entered into a Commitment Letter (the “Commitment Letter”) for a senior secured loan facility (the “\$400 Million Credit Facility”) for an aggregate principal amount of up to \$400,000 with Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), DVB Bank SE, ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft, Crédit Industriel et Commercial, and BNP Paribas. The \$400 Million Credit Facility refinanced the Company’s \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, \$148 Million Credit Facility, \$22 Million Term Loan Facility, \$44 Million Term Loan Facility and 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, each as defined below (collectively, the “Prior Facilities”) and was finalized on November 10, 2016 (refer to \$400 Million Credit Facility section below). As a condition to the effectiveness of the Commitment Letter, the Company entered into separate equity commitment letters for a portion of such financing on June 8, 2016 with each of the following: (i) funds or related entities managed by Centerbridge Partners, L.P. or its affiliates (“Centerbridge”) for approximately \$31,200, (ii) funds or related entities managed by Strategic Value Partners, LLC (“SVP”) for approximately \$17,300, and (iii) funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC (“Apollo”) for approximately \$14,000, each of which are subject to a number of conditions. Additionally, pursuant to the Commitment Letter, the waivers with regard to the collateral maintenance covenants under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, \$148 Million Credit Facility, \$22 Million Term Loan Facility, \$44 Million Term Loan Facility and the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, as defined below, were initially extended to July 29, 2016 subject to the entry into a definitive purchase agreement for the equity financing referred to above by June 30, 2016.

On June 30, 2016 the Company entered into an amendment and restatement of the Commitment Letter (the “Amended Commitment Letter”). This amendment extended the collateral maintenance waivers under the Prior Facilities through 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2016, which were further extended to October 7, 2016 pursuant to an additional agreement entered into with the lenders on September 30, 2016. On October 6, 2016, the collateral maintenance waivers were further extended through November 15, 2016 pursuant to the Second Amended Commitment Letter (as defined below). Additionally, the Second Amended Commitment Letter (as defined below), as well as the Amended \$98 Million Credit Facility Commitment Letter (refer to the “\$98 Million Credit Facility” section below) provided for waivers of the Company’s company-wide minimum cash covenants (so long as cash and cash equivalents of the Company are at least \$25,000) and of the Company’s maximum leverage ratio through November 15, 2016. Lastly, the collateral maintenance waivers and maximum leverage ratio waivers under the 2014 Term Loan Facility were

extended through November 15, 2016 pursuant to a waiver entered into on October 14, 2016. In addition, from August 31 through November 15, 2016, the amount of cash the Company would need to maintain under its minimum cash covenants applicable only to obligors in each Prior Facility would be reduced by up to \$250 per vessel, subject to an overall maximum cash withdrawal of \$10,000 to pay expenses and additional conditions. The effectiveness of such new waivers and waiver extensions was conditioned on extension of the equity commitment letters entered into on June 8, 2016 as described above through September 30, 2016, which were so extended by amendments entered into on June 29, 2016. The Amended Commitment Letter also conditioned such waivers on the Company entering into a definitive purchase agreement or file a registration statement for an equity financing by 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2016. Pursuant to additional agreements entered into with the lenders on August 12, 2016, August 30, 2016, September 14, 2016 and

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September 30, 2016, the deadline to enter into a definitive purchase agreement or file a registration statement for an equity financing was further extended to October 7, 2016. Stock purchase agreements were entered into on October 6, 2016 pursuant to the Second Amended Commitment Letter as defined below.

On October 6, 2016, the Company entered into a second amendment and restatement of the Commitment Letter (the “Second Amended Commitment Letter”). This amendment further extended the collateral maintenance waivers under the Prior Facilities through November 15, 2016. As a condition to the effectiveness of the Second Amended Commitment Letter, the Company entered into stock purchase agreements (the “Purchase Agreements”) effective as of October 4, 2016 with Centerbridge, SVP and Apollo (the “Investors”) for the purchase of the Company’s Series A Preferred Stock for an aggregate of up to \$125,000 in a private placement exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Series A Preferred Stock sold pursuant to the Purchase Agreements was automatically and mandatorily convertible into the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, upon approval by the Company’s shareholders of such conversion. The purchase price of the Series A Preferred Stock under each of the Purchase Agreements was \$4.85 per share. An additional 1,288,660 shares of Series A Preferred Stock were issued to Centerbridge, SVP and Apollo as a commitment fee on a pro rata basis. The purchase price and the other terms and conditions of the transaction were established in arm’s length negotiations between an independent special committee of the Board of the Directors of the Company (the “Special Committee”). The Special Committee unanimously approved the transaction.

Under the Purchase Agreements, Centerbridge made a firm commitment to purchase 6,597,938 shares of Series A Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$32,000, SVP made a firm commitment to purchase 7,628,866 shares of Series A Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$37,000, and Apollo made a firm commitment to purchase 3,587,629 shares of Series A Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$17,400. In addition, Centerbridge, SVP and Apollo agreed to provide a backstop commitment to purchase up to 3,402,062, 2,371,134 and 2,185,568 additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock, respectively, for \$4.85 per share.

Subsequently, on October 27, 2016, the Company entered into a stock purchase agreement (the “Additional Purchase Agreement”) with certain of the Investors; John C. Wobensmith, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and President; and other investors for the sale of shares of Series A Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$38,600 at a purchase price of \$4.85 per share. The purchase price and the other terms and conditions of these transactions were established in arm’s length negotiations between an independent special committee of the board of directors of the Company (the “Special Committee”) and the investors. The Special Committee unanimously approved the transactions.

On November 15, 2016, pursuant to the Purchase Agreements, the Company completed the private placement of 27,061,856 shares of Series A Preferred Stock which included 25,773,196 shares at a price per share of \$4.85 and an additional 1,288,660 shares issued as a commitment fee on a pro rate basis as noted above. These shares were converted to common shares on January 4, 2017. Refer to Note 1 — General Information.

\$400 Million Credit Facility

On November 10, 2016, the Company entered into a senior secured term loan facility, the \$400 Million Credit Facility, in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$400,000 with Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), DVB Bank SE, ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft, Crédit Industriel et Commercial and BNP Paribas. On November 15, 2016, the proceeds under the \$400 Million Credit Facility were used to refinance the Prior Facilities (as defined above under “Commitment Letter”). The \$400 Million Credit Facility was collateralized by 45 of the Company’s vessels and at December 31, 2016, required the Company to sell five remaining unencumbered vessels, which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2017. On November 14, 2016, the Company borrowed the maximum available amount of \$400,000.

The \$400 Million Credit Facility had a maturity date of November 15, 2021 and the principal borrowed under the facility bore interest at LIBOR for an interest period of three months plus a margin of 3.75%. The Company had the option to pay 1.50% of such rate in-kind (“PIK interest”) through December 31, 2018, of which was payable on the



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maturity date of the facility. The Company opted to make the PIK interest election through September 29, 2017 and as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, has recorded \$0 and \$5,341 of PIK interest, respectively, which was recorded in Long-term debt in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The \$400 Million Credit Facility originally had scheduled amortization payments of (i) \$100 per quarter through December 31, 2018, (ii) \$7,610 per quarter from March 31, 2019 through December 31, 2020, (iii) \$18,571 per quarter from March 31, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and (iv) \$282,605 upon final maturity on November 15, 2021, which did not include PIK interest. Pursuant to the credit facility agreement, upon the payment of any excess cash flow to the lenders (see below), the scheduled repayments were adjusted to reflect the reduction of future amortization amounts.

There was no collateral maintenance testing for the \$400 Million Credit Facility prior to June 30, 2018. Thereafter, there was to be required collateral maintenance testing with a gradually increasing threshold calculated as the value of the collateral under the facility as a percentage of the loan outstanding as follows: 105% from June 30, 2018 to December 30, 2018, 115% from December 31, 2018 to December 30, 2020 and 135% thereafter.

The \$400 Million Credit Facility required the Company to comply with a number of covenants substantially similar to those in the Company's other credit facilities, including financial covenants related to debt to total book capitalization, minimum working capital, minimum liquidity, and dividends; collateral maintenance requirements (as described above); and other customary covenants. The Company was required to maintain a ratio of total indebtedness to total capitalization of not greater than 0.70 to 1.00 at all times. Minimum working capital as defined in the \$400 Million Credit Facility was not to be less than \$0 at all times. The \$400 Million Credit Facility had minimum liquidity requirements at all times for all vessels in its fleet of (i) \$250 per vessel to and including December 31, 2018, (ii) \$400 per vessel from January 1, 2019 to and including December 31, 2019 and (iii) \$700 per vessel from January 1, 2020 and thereafter. The Company was prohibited from paying dividends without lender consent through December 31, 2020. The Company was able to establish non-recourse subsidiaries to incur indebtedness or make investments, but it was restricted from incurring indebtedness or making investments (other than through non-recourse subsidiaries). Excess cash from the collateralized vessels under the \$400 Million Credit Facility was subject to a cash sweep. The cash flow sweep was 100% of excess cash flow through December 31, 2018, 75% through December 31, 2020 and the lesser of 50% of excess cash flow or an amount that would reflect a 15-year average vessel age repayment profile thereafter; provided no prepayment under the cash sweep was required from the first \$10,000 in aggregate of the prepayments otherwise required under the cash sweep. As of December 31, 2017, the excess cash flow sweep was \$11,334 and this amount was due to the lender within 45 days of the end of the reporting period. As such, it was included in the current portion of outstanding debt for this facility. During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company repaid \$15,428 and \$0, respectively, for the excess cash flow sweep.

At December 31, 2017, the Company had deposited \$11,180 that has been reflected as noncurrent restricted cash which represents restricted pledged liquidity amounts pursuant to the \$400 Million Credit Facility.

Total debt repayments of \$404,941 (which includes \$5,341 of PIK interest), \$400 and \$0 were made during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, under the \$400 Million Credit Facility.

On June 5, 2018, the \$400 Million Credit Facility was refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility; refer to the “\$460 Million Credit Facility” section above. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the total outstanding net debt balance, including PIK interest as defined above, was \$0 and \$398,609, respectively.

#### \$98 Million Credit Facility

On November 4, 2015, thirteen of the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiaries entered into a Facility Agreement, by and among such subsidiaries as borrowers (collectively, the “Borrowers”); Genco Holdings Limited, a newly formed direct subsidiary of Genco of which the Borrowers are direct subsidiaries (“Holdco”); certain funds managed or advised by Hayfin Capital Management, Breakwater Capital Ltd, or their nominee, as lenders; and Hayfin Services LLP, as agent and security agent (the “\$98 Million Credit Facility”). The Borrowers borrowed the maximum available amount of \$98,271 under the facility on November 10, 2015.

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Borrowings under the facility were available for working capital purposes. The facility had a final maturity date of September 30, 2020, and the principal borrowed under the facility bore interest at LIBOR for an interest period of three months plus a margin of 6.125% per annum. The facility had no fixed amortization payments for the first two years and fixed amortization payments of \$2,500 per quarter thereafter. To the extent the value of the collateral under the facility is 182% or less of the loan amount outstanding, the Borrowers were to prepay the loan from earnings received from operation of the thirteen collateral vessels after deduction of the following amounts: costs, fees, expenses, interest, and fixed principal repayments under the facility; operating expenses relating to the thirteen vessels; and the Borrowers' pro rata share of general and administrative expenses based on the number of vessels they own.

