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(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022
OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR-

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of event
requiring this shell company report: Not applicable

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-40930

OCEANPAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Republic of the Marshall Islands

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value including the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights | OP | Nasdaq Capital Market |

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

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As of December 31, 2022, there were 10,183,996 outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Note – Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

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 whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or an emerging growth company. See definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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.

† The term “new or revised financial accounting standard” refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant’s executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:
U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board Other

If “Other” has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 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

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts. We desire to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are including this cautionary statement in connection therewith.

This document and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance, and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. When used in this document, the words “believe”, “anticipate,” “intends,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project,” “plan,” “potential,” “will,” “may,” “should,” “expect,” “targets,” “likely,” “would,” “could,” “seeks,” “continue,” “possible,” “might,” “pending,” and similar expressions, terms or phrases may identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this document 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 its records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe 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 its control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected or intended. Such forward-looking statements, because they relate to future events, are by their very nature subject to many important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contemplated.

In addition to these important factors and matters discussed elsewhere herein, including under the heading “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors,” important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- the strength of world economies;
- fluctuations in currencies and interest rates, inflationary pressures, and the impact of the discontinuance of the London Interbank Offered Rate for US Dollars, or LIBOR, after June 30, 2023;
- dry bulk market conditions and trends, including volatility in charter rates, factors affecting supply and demand, fluctuating vessel values, opportunities for the profitable operations of dry bulk carriers;
- changes in the supply of vessels, including when caused by new newbuilding vessel orders or changes to or terminations of existing orders, and vessel scrapping levels;
- changes in our operating and capitalized expenses, including bunker prices, crew costs, dry-docking, costs associated with regulatory compliance, and insurance costs;
- our future operating or financial results;
- our ability to borrow under future debt agreements on favorable terms or at all, and our ability to comply with the covenants contained therein, in particular due to economic, financial or operational reasons;

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- changes to our financial condition and liquidity, including our ability to fund capital expenditures and investments in the acquisition and refurbishment of our vessels (including the amount and nature thereof and the timing of completion thereof, the delivery and commencement of operations dates, expected downtime and lost revenue), and other general corporate activities;
- changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- potential liability from pending or future litigation;
- compliance with governmental, tax, environmental and safety regulation, any non-compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (FCPA) or other applicable regulations relating to bribery;
- new environmental regulations and restrictions, whether at a global level stipulated by the International Maritime Organization, and/or regional/national imposed by regional authorities such as the European Union or individual countries;
- potential cyber-attacks which may disrupt our business operations;
- the failure of counter parties to fully perform their contracts with us;
- our dependence on key personnel;
- adequacy of insurance coverage;
- the volatility of the price of our common shares;
- future sales of our securities in the public market and our ability to regain and maintain our compliance with Nasdaq listing requirements;
- our incorporation under the laws of the Marshall Islands and the different rights to relief that may be available compared to other countries, including the United States;
- general domestic and international political conditions or labor disruptions, including “trade wars”, global public health threats and major outbreaks of diseases;
- the impact of port or canal congestion or disruptions;
- any continuing impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the dry-bulk shipping industry;
- potential physical disruption of shipping routes due to accidents, climate-related reasons (acute and chronic), political events, public health threats, international hostilities and instability such as the ongoing conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, piracy or acts by terrorists; and
- other important factors described from time to time in the reports we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

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This annual report may contain assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events. These statements are intended as forward-looking statements. We may also from time to time make forward-looking statements in other documents and reports that are filed with or submitted to the SEC, in other information sent to our securityholders, and in other written materials. We also caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events may and often do vary from actual results and the differences can be material. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement contained in this annual report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

Not applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A. [Reserved]

B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk Factors

The following risks relate principally to the industry in which we operate and our business in general. Other risks relate principally to the securities market and ownership of our securities. The occurrence of any of the events described in this section could significantly and negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results, cash available for the payment of dividends on our shares, or the trading price of our securities.

Summary of Risk Factors

The following is a summary of the risk factors which are described in further detail in this section.

Risks Relating to our Industry

- Charter hire rates for dry bulk carriers are volatile, which may adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results, and ability to comply with loan covenants in any future borrowing facilities we may enter into.
- The current state of the global financial markets and current economic conditions may adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, and ability to obtain future financing or refinance any future credit facilities on acceptable terms, or at all, which may negatively impact our business.
- An oversupply of vessel capacity in the dry bulk shipping market in which we operate may prolong or further depress low charter rates when they occur, which may limit our ability to operate our vessels profitably.
- The dry bulk vessel charter market is highly volatile and this may have an adverse effect on our revenues earnings and profitability.
- Global economic conditions may continue to negatively impact the drybulk shipping industry.
- Risks associated with operating ocean-going vessels could affect our business and reputation, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

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- Our operations outside the United States expose us to global risks, such as political instability, terrorist or other attacks, war, international hostilities and global public health concerns, which may affect the seaborne transportation industry and adversely affect our business.
- Our operating results are subject to seasonal fluctuations, which could affect our operating results.
- An increase in the price of fuel may adversely affect our operating results and cash flows.
- Worldwide inflationary pressures could negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows.
- We are subject to complex laws and regulations (including environmental standards such as IMO 2020, standards regulating ballast water discharge, etc.), including environmental regulations that can adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business and our business, results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.
- Operational risks and damage to our vessels could adversely impact our performance.
- If our vessels call on ports located in countries or territories that are the subject of sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government, the European Union, the United Nations, or other governmental authorities, it could lead to monetary fines or penalties and may adversely affect our reputation and the market for our securities.
- We conduct business in China, where the legal system is not fully developed and has inherent uncertainties that could limit the legal protections available to us.
- Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act could result in fines, criminal penalties and an adverse effect on our business.
- Changing laws and evolving reporting requirements could have an adverse effect on our business.

