

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 8, 2012

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of the Marshall Islands 001-33831 98-0453513
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS employer identification no.)
incorporation or organization)

477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(Address of principal executive (Zip Code)
offices)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (212) 785-2500

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report): None

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 8, 2012, Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") relating to its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 to the Form 8-K, the information under this Item 2.02 and the Press Release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, shall be deemed to be "furnished" to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and not be deemed to be "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 9, 2012, the Company posted on its website, www.eagleships.com, under the section entitled "Investors - Webcasts & Presentations" a presentation dated November 9, 2012 of its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. A copy of the presentation is hereby furnished to the SEC and is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated November 8, 2012.
99.2	Financial Presentation dated November 9, 2012

SIGNATURES

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

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.
(registrant)

Dated: November 13, 2012

By: /s/ Adir Katzav
Name: Adir Katzav
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2012 Results

NEW YORK, NY, November 8, 2012-- Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (Nasdaq: EGLE) today announced its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012.

For the Third Quarter:

- Net reported loss of \$29.8 million or \$1.77 per share (based on a weighted average of 16,821,024 diluted shares outstanding for the quarter), compared to net loss of \$5.9 million, or \$0.37 per share, for the comparable quarter in 2011.
- Net revenues of \$46.9 million, compared to \$80.3 million for the comparable quarter in 2011. Gross time charter and freight revenues of \$48.9 million, compared to \$84.0 million for the comparable quarter in 2011.
- EBITDA, as adjusted for exceptional items under the terms of the Company's credit agreement, was \$12.5 million for the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$25.9 million for the third quarter of 2011.
- Fleet utilization rate of 99.4%.

Sophocles N. Zoullas, Chairman and CEO, commented, "The dry bulk market remains in a cyclical trough characterized by supply growth and an inconsistent demand profile. While this environment continues to weigh on our financial results, Eagle Bulk's young and agile fleet of Supramax vessels and dynamic chartering strategy should enhance our competitiveness when the market improves."

Results of Operations for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012 and 2011

For the third quarter of 2012, the Company reported a net loss of \$29,837,360 or \$1.77 per share, based on a weighted average of 16,821,024 diluted shares outstanding. In the comparable third quarter of 2011, the Company reported net loss of \$5,872,211 or \$0.37 per share, based on a weighted average of 15,663,181 diluted shares outstanding.

The Company's revenues were earned from time and voyage charters. Gross time and voyage charter revenues in the quarter ended September 30, 2012 were \$48,895,357 compared with \$83,987,828 recorded in the comparable quarter in 2011. The decrease in gross revenues is attributable primarily to lower charter rates and a decrease in voyage charter revenues in the quarter ended September 30, 2012. Gross revenues recorded in the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, include an amount of \$1,139,972 and \$1,267,242, respectively, relating to the non-cash amortization of fair value below contract value of time charters acquired. Brokerage commissions incurred on revenues earned in the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were \$2,040,686 and \$3,664,459, respectively. Net revenues during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, were \$46,854,671 and \$80,323,369, respectively.

Total operating expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 were \$54,718,097 compared with \$72,507,439 recorded in the third quarter of 2011. The Company operated 45 vessels in the third quarter of 2012 compared with 44 vessels in the corresponding quarter in 2011. The decrease in operating expenses was primarily due to a reduction in chartered-in days, and lower voyage expenses offset by the increase in operating a larger fleet size which includes increases in vessels crew cost, insurances and vessel depreciation expense. The decrease in General and Administrative expenses is primarily attributable to a reduction in professional fees.

EBITDA, adjusted for exceptional items under the terms of the Company's credit agreement, decreased by 52% to \$12,523,686 for the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$25,931,089 for the third quarter of 2011. (Please see below for a reconciliation of EBITDA to net loss).