The Facility Agreement requires the Borrowers and, in certain cases, the Company and Holdco to comply with a number of covenants substantially similar to those in the other credit facilities of Genco and its subsidiaries, including financial covenants related to maximum leverage, minimum consolidated net worth, minimum liquidity, and dividends; collateral maintenance requirements; and other customary covenants. The Company was prohibited from paying dividends under this facility until December 31, 2018. Following December 31, 2018, the amount of dividends the Company could pay was limited based on the amount of the repayment of at least \$25,000 of the loan under such facility, as well as the ratio of the value of vessels and certain other collateral pledged under such facility. The Facility Agreement includes usual and customary events of default and remedies for facilities of this nature.

Borrowings under the facility were secured by first priority mortgage on the vessels owned by the Borrowers, namely the Genco Constantine, the Genco Augustus, the Genco London, the Genco Titus, the Genco Tiberius, the Genco Hadrian, the Genco Knight, the Genco Beauty, the Genco Vigour, the Genco Predator, the Genco Cavalier, the Genco Champion, and the Genco Charger, and related collateral. Pursuant to the Facility Agreement and a separate Guarantee executed by the Company, the Company and Holdco were acting as guarantors of the obligations of the Borrowers and each other under the Facility Agreement and its related documentation.

On June 29, 2016, the Company entered into a commitment letter (the "\$98 Million Credit Facility Commitment Letter") which provided for certain covenant relief through September 30, 2016. For such period, compliance with the company-wide minimum cash covenant was waived so long as cash and cash equivalents of the Company were at least \$25,000; compliance with the maximum leverage ratio was waived; and the ratio required to be maintained under the Company's collateral maintenance covenant was 120% rather than 140%. An amendment to the \$98 Million Credit Facility Commitment Letter was entered into on September 30, 2016 (the "Amended \$98 Million Credit Facility Commitment Letter") which extended this covenant relief through November 15, 2016. Refer to the "Commitment Letter" section above for further discussion.

On November 15, 2016, the Company entered into an Amending and Restating Agreement which amended and restated the credit agreements and the guarantee for the \$98 Million Credit Facility (the "Restated \$98 Million Credit Facility"). The Restated \$98 Million Credit Facility provided for the following: reductions in the minimum liquidity requirements consistent with the \$400 Million Credit Facility, except the minimum liquidity amount for the collateral vessels under this facility was \$750 per vessel, which was reflected as restricted cash; netting of certain amounts against the measurements of the collateral maintenance covenant, which remained in place with a 140% value to loan

threshold; a portion of amounts required to be maintained under the minimum liquidity covenant for this facility may, under certain circumstances, have been used to prepay the facility to maintain compliance with the collateral maintenance covenant; elimination of the original maximum leverage ratio and minimum net worth covenants; and restrictions on incurring indebtedness, making investments (other than through non-recourse subsidiaries) or paying dividends, similar to those provided for in the \$400 Million Credit Facility. The minimum working capital and the total indebtedness to total capitalization were the same as the \$400 Million Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2017, the Company had deposited \$7,234 and \$11,738 that was reflected as current and noncurrent restricted cash, respectively. These amounts included certain restricted deposits associated with the Debt Service Account, Capex Account and minimum liquidity amount as defined in the \$98 Million Credit Facility.

Total debt repayments of \$93,939, \$1,332 and \$3,000 were made during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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On June 5, 2018, the \$98 Million Credit Facility was refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility; refer to the “\$460 Million Credit Facility” section above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the total outstanding net debt balance was \$0 and \$92,569, respectively.

2014 Term Loan Facilities

On October 8, 2014, Baltic Trading and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Baltic Hornet Limited and Baltic Wasp Limited, each entered into a loan agreement and related documentation for a credit facility in a principal amount of up to \$16,800 with ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC and its affiliates (the “2014 Term Loan Facilities”) to partially finance the newbuilding Ultramax vessel that each subsidiary acquired, namely the Baltic Hornet and Baltic Wasp, respectively. Amounts borrowed under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities were not allowed to be reborrowed. The 2014 Term Loan Facilities had a ten-year term, and the facility amount was the lowest of 60% of the delivered cost per vessel, \$16,800 per vessel, and 60% of the fair market value of each vessel at delivery. The 2014 Term Loan Facilities were insured by the China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinasure) in order to cover political and commercial risks for 95% of the outstanding principal plus interest, which was recorded in deferred financing fees. Borrowings under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities bore interest at the three or six-month LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 2.50% per annum. Borrowings were to be repaid in 20 equal consecutive semi-annual installments of 1/24 of the facility amount plus a balloon payment of 1/6 of the facility amount at final maturity. Principal repayments commenced six months after the actual delivery date for each respective vessel.

Borrowings under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities were secured by liens on the vessels acquired with borrowings under these facilities, namely the Baltic Hornet and Baltic Wasp, and other related assets. The Company guaranteed the obligations of the Baltic Hornet and Baltic Wasp under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities.

The 2014 Term Loan Facilities require the Company, Baltic Hornet Limited and Baltic Wasp Limited to comply with covenants comparable to those of the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility, with the exception of the collateral maintenance covenant and minimum cash requirement for the encumbered vessels. Additionally, for the 2014 Term Loan Facilities, the Baltic Hornet Limited and Baltic Wasp Limited are required to maintain \$750 each in their cash accounts. Refer to “\$44 Million Term Loan Facility” section below.

A waiver was entered into on June 30, 2016 with the lenders under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities which waived the collateral maintenance covenant through September 30, 2016. On August 9, 2016, the Company entered into waiver agreements which extend the existing collateral maintenance covenant through October 15, 2016 and provided for waivers of the maximum leverage ratio covenant through such time. On October 14, 2016, these waivers were further extended to November 15, 2016.

On November 15, 2016, the Company entered into Supplemental Agreements with lenders under our 2014 Term Loan Facilities which, among other things, amended the Company's collateral maintenance covenants under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities to provide that such covenants will not be tested through December 30, 2017 and the minimum collateral value to loan ratio will be 100% from December 31, 2017, 105% from June 30, 2018, 115% from December 31, 2018 and 135% from December 31, 2019. These Supplemental Agreements also provided for certain other amendments to the 2014 Term Loan Facilities, which included reductions in the minimum liquidity requirements consistent with the \$400 Million Credit Facility and restrictions on incurring indebtedness, making investments (other than through non-recourse subsidiaries) or paying dividends, similar to the \$400 Million Credit Facility. Additionally, the minimum working capital required was the same as the \$400 Million Credit Facility. Lastly, the maximum leverage requirement was equivalent to the debt to total capitalization requirement in the \$400 Million Credit Facility.

Total debt repayments of \$25,544, \$2,763 and \$2,763 were made during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, under the 2014 Term Loan Facilities.

On June 5, 2018, the 2014 Term Loan Facilities were refinanced with the \$460 Million Credit Facility; refer to the "\$460 Million Credit Facility" section above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the total outstanding net debt balance was \$0 and \$24,214, respectively.

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2015 Revolving Credit Facility

On April 7, 2015, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Genco Commodus Limited, Genco Maximus Limited, Genco Claudius Limited, Genco Hunter Limited and Genco Warrior Limited (collectively, the "Subsidiaries") entered into a loan agreement by and among the Subsidiaries, as borrowers, ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, as arranger, facility agent, security agent, and as lender, providing for a \$59,500 revolving credit facility, with an uncommitted accordion feature that has since expired (the "2015 Revolving Credit Facility"). On April 7, 2015, the Company entered into a guarantee of the obligations of the Subsidiaries under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility, in favor of ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC.

Borrowings under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility were permitted for general corporate purposes including "working capital" (as defined in the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility) and to finance the purchase of drybulk vessels. The 2015 Revolving Credit Facility had a maturity date of April 7, 2020. Borrowings under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus a margin based on a combination of utilization levels under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility and a security maintenance cover ranging from 3.40% per annum to 4.25% per annum. The commitment under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility was subject to quarterly reductions of \$1,641. Borrowings under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility were subject to 20 equal consecutive quarterly installment repayments which commenced three months after the date of the loan agreement, or July 7, 2015. A commitment fee of 1.5% per annum was payable on the undrawn amount of the maximum loan amount.

Borrowings under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility were secured by liens on each of the Subsidiaries' respective vessels; specifically, the Genco Commodus, Genco Maximus, Genco Claudius, Genco Hunter and Genco Warrior and other related assets.

The 2015 Revolving Credit Facility required the Subsidiaries to comply with a number of customary covenants including financial covenants related to collateral maintenance, liquidity, leverage, debt service reserve and dividend restrictions.

On April 7, 2016, the Company entered into a waiver agreement with the lenders under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility to postpone the due date of the \$1,641 amortization payment due April 7, 2016 to May 31, 2016. As a condition thereof, the amount of the debt service required under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility was \$3,241 through May 30, 2016. Refer to the "Commitment Letter" section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company which extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$56,218 under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility.

On November 15, 2016, the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the “Commitment Letter” and “\$400 Million Credit Facility” sections above. At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the 2015 Revolving Credit Facility.

#### \$148 Million Credit Facility

On December 31, 2014, Baltic Trading entered into a \$148,000 senior secured credit facility with Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch (“Nordea”), as Administrative and Security Agent, Nordea and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ) (“SEB”), as Mandated Lead Arrangers, Nordea, as Bookrunner, and the lenders (including Nordea and SEB) party thereto (the “\$148 Million Credit Facility”). The \$148 Million Credit Facility was comprised of an \$115,000 revolving credit facility and \$33,000 term loan facility. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility were used to refinance Baltic Trading’s outstanding indebtedness under the 2010 Credit Facility. Amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility of the \$148 Million Credit Facility could be re-borrowed. Borrowings under the term loan facility of the \$148 Million Credit Facility could be incurred pursuant to two single term loans in an amount of \$16,500 each that were used to finance, in part, the purchase of two newbuilding Ultramax vessels that the Company acquired,



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namely the Baltic Scorpion and Baltic Mantis. Amounts borrowed under the term loan facility of the \$148 Million Credit Facility could not be re-borrowed.

The \$148 Million Credit Facility had a maturity date of December 31, 2019. Borrowings under this facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00% per annum. A commitment fee of 1.2% per annum was payable on the unused daily portion of the \$148 Million Credit Facility, which began accruing on December 31, 2014. The commitment under the revolving credit facility of the \$148 Million Credit Facility was subject to equal consecutive quarterly reductions of \$2,447 each beginning June 30, 2015 through September 30, 2019. Borrowings under the term loan facility of the \$148 Million Credit Facility were subject to equal consecutive quarterly installment repayments commencing three months after delivery of the relevant newbuilding Ultramax vessel, each in the amount of 1/60 of the aggregate outstanding term loan. All remaining amounts outstanding under the \$148 Million Credit Facility must be repaid in full on the maturity date, December 31, 2019.

Borrowings under the \$148 Million Credit Facility were secured by liens on nine of the Company's existing vessels that have served as collateral under the 2010 Credit Facility, the two newbuilding Ultramax vessels noted above, and other related assets, including existing or future time charter contracts in excess of 36 months related to the foregoing vessels.

The \$148 Million Credit Facility required the Company to comply with a number of customary covenants, including financial covenants related to liquidity, leverage, consolidated net worth and collateral maintenance.