Risks Relating to our Company

- A decline in the market values of our vessels could limit our ability to borrow funds in the future, trigger breaches of certain financial covenants contained in any future borrowing facilities we may enter into, and/or result in impairment charges or losses on sale.
- We charter our vessels on short-term time charters in a volatile shipping industry and a decline in charter hire rates could affect our results of operations and our ability to pay dividends.
- We may not be able to execute our growth strategy and we may not realize the benefits we expect from past acquisitions or future acquisitions or other strategic transactions.
- We operate secondhand vessels with an age above the industry average which may lead to increased technical problems for our vessels, higher operating expenses, affect our ability to profitably charter and finance our vessels and to comply with environmental standards and future maritime regulations and result in a more rapid depreciation in our vessels' market and book values.
- We and certain of our principal officers and directors have affiliations with Diana Shipping Inc. ("Diana Shipping"), Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. ("Steamship") and Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited ("DWM") that could create conflicts of interest detrimental to us.
- Companies affiliated with Diana Shipping or Steamship or with our officers and directors, may acquire vessels that compete with our fleet.

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- Certain of our officers and directors participate in business activities not associated with us, and do not devote all of their time to our business, which may create conflicts of interest and hinder our ability to operate successfully.
- We depend entirely on DWM and Steamship to provide the management of our fleet. The termination of our arrangements with DWM or Steamship, or DWM's or Steamship's failure to perform their obligations under our management agreements with them, may temporarily adversely affect our operations.
- A cyber-attack could materially disrupt our business.
- Climate change and greenhouse gas restrictions may adversely impact our operations and markets.
- Increasing scrutiny and changing expectations from investors, lenders and other market participants with respect to our Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") policies may impose additional costs on us or expose us to additional risks.
- We are subject to certain risks with respect to our counterparties on contracts, and failure of such counterparties to meet their obligations could cause us to suffer losses or otherwise adversely affect our business.
- In the highly competitive international shipping industry, we may not be able to compete for charters with new entrants or established companies with greater resources, and as a result, we may be unable to employ our vessels profitably.
- We may be unable to retain and recruit qualified key executives, key employees or key consultants, may delay our development efforts or otherwise harm our business.
- We may be unable to attract and retain key management personnel and other employees in the shipping industry, which may negatively impact the effectiveness of our management and results of operations.
- Technological innovation and quality and efficiency requirements from our customers could reduce our charterhire income and the value of our vessels.
- We may not have adequate insurance to compensate us if we lose our vessels or to compensate third parties.
- We are exposed to U.S. dollar and foreign currency fluctuations and devaluations that could harm our reported revenue and results of operations.
- We may be exposed to volatility in the USD London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, and the potential discontinuance of LIBOR beyond 2023, which could, while limited, affect our future profitability, earnings and cash flow.
- We depend upon a few significant customers for a large part of our revenues and the loss of one or more of these customers could adversely affect our operating results and financial performance.
- We are an "emerging growth company" and we cannot be certain that the reduced disclosure and other requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will not make our common shares less attractive to investors.
- 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.
- Because we are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, it may be difficult to serve us with legal process or enforce judgments against us, our directors or our management.
- If we expand our business further, we may need to improve our operating and financial systems and will need to recruit suitable employees and crew for our vessels.

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- We may be subject to United States federal income tax on United States source income, which may reduce the Company's earnings.

United States tax authorities could treat us as a "passive foreign investment company," which could have adverse United States federal income tax consequences to United States holders.

Risks Relating to our Common Stock

- We cannot assure you that our board of directors will pay dividends in the future.
- If we do not have sufficient cash to pay dividends on our Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock when due, we may suffer adverse consequences.
- The market prices and trading volume of our shares of common stock has and may continue to experience rapid and substantial price volatility, which could cause purchasers of our common stock to incur substantial losses.
- We may not be able to regain compliance with Nasdaq's continued listing requirements which could limit your ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.
- We are incorporated in the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law, you may have more difficulty protecting your interests than shareholders of a U.S. corporation.
- As a Marshall Islands corporation and with some of our subsidiaries being Marshall Islands entities and also having subsidiaries in other offshore jurisdictions, our operations may be subject to economic substance requirements, which could impact our business.
- Certain of our affiliates hold certain of our Preferred Shares that allow them to exert considerable influence over matters on which our shareholders are entitled to vote.
- Future issuances or sales of our common stock could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

Risk Factors

Risks Relating to our Industry

Charter hire rates for dry bulk vessels are volatile and have fluctuated significantly in the past years, which may adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and our ability to comply with loan covenants in any future borrowing facilities we may enter into.

Substantially all of our revenues are derived from a single market, the dry bulk market, and therefore our operating results are dependent on the cyclical nature of the dry bulk shipping industry and any attendant volatility in charter rates. The degree of charter hire rate volatility among different types of dry bulk vessels has varied widely, and time charter and spot market rates for dry bulk vessels have in the recent past declined below the operating costs of vessels. When we charter our vessels pursuant to spot or short-term time charters, we are exposed to changes in spot market and short-term charter rates for dry bulk carriers and such changes may affect our earnings and the value of our dry bulk carriers at any given time. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully charter our vessels in the future or renew existing charters at rates sufficient to allow us to meet our obligations or pay any dividends in the future. Fluctuations in charter rates result mainly from changes in the supply of and demand for vessel capacity and changes in the supply of and demand for the major commodities carried by water internationally. Because the factors affecting the supply of 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. A significant decrease in charter rates would adversely affect our operating results, cash flows and may cause vessel values to decline, and, as a result, we may have to record an impairment charge in our consolidated financial statements which could adversely affect our financial results.

Dry bulk market conditions remained volatile in 2022, reflecting the impact of a broad economic slowdown, easing of port congestion, and the conflict in Ukraine. Furthermore, the conflict in Ukraine combined with inflationary pressures and/or supply chain disruptions across most major economies have negatively impacted certain of the countries in which we operate in and may lead to a global economic slowdown, which might in turn adversely affect demand for our vessels. In particular, the conflict in Ukraine and related sanctions measures imposed against Russia has and is disrupting energy production and trade patterns, including shipping in the Black Sea and elsewhere, and has impacted the price of certain dry bulk goods, such as grain, as well as energy and fuel prices. Notably, various jurisdictions have imposed sanctions against Russia directly targeting the maritime transport of goods originating from Russia, such as oil products and agricultural commodities such as potash. Such measures, and the response of targeted jurisdictions to them, have disrupted trade patterns of certain of the goods which we transport and have correspondingly impacted charter rates for the transport of such goods. With the exception of a temporary sharp increase in charter rates in the immediate aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, charter rates generally trended downwards during the course of the year. In January 2023, we saw spot rates fall to extremely low levels, following normal seasonal patterns as well as Chinese New Year, which has reduced industrial activity in the region. Market conditions are expected to gradually improve over the course of 2023 as China's re-opening takes hold, however we cannot guarantee a trend towards recovery.