Results of Operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 and 2011

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company reported net loss of \$70,377,128 or \$4.36 per share, based on a weighted average of 16,153,184 diluted shares outstanding. In the comparable period of 2011, the Company reported net loss of \$13,120,770 or \$0.84 per share, based on a weighted average of 15,648,791 diluted shares outstanding.

The Company's revenues were earned from time and voyage charters. Gross revenues for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 were \$154,255,768 compared with \$255,505,905 recorded in the comparable period in 2011. The decrease in gross revenues is attributable to lower time charter rates and a decrease in voyage revenues in the period, offset marginally by operating a larger fleet. Gross revenues recorded in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, include an amount of \$3,574,012 and \$3,833,571, respectively, relating to the non-cash amortization of fair value below contract value of time charters acquired. Brokerage commissions incurred on revenues earned in the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were \$6,247,464 and \$12,084,373, respectively. Net revenues during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, decreased 39% to \$148,008,304 from \$243,421,532 in the comparable period in 2011.

Total operating expenses were \$174,441,812 in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$220,906,297 recorded in the same period of 2011. The decrease in operating expenses was primarily due to a reduction in chartered-in days and lower voyage expenses offset by the increase in operating a larger fleet size which includes increases in vessels crew cost, insurances and vessel depreciation expense. The decrease in General and Administrative expenses is primarily attributable to a reduction in professional fees and to lower allowance for bad debts being booked in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 compared with 2011.

EBITDA, adjusted for exceptional items under the terms of the Company's credit agreement, decreased by 54% to \$36,307,368 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from \$78,863,461 for the same period in 2011. (Please see below for a reconciliation of EBITDA to net loss).

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, was \$2,644,520, compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$37,107,799 during the corresponding nine-month period ended September 30, 2011. The decrease was primarily due to lower rates on charter renewals.

Net cash provided by investing activities during the nine-month period ended 2012, was \$287,344, compared with net cash used in investing activities of \$134,649,768 during the corresponding nine-month period ended September 30, 2011. Investing activities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2011, related primarily to making progress payments and incurring related vessel construction expenses for the newbuilding vessels.

Net cash used in financing activities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$9,447,930 and \$4,305,717, respectively. Financing activities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, related primarily to expenses incurred for the Company's amendment credit agreement.

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As of September 30, 2012, our cash balance was \$18,559,137, compared to a cash balance of \$25,075,203 at December 31, 2011. Also recorded in Restricted Cash is an amount of \$276,056 which collateralizes letters of credit relating to our office leases.

Debt consists of the following:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Credit Facility	\$ --	\$ 1,129,478,741
Term loan	1,129,478,741	
Payment-in-kind loan	8,101,953	
Less: Current portion	--	(32,094,006)
Long-term debt	\$ 1,137,580,694	\$ 1,097,384,735

Disclosure of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

EBITDA represents operating earnings before extraordinary items, depreciation and amortization, interest expense, and income taxes, if any. EBITDA is included because it is used by certain investors to measure a company's financial performance. EBITDA is not an item recognized by U.S. GAAP and should not be considered a substitute for net income, cash flow from operating activities and other operations or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States or as a measure of profitability or liquidity. EBITDA is presented to provide additional information with respect to the Company's ability to satisfy its obligations including debt service, capital expenditures, and working capital requirements. While EBITDA is frequently used as a measure of operating results and the ability to meet debt service requirements, the definition of EBITDA used herein may not be comparable to that used by other companies due to differences in methods of calculation.