Refer to the "Commitment Letter" section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company which extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$140,383 under the \$148 Million Credit Facility.

On November 15, 2016, the \$148 Million Credit Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the "Commitment Letter" and "\$400 Million Credit Facility" sections above. At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the \$148 Million Credit Facility.

\$44 Million Term Loan Facility

On December 3, 2013, Baltic Tiger Limited and Baltic Lion Limited, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Baltic Trading, entered into a secured loan agreement with DVB Bank SE for a term loan facility of up to \$44,000 (the “\$44 Million Term Loan Facility”). Amounts borrowed and repaid under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility were not to be reborrowed. The \$44 Million Term Loan Facility had a maturity date of the sixth anniversary of the drawdown date for borrowings for the second vessel that was purchased, or December 23, 2019. Borrowings under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility bore interest at the three-month LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 3.35% per annum. A commitment fee of 0.75% per annum was payable on the unused daily portion of the credit facility, which began accruing on December 3, 2013 and ended on December 23, 2013, the date on which the entire \$44,000 was borrowed. Borrowings were to be repaid in 23 quarterly installments of \$688 each commencing three months after the last drawdown date, or March 24, 2014, and a final payment of \$28,188 was due on the maturity date.

Borrowings under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by liens on the Company’s vessels that were financed or refinanced with borrowings under the facility, namely the Genco Tiger and the Baltic Lion, and other related assets. Upon the prepayment of \$18,000 plus any additional amounts necessary to maintain compliance with the collateral maintenance covenant, the Company may have the lien on the Genco Tiger released. Under a Guarantee and Indemnity entered into concurrently with the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility, the Company agreed to guarantee the obligations of its subsidiaries under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility.

The \$44 Million Term Loan Facility also required the Company, Baltic Tiger Limited and Baltic Lion Limited to comply with a number of covenants, including financial covenants related to liquidity, leverage, consolidated net worth, and collateral maintenance; delivery of quarterly and annual financial statements and annual projections;

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maintaining adequate insurances; compliance with laws (including environmental); maintenance of flag and class of the initial vessels; restrictions on consolidations, mergers or sales of assets; limitations on changes in the manager of the vessels; limitations on liens and additional indebtedness; prohibitions on paying dividends if an event of default has occurred or would occur as a result of payment of a dividend; restrictions on transactions with affiliates; and other customary covenants. The liquidity covenants under the facility required Baltic Tiger Limited and Baltic Lion Limited to maintain \$1,000 each in their cash accounts and the Company to maintain \$750 for each vessel in its fleet in cash or cash equivalents plus undrawn working capital lines of credit. The facility's leverage covenant required that the ratio of the Company's total financial indebtedness to the value of its total assets as adjusted based on vessel appraisals not exceed 70%. The facility, as amended, also required that the Company maintained a minimum consolidated net worth of \$786,360 plus fifty percent of the value of any primary equity offerings after April 30, 2013. The facility's collateral maintenance covenant required that the minimum fair market value of vessels mortgaged under the facility be 125% of the amount outstanding under the facility.

On June 8, 2016, the Company entered into an amendment to the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility which provided for cross-collateralization with the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility. Pursuant to this amendment, the security coverage ratio (collateral maintenance calculation) was revised to include the fair market value of the Genco Tiger, Baltic Lion, Baltic Fox and Baltic Hare less the outstanding indebtedness under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility as the total security effective June 30, 2016. Refer also to the "Commitment Letter" section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company, which extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$38,500 under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility.

On November 15, 2016, the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the "Commitment Letter" and "\$400 Million Credit Facility" sections above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility.

\$22 Million Term Loan Facility

On August 30, 2013, Baltic Hare Limited and Baltic Fox Limited, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Baltic Trading, entered into a secured loan agreement with DVB Bank SE for a term loan facility of up to \$22,000 (the "\$22 Million Term Loan Facility"). Amounts borrowed and repaid under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility were not be reborrowed. This facility had a maturity date of the sixth anniversary of the drawdown date for borrowings for the second vessel that was purchased, or September 4, 2019. Borrowings under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility bore interest at the three-month LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 3.35% per annum. A commitment fee of 1.00% per annum was payable on the unused daily portion of the credit facility, which began accruing on August 30, 2013 and ended on September 4, 2013, the date which the entire \$22,000 was borrowed. Borrowings were to be repaid in 23 quarterly installments of \$375 each commencing three months after the last vessel delivery date, or December 4, 2013, and a final payment of \$13,375 due on the maturity date.

Borrowings under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by liens on the Company's vessels purchased with borrowings under the facility, namely the Baltic Fox and the Baltic Hare, and other related assets. Under a Guarantee and Indemnity entered into concurrently with the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility, the Company agreed to guarantee the obligations of its subsidiaries under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility.

The \$22 Million Term Loan Facility also required the Company, Baltic Hare Limited and Baltic Fox Limited to comply with a number of covenants, including financial covenants related to liquidity, leverage, consolidated net worth, and collateral maintenance; delivery of quarterly and annual financial statements and annual projections; maintaining adequate insurances; compliance with laws (including environmental); maintenance of flag and class of the initial vessels; restrictions on consolidations, mergers or sales of assets; limitations on changes in the manager of the vessels; limitations on liens and additional indebtedness; prohibitions on paying dividends if an event of default has occurred or would occur as a result of payment of a dividend; restrictions on transactions with affiliates; and other customary covenants. The liquidity covenants under the facility required Baltic Hare Limited and Baltic Fox Limited to maintain \$500 each in their cash accounts and the Company to maintain \$750 for each vessel in its fleet in cash or cash

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equivalents plus undrawn working capital lines of credit. The facility's leverage covenant required that the ratio of the Company's total financial indebtedness to the value of its total assets as adjusted based on vessel appraisals not exceed 70%. The facility, as amended, also required that the Company maintain a minimum consolidated net worth of \$786,360 plus fifty percent of the value of equity offerings completed on or after May 28, 2013. The facility's collateral maintenance covenant required that the minimum fair market value of vessels mortgaged under the facility be 130% of the amount outstanding under the facility through August 30, 2016 and 135% of such amount thereafter. The collateral maintenance covenant was revised to 110% through and including the period ended June 30, 2016.

On June 8, 2016, the Company entered into an amendment to the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility which provided for cross-collateralization with the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility. Pursuant to this amendment, the security coverage ratio (collateral maintenance calculation) was revised to include the fair market value of the Baltic Fox, Baltic Hare, Genco Tiger and Baltic Lion less the outstanding indebtedness under the \$44 Million Term Loan Facility as the total security effective June 30, 2016. Additionally, this amendment increased the collateral maintenance requirement to 125% from 110% commencing July 1, 2016. Refer also to the "Commitment Letter" section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company, which extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$18,625 under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility.

On November 15, 2016, the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the "Commitment Letter" and "\$400 Million Credit Facility" sections above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility.

**\$253 Million Term Loan Facility**

On August 20, 2010, the Company entered into the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility. BNP Paribas; Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank; DVB Bank SE; Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft, which was also acting as Security Agent and Bookrunner; and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) were Lenders and Mandated Lead Arrangers under the facility. Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. was acting as Agent under the facility, and Deutsche Bank AG and all of the Lenders other than Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft were acting as Swap Providers under the facility. The Company has used the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility to fund a portion of the purchase price of the acquisition of 13 vessels from affiliates of Bourbon SA ("Bourbon"). Under the terms of the facility, the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility was drawn down in 13 tranches in amounts based on the particular vessel being acquired, with one tranche per vessel. The \$253 Million Term Loan Facility had a maturity date of August 15, 2015 and borrowings under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility bore interest, as elected by the Company, at LIBOR for an interest period of three or six months, plus 3.00% per annum. A commitment fee of 1.25% was payable on the undrawn committed amount of the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility, which began accruing on August

20, 2010. Borrowings were to be repaid quarterly with outstanding principal amortized on a per vessel basis and any outstanding amount under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility was to be paid in full on the maturity date. Repaid amounts were no longer available and could not be reborrowed. Borrowings under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by liens on the Bourbon vessels and other related assets. Certain of the Company's wholly-owned ship-owning subsidiaries, each of which owned one of the Bourbon vessels, acted as guarantors under the credit facility.

The \$253 Million Term Loan Facility required the Company to comply with a number of covenants, including financial covenants related to leverage, consolidated net worth, liquidity and interest coverage; dividends; collateral maintenance requirements; and other covenants. The \$253 Million Term Loan Facility included usual and customary events of default and remedies for facilities of this nature.

Refer to the "\$100 Million Term Loan Facility" section below for a description of the Amended and Restated \$253 Million Term Loan Facility that was entered into by the Company on the Effective Date as well as a description of the April 2015 Amendments that were entered into by the Company on April 30, 2015. The obligations under the Amended and Restated \$253 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by a first priority security interest in the vessels and other collateral securing the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility. The Amended and Restated \$253 Million Term Loan

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Facility required quarterly repayment installments in accordance with the original terms of the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility.

A waiver was entered into on March 11, 2016 that required the Company to prepay the \$5,075 debt amortization payment due on April 11, 2016 and which waived the collateral maintenance covenant through April 11, 2016. On April 11, 2016, the Company entered into additional agreements with the lenders under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility which extended the waiver through May 31, 2016. Pursuant to additional agreements with the lenders under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility entered into on May 31, 2016, June 3, 2016 and June 8, 2016, the waiver was further extended through June 10, 2016. Refer to the “Commitment Letter” section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company that have extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$145,268 under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility.

On November 15, 2016, the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the “Commitment Letter” and “\$400 Million Credit Facility” sections above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility.

\$100 Million Term Loan Facility

On August 12, 2010, the Company entered into the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility with Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, which is also acting as Agent and Security Trustee; and Crédit Industriel et Commercial; and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) are the lenders under the facility. The Company has used the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility to fund or refund to the Company a portion of the purchase price of the acquisition of five vessels from Metrostar. Under the terms of the facility, the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility was drawn down in five equal tranches of \$20,000 each, with one tranche per vessel. The \$100 Million Term Loan Facility had a final maturity date of seven years from the date of the first drawdown, or August 17, 2017, and borrowings under the facility bore interest at LIBOR for an interest period of one, three or six months (as elected by the Company), plus 3.00% per annum. A commitment fee of 1.35% was payable on the undrawn committed amount of the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility, which began accruing on August 12, 2010. Borrowings were to be repaid quarterly, with the outstanding principal amortized on a 13-year profile, with any outstanding amount under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility to be paid in full on the final maturity date. Repaid amounts were no longer available and could not be reborrowed. Borrowings under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by liens on the five Metrostar vessels purchased by the Company and other related assets. Certain of the Company’s wholly-owned ship-owning subsidiaries, each of which owned one of the five Metrostar vessels, acted as guarantors under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility.

The \$100 Million Term Loan Facility required the Company to comply with a number of covenants, including financial covenants related to leverage, consolidated net worth, interest coverage and dividends; minimum working capital requirements; collateral maintenance requirements; and other covenants. The \$100 Million Term Loan Facility included usual and customary events of default and remedies for facilities of this nature.