Factors that influence demand for dry bulk vessel capacity include:

- supply of and demand for energy resources, commodities, and semi-finished and finished consumer and industrial products;
- changes in the exploration or production of energy resources, commodities, and semi-finished and finished consumer and industrial products;
- the location of regional and global exploration, production and manufacturing facilities;
- the location of consuming regions for energy resources, commodities, and semi-finished and finished consumer and industrial products;
- the globalization of production and manufacturing;
- global and regional economic and political conditions, armed conflicts, including the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine and fluctuations in industrial and agricultural production;

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- disruptions and developments in international trade;
- changes in seaborne and other transportation patterns, including the distance cargo is transported by sea;
- international sanctions, embargoes, import and export restrictions, nationalizations, piracy, and terrorist attacks;
- legal and regulatory changes including regulations adopted by supranational authorities and/or industry bodies, such as safety and environmental regulations and requirements;
- epidemics and pandemics, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- weather, acts of God and natural disasters;
- environmental and other regulatory developments; and
- currency exchange rates, specifically versus USD.

Demand for dry bulk vessels is also dependent, amongst others, upon economic growth in the world's economies, seasonal and regional changes in demand and changes to the capacity of the global dry bulk fleet and the sources and supply for dry bulk cargoes transported by sea. Continued adverse economic, political or social conditions or other developments could further negatively impact charter rates and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business results, operating results, and ability to pay dividends, if and when declared.

For a discussion of factors affecting the supply of the dry bulk vessel capacity, see “—*An oversupply of vessel capacity in the dry bulk shipping market in which we operate may prolong or further depress low charter rates when they occur, which may limit our ability to operate our vessels profitably.*” These factors are outside of our control and are unpredictable, and accordingly we may not be able to correctly assess the nature, timing and degree of changes in charter rates.

The current state of the global financial markets and current economic conditions may adversely impact our results of operation, cash flows, and ability to obtain future financing or refinance any future credit facilities on acceptable terms, or at all, which may negatively impact our business.

Global financial markets can be volatile and contraction in available credit may occur as economic conditions change. In recent years, operating businesses in the global economy have faced weakening demand for goods and services, deteriorating international liquidity conditions, and declining markets which led to a general decline in the willingness of banks and other financial institutions to extend credit, particularly in the shipping industry. In the future, our ability to obtain credit to finance and expand our operations may be negatively affected by such changes and volatility.

Also, as a result of concerns about the stability of financial markets generally, and the solvency of counterparties specifically, the cost of obtaining money from the credit markets may increase if lenders increase interest rates, enact tighter lending standards, refuse to refinance existing debt at all or on terms similar to current debt, and reduce, or cease to provide funding to borrowers. Due to these factors, future financing may not be available to the extent required, on acceptable terms or at all. If future financing is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to expand or meet our obligations as they come due or we may be unable to enhance our existing business, complete additional vessel acquisitions or otherwise take advantage of business opportunities as they arise.

Credit markets in the United States and Europe have in the past experienced significant contraction, deleveraging and reduced liquidity, and there is a risk that the U.S. federal government and state governments and European authorities continue to implement a broad variety of governmental action and/or new regulation of the financial markets. Global financial markets and economic conditions have been, and continue to be, disrupted and volatile. We face risks attendant to changes in economic environments, changes in interest rates, and instability in the banking and securities markets around the world, among other factors which may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and may cause the price of our common shares to decline.

An oversupply of vessel capacity in the dry bulk shipping market in which we operate may prolong or further depress low charter rates when they occur, which may limit our ability to operate our vessels profitably.

Factors that influence the supply of dry bulk vessel capacity include:

1. the number of newbuilding orders and deliveries, including slippage in deliveries;
2. the number of shipyards and ability of shipyards to deliver vessels;
3. port or canal congestion;
4. potential disruption, including supply chain disruptions, of shipping routes due to accidents or political events;
5. the scrapping of older vessels;
6. speed of vessel operation;
7. vessel casualties;
8. technological advances in vessel design and capacity;
9. the degree of scrapping or recycling of older vessels, depending, among other things, on scrapping or recycling rates and international scrapping or recycling regulations;
10. the price of steel and vessel equipment;
11. product imbalances (affecting level of trading activity) and developments in international trade;
12. the number of vessels that are out of service, namely those that are laid-up, drydocked, awaiting repairs or otherwise not available for hire;
13. availability of financing for new vessels and shipping activity;
14. changes in international regulations that may effectively cause reductions in the carrying capacity of vessels or early obsolescence of tonnage; and
15. changes in environmental and other regulations that may limit the useful lives of vessels.

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In addition to the prevailing and anticipated charter 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 costs, the efficiency and age profile of the existing dry bulk 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 dry bulk 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 our dry bulk vessels will be dependent upon economic growth in the world's economies, including China and India, seasonal and regional changes in demand, changes in the capacity of the global dry bulk fleet and the sources and supply of dry bulk cargoes transported by sea. While there has been a general decrease in new dry bulk vessels' ordering since 2014, the capacity of the global dry bulk carrier fleet could increase and economic growth may not resume in areas that have experienced a recession or continue in other areas. Adverse economic, political, social or other developments could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

The dry bulk vessel charter market is highly volatile and this may have an adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and profitability.

The Baltic Dry Index, or the BDI, a daily average of charter rates for key dry bulk routes published by the Baltic Exchange Limited, has long been viewed as the main benchmark to monitor the movements of the dry bulk vessel charter market as well as the performance of the entire dry bulk shipping market and has been very volatile. The BDI declined 94% in 2008 from a peak of 11,793 in May 2008 to a low of 663 in December 2008 and has remained volatile since then, reaching a record low of 290 in February 2016. In 2022, the BDI ranged from a high of 3,369 on May 23, 2022 to a low of 965 on August 31, 2022 to drop again to a low of 530 on February 16, 2023. The BDI has since recovered from the February 2023 levels and closed at 1,402 on March 28 2023. There can be no assurance that the dry bulk charter market will continue to improve in the future. The volatility in charter rates in the dry bulk market affects our revenues and operating results and also affects the value of our dry bulk vessels, which follows the trends of dry bulk charter rates.