Our term loan agreement require us to comply with financial covenants based on debt and interest ratio with extraordinary or exceptional items, interest, taxes, non-cash compensation, depreciation and amortization (Credit Agreement EBITDA). Therefore, we believe that this non-U.S. GAAP measure is important for our investors as it reflects our ability to meet our covenants. The following table is a reconciliation of net loss, as reflected in the consolidated statements of operations, to the Credit Agreement EBITDA:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Net loss	\$(29,837,360)	\$(5,872,211)	\$(70,377,128)	\$(13,120,770)
Interest Expense	21,981,186	12,390,455	44,995,438	35,399,362
Depreciation and Amortization	19,389,042	18,660,293	58,250,356	53,459,509
Amortization of fair value below contract value of time charter acquired	(1,139,972)	(1,267,242)	(3,574,012)	(3,833,571)
EBITDA	10,392,896	23,911,295	29,294,654	71,904,530
Adjustments for Exceptional Items:				
Non-cash Compensation Expense (1)	2,130,790	2,019,794	7,012,714	6,958,931
Credit Agreement EBITDA	\$12,523,686	\$25,931,089	\$36,307,368	\$78,863,461

(1) Stock based compensation related to stock options and restricted stock units.

Capital Expenditures and Drydocking

Our capital expenditures relate to the purchase of vessels and capital improvements to our vessels which are expected to enhance the revenue earning capabilities and safety of these vessels.

In addition to acquisitions that we may undertake in future periods, the Company's other major capital expenditures include funding the Company's maintenance program of regularly scheduled drydocking necessary to preserve the quality of our vessels as well as to comply with international shipping standards and environmental laws and regulations. Although the Company has some flexibility regarding the timing of its drydocking, the costs are relatively predictable. Management anticipates that vessels are to be drydocked every two and a half years. Funding of these requirements is anticipated to be met with cash from operations. We anticipate that this process of recertification will require us to reposition these vessels from a discharge port to shipyard facilities, which will reduce our available days and operating days during that period.

Drydocking costs incurred are amortized to expense on a straight-line basis over the period through the date the next drydocking for those vessels are scheduled to occur. No vessel drydocked in the three months ended September 30, 2012. The following table represents certain information about the estimated costs for anticipated vessel drydockings in the next four quarters, along with the anticipated off-hire days:

Quarter Ending	Off-hire Days(1)	Projected Costs(2)
December 31, 2012	-	-
March 31, 2013	22	\$0.60 million
June 30, 2013	44	\$1.20 million
September 30, 2013	22	\$0.60 million

(1) Actual duration of drydocking will vary based on the condition of the vessel, yard schedules and other factors.

(2) Actual costs will vary based on various factors, including where the drydockings are actually performed.

Summary Consolidated Financial and Other Data:

The following table summarizes the Company's selected consolidated financial and other data for the periods indicated below.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September30, 2011	September30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Revenues, net of commissions	\$46,854,671	\$ 80,323,369	\$148,008,304	\$243,421,532
Voyage expenses	6,480,233	11,995,164	20,370,857	35,941,960
Vessel expenses	21,246,653	22,000,678	67,557,977	62,763,849
Charter hire expenses	1,104,571	11,058,796	1,711,144	38,013,289
Depreciation and amortization	19,389,042	18,660,293	58,250,356	53,459,509
General and administrative expenses	6,497,598	8,283,432	26,551,478	30,218,614
Loss (gain) from sale of vessel	—	509,076	—	509,076
Total operating expenses	54,718,097	72,507,439	174,441,812	220,906,297
Operating income (loss)	(7,863,426)	7,815,930	(26,433,508)	22,515,235
Interest expense	21,981,186	12,390,455	44,995,438	35,399,362
Interest income	(7,252)	(35,796)	(23,443)	(122,930)
Other (Income) expense	—	1,333,482	(1,028,375)	359,573
Total other expense, net	21,973,934	13,688,141	43,943,620	35,636,005
Net loss	\$(29,837,360)	\$ (5,872,211)	\$(70,377,128)	\$(13,120,770)
Weighted average shares outstanding*:				
Basic	16,821,024	15,663,181	16,153,184	15,648,791
Diluted	16,821,024	15,663,181	16,153,184	15,648,791
Per share amounts:				
Basic net loss	\$(1.77)	\$ (0.37)	\$(4.36)	\$(0.84)
Diluted net loss	\$(1.77)	\$ (0.37)	\$(4.36)	\$(0.84)

* Adjusted to give effect to the 1 for 4 reverse stock split that became effective on May 22, 2012.