On the Effective Date, Genco entered into the Amended and Restated \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and the Amended and Restated \$253 Million Term Loan Facility. The Amended and Restated Credit Facilities included, among other things:

- A paydown as of the Effective Date with respect to payments which became due under the prepetition credit facilities between the Petition Date and the Effective Date and were not paid during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases (\$1,923 for the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and \$5,075 for the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility).
- Extension of the maturity dates to August 31, 2019 from August 17, 2017 for the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and August 15, 2015 for the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility.



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- Relief from compliance with financial covenants governing the Company's maximum leverage ratio, minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio and consolidated net worth through and including the quarter ending March 31, 2015 (with quarterly testing commencing June 30, 2015).
- A fleetwide minimum liquidity covenant requiring maintenance of cash of \$750 per vessel for all vessels owned by Genco (excluding those owned by Baltic Trading).
- An increase in the interest rate to LIBOR plus 3.50% per year from 3.00% previously for the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility.

The obligations under the Amended and Restated \$100 Million Term Loan Facility were secured by a first priority security interest in the vessels and other collateral securing the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility. The Amended and Restated \$100 Million Term Loan Facility required quarterly repayment installments in accordance with the original terms of the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility.

On April 30, 2015, the Company entered into agreements to amend or waive certain provisions under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility (the "April 2015 Amendments") which implemented the following, among other things:

- The existing covenant measuring the Company's ratio of net debt to EBITDA was replaced with a covenant requiring its ratio of total debt outstanding to value adjusted total assets (total assets adjusted for the difference between book value and market value of fleet vessels) to be less than 70%.
- Measurement of the interest coverage ratio under each facility was waived through and including December 31, 2016.
- The fleetwide minimum liquidity covenant was amended to allow up to 50% of the required amount of \$750 per vessel in cash to be satisfied with undrawn working capital lines with a remaining availability period of more than six months.
- The Company agreed to grant additional security for its obligation under the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility. Refer to the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility section above for a description of the additional security granted for this facility.

Consenting lenders under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility and the \$253 Million Term Loan Facility received an upfront fee of \$165 and \$350, respectively, related to the April 2015 Amendments.

In October 2015 and April 2015 the Company added two unencumbered vessels, the Genco Prosperity and Genco Sugar, respectively, as additional collateral to cover the previous shortfalls in meeting the collateral maintenance test.

A waiver was entered into on March 29, 2016 that required the Company to prepay the \$1,923 debt amortization payment due on June 30, 2016 and which waived the collateral maintenance covenant through April 11, 2016. On April 11, 2016, the Company entered into additional agreements with the lenders under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility which extended the waiver through May 31, 2016. Pursuant to additional agreements with the lenders under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility entered into on May 31, 2016, June 3, 2016 and June 8, 2016, the waiver was further extended through June 10, 2016. Refer to the "Commitment Letter" section above for additional waivers entered into by the Company, which extended the waivers of certain financial covenants through November 15, 2016.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company made total debt repayments of \$60,099 under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility.

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On November 15, 2016, the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility was refinanced with the \$400 Million Credit Facility; refer to the “Commitment Letter” and “\$400 Million Credit Facility” sections above. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, there was no outstanding debt under the \$100 Million Term Loan Facility.

## Interest rates

The following tables set forth the effective interest rate associated with the interest expense for the Company’s debt facilities noted above, including the costs associated with unused commitment fees, if applicable. The following tables also include the range of interest rates on the debt, excluding the impact of unused commitment fees, if applicable:

|  | For the Years Ended December 31, |   |                  |   |                  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|
|  | 2018                             |   | 2017             |   | 2016             |   |
| Effective Interest Rate                                    | 5.71                             | % | 5.29             | % | 4.50             | % |
| Range of Interest Rates (excluding unused commitment fees) | 3.83 % to 8.43 %                 |   | 3.36 % to 7.82 % |   | 2.69 % to 7.12 % |   |

## Letter of credit

In conjunction with the Company entering into a long-term office space lease (See Note 16 — Commitments and Contingencies), the Company was required to provide a letter of credit to the landlord in lieu of a security deposit. As of September 21, 2005, the Company obtained an annually renewable unsecured letter of credit with DnB NOR Bank at a fee of 1% per annum. During September 2015, the Company replaced the unsecured letter of credit with DnB NOR Bank with an unsecured letter of credit with Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York and Cayman Island Branches (“Nordea”) in the same amount at a fee of 1.375% per annum. The letter of credit outstanding was \$300 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 at a fee of 1.375% per annum. The letter of credit is cancelable on each renewal date provided the landlord is given 30 days minimum notice. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the letter of credit outstanding has been securitized by \$315 that was paid by the Company to Nordea during the year ended December 31, 2015. These amounts have been recorded as restricted cash included in total noncurrent assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

## 9 - ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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The components of AOCI included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Equity consist of net unrealized gains (losses) from investments in Jinhui stock and KLC stock. The Company sold its remaining shares of Jinhui and KLC stock during the three months ended December 31, 2016. Therefore, there was no AOCI activity recorded during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the opening AOCI balance at January 1, 2017 was \$0. Refer to Note 5 — Investments for further detail.

Changes in AOCI by Component

For the Period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

|                                | Net Unrealized<br>Gain (Loss)<br>on<br>Investments |
|--------------------------------|--|
| AOCI — January 1, 2016         | \$ (21)  |
| OCI before reclassifications   | (2,385)  |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCI | 2,406  |
| Net current-period OCI         | 21   |
| AOCI — December 31, 2016       | \$ —   |

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## Reclassifications Out of AOCI

| Details about AOCI Components           | Amount Reclassified from AOCI<br>For the Year Ended |      |            | Affected Line Item in<br>the Statement Where<br>Net Loss is Presented |
|---|---|------|------------|---|
|   | 2018  | 2017 | 2016       |   |
| Net unrealized loss on investments      |   |      |            |   |
| Realized gain on sale of AFS investment | \$ —  | \$ — | \$ 290     | Other income (expense)  |
| Impairment of AFS investment            | —   | —    | (2,696)    | Impairment of investment  |
| Total reclassifications for the period  | \$ —  | \$ — | \$ (2,406) |   |

## 10 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair values and carrying values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2018 and 2017 which are required to be disclosed at fair value, but not recorded at fair value, are noted below.

|                           | December 31, 2018 |            | December 31, 2017 |            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                           | Carrying<br>Value | Fair Value | Carrying<br>Value | Fair Value |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$197,499         | \$ 197,499 | \$ 174,479        | \$ 174,479 |
| Restricted cash           | 5,262             | 5,262      | 30,467            | 30,467     |
| Floating rate debt        | 551,420           | 551,420    | 524,424           | 524,424    |

The carrying value of the borrowings under the \$460 Million Credit Facility and the \$108 Million Credit Facility as of December 31, 2018 and the \$400 Million Credit Facility, \$98 Million Credit Facility and the 2014 Term Loan Facilities as of December 31, 2017 approximate their fair value due to the variable interest nature thereof as each of these credit facilities represent floating rate loans. Refer to Note 8 — Debt for further information regarding the Company's credit facilities. The \$460 Million Credit Facility was utilized to refinance the \$400 Million Credit Facility, \$98 Million Credit Facility and 2014 Term Loan Facilities on June 5, 2018. The carrying amounts of the Company's other financial instruments at December 31, 2018 and 2017 (principally Due from charterers and Accounts payable and accrued expenses) approximate fair values because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments.

ASC Subtopic 820-10, “Fair Value Measurements & Disclosures” (“ASC 820-10”), applies to all assets and liabilities that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis. This guidance enables the reader of the consolidated financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. The fair value framework requires the categorization of assets and liabilities into three levels based upon the assumptions (inputs) used to price the assets or liabilities. Level 1 provides the most reliable measure of fair value, whereas Level 3 requires significant management judgment. The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1—Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments that the Company is able to access. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these instruments does not entail a significant degree of judgment.
  
- Level 2—Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for instruments that are similar, or quoted prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar instruments, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets.
  
- Level 3—Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

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Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash are considered Level 1 items as they represent liquid assets with short-term maturities. Floating rate debt is considered to be a Level 2 item as the Company considers the estimate of rates it could obtain for similar debt or based upon transactions amongst third parties. Nonrecurring fair value measurements include vessel impairment assessments completed during the interim period and year-end period as determined based on third party quotes which are based off of various data points, including comparable sales of similar vessels, which are Level 2 inputs. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the vessels assets for ten of the Company's vessels were written down as part of the impairment recorded during the year ended December 31, 2018. As of June 30, 2017, the vessel asset for the Genco Surprise was written down as part of the impairment recorded during the year ended December 31, 2017. Additionally, during the third quarter of 2017, the vessel assets for five of the Company's 1999-built vessels were written down as part of the impairment recorded during the year ended December 31, 2017. The vessel held for sale as of December 31, 2018 was written down as part of the impairment recorded during the year ended December 31, 2017. There were no additional adjustments required as of December 31, 2018 when the held for sale criteria was met. Refer to "Impairment of long-lived assets" and "Vessels held for sale" sections in Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. The Company did not have any Level 3 financial assets or liabilities during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

## 11 - PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT AND NONCURRENT ASSETS

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

|   | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Vessel stores                                   | \$ 597               | \$ 642               |
| Capitalized contract costs                      | 2,289                | —                    |
| Prepaid items                                   | 3,426                | 1,452                |
| Insurance receivable                            | 851                  | 3,498                |
| Advance to agents                               | 1,109                | 298                  |
| Other   | 2,177                | 1,448                |
| Total prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 10,449            | \$ 7,338             |

Other noncurrent assets in the amount of \$514 at December 31, 2017 represents the security deposit related to the operating lease entered into effective April 4, 2011. Refer to Note 16 — Commitments and Contingencies for further information related to the lease agreement.

## 12 - FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets consist of the following:

|   | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fixed assets, at cost:                          |                      |                      |
| Vessel equipment                                | \$ 2,873             | \$ 1,375             |
| Furniture and fixtures                          | 462                  | 462                  |
| Computer equipment                              | 236                  | 180                  |
| Total costs                                     | 3,571                | 2,017                |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | (1,281)              | (1,003)              |
| Total fixed assets, net                         | \$ 2,290             | \$ 1,014             |

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## 13 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

|   | December 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts payable                            | \$ 15,110            | \$ 9,863             |
| Accrued general and administrative expenses | 4,298                | 2,978                |
| Accrued vessel operating expenses           | 9,735                | 10,389               |
| Total accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 29,143            | \$ 23,230            |

## 14 – VOYAGE REVENUE

Total voyage revenue includes revenue earned on fixed rate time charters, spot market voyage charters, spot market-related time charters and vessel pools, as well as the sale of bunkers consumed during short-term time charters. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company earned \$367,522, \$209,698 and \$133,246 of voyage revenue, respectively. Included in voyage revenue for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$2,325 and \$3,415 of net profit sharing revenue, respectively. There was no profit sharing revenue earned during the year ended December 31, 2018. Additionally, included in voyage revenue for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$168,452, \$181,206 and \$133,246 of time charter revenues, respectively.

On January 1, 2018 the Company adopted the revenue recognition guidance under ASC 606 (refer to Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) using the modified retrospective method applied to contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. The financial results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under the new guidance, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and will be continued to be reported under previous guidance.