Volatility in the dry bulk vessel charter market has had and may continue to have additional adverse consequences for our industry and business, including an absence of financing for our vessels, no active secondhand market for the sale of our vessels, charterers seeking to renegotiate the rates for our existing time charters, and widespread loan covenant defaults in the dry bulk shipping industry and future financings which we may enter into. Accordingly, our financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected, which could in turn cause the value of our common shares being reduced or eliminated.

Global economic conditions may continue to negatively impact the dry bulk shipping industry.

Major market disruptions and adverse changes in market conditions and regulatory climate in China, the United States, the European Union and worldwide may adversely affect our business.

Chinese dry bulk imports have accounted for the majority of global dry bulk transportation growth annually over the last decade. Accordingly, our financial condition and operating results, as well as our future prospects, would likely be hindered by an economic downturn in any of these countries or geographic regions. In recent years China and India have been among the world's fastest growing economies in terms of gross domestic product, and any economic slowdown in the Asia Pacific region particularly in China or India may adversely affect demand for seaborne transportation of our products and our results of operations. Moreover, any deterioration in the economy of the United States or the European Union, may further adversely affect economic growth in Asia.

Economic growth is expected to slow, including due to supply-chain disruption, the recent surge in inflation and related actions by central banks and geopolitical conditions, with a significant risk of recession in many parts of the worlds in the near term. In particular, an adverse change in economic conditions affecting China, Japan, India or Southeast Asia generally could have a negative effect on the dry bulk market, and, as a result, on our financial condition and operating results.

Regulations relating to ballast water discharge may adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

The IMO has imposed updated guidelines for ballast water treatment systems specifying the maximum amount of viable organisms allowed to be discharged from a vessel's ballast water. Depending on the date of the International Oil Pollution Prevention ('IOPP') renewal survey, existing vessels constructed before September 8, 2017 must comply with the updated D-2 Discharge Performance Standard ('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.

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 EPA develop national standards of performance for approximately 30 discharges, similar to those found in the VGP within two years. On October 26, 2020, the EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Vessel Incidental Discharge National Standards of Performance under VIDA. Within two years after the EPA publishes its final Vessel Incidental Discharge National Standards of Performance, the U.S. Coast Guard must develop corresponding implementation, compliance and enforcement regulations regarding ballast water. While we believe all our vessels are in compliance with the new regulations any changes in such regulations could require the installation of new equipment, which may cause us to incur substantial costs.

Risks associated with operating ocean-going vessels could affect our business and reputation, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

The operation of ocean-going vessels carries inherent risks. These risks include the possibility of:

1. loss of life or harm to seafarers;
2. marine disaster;
3. terrorism;
4. piracy or robbery;
5. environmental accidents and pollution;
6. cargo and property losses and damage; and
7. business interruptions caused by mechanical failures, human error, war, armed conflicts, political action in various countries, labor strikes or adverse weather conditions.

Any of these circumstances or events could increase our costs or lower our revenues. The involvement of our vessels in an environmental disaster may harm our reputation as a safe and reliable dry bulk operator.

In addition, international shipping is subject to various security and customs inspection and related procedures in countries of origin and destination and trans-shipment points. Inspection procedures can result in the seizure of the cargo and/or 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, operating results, cash flows, financial condition and available cash.

Our operations outside the United States expose us to global risks, such as political instability, terrorist or other attacks, war, international hostilities and global public health concerns, which may affect the seaborne transportation industry and adversely affect our business.

We are an international shipping company that primarily conducts most of our operations outside the United States, and our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends, if any, in the future may be adversely affected by changing economic, political and government conditions in the countries and regions where our vessels are employed or registered. Moreover, we operate in a sector of the economy that is likely to be adversely impacted by the effects of political conflicts.

Currently, the world economy faces a number of challenges, including trade tensions between the United States and China, stabilizing growth in China, continuing threat of terrorist attacks around the world, continuing instability and conflicts and other ongoing occurrences in the Middle East, Ukraine, and in other geographic areas and countries, as well as the public health concerns stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past, political instability has also resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt international shipping, particularly in the Arabian Gulf region and most recently in the Black Sea in connection with the recent conflict in Ukraine. Acts of terrorism and piracy have also affected vessels trading in regions such as the South China Sea and the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse impact on our future performance, operating results, cash flows and financial position.

Beginning in February of 2022, President Biden and several European leaders announced various economic sanctions against Russia in connection with the aforementioned conflict in the Ukraine region, which may adversely impact our business.

The United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") administers and enforces multiple authorities under which sanctions have been imposed on Russia, including: the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities sanctions program, established by the Russia-related national emergency declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 and subsequently expanded and addressed through certain additional authorities, and the Ukraine-Russia-related sanctions program, established with the Ukraine-related national emergency declared in E.O. 13660 and subsequently expanded and addressed through certain additional authorities. The United States has also issued several Executive Orders that prohibit certain transactions related to Russia, including the importation of certain energy products of Russian Federation origin (including crude oil, petroleum, petroleum fuels, oils, liquefied natural gas and coal), and all new investments in Russian by U.S. persons, among other prohibitions and export controls. Furthermore, the United States has also prohibited a variety of specified services related to the maritime transport of Russian Federation origin crude oil and petroleum products, including trading/commodities brokering, financing, shipping, insurance (including reinsurance and protection and indemnity), flagging, and customs brokering. These prohibitions took effect on December 5, 2022 with respect to the maritime transport of crude oil and on February 5, 2023 with respect to the maritime transport of other petroleum products. An exception exists to permit such services when the price of the seaborne Russian oil does not exceed the relevant price cap; but implementation of this price exception relies on a recordkeeping and attestation process that allows each party in the supply chain of seaborne Russian oil to demonstrate or confirm that oil has been purchased at or below the price cap. Violations of the price cap policy or the risk that information, documentation, or attestations provided by parties in the supply chain are later determined to be false may pose additional risks adversely affecting our business. The ongoing conflict could result in the imposition of further economic sanctions or new categories of export restrictions against individuals in or connected to Russia. While in general much uncertainty remains regarding the global impact of the conflict in Ukraine, it is possible that such tensions could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. For instance, on February 24, 2023, OFAC issued a new determination pursuant to Section 1(a)(i) of Executive Order 14024, which enables the imposition of sanctions on individuals and entities who operate or have operated in the metals and mining sector of the Russian economy. Increased restrictions on the metals and mining sector may pose additional risks adversely affecting our business.