Fleet Operating Data

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Ownership Days	4,140	3,938	12,330	11,168
Chartered-in under operating lease Days	58	582	90	2,240
Available Days	4,198	4,489	12,372	13,336
Operating Days	4,172	4,464	12,275	13,243
Fleet Utilization	99.4%	99.4%	99.2%	99.3%

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2012 (unaudited)	December 31, 2011
ASSETS:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,559,137	\$ 25,075,203
Accounts receivable, net	13,794,508	13,960,777
Prepaid expenses	3,261,234	3,969,905
Inventories	10,813,659	11,083,331
Investment	135,886	988,196
Fair value above contract value of time charters acquired	553,894	567,315
Fair value of derivative instruments	-	246,110
Total current assets	47,118,318	55,890,837
Noncurrent assets:		
Vessels and vessel improvements, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$295,815,545 and \$239,568,767, respectively	1,733,192,789	1,789,381,046
Other fixed assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$466,074 and \$324,691, respectively	512,633	605,519
Restricted cash	276,056	670,418
Deferred drydock costs	2,526,709	3,303,363
Deferred financing costs	27,204,280	11,766,779
Fair value above contract value of time charters acquired	2,628,175	3,041,496
Other assets	507,637	2,597,270
Total noncurrent assets	1,766,848,279	1,811,365,891
Total assets	\$ 1,813,966,597	\$ 1,867,256,728
LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,473,153	\$ 10,642,831
Accrued interest	1,953,730	2,815,665
Other accrued liabilities	15,570,073	11,822,582
Current portion of long-term debt	—	32,094,006
Deferred revenue and fair value below contract value of time charters acquired	3,969,335	5,966,698
Unearned charter hire revenue	4,183,856	5,779,928
Total current liabilities	35,150,147	69,121,710
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt	1,137,580,694	1,097,384,735
Deferred revenue and fair value below contract value of time charters acquired	14,614,056	17,088,464
Fair value of derivative instruments	4,498,027	9,486,116
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,156,692,777	1,123,959,315
Total liabilities	1,191,842,924	1,193,081,025
Commitment and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 15,771,496*shares issued and outstanding	157,715	157,508
Additional paid-in capital	760,134,806	745,945,694

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Retained earnings (net of dividends declared of \$262,118,388 as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	(132,851,614)	(62,474,486)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,317,234)	(9,453,013)
Total stockholders' equity	622,123,673	674,175,703
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,813,966,597	\$1,867,256,728

* Adjusted to give effect to the 1 for 4 reverse stock split that became effective on May 22, 2012.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(70,377,128)	\$(13,120,770)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Items included in net loss not affecting cash flows:		
Depreciation	56,388,161	51,014,334
Amortization of deferred drydocking costs	1,862,195	2,445,175
Amortization of deferred financing costs	4,428,572	3,014,720
Amortization of fair value below contract value of time charter acquired	(3,574,012)	(3,833,571)
Loss from sale of vessel	—	509,076
Payment-in-kind interest on debt	8,101,953	—
Unrealized gain from forward freight agreements, net	246,110	377,889
Allowance for accounts receivable	5,351,609	6,586,900
Non-cash compensation expense	7,012,714	6,958,931
Drydocking expenditures	(1,085,541)	(2,074,115)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(5,185,340)	(16,264,471)
Other assets	2,089,633	(2,528,419)
Prepaid expenses	708,671	(198,860)
Inventories	269,672	(5,087,644)
Accounts payable	(1,169,678)	3,309,380
Accrued interest	(861,935)	(2,495,987)
Accrued expenses	505,953	8,709,633
Deferred revenue	(471,017)	19,244
Unearned revenue	(1,596,072)	(233,646)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,644,520	37,107,799
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Vessels and vessel improvements and advances for vessel construction	(58,521)	(155,686,543)
Purchase of other fixed assets	(48,497)	(342,932)
Proceeds from sale of vessel	—	22,511,226
Changes in restricted cash	394,362	(1,131,519)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	287,344	(134,649,768)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of bank debt	—	(21,875,735)
Changes in restricted cash	—	19,000,000
Deferred financing costs	(9,382,792)	—
Cash used to settle net share equity awards	(65,138)	(1,429,982)
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,447,930)	(4,305,717)
Net decrease in cash	(6,516,066)	(101,847,686)
Cash at beginning of period	25,075,203	129,121,680
Cash at end of period	\$ 18,559,137	\$ 27,273,994