As a result of the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance on January 1, 2018, the Company recorded a net increase to the opening retained deficit of \$659 for the cumulative impact of adopting the new guidance. The impact related primarily to the change in accounting for spot market voyage charters. Prior to the adoption of the new guidance, revenue for spot market voyage charters was recognized ratably over the total transit time of the voyage, which previously commenced the latter of when the vessel departed from its last discharge port and when an agreement was entered into with the charterer, and ended at the time the discharge of cargo was completed at the

discharge port. As a result of the adoption of the new guidance, revenue for spot market voyage charters is now being recognized ratably over the total transit time of the voyage which now begins when the vessel arrives at the loading port and ends at the time the discharge of cargo is completed at the discharge port. Additionally, the Company has identified that the contract fulfillment costs of spot market voyage charters consist primarily of the fuel consumption that is incurred by the Company from the latter of the end of the previous vessel employment and the contract date until the arrival at the loading port in addition to any port expenses incurred prior to arrival at the load port, as well as any charter hire expenses for third party vessels that are chartered-in. The fuel consumption and any port expenses incurred prior to arrival at the load port during this period is capitalized and recorded in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and is amortized ratably over the total transit time of the voyage from arrival at the loading port until the vessel departs from the discharge port and expensed as part of Voyage Expenses. Similarly, for any third party vessels that are chartered-in, the charter hire expenses during this period are capitalized and recorded in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and are amortized and expensed as part of Charter hire expenses. Refer also to Note 11 — Prepaid Expenses and Other Current and Noncurrent Assets. All of the revenue for spot market voyage charters that was included in Deferred revenue (contract liability) in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of January 1, 2018 when ASC 606 was adopted has been recognized during the year ended December 31, 2018.

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The following table illustrates the impact of the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance on the Consolidated Balance Sheet:

|   | As of December 31, 2018 |   |                     |
|---|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
|   | As Reported             | Balance<br>without<br>Adoption<br>of New<br>Revenue<br>Standard | Effect of<br>Change |
| Assets                                    |                         |   |                     |
| Current assets:                           |                         |   |                     |
| Due from charterers                       | \$ 22,306               | \$ 26,593   | \$ (4,287)          |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 10,449                  | 8,159   | 2,290               |
| Liabilities and Equity                    |                         |   |                     |
| Current liabilities:                      |                         |   |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses     | \$ 29,143               | \$ 29,171   | \$ (28)             |
| Deferred revenue                          | 6,404                   | 5,795   | 609                 |
| Equity:                                   |                         |   |                     |
| Retained deficit                          | \$ (687,272)            | \$ (684,694)  | \$ (2,578)          |

The following table illustrates the impact of the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance on the Consolidated Statement of Operations:

|                            | For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 |   |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
|                            | As Reported                          | Balance<br>without<br>Adoption<br>of New<br>Revenue<br>Standard | Effect of<br>Change |
| Voyage revenues            | \$ 367,522                           | \$ 371,284  | \$ (3,762)          |
| Voyage expenses            | 114,855                              | 116,698   | (1,843)             |
| Net loss                   | (32,940)                             | (31,021)  | (1,919)             |
| Net loss per share-basic   | \$ (0.86)                            | \$ (0.81)   | \$ (0.05)           |
| Net loss per share-diluted | \$ (0.86)                            | \$ (0.81)   | \$ (0.05)           |



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The following table illustrates the impact of the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows:

|   | For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 |  |                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
|   | As Reported                          | Balance without Adoption of New Revenue Standard | Effect of Change |
| Cash flows from operating activities:                 |                                      |  |                  |
| Change in assets and liabilities:                     |                                      |  |                  |
| Increase in due from charterers                       | \$ (10,099)                          | \$ (13,738)                                      | \$ 3,639         |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets | (6,626)                              | (4,811)  | (1,815)          |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses     | 2,571                                | 2,593  | (22)             |
| Increase in deferred revenue                          | 1,190                                | 1,073  | 117              |

The following table illustrates the cumulative effect of the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance on the opening Consolidated Balance Sheet:

|   | Balance at December 31, 2017 | New Revenue Standard Adjustment | Balance at January 1, 2018 |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets                                    |                              |                                 |                            |
| Current assets:                           |                              |                                 |                            |
| Due from charterers                       | \$ 12,855                    | \$ (647)                        | \$ 12,208                  |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 7,338                        | 475                             | 7,813                      |
| Liabilities and Equity                    |                              |                                 |                            |
| Current liabilities:                      |                              |                                 |                            |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses     | \$ 23,230                    | \$ (6)                          | \$ 23,224                  |
| Deferred revenue                          | 4,722                        | 493                             | 5,215                      |
| Equity:                                   |                              |                                 |                            |
| Retained deficit                          | \$ (653,673)                 | \$ (659)                        | \$ (654,332)               |

On April 21, 2014 (the “Petition Date”), GS&T and its subsidiaries, other than Baltic Trading and its subsidiaries, (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for relief (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”). The Company subsequently emerged from bankruptcy on July 9, 2014, the Effective Date.

Reorganization items, net represents amounts incurred and recovered subsequent to the bankruptcy filing as a direct result of the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases and are comprised of the following:

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|                                     | Year Ended December |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
|                                     | 31,                 |          |            |
|                                     | 2018                | 2017     | 2016       |
| Professional fees incurred          | \$ —                | \$ —     | \$ 201     |
| Trustee fees incurred               | —                   | —        | 71         |
| Total reorganization fees           | \$ —                | \$ —     | \$ 272     |
| <br>Total reorganization items, net | <br>\$ —            | <br>\$ — | <br>\$ 272 |

## 16 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In September 2005, the Company entered into a 15-year lease for office space in New York, New York for which there was a free rental period from September 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006. On January 6, 2012, the Company ceased the use of this space. Pursuant to the plan that was approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Debtors rejected the lease agreement on the Effective Date and the Company believed that it would owe the lessor the remaining liability. On August 10, 2016, the Company settled this outstanding lease liability. The settlement of this claim resulted in a gain that was recorded in rent expense in the amount of (\$116) during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Effective April 4, 2011, the Company entered into a seven-year sub-sublease agreement for additional office space in New York, New York. The term of the sub-sublease commenced June 1, 2011, with a free base rental period until October 31, 2011. Following the expiration of the free base rental period, the monthly base rental payments were \$82 per month until May 31, 2015 and thereafter were \$90 per month until the end of the seven-year term. Pursuant to the sub-sublease agreement, the sublessor was obligated to contribute \$472 toward the cost of the Company's alterations to the sub-subleased office space. The Company has also entered into a direct lease with the over-landlord of such office space that commenced immediately upon the expiration of such sub-sublease agreement, for a term covering the period from May 1, 2018 to September 30, 2025; the direct lease provides for a free base rental period from May 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018. Following the expiration of the free base rental period, the monthly base rental payments are \$186 per month from October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2023 and \$204 per month from May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025. For accounting purposes, the sub-sublease agreement and direct lease agreement with the landlord constitutes one lease agreement. As a result of the straight-line rent calculation generated by the free rent period and the tenant work credit, the monthly straight-line rental expense for the remaining term of the lease from the Effective Date to September 30, 2025 is \$150. The Company had a long-term lease obligation at December 31, 2018 and 2017 of \$3,468 and \$2,588, respectively. Rent expense pertaining to this lease for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,808 during each year.

Future minimum rental payments on the above lease for the next five years and thereafter are as follows: \$2,230 annually for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, \$2,378 for 2023 and a total of \$4,292 for the remaining term of the lease.

On July 3, 2015, Samsun filed for rehabilitation proceedings for the second time with the South Korean courts due to financial distress. On April 8, 2016, the revised rehabilitation plan was approved by the South Korean court whereby 26% of the of the \$3,979 unpaid cash claim settlement from the prior rehabilitation plan, or \$1,035, was to be settled pursuant to a payment plan over the next ten-year period. The remaining 74% of the claim was to be converted to Samsun shares. On May 2, 2016, the Company received \$157 from Samsun pursuant to this revised plan. Additionally, on October 27, 2016, the Company received \$777 from Samsun as full and final settlement of this outstanding claim that was approved on April 8, 2016. This represents the net present value of the remainder of the \$1,035 cash settlement noted above. During the year ended December 31, 2016, this resulted in Other Operating income of \$934.

#### 17 - SAVINGS PLAN

In August 2005, the Company established a 401(k) plan that is available to U.S. based full-time employees who meet the plan's eligibility requirements. This 401(k) plan is a defined contribution plan, which permits employees to make contributions up to maximum percentage and dollar limits allowable by IRS Code Sections 401(k), 402(g), 404

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and 415 with the Company matching \$1.17 for each dollar contributed up to the first six percent of each employee's salary. The matching contribution vests immediately. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company's matching contributions to this plan were \$380, \$385 and \$336, respectively.

18 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On July 7, 2016, the Company completed a one-for-ten reverse stock split of its common stock. As a result, all share and per share information included for all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements for the Company reflect the reverse stock split.

On October 13, 2016, Peter C. Georgiopoulos resigned as Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company. In connection with his departure, Mr. Georgiopoulos entered into a Separation Agreement and a Release Agreement with the Company on October 13, 2016. Under the terms of these agreements, subject to customary conditions, Mr. Georgiopoulos received an amount equal to the annual Chairman's fee awarded to him in recent years of \$500 as a severance payment and full vesting of his unvested equity awards, which consisted of grants of 68,581 restricted shares of the Company's common stock and warrants exercisable for approximately 213,937 shares of the Company's common stock with an exercise price per share ranging \$259.10 to \$341.90. The acceleration of the vesting of Mr. Georgiopoulos' restricted shares and warrants resulted in \$5,317 of nonvested stock amortization expense during the year ended December 31, 2016.

2014 Management Incentive Plan

On the Effective Date, pursuant to the Chapter 11 Plan, the Company adopted the Genco Shipping & Trading Limited 2014 Management Incentive Plan (the "MIP"). An aggregate of 966,806 shares of Common Stock were available for award under the MIP. Awards under the MIP took the form of restricted stock grants and three tiers of MIP Warrants with staggered strike prices based on increasing equity values. The number of shares of common stock available under the Plan represented approximately 1.8% of the shares of post-emergence common stock outstanding as of the Effective Date on a fully-diluted basis. Awards under the MIP were available to eligible employees, non-employee directors and/or officers of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Eligible Individuals"). Under the MIP, a committee appointed by the Board from time to time (or, in the absence of such a committee, the Board) (in either case, the "Plan Committee") may grant a variety of stock-based incentive awards, as the Plan Committee deems appropriate, to Eligible Individuals. The MIP Warrants are exercisable on a cashless basis and contain customary anti-dilution protection in the event of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, reclassification, dividend or other distributions (including, but not limited to, cash dividends), or business combination transaction.