Our business could also be adversely impacted by trade tariffs, trade embargoes or other economic sanctions that limit trading activities by the United States or other countries against countries in the Middle East, Asia or elsewhere as a result of terrorist attacks, hostilities or diplomatic or political pressures.

In addition, public health threats, such as COVID-19, influenza and other highly communicable diseases or viruses, outbreaks of which have from time to time occurred in various parts of the world in which we operate, including China, Japan and South Korea, which may even become pandemics, such as COVID-19, could lead to a significant decrease of demand for the transportation of dry bulk cargoes. Such events may also adversely impact our operations, including timely rotation of our crews, the timing of completion of any outstanding or future repair works in drydock as well as the operations of our customers. Delayed rotation of crew may adversely affect the mental and physical health of our crew and the safe operation of our vessels as a consequence.

Outbreaks of epidemic and pandemic diseases, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and governmental responses thereto could adversely affect our business.

Since the beginning of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected economic conditions, supply chains, labor markets, demand for certain shipped goods both regionally and globally, and has also negatively impacted and may continue to impact our operations and the operations of our customers and suppliers. Over the course of the pandemic, measures taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 pandemic have included travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, limitations on public gatherings, impositions on supply chain logistics, lockdowns and other emergency public health measures, resulting in a significant reduction in overall global economic activity and extreme volatility in the global financial markets. Relatively weak global economic conditions during periods of volatility have and may continue to have a number of adverse consequences for the dry bulk shipping sector. While many of the measures taken were relaxed starting in 2022, we cannot predict whether and to what degree emergency public health and other measures will be reinstated in the event of any resurgence in COVID-19 or any variants thereof.

If a resurgence of COVID-19, including due to new variants, results in travel restrictions, supply chain disruptions, and other impediments to the orderly conduct of seaborne trade, such as those caused by China's "zero-covid" policy, there may be an additional material adverse effect on our operating results, cash flows and financial condition. For example, we may experience renewed difficulty and increased expenditures in rotating our crews along with associated medical costs and may incur increased fuel costs based on an increase in vessel deviations, repositioning and/or delays. Further, prolongment of the COVID-19 pandemic could also impact credit markets and financial institutions and result in increased interest rate spreads and other costs of, and difficulty in obtaining, bank financing and our ability to finance the purchase price of vessel acquisitions, which could limit our ability to grow our business in line with our strategy.

Our operating results are subject to seasonal fluctuations, which could affect our operating results.

We operate our vessels in markets that have historically exhibited seasonal variations in demand and, as a result, in charter hire rates. This seasonality may result in quarter-to-quarter volatility in our operating results. The dry bulk carrier market is typically stronger in the fall and winter months in anticipation of increased consumption of coal and other raw materials in the northern hemisphere during the winter months. In addition, unpredictable weather patterns in these months tend to disrupt vessel scheduling and supplies of certain commodities. As a result, our revenues may be weaker during the fiscal quarters ending June 30 and September 30, and, conversely, our revenues may be stronger in fiscal quarters ending December 31 and March 31. While this seasonality will not directly affect our operating results, it could materially affect our operating results to the extent our vessels are employed in the spot market in the future.

An increase in the price of fuel may adversely affect our operating results and cash flows.

While we generally do not bear the cost of fuel for vessels operating on time charters, fuel is a significant factor in negotiating charter rates and the largest expense in our shipping operations when our vessels are off-hire and/or idle. As a result, an increase in the price of fuel beyond our expectations may adversely affect our profitability as relevant circumstances may arise. The price and supply of fuel is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events outside our control, including geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (the "OPEC"), and other oil and gas producers, war and armed conflicts such as the ongoing conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, unrest in oil producing countries and regions, regional production patterns and environmental concerns. Any future increase in the cost of fuel may reduce the profitability and competitiveness of our business versus other forms of transportation, such as truck or rail.

Indicatively, the price of high sulfur fuel and low sulfur fuel has increased significantly as a result of the ongoing conflict between Russia and the Ukraine in 2022, but has since decreased, although there is uncertainty regarding prices' future direction remains. As a result, our bunker costs for our vessels when off-hire and/or idle have, from an overall perspective, increased since 2021 and may continue to increase, which could have an adverse impact on our operating results and cash flows. This might lead to a decrease in the economic viability of older vessels that lack fuel efficiency and a reduction of useful lives of these vessels.

Worldwide inflationary pressures could negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows.

It has been recently observed that worldwide economies have experienced inflationary pressures, with price increases seen across many sectors globally. For example, the U.S. consumer price index, an inflation gauge that measures costs across dozens of items, rose 6.5% in December 2022 compared to the prior year, driven in large part by increases in energy costs. It remains to be seen whether inflationary pressures will continue, and to what degree, as central banks begin to respond to price increases. In the event that inflation becomes a significant factor in the global economy generally and in the shipping industry more specifically, inflationary pressures would result in increased operating, voyage and administrative costs. Furthermore, the effects of inflation on the supply and demand of the products we transport could alter demand for our services. Interventions in the economy by central banks in response to inflationary pressures may slow down economic activity, including by altering consumer purchasing habits and reducing demand for the commodities and products we carry, and cause a reduction in trade. As a result, the volumes of goods we deliver and/or charter rates for our vessels may be affected. Any of these factors could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and operating results.

We are subject to complex laws and regulations (including environmental standards such as IMO 2020, standards regulating ballast water discharge, etc.), including environmental regulations that can adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business and our business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

Our business and the operations of our vessels are materially affected by environmental regulation in the form of international conventions, national, state and local laws and regulations in force in the jurisdictions in which our vessels operate, as well as in the country or countries of their registration, including those governing the management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, the cleanup of oil spills and other contamination, air emissions (including greenhouse gases), water discharges and ballast water management. These regulations include, but are not limited to, European Union regulations, the U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990, requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard, or USCG and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Clean Air Act of 1970 (including its amendments of 1977 and 1990), the U.S. Clean Water Act, and the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, and regulations of the IMO, including the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 1969, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, collectively referred to as MARPOL 73/78 or MARPOL, including designations of Emission Control Areas, thereunder, SOLAS, the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966, the International Convention of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, and the ISM Code. Because such conventions, laws, and regulations are often revised, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with such requirements or the impact thereof on the re-sale price or useful life of any vessel that we own or will acquire. 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 which may materially adversely affect our operations. Government regulation of vessels, particularly in the areas of safety and environmental requirements, continue to change, requiring us to incur significant capital expenditures on our vessels to keep them in compliance, or even to scrap or sell certain vessels altogether. In addition, we may incur significant costs in meeting new maintenance and inspection requirements, in developing contingency arrangements for potential environmental violations and in obtaining insurance coverage.