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The following table represents certain information about our revenue earning charters on our operating fleet as of September 30, 2012:

Vessel	Year Built	Dwt	Charter Expiration (1)	Daily Charter Hire Rate
Avocet (2)	2010	53,462	Oct2012	\$ 9,000
Bittern (2)	2009	57,809	Oct 2012	\$ 7,800
Canary (2)	2009	57,809	Oct 2012	\$ 11,000
Cardinal	2004	55,362	Nov 2012 to Feb 2013	Index(4)
Condor	2001	50,296	Nov 2012 to Jan 2013	\$ 11,000
Crane (2)	2010	57,809	Oct 2012	\$ 11,500
Crested Eagle	2009	55,989	Oct 2012	\$ 10,500
Crowned Eagle	2008	55,940	Oct 2012	Voyage(3)
Egret Bulker	2010	57,809	Oct 2012 to Feb 2013	\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Falcon	2001	50,296	Dec 2012 to Feb 2013	\$ 8,000
Gannet Bulker	2010	57,809	Jan 2013 to May 2013	\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Golden Eagle	2010	55,989	Oct 2012 to Dec 2012	\$ 10,500
Goldeneye	2002	52,421	Oct 2012 to Jan 2013	Index(4)
Grebe Bulker	2010	57,809	Feb 2013 to Jun 2013	\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Harrier	2001	50,296	Oct 2012 to Nov 2012	\$ 5,000
Hawk I	2001	50,296	Nov 2012	\$ 7,250
Ibis Bulker	2010	57,775	Mar 2013 to Jul 2013	\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)

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Imperial Eagle	2010	55,989	Nov 2012 to Feb 2013		Index(4)
Jaeger	2004	52,248	Nov 2012 to Jan 2013		Index(4)
Jay(2)	2010	57,802	-		Spot
Kestrel I	2004	50,326	Mar 2013 to May 2013	\$	9,500
Kingfisher (2)	2010	57,776	Nov 2012 to Feb 2013	\$	8,900
Kite	1997	47,195	Oct 2012 to Nov 2012	\$	7,250
Kittiwake	2002	53,146	Oct 2012 to Jan 2013	\$	10,500
Martin(2)	2010	57,809	Nov 2012 to Feb 2013	\$	8,300
Merlin	2001	50,296	Nov 2012		Voyage(3)
Nighthawk(2)	2011	57,809	Nov 2012	\$	12,500
Oriole(2)	2011	57,809	Oct 2012	\$	8,400
Osprey I	2002	50,206	Oct 2012		Voyage(3)
Owl(2)	2011	57,809	Oct 2012	\$	8,500
Peregrine	2001	50,913	Dec 2012 to Mar 2013	\$	8,250