On August 7, 2014, pursuant to the MIP, certain individuals were granted MIP Warrants whereby each warrant can be converted on a cashless basis for the amount in excess of the respective strike price. The MIP Warrants were issued in three tranches for 238,066, 246,701, and 370,979 and have exercise prices of \$259.10 (the “\$259.10 Warrants”), \$287.30 (the “\$287.30 Warrants”) and \$341.90 (the “\$341.90 Warrants”) per whole share, respectively. The fair value of each warrant upon emergence from bankruptcy was \$7.22 for the \$259.10 Warrants, \$6.63 for the \$287.30 Warrants and \$5.63 for the \$341.90 Warrants. The warrant values were based upon a calculation using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula. This model uses inputs such as the underlying price of the shares issued when the warrant is exercised, volatility, cost of capital interest rate and expected life of the instrument. The Company has determined that the warrants should be classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy by evaluating each input for the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula against the fair value hierarchy criteria and using the lowest level of input as the basis for the fair value classification. The Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula used a volatility of 43.91% (representing the six-year volatility of a peer group), a risk-free interest rate of 1.85% and a dividend rate of 0%. The aggregate fair value of these awards upon emergence from bankruptcy was \$54,436. The warrants vested 33.33% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, with accelerated vesting upon a change in control of the Company.

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For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 the Company recognized amortization expense of the fair value of these warrants, which is included in General and administrative expenses, as follows:

|                                     | For the Years Ended<br>December 31, |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                                     | 2018                                | 2017   | 2016      |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ —                                | \$ 902 | \$ 14,203 |

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, there was no unamortized stock-based compensation for the warrants and all warrants were vested. The following table summarizes the unvested warrant activity for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

|  | For the Years Ended December 31,<br>2017 |  | 2016                                 |                       |  |                                      |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
|  | Number of<br>Warrants                    | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair<br>Value | Number of<br>Warrants | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair<br>Value |
| Outstanding at January 1 -<br>Unvested   | 713,122                                  | \$ 303.12                                | \$ 6.36                              | 5,704,974             | \$ 303.12                                | \$ 6.36                              |
| Granted                                  | —  | —  | —                                    | —                     | —  | —                                    |
| Exercisable                              | (713,122)                                | 303.12                                   | 6.36                                 | (4,991,852)           | 303.12                                   | 6.36                                 |
| Exercised                                | —  | —  | —                                    | —                     | —  | —                                    |
| Forfeited                                | —  | —  | —                                    | —                     | —  | —                                    |
| Outstanding at December 31 -<br>Unvested | —  | \$ —                                     | \$ —                                 | 713,122               | \$ 303.12                                | \$ 6.36                              |

The following table summarizes certain information about the warrants outstanding as of December 31, 2018:

| Warrants Outstanding and Unvested,<br>December 31, 2018 | Weighted | Warrants Outstanding and Exercisable,<br>December 31, 2018 | Weighted |
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| Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Average Remaining Contractual Life | Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Average Remaining Contractual Life |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| —                  | \$ —                            | —                                  | 8,557,461          | \$ 303.12                       | 1.60                               |

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, a total of 8,557,461 of warrants were outstanding.

The nonvested stock awards granted under the MIP vested ratably on each of the three anniversaries of August 7, 2014. The nonvested stock awards issued under the MIP have a grant date price that represents the stock price on that date. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, all stock awards granted under the MIP were vested.

The table below summarizes the Company's nonvested stock awards for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 that were issued under the MIP:

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|                            | For the Years Ended December 31, |               |           |               |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
|                            | 2017                             | Weighted      | 2016      | Weighted      |
|                            | Number of                        | Average Grant | Number of | Average Grant |
|                            | Shares                           | Date Price    | Shares    | Date Price    |
| Outstanding at January 1   | 9,255                            | \$ 200.00     | 74,040    | \$ 200.00     |
| Granted                    | —                                | —             | —         | —             |
| Vested                     | (9,255)                          | 200.00        | (64,785)  | 200.00        |
| Forfeited                  | —                                | —             | —         | —             |
| Outstanding at December 31 | —                                | \$ —          | 9,255     | \$ 200.00     |

The total fair value of MIP restricted shares that vested during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$0, \$106 and \$336, respectively. The 64,785 shares that vested during the year ended December 31, 2016 included 27,765 shares that were issued to Peter C. Georgiopoulos upon his resignation. The total fair value is calculated as the number of shares vested during the period multiplied by the fair value on the vesting date.

For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company recognized nonvested stock amortization expense for the MIP restricted shares, which is included in General and administrative expenses, as follows:

|                                     | For the Years Ended |        |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
|                                     | December 31,        |        |          |
|                                     | 2018                | 2017   | 2016     |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ —                | \$ 368 | \$ 5,795 |

The Company amortized these grants over the applicable vesting periods, net of anticipated forfeitures. As of December 31, 2018, there was no unrecognized compensation cost.

## 2015 Equity Incentive Plan

On June 26, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors approved the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan for awards with respect to an aggregate of 400,000 shares of common stock (the "2015 Plan"). Under the 2015 Plan, the Company's Board of Directors, the compensation committee, or another designated committee of the Board of Directors may grant a variety of stock-based incentive awards to the Company's officers, directors, employees, and consultants. Awards may consist of stock options, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalent rights, restricted (nonvested) stock, restricted

stock units, and unrestricted stock. As of December 31, 2018, the Company has awarded restricted stock units, restricted stock and stock options under the 2015 Plan.

On March 23, 2017, the Board of Directors approved an amendment and restatement of the 2015 Plan. This amendment and restatement increased the number of shares available for awards under the plan from 400,000 to 2,750,000, subject to shareholder approval; set the annual limit for awards to non-employee directors and other individuals as 500,000 and 1,000,000 shares, respectively; and modified the change in control definition. The Company's shareholders approved the increase in the number of shares at the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 17, 2017.

### Stock Options

On March 23, 2017, the Company issued options to purchase 133,000 of the Company's shares of common stock to John C. Wobensmith, Chief Executive Officer and President, with an exercise price of \$11.13 per share. One-third of the options become exercisable on each of the first three anniversaries of October 15, 2016, with accelerated vesting upon a change in control of the Company, and all unexercised options expire on the sixth anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of each option was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton pricing formula, resulting in a value of \$6.41 per share, or \$853 in the aggregate. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula are as follows: volatility of 79.80% (representing a blend of the Company's historical

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volatility and a peer-based volatility estimate due to limited trading history since emergence from bankruptcy), a risk-free interest rate of 1.68%, a dividend yield of 0%, and expected life of 3.78 years (determined using the simplified method as outlined in Staff Accounting Bulletin 14 – Share-Based Payment (“SAB Topic 14”) due to lack of historical exercise data).

On February 27, 2018, the Company issued options to purchase 122,608 of the Company’s shares of common stock to certain individuals with an exercise price of \$13.69 per share. One third of the options become exercisable on each of the first three anniversaries of February 27, 2018, with accelerated vesting that may occur following a change in control of the Company, and all unexercised options expire on the sixth anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of each option was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton pricing formula, resulting in a value of \$7.55 per share, or \$926 in the aggregate. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula are as follows: volatility of 71.94% (representing a blend of the Company’s historical volatility and a peer-based volatility estimate due to limited trading history post recapitalization of the Company in November 2016), a risk-free interest rate of 2.53%, a dividend yield of 0%, and expected life of 4.00 years (determined using the simplified method as outlined in SAB Topic 14 due to lack of historical exercise data).

For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company recognized amortization expense of the fair value of these options, which is included in General and administrative expenses, as follows:

|                                     | For the Years Ended |        |      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|------|
|                                     | December 31,        |        |      |
|                                     | 2018                | 2017   | 2016 |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ 731              | \$ 512 | \$ — |

Amortization of the unamortized stock-based compensation balance of \$535 as of December 31, 2018 is expected to be expensed \$392, \$127 and \$16 during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively. The following table summarizes the unvested option activity for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

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|  | For the Years Ended December 31,<br>2018 |                                       | 2017                              |                      |                                       |                                   |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | Number of<br>Options                     | Weighted<br>Average Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average Fair<br>Price | Number of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average Fair<br>Price |
| Outstanding at January 1                 |  |                                       |                                   |                      |                                       |                                   |
| - Unvested                               | 88,667                                   | \$ 11.13                              | 6.41                              | —                    | \$ —                                  | —                                 |
| Granted                                  | 122,608                                  | 13.69                                 | 7.55                              | 133,000              | 11.13                                 | 6.41                              |
| Exercisable                              | (44,333)                                 | 11.13                                 | 6.41                              | (44,333)             | 11.13                                 | 6.41                              |
| Exercised                                | —  | —                                     | —                                 | —                    | —                                     | —                                 |
| Forfeited                                | —  | —                                     | —                                 | —                    | —                                     | —                                 |
| Outstanding at December<br>31 - Unvested | 166,942                                  | \$ 13.01                              | \$ 7.25                           | 88,667               | \$ 11.13                              | \$ 6.41                           |

The following table summarizes certain information about the options outstanding as of December 31, 2018:

| Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price of<br>Outstanding<br>Options | Options Outstanding and Unvested,<br>December 31, 2018 |  |   | Options Outstanding and Exercisable,<br>December 31, 2018 |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|   | Number of<br>Options                                   | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life | Number of<br>Options                                      | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life |
| \$ 12.36  | 166,942  | \$ 13.01                                 | 4.91  | 88,666  | \$ 11.13                                 | 4.23  |

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, a total of 255,608 and 133,000 stock options were outstanding, respectively.

### Restricted Stock Units

The Company has issued restricted stock units (“RSUs”) to certain members of the Board of Directors and certain executives and employees of the Company, which represent the right to receive a share of common stock, or in the sole discretion of the Company’s Compensation Committee, the value of a share of common stock on the date that the RSU vests. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, 216,304 and 118,838 shares, respectively, of the Company’s common stock were outstanding in respect of the RSUs. Such shares will only be issued in respect of vested RSUs issued to directors when the director’s service with the Company as a director terminates. Such shares of common stock will only be issued to executives and employees when their RSUs vest under the terms of their grant agreements and the



amended 2015 Plan described above. On May 17, 2017, 18,234 shares of common stock were issued to Eugene Davis, the former Chairman of the Audit Committee, in respect to vested RSUs following his departure from the Board.

The RSUs that have been issued to certain members of the Board of Directors generally vest on the date of the annual shareholders meeting of the Company following the date of the grant. The RSUs that have been issued to other

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individuals vest ratably on each of the three anniversaries of the determined vesting date. The table below summarizes the Company's unvested RSUs for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016:

|                            | For the Years Ended December 31, |                                   |                |                                   |                |                                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
|                            | 2018                             |                                   | 2017           |                                   | 2016           |                                   |
|                            | Number of RSUs                   | Weighted Average Grant Date Price | Number of RSUs | Weighted Average Grant Date Price | Number of RSUs | Weighted Average Grant Date Price |
| Outstanding at January 1   | 220,129                          | \$ 11.01                          | 66,666         | \$ 5.10                           | 5,821          | \$ 71.50                          |
| Granted                    | 51,704                           | 14.84                             | 317,595        | 11.05                             | 66,666         | 5.10                              |
| Vested                     | (122,663)                        | 10.92                             | (164,132)      | 8.68                              | (5,821)        | 71.50                             |
| Forfeited                  | —                                | —                                 | —              | —                                 | —              | —                                 |
| Outstanding at December 31 | 149,170                          | \$ 12.42                          | 220,129        | \$ 11.01                          | 66,666         | \$ 5.10                           |

The total fair value of the RSUs that vested during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,694, \$1,858 and \$30, respectively. The total fair value is calculated as the number of shares vested during the period multiplied by the fair value on the vesting date. On February 17, 2016, the vesting of 2,328 outstanding RSUs was accelerated upon the resignation of two members on the Company's Board of Directors.