In addition, we are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and financial assurances with respect to our operations. Our failure to maintain necessary permits, licenses, certificates, approvals or financial assurances could require us to incur substantial costs or temporarily suspend operation of one or more of the vessels in our fleet, or lead to the invalidation or reduction of our insurance coverage.

Environmental requirements can also affect the resale value or useful lives of our vessels, require a reduction in cargo capacity, ship modifications or operational changes or restrictions, lead to decreased availability of insurance coverage for environmental matters or result in the denial of access to certain jurisdictional waters or ports, or detention in certain ports. Under local, national and foreign laws, as well as international treaties and conventions, we could incur material liabilities, including for cleanup obligations and natural resource damages, in the event that there is a release of petroleum or hazardous substances from our vessels or otherwise in connection with our operations. We could also become associated with our existing or historic operations. Violations of, or liabilities under, environmental requirements can result in substantial penalties, fines and other sanctions, including in certain instances, seizure or detention of our vessels.

Increased inspection procedures, tighter import and export controls and new security regulations could increase costs and disrupt our business.

International shipping is subject to various security and customs inspection and related procedures in countries of origin, destination and trans-shipment points. Under the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (“MTSA”), the U.S. Coast Guard 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. These security procedures may result in cargo seizure, delays in the loading, offloading, trans-shipment 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. 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, customer relations, financial condition and earnings.

Operational risks and damage to our vessels could adversely impact our performance.

The operation of an ocean-going vessel carries inherent risks. Our vessels and their cargoes are at risk of being damaged or lost because of events such as marine disasters, bad weather and other acts of God, business interruptions caused by mechanical failures, grounding, fire, explosions and collisions, human error, war, armed conflicts, terrorism, piracy, labor strikes, boycotts and other circumstances or events. 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. Damage to the environment could also result from our operations, particularly through spillage of fuel, lubricants or other chemicals and substances used in operations, or extensive uncontrolled fires. These hazards may result in death or injury to persons, loss of revenues or property, the payment of ransoms, environmental damage, higher insurance rates, damage to our customer relationships and market disruptions, delay or rerouting, any of which may subject us to litigation. As a result, we could be exposed to substantial liabilities not recoverable under our insurances. Further, the involvement of our vessels in a serious accident could harm our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel operator and lead to a loss of business. Epidemics and other public health incidents may also lead to crew member illness, which can disrupt the operations of our vessels, or to public health measures, which may prevent our vessels from calling on ports or discharging cargo in the affected areas or in other locations after having visited the affected areas.

If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired at a shipyard. The costs for these repairs are unpredictable and may be substantial. We may have to pay drydocking costs that our insurance does not cover at all or in full. The loss of revenues while these vessels are being repaired and repositioned, as well as the actual cost of these repairs, may adversely affect our business and financial condition. In addition, space at shipyards is sometimes limited and not all shipyards are conveniently located. We may be unable to find space at a suitable shipyard or our vessels may be forced to travel to a shipyard that is not conveniently located relative to our vessels' positions. The loss of earnings while these vessels are forced to wait for space or to travel to more distant shipyards may adversely affect our business and financial condition.

The operation of dry bulk vessels has certain unique operational risks. With a dry bulk vessel, the cargo itself and its interaction with the vessel can be a risk. By their nature, dry bulk cargoes are often heavy, dense and easily shifted, and react badly to water exposure. In addition, dry bulk vessels 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 dry bulk vessel. Dry bulk vessels damaged due to treatment during unloading procedures may be more susceptible to a breach at sea. Hull breaches in dry bulk vessels may lead to the flooding of their holds. If flooding occurs in the forward holds, the bulk cargo may become so waterlogged that the vessel's bulkheads may buckle under the resulting pressure leading to the loss of the dry bulk vessel. These risks may also impact the risk of loss of life or harm to our crew.

If we are unable to adequately maintain or safeguard our vessels, we may be unable to prevent these events. Any of these circumstances or events could negatively impact our business, financial condition or operating results. In addition, the loss of any of our vessels could harm our crew and our reputation as a safe and reliable vessel owner and operator.

If our vessels call on ports located in countries or territories that are the subject of sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government, the European Union, the United Nations, or other governmental authorities, it could lead to monetary fines or penalties and may adversely affect our reputation and the market for our securities.

We have not engaged in shipping activities in countries or territories or with government-controlled entities in 2022 and up to the date of this annual report in violation of any applicable sanctions or embargoes imposed by the U.S. government, the EU, the United Nations or other applicable governmental authorities. Our contracts with our charterers may prohibit them from causing our vessels to call on ports located in sanctioned countries or territories or carrying cargo for entities that are the subject of sanctions. Although our charterers may, in certain causes, control the operation of our vessels, we have monitoring processes in place reasonably designed to ensure our compliance with applicable economic sanctions and embargo laws. Nevertheless, it remains possible that our charterers may cause our vessels to trade in violation of sanctions provisions without our consent. If such activities result in a violation of applicable sanctions or embargo laws, we could be subject to monetary fines, penalties, or other sanctions, and our reputation and the market for our common shares could be adversely affected.

The applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations of these different jurisdictions vary in their application and do not all apply to the same covered persons or proscribe the same activities. In addition, the sanctions and embargo laws and regulations of each jurisdiction may be amended to increase or reduce the restrictions they impose over time, and the lists of persons and entities designated under these laws and regulations are amended frequently. Moreover, most sanctions regimes provide that entities owned or controlled by the persons or entities designated in such lists are also subject to sanctions. The U.S. and EU have enacted new sanctions programs in recent years. Additional countries or territories, as well as additional persons or entities within or affiliated with those countries or territories, have, and in the future will, become the target of sanctions. These require us to be diligent in ensuring our compliance with sanctions laws. Further, the U.S. has increased its focus on sanctions enforcement with respect to the shipping sector. Current or future counterparties of ours may be affiliated with persons or entities that are or may be in the future the subject of sanctions or embargoes imposed by the United States, EU, and/or other international bodies. If we determine that such sanctions require us to terminate existing or future contracts to which we, or our subsidiaries, are party or if we are found to be in violation of such applicable sanctions, our operating results may be adversely affected, or we may suffer reputational harm.