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Petrel Bulker	2011	57,809	May 2014 to Sep 2014		\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Puffin Bulker	2011	57,809	May 2014 to Sep 2014		\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Redwing	2007	53,411	Oct 2012	\$	10,000
Roadrunner Bulker	2011	57,809	Aug 2014 to Dec 2014		\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Sandpiper Bulker	2011	57,809	Aug 2014 to Dec 2014		\$17,650(5) (with 50% profit share over \$20,000)
Shrike	2003	53,343	Dec 2012 to Mar 2013	\$	11,300
Skua	2003	53,350	Oct 2012	\$	8,250
Sparrow	2000	48,225	Oct 2012	\$	8,500
Stellar Eagle	2009	55,989	Mar 2013 to Jun 2013		Index(4)
Tern	2003	50,200	Oct 2012	\$	5,750(3)
Thrasher (2)	2010	53,360	Oct 2012	\$	10,000(3)
Thrush	2011	53,297	Oct 2012	\$	9,000(3)
Woodstar (2)	2008	53,390	Nov 2012	\$	7,200
Wren (2)	2008	53,349	Oct 2012 to Nov 2012	\$	13,000

(1) The date range provided represents the earliest and latest date on which the charterer may redeliver the vessel to the Company upon the termination of the charter. The time charter hire rates presented are gross daily charter rates before brokerage commissions, ranging from 0.625% to 5.00%, to third party ship brokers.

(2) The charter rate does not include any shortfall between the vessels' actual daily earnings and the \$17,000 per day for which KLC is responsible. Revenue from KLC will be recognized when collectability is assured. In addition, through December 2015, we are entitled to 100% of the profits on earnings between \$17,000 to \$21,000 per day and a 50% profit share on earnings above \$17,000 per day from January 2016 to December 2018.

(3) Upon conclusion of the previous charter, the vessel will commence a short-term charter for up to six months.

(4) Index, an average of the trailing Baltic Supramax Index.

(5) The charterer has an option to extend the charter by two periods of 11 to 13 months each.

Glossary of Terms:

Ownership days: The Company defines ownership days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which each vessel in its fleet has been owned. Ownership days are an indicator of the size of the fleet over a period and affect both the amount of revenues and the amount of expenses that is recorded during a period.

Chartered-in under operating lease days: The Company defines chartered-in under operating lease days as the aggregate number of days in a period during which the Company chartered-in vessels.

Available days: The Company defines available days as the number of ownership days less the aggregate number of days that its vessels are off-hire due to vessel familiarization upon acquisition, scheduled repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades or special surveys and the aggregate amount of time that we spend positioning our vessels. The shipping industry uses available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.

Operating days: The Company defines operating days as the number of its available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that the vessels are off-hire due to any reason, including unforeseen circumstances. The shipping industry uses operating days to measure the aggregate number of days in a period during which vessels actually generate revenues.

Fleet utilization: The Company calculates fleet utilization by dividing the number of our operating days during a period by the number of our available days during the period. The shipping industry uses fleet utilization to measure a company's efficiency in finding suitable employment for its vessels and minimizing the amount of days that its vessels are off-hire for reasons other than scheduled repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades, special surveys or vessel positioning. Our fleet continues to perform at very high utilization rates.

Conference Call Information

As previously announced, members of Eagle Bulk's senior management team will host a teleconference and webcast at 8:30 a.m. ET on Friday, November 9th to discuss the results.

To participate in the teleconference, investors and analysts are invited to call 800-561-2693 in the U.S., or 617-614-3523 outside of the U.S., and reference participant code 99522816. A simultaneous webcast of the call, including a slide presentation for interested investors and others, may be accessed by visiting <http://www.eagleships.com>.

A replay will be available following the call until 11:59 PM ET on November 15, 2012. To access the replay, call 888-286-8010 in the U.S., or 617-801-6888 outside of the U.S., and reference passcode 94614983.

About Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. is a Marshall Islands corporation headquartered in New York. The Company is a leading global owner of Supramax dry bulk vessels that range in size from 50,000 to 60,000 deadweight tons and transport a broad range of major and minor bulk cargoes, including iron ore, coal, grain, cement and fertilizer, along worldwide shipping routes.

Forward-Looking Statements

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. cannot assure you that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including changes in charter hire rates and vessel values, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled drydocking, changes in our vessel operating expenses, including dry-docking and insurance costs, or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists.

Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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