The following table summarizes certain information of the RSUs unvested and vested as of December 31, 2018:

| Unvested RSUs<br>December 31, 2018 |                                   |   | Vested RSUs<br>December 31, 2018 |                                   |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Number of RSUs                     | Weighted Average Grant Date Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Number of RSUs                   | Weighted Average Grant Date Price |  |
| 149,170                            | \$ 12.42                          | 1.09  | 294,235                          | \$ 11.20                          |  |

The Company is amortizing these grants over the applicable vesting periods, net of anticipated forfeitures. As of December 31, 2018, unrecognized compensation cost of \$674 related to RSUs will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.09 years.

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For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company recognized nonvested stock amortization expense for the RSUs, which is included in General and administrative expenses as follows:

|                                     | For the Years Ended<br>December 31, |          |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|
|                                     | 2018                                | 2017     | 2016   |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ 1,489                            | \$ 2,241 | \$ 405 |

Restricted Stock

Under the 2015 Plan, grants of restricted common stock issued to executives ordinarily vest ratably on each of the three anniversaries of the determined vesting date. The table below summarizes the Company's nonvested stock awards for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 that were issued under the 2015 Plan:

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|                               | Year Ended December 31,<br>2018 |   | 2017                |   | 2016                |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|
|                               | Number of<br>Shares             | Weighted<br>Average Grant<br>Date Price | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted<br>Average Grant<br>Date Price | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted<br>Average Grant<br>Date Price |
| Outstanding at January 1      | 6,802                           | \$ 5.20                                 | 13,605              | \$ 5.20                                 | —                   | \$ —                                    |
| Granted                       | —                               | —                                       | —                   | —                                       | 61,224              | 5.20                                    |
| Vested                        | (6,802)                         | 5.20                                    | (6,803)             | 5.20                                    | (47,619)            | 5.20                                    |
| Forfeited                     | —                               | —                                       | —                   | —                                       | —                   | —                                       |
| Outstanding at December<br>31 | —                               | \$ —                                    | 6,802               | \$ 5.20                                 | 13,605              | \$ 5.20                                 |

The total fair value of shares that vested under the 2015 Plan during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$60, \$71 and \$285, respectively. The 47,619 shares that vested during the year ended December 31, 2016 included 40,816 shares that were issued to Peter C. Georgiopoulos upon his resignation. The total fair value is calculated as the number of shares vested during the period multiplied by the fair value on the vesting date.

For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Company recognized nonvested stock amortization expense for the 2015 Plan restricted shares, which is included in General and administrative expenses, as follows:

|                                     | For the Years Ended<br>December 31, |       |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                                     | 2018                                | 2017  | 2016   |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ 11                               | \$ 30 | \$ 277 |

In April 2015, six class action complaints were filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. On May 26, 2015, the six actions were consolidated under the caption In Re Baltic Trading Ltd. Stockholder Litigation, Index No. 651241/2015, and a consolidated class action complaint was filed on June 10, 2015 (the “Consolidated Complaint”). The Consolidated Complaint was purported to be brought by and on behalf of Baltic Trading’s shareholders and alleges that the then-proposed July 2015 merger did not fairly compensate Baltic Trading’s shareholders and undervalued Baltic Trading. The Consolidated Complaint named as defendants the Company, Baltic Trading, the individual members of Baltic Trading’s board, and the Company’s merger subsidiary. The claims generally alleged (i) breaches of fiduciary duties of good faith, due care, disclosure to shareholders, and loyalty, including for failing to maximize shareholder value, and (ii) aiding and abetting those breaches. Among other relief, the complaints sought an injunction against the merger, declaratory judgments that the individual defendants breached fiduciary duties, rescission of the merger agreement, and unspecified damages.

On July 9, 2015, plaintiffs in that action moved to enjoin the merger vote, scheduled to take place on July 17, 2015. The motion to enjoin the vote was denied on July 15, 2015. Plaintiffs sought an emergency injunction and temporary restraining order from the New York State Appellate Division, First Department the following day, on July 16, 2015. The Appellate Division denied the request, and the vote, and subsequent merger, proceeded as scheduled on July 17, 2015. Plaintiffs thereafter withdrew that appeal.

On June 30, 2015, defendants had moved to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint in its entirety. Plaintiffs subsequently served an Amended Consolidated Complaint, and defendants directed their motion to dismiss to that amended complaint. The motion to dismiss was granted, and the Amended Consolidated Complaint was dismissed with prejudice on August 29, 2016. By a Decision and Order dated April 26, 2018, the New York State Appellate Division, First Department affirmed the dismissal of the amended complaint. The time for plaintiffs to file a motion for leave to appeal to the New York State Court of Appeals has expired.

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From time to time, the Company may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of its business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. Such claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources. The Company is not aware of any legal proceedings or claims that it believes will have, individually or in the aggregate, a material effect on the Company, its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows besides those noted above.

## 20 - UNAUDITED QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In the opinion of the Company's management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included on a quarterly basis.

| (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)   | 2018              |            |               |              |
|--|-------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | Quarter Ended (2) |            |               |              |
|  | March 31,         | June 30,   | September 30, | December 31, |
| Voyage Revenues                                      | \$ 76,916         | \$ 86,157  | \$ 92,263     | \$ 112,185   |
| Operating (loss) income                              | (48,398)          | 10,851     | 12,089        | 25,972       |
| Net (loss) income                                    | (55,813)          | (1,120)    | 5,708         | 18,283       |
| Net (loss) earnings per share - basic (1)            | \$ (1.61)         | \$ (0.03)  | \$ 0.14       | \$ 0.44      |
| Net (loss) earnings per share - diluted (1)          | \$ (1.61)         | \$ (0.03)  | \$ 0.14       | \$ 0.44      |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic   | 34,577,990        | 35,516,058 | 41,618,187    | 41,704,296   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 34,577,990        | 35,516,058 | 41,821,008    | 41,792,956   |

| (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) | 2017              |           |               |              |
|--|-------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
|  | Quarter Ended (2) |           |               |              |
|  | March 31,         | June 30,  | September 30, | December 31, |
| Voyage Revenues                                    | \$ 38,249         | \$ 45,370 | \$ 51,161     | \$ 74,918    |
| Operating (loss) income                            | (8,570)           | (7,237)   | (23,782)      | 9,973        |
| Net (loss) income                                  | (15,600)          | (14,513)  | (31,182)      | 2,569        |
| Net (loss) earnings per share - basic (1)          | \$ (0.47)         | \$ (0.42) | \$ (0.90)     | \$ 0.07      |
| Net (loss) earnings per share - diluted (1)        | \$ (0.47)         | \$ (0.42) | \$ (0.90)     | \$ 0.07      |

|   |            |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Weighted average common shares outstanding -<br>basic   | 33,495,738 | 34,430,766 | 34,469,998 | 34,559,830 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding -<br>diluted | 33,495,738 | 34,430,766 | 34,469,998 | 34,682,302 |

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- (1) Amounts may not total to annual loss because each quarter and year are calculated separately based on basic and diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding during that period.
- (2) Amounts may not total to annual amounts for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 as reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations due to rounding.

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21 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 4, 2019, the Company's Board of Directors awarded grants of 106,079 RSUs and options to purchase 240,540 shares of the Company's stock at an exercise price of \$8.39 to certain individuals under the 2015 Plan. The awards generally vest ratably in one-third increments on the first three anniversaries of March 4, 2019.

On February 28, 2019, the Company entered into an Amendment and Restatement Agreement (the "Amendment") for our \$460 Million Credit Facility (as defined in Note 8 — Debt) with Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch ("Nordea"), as Administrative Agent and Security Agent, the various lenders party thereto, and Nordea, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S as Bookrunners and Mandated Lead Arrangers. The Amendment provides for an additional tranche up to \$35,000 to finance a portion of the acquisitions, installations, and related costs for exhaust gas cleaning systems (or "scrubbers") for 17 of the Company's Capesize vessels. The key terms associated with this additional tranche are as follows:

- The final maturity date is May 31, 2023.
- Borrowings under the tranche may be incurred pursuant to multiple drawings on or prior to March 30, 2020 in minimum amounts of \$5,000 and may be used to finance up to 90% of the scrubber costs noted above.
- Borrowings under the tranche will bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.50% through September 30, 2019 and LIBOR plus a range of 2.25% to 2.75% thereafter, dependent upon the Company's ratio of total net indebtedness to the last twelve months' EBITDA.
- The tranche is subject to equal consecutive quarterly repayments commencing on the last day of the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2020 in an amount reflecting a repayment profile whereby the loans shall have been repaid after four years calculated from March 31, 2020. Assuming that the full \$35,000 is borrowed, each quarterly repayment amount would be equal to \$2,500.
- For purposes of whether any dividends are subject to a limitation of 50% of the Company's consolidated net income for the quarter preceding such dividend payment if the collateral maintenance test ratio is 200% or less for such quarter, the full commitment of up to \$35,000 for the scrubber tranche is assumed to be drawn.
- Collateral and financial covenants otherwise remain substantially the same as they were under the \$460 Million Credit Facility.



In addition, the Amendment permits the Company to sell or dispose of collateral vessels without prepayment of loans if the sale proceeds are reinvested in a qualified replacement vessel included as collateral within 180 days of such sale or disposition rather than 120 days under the original \$460 Million Credit Facility. The Company can invoke this reinvestment right in connection with a maximum of 16 collateral dispositions, one of which is to be the Genco Cavalier.

On January 28, 2019, the Company completed the sale of the Genco Vigour, a 1999-built Panamax vessel, to a third party for \$6,550 less a 2.0% broker commission payable to a third party. The vessel assets have been classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018. Refer also to Note 4 — Vessel Acquisitions and Dispositions. This vessel does not serve as collateral under any of the Company's credit facilities; therefore, the Company will not be required to pay down any indebtedness with the proceeds from the sale.

The Company expects to record a net gain on the sale of the Genco Vigour during the first quarter of 2019 of approximately \$0.7 million, excluding any expenses incurred as part of the sale.

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ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and President and our Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act as of the end of the period covered by this Report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and President and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2018.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

MANAGEMENT REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become ineffective because of changes in conditions, or that the degree or compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013). Based on our assessment and those criteria, our management believes that we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, has issued an attestation report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The attestation report is included on page 92 – 93 of this report.

#### CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as such term defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during our most recent fiscal quarter of 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders and the Board of Directors of

Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, of the Company and our report dated March 5, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York  
March 5, 2019

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

The following information is being provided in this Item 9B in lieu of being provided on a Current Report on Form 8-K under Items 1.01, 2.03, and 5.02:

The description of the Amendment to our \$460 Million Credit Facility as set forth in “Liquidity and Capital Resources” in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” is incorporated into this Item 9B by reference.