As a result of Russia's actions in Ukraine, the U.S., EU and United Kingdom, together with numerous other countries and self-sanctioning, have imposed significant sanctions on persons and entities associated with Russia and Belarus, as well as comprehensive sanctions on certain areas within the Donbas region of Ukraine, and such sanctions apply to entities owned or controlled by such designated persons or entities. These sanctions adversely affect our ability to operate in the region and also restrict parties whose cargo we may carry.

Although we believe that we have been in compliance with all applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations in 2022 and up to the date of this annual report, and intend to maintain such compliance, there can be no assurance that we or our charterers 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, penalties or other sanctions that could severely impact our ability to access U.S. capital markets and conduct our business and could result in our reputation and the markets for our securities to be adversely affected and/or in some investors deciding, or being required, to divest their interest, or not to invest, in us. In addition, certain institutional investors may have investment policies or restrictions that prevent them from holding securities of companies that have contracts with countries or territories identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism. The determination by these investors not to invest in, or to divest from, our shares may adversely affect the price at which our shares trade. 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. In addition, our reputation and the market for our securities may be adversely affected if we engage in certain other activities, such as entering into charters with individuals or entities that are not controlled by the governments of countries or territories that are the subject of certain U.S. sanctions or embargo laws, or engaging in operations associated with those countries or territories pursuant to contracts with third parties that are unrelated to those countries or territories or entities controlled by their governments. Investor perception of the value of our common stock may be adversely affected by the consequences of war, the effects of terrorism, civil unrest and governmental actions in countries or territories that we operate in.

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 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, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Maritime claimants could arrest or attack one or more of our vessels, which could interrupt our business or have a negative effect on our cash flows.

Crew members, suppliers of goods and services to a vessel, shippers of cargo, lenders, and other parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against a vessel for unsatisfied debts, claims or damages. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lien holder may enforce its lien by “arresting” or “attaching” a vessel through judicial or foreclosure proceedings. The arrest or attachment of one or more of our vessels could interrupt the cash flow of the charterer and/or require us to pay a significant amount of money to have the arrest or attachment lifted, which would have an adverse effect on our cash flows.

In addition, in some jurisdictions, such as South Africa, under the “sister-ship” theory of liability, a claimant may arrest both the vessel that is subject to the claimant’s maritime lien and any “associated” vessel, which is any vessel owned or controlled by the same owner. Claimants could try to assert “sister-ship” liability against one vessel in our fleet for claims relating to another of our ships. Under most of our present charters, if the vessel is arrested or detained as a result of a claim against us, we may be in default of our charter and the charterer may terminate the charter upon the passage of a period specified in the charter agreement, which will negatively impact our revenues and cash flows.

We conduct business in China, where the legal system is not fully developed and has inherent uncertainties that could limit the legal protections available to us.

Some of our vessels may be chartered to Chinese customers and from time to time on our charterers’ instructions, our vessels may call on Chinese ports. Such charters may be subject to regulations in China that may require us to incur new or additional compliance or other administrative costs and may require that we pay to the Chinese government new taxes or other fees. Applicable laws and regulations in China may not be well publicized and may not be known to us or to our charterers in advance of us or our charterers becoming subject to them, and the implementation of such laws and regulations may be inconsistent. Changes in Chinese laws and regulations, including with regards to tax matters, or changes in their implementation by local authorities could affect our vessels if chartered to Chinese customers as well as our vessels calling to Chinese ports and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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

A government could requisition one or more of our vessels for title or for hire. Requisition for title occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and becomes her owner, while requisition for hire occurs when a government takes control of a vessel and effectively becomes her charterer at dictated charter rates. Generally, requisitions occur during periods of war or emergency, although governments may elect to requisition vessels in other circumstances. Although we would be entitled to compensation in the event of a requisition of one or more of our vessels, the amount and timing of payment would be uncertain. Government requisition of one or more of our vessels may negatively impact our revenues and reduce the amount of cash we may have available for distribution as dividends to our shareholders, if any such dividends are declared.

Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act could result in fines, criminal penalties and an adverse effect on our business.

We may operate in a number of countries throughout the world, including countries suspected to have a risk of corruption. We are committed to doing business in accordance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have adopted measures designed to ensure compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended (the “FCPA”). We are subject, however, to the risk that we, our affiliated entities or our or their respective officers, directors, employees and agents may take actions determined to be in violation of such anti-corruption laws, including the FCPA. Any such violation could result in substantial fines, sanctions, civil and/or criminal penalties, curtailment of operations in certain jurisdictions, and might adversely affect our business, earnings or financial condition. In addition, actual or alleged violations could damage our reputation and ability to do business. Furthermore, detecting, investigating, and resolving actual or alleged violations is expensive and can consume significant time and attention of our senior management.

Changing laws and evolving reporting requirements could have an adverse effect on our business.

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to reporting requirements, including the European Union General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, may create additional compliance requirements for us. GDPR broadens the scope of personal privacy laws to protect the rights of European Union citizens and requires organizations to report on data breaches within 72 hours and be bound by more stringent rules for obtaining the consent of individuals on how their data can be used. GDPR has become enforceable on May 25, 2018 and non-compliance may expose entities to significant fines or other regulatory claims which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operations.

Risks Relating to our Company

A decline in the market values of our vessels could limit our ability to borrow funds in the future, trigger breaches of certain financial covenants contained in any future borrowing facilities we may enter into, and/or result in impairment charges or losses on sale.

The market values of our vessels, have generally experienced high volatility in recent years. While the market values of vessels and the dry bulk charter market have a very close relationship as the charter market moves from trough to peak, the time lag between the effect of charter rates on market values of ships can vary, and sometimes, values can be to a greater or lesser extent affected by the respective move in charter rates.