On March 4, 2019, the Company’s Board of Directors, acting on the recommendation of its Compensation Committee, adopted the Genco Shipping & Trading Limited Annual Incentive Plan (the “AIP”), which provides a framework for the calculation of cash bonuses that may become payable to the Company’s executive officers and other employees commencing with the year ending December 31, 2018. The AIP is the written plan document for the Cash Bonus Plan announced in the Company’s current report on Form 8-K filed on December 21, 2018. The AIP is to be administered by the Company’s Compensation Committee or, if it elects, the Board or another committee designated by the Board, and provides for the establishment from time to time of measurable criteria intended to reinforce a pay for performance framework aligning the interests of executive officers and other employees with those of the shareholders. Performance measures so established may include, without limitation, earnings-based measures (such as EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, operating income, and revenue), measures relating to the Company’s share price (such as relative total shareholder return), costs versus budget, other strategic goals, and individual management based objectives. Performance goals may be absolute goals or relative goals, including, without limitation, goals based on comparisons to the performance of other companies or an index covering multiple companies, measured with respect to one or more of the applicable performance measures. The method for computing any amount of compensation payable under the AIP may include, without limitation, the designation of one or more threshold, target, or maximum bonus levels, determination of the bonus amount to be paid at each such level, and the weighting of metrics used to determine the total bonus award.

The foregoing descriptions of the Amendment to our \$460 Million Credit Facility and the AIP are qualified in their entirety by reference to the copies of such documents filed as Exhibits 10.45 and 10.46, respectively, to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## PART III

### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information regarding our directors and executive officers is incorporated by reference to the text under the headings “Election of Directors” and “Management” set forth in our Proxy Statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2018 (the “2019 Proxy Statement”). Information relating to our Code of Conduct and Ethics and to compliance with Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act is incorporated by reference to the text set forth in the 2019 Proxy Statement under the heading “Corporate Governance”.

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We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Code of Ethics for Chief Executive and Senior Financial Officers by posting such information on our website, [www.gencoshipping.com](http://www.gencoshipping.com).

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information regarding compensation of our executive officers and information with respect to Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation in compensation decisions is incorporated by reference to the text set forth in the 2019 Proxy Statement under the headings “Management” and “Compensation Committee’s Report on Executive Compensation.”

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information regarding the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock by certain persons is incorporated by reference to the text set forth in the 2019 Proxy Statement under the heading “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.”

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information regarding certain of our transactions and director independence is incorporated by reference to the text set forth in the 2019 Proxy Statement under the heading “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions “ and “Director Independence.”

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Information regarding our accountant fees and services is incorporated by reference to the text set forth in the 2019 Proxy Statement under the heading “Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors.”



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PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this report:

1. The financial statements listed in the “Index to Consolidated Financial Statements”
2. Exhibits:

The Exhibit Index attached to this report is incorporated into this Item 15 by reference.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Document

- 2.1 Confirmation Order, dated July 2, 2014.(1)
- 2.2 First Amended Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of the Debtors Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.(1)
- 2.3 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 7, 2015, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, Poseidon Merger Sub Limited and Baltic Trading Limited.(2)
- 2.4 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 7, 2015, by and between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Baltic Trading Limited.(2)
- 2.5 Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 10, 2015, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, Poseidon Merger Sub Limited and Baltic Trading Limited.(3)
- 3.1 Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited.(4)
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, dated July 17, 2015.(5)
- 3.3 Articles of Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, dated July 7, 2016.(6)
- 3.4 Articles of Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, dated January 4, 2017.(7)
- 3.5 Certificate of Designations of Rights, Preferences and Privileges of Series A Preferred Stock of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, dated as of November 14, 2016.(8)
- 3.6 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited, dated as of July 9, 2014.(4)
- 3.7 Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws, dated June 4, 2018.(9)
- 4.1 Form of Specimen Stock Certificate of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited.(4)
- 4.2 Form of Specimen Warrant Certificate of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited.(4)
- 10.1 Letter Agreement dated September 21, 2007 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(10)
- 10.2 Letter Agreement dated June 23, 2014 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(11)
- 10.3 Warrant Agreement, dated as of July 9, 2014, between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Computershare Inc., as Warrant Agent.(4)

- 10.4 Genco Shipping & Trading Limited 2014 Management Incentive Plan.(12)
- 10.5 Restricted Stock Grant Agreement dated as of August 7, 2014 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(13)
- 10.6 Warrant Certificate No. W-4 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to John C. Wobensmith.(13)

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- 10.7 Warrant Certificate No. W-5 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to John C. Wobensmith.(13)
- 10.8 Warrant Certificate No. W-6 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to John C. Wobensmith.(13)
- 10.9 Restricted Stock Grant Agreement dated as of August 7, 2014 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Apostolos Zafolias.(14)
- 10.10 Restricted Stock Grant Agreement dated as of August 7, 2014 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Joseph Adamo.(14)
- 10.11 Warrant Certificate No. W-22 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Apostolos Zafolias.(14)
- 10.12 Warrant Certificate No. W-23 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Apostolos Zafolias.(14)
- 10.13 Warrant Certificate No. W-24 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Apostolos Zafolias.(14)
- 10.14 Warrant Certificate No. W-31 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Joseph Adamo.(14)
- 10.15 Warrant Certificate No. W-32 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Joseph Adamo.(14)
- 10.16 Warrant Certificate No. W-33 dated as of August 7, 2014 and issued to Joseph Adamo.(14)
- 10.17 Letter Agreement dated April 30, 2015 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(15)
- 10.18 Genco Shipping & Trading Limited Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Incentive Plan.(19)
- 10.19 Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated as of July 13, 2015.(16)
- 10.20 Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated as of July 29, 2015.(16)
- 10.21 Restricted Stock Grant Agreement dated as of February 17, 2016 between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(17)
- 10.22 Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 4, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and funds or related entities managed by Centerbridge Partners, L.P. or its affiliates.(18)
- 10.23 Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 4, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and funds or related entities managed by Strategic Value Partners, LLC or its affiliates.(18)
- 10.24 Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 4, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC.(18)
- 10.25 Separation Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2016, by and between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Peter C. Georgiopoulos.(18)

- 10.26 Release Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2016, by and between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and Peter C. Georgiopoulos.(18)
- 10.27 Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2016, by and between Genco Shipping & Trading Limited and the parties listed as Investors therein.(18)

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| 10.28   | <u>Escrow Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2016, by and between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and Wilmington Trust, National Association.(18)</u>  |
| 10.29   | <u>Senior Secured Term Loan Facility, dated November 10, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited, Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch, as administrative agent, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), DVB Bank SE, ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft, Crédit Industriel et Commercial, BNP Paribas, and Nordea Bank Finland plc, New York Branch, as bookrunners and lead arrangers, in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$400,000,000 (the “New \$400 Million Facility”)(19)</u> |
| 10.30   | <u>Amending and Restating Agreement, dated November 15, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited, the borrowers and financial institutions listed therein, Genco Holdings Limited, and Hayfin Services LLP, as agent and security agent.(19)</u>   |
| 10.31   | <u>Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 15, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and the parties identified as holders therein.(19)</u>   |
| 10.32   | <u>Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 15, 2016, by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and the parties identified as holders therein.(19)</u>  |
| 10.33   | <u>Letter Agreement dated March 23, 2017 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(19)</u>   |
| 10.34   | <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated March 23, 2017 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(19)</u>  |
| 10.35   | <u>Option Grant to John C. Wobensmith dated March 23, 2017.(19)</u>   |
| 10.36   | <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and Arthur L. Regan.(20)</u>  |
| 10.37   | <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(20)</u>   |
| 10.38   | <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and Apostolos Zafolias.(20)</u>   |
| 10.39   | <u>Option Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and Arthur L. Regan.(20)</u>   |
| 10.40   | <u>Option Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and John C. Wobensmith.(20)</u>  |
| 10.41   | <u>Option Agreement dated February 27, 2018 between Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited and Apostolos Zafolias.(20)</u>  |
| 10.42   |   |

Up to US\$460,000,000 Senior Secured Credit Agreement dated May 31, 2018, by and among Genco Shipping & Trading Limited as Borrower, the lenders party thereto from time to time, Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, DVB Bank SE, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, and Danish Ship Finance A/S, as Bookrunners and as Mandated Lead Arrangers, and Nordea Bank AB (publ), New York Branch as Administrative Agent (the “\$460 Million Credit Agreement”).(9)

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| Exhibit | Document  |
| 10.43   | <u>Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement dated as of May 15, 2018.(21)</u>   |
| 10.44   | <u>Up to US\$108,000,000 Senior Secured Credit Agreement dated August 14, 2018, by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited as Borrower, the lenders party thereto from time to time, Crédit Agricole Corporate &amp; Investment Bank, as Structurer and Bookrunner, Crédit Agricole Corporate &amp; Investment Bank and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ) as Mandated Lead Arrangers and Crédit Agricole Corporate &amp; Investment Bank, as Administrative Agent and as Security Agent (22)</u> |
| 10.45   | <u>Amendment and Restatement Agreement dated as of February 28, 2019 by and among Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited as Borrower, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto, the Delayed Draw Term Loan Lenders party thereto, the other Lenders party thereto, and Nordea Bank ABP, New York Branch, as Mandated Lead Arranger, Bookrunner, Administrative Agent, and Security Agent, pertaining to the \$460 Million Credit Agreement.(*)</u>   |
| 10.46   | <u>Genco Annual Incentive Plan adopted March 4, 2019.(*)</u>  |
| 21.1    | <u>Subsidiaries of Genco Shipping &amp; Trading Limited.(*)</u>   |
| 23.1    | <u>Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.(*)</u>   |
| 31.1    | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.(*)</u>   |
| 31.2    | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.(*)</u>   |
| 32.1    | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.(*)</u>  |
| 32.2    | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.(*)</u>  |
| 101     | The following materials from Genco Shipping & Trading Limited’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Equity, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.(*)    |

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(\* ) Filed herewith.

(1) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited’s Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 7, 2014.

(2) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited’s Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 8, 2015.



- (3) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 10, 2015.
  
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 15, 2014.
  
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2015.

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- (6) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 7, 2016.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 4, 2017.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 15, 2016.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 5, 2018.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 21, 2007.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 27, 2014.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2014.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 17, 2014.
- (14) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 17, 2014.
- (15) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2015.
- (16) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2015.
- (17) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2016.

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- (18) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 4, 2016.
- (19) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 2017.
- (20) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2018.
- (21) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 8, 2018.
- (22) Incorporated by reference to Genco Shipping & Trading Limited's Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 15, 2018.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on March 5, 2019.

GENCO SHIPPING & TRADING LIMITED

By: /s/ John C. Wobensmith  
Name: John C. Wobensmith  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacity and on March 5, 2019.

| SIGNATURE                                    | TITLE  |
|--|--|
| /s/ John C. Wobensmith<br>John C. Wobensmith | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRESIDENT<br>(PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER) |
| /s/ Apostolos Zafolias<br>Apostolos Zafolias | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER<br>(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)               |
| /s/ Joseph Adamo<br>Joseph Adamo             | CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER<br>(PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER)             |
|  | INTERIM EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD                                |
| /s/ Arthur L. Regan<br>Arthur L. Regan       | AND DIRECTOR   |
| /s/ James G. Dolphin<br>James G. Dolphin     | DIRECTOR   |
| /s/ Kathleen C. Haines<br>Kathleen C. Haines | DIRECTOR   |
| /s/ Daniel Y. Han<br>Daniel Y. Han           | DIRECTOR   |
| /s/ Kevin Mahony                             | DIRECTOR   |

Kevin Mahony

/s/ Christoph Majeske      DIRECTOR  
Christoph Majeske

/s/ Basil G. Mavroleon      DIRECTOR  
Basil G. Mavroleon

/s/ Jason Scheir      DIRECTOR  
Jason Scheir

/s/ Bao D. Truong      DIRECTOR  
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