The market values of our vessels fluctuate depending on a number of factors, including:

1. the prevailing level of charter rates;
2. general economic and market conditions affecting the shipping industry;
3. competition from other shipping companies and other modes of transportation;
4. the types, sizes and ages of vessels;
5. the supply of and demand for vessels;

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6. applicable governmental or other regulations;
7. technological advances;
8. the need to upgrade vessels as a result of charterer requirements, technological advances in vessel design or equipment or otherwise; and
9. the cost of newbuildings.

The market values of our vessels are at low levels compared to historical averages and if the market values of our vessels were to decline further, we may not be able to comply with certain covenants contained in any future loan facilities we enter into and we may not be able to incur debt on terms that are acceptable to us or at all or to refinance any debt we may have in the future.

Furthermore, if we sell any of our owned vessels at a time when prices are depressed, our business, operating results, cash flow and financial condition could be adversely affected. Moreover, if we sell a vessel at a time when vessel prices have fallen and before we have recorded an impairment adjustment to our financial statements, the sale may be at less than the vessel's carrying amount in our financial statements, resulting in a loss and a reduction in earnings. In addition, if vessel values persist or decline further, we may have to record an impairment adjustment in our financial statements which could adversely affect our financial results.

We charter our vessels on short-term time charters in a volatile shipping industry and a decline in charter hire rates could affect our results of operations and our ability to pay dividends.

Although significant exposure to short-term time charters is not unusual in the dry bulk shipping industry, the short-term time charter market is highly competitive and spot market charter hire rates (which affect time charter rates) may fluctuate significantly based upon available charters and the supply of, and demand for, seaborne shipping capacity. While the short-term time charter market may enable us to benefit in periods of increasing charter hire rates, we must consistently renew our charters and this dependence makes us vulnerable to declining charter rates. As a result of the volatility in the dry bulk carrier charter market, we may not be able to employ our vessels upon the termination of their existing charters at their current charter hire rates or at all. The dry bulk carrier charter market is volatile, and in the recent past, short-term time charter and spot market charter rates for some dry bulk carriers declined below the operating costs of those vessels before rising. We cannot assure you that future charter hire rates will enable us to operate our vessels profitably, or to pay dividends, if and when declared.

We may not be able to execute our growth strategy and we may not realize the benefits we expect from past acquisitions or future acquisitions or other strategic transactions.

As our business grows, we intend to acquire additional vessels from related or unaffiliated parties. Our future growth will primarily depend upon a number of factors, some of which may not be within our control. These factors include our ability to:

- identify suitable vessels and/or shipping companies for acquisitions at attractive prices;
- realize anticipated benefits, such as new customer relationships, cost-savings or cash flow enhancements from past acquisitions;
- obtain required financing for our existing and new operations;
- integrate any acquired vessels, assets or businesses successfully with our existing operations, including obtaining any approvals and qualifications necessary to operate vessels that we acquire;
- ensure, either directly or through our managers, that an adequate supply of qualified personnel and crew are available to manage and operate our growing business and fleet;
- improve our operating, financial and accounting systems and controls; and

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- cope with competition from other companies, many of which have significantly greater financial resources than we do, and may reduce our acquisition opportunities or cause us to pay higher prices.

Our failure to effectively identify, acquire, develop and integrate any vessels could adversely affect our business, financial condition, investor sentiment and operating results. Finally, acquisitions may require additional equity issuances, which may dilute our common shareholders if issued at lower prices than the price they acquired their shares, or debt issuances (with amortization payments), both of which could lower our available cash. If any such events occur, our financial condition may be adversely affected.

We operate secondhand vessels with an age above the industry average which may lead to increased technical problems for our vessels, higher operating expenses, affect our ability to finance and profitably charter our vessels, to comply with environmental standards and future maritime regulations and result in a more rapid deterioration in our vessels' market and book values.

Our current fleet consists only of secondhand vessels. While we have inspected our vessels and we intend to inspect any potential future vessel acquisition, this does not provide us with the same knowledge about its condition that we would have had if the vessel had been built for and operated exclusively by us. Generally, purchasers of secondhand vessels do not receive the benefit of warranties from the builders for the secondhand vessels that they acquire.

Our fleet consists of five vessels in operation, having a combined carrying capacity of 572,599 dwt and a weighted average age of 18.0 years as of the date of this annual report. In general, the cost of maintaining a vessel in good operating condition and operating it increases with the age of the vessel, because, amongst other things:

- as our vessels age, typically, they become less fuel-efficient and more costly to maintain than more recently constructed vessels due to improvements in design, engineering, technology and due to increased maintenance requirements;
- cargo insurance rates increase with the age of a vessel, making our vessels more expensive to operate;
- governmental regulations, environmental and safety or other equipment standards related to the age of vessels may also require expenditures for alterations or the addition of new equipment to our vessels and may restrict the type of activities in which our vessels may engage.

Charterers may also have age restrictions on the vessels they charter and in the past, have actively discriminated against chartering older vessels, which may result to a lower utilization of our vessels resulting to lower revenues. Our charterers have a high and increasing focus on quality and compliance standards with their suppliers across the entire supply chain, including the shipping and transportation segment. Our continued compliance with these standards and quality requirements is vital for our operations. The charter rates and the value and operational life of a vessel are determined by a number of factors including the vessel's efficiency, operational flexibility and physical life. Efficiency includes speed, fuel economy and the ability to load and discharge cargo quickly. Flexibility includes the ability to enter harbors, operate in extreme climates, utilize related shipyards and pass-through canals and straits. The length of a vessel's physical life is related to its original design and construction, its maintenance and the impact of the stress of operations.

Due to the age of our fleet, we may not be able to obtain external financing at all or at reasonable terms as our vessels may be seen as less valuable collateral.

We face competition from companies with more modern vessels with more fuel-efficient designs than our vessels ("eco-vessels"). If new vessels are built that are more efficient or more flexible or have longer physical lives than even the current eco-vessels, competition from the current eco-vessels and any more technologically advanced vessels could adversely affect the amount of charter payments we receive for our vessels once their charters expire and the resale value of our vessels could significantly decrease.

We cannot assure you that, as our vessels age, market conditions will justify expenditures to maintain or update our vessels or enable us to operate our vessels profitably during the remainder of their useful lives or that we will be able to finance the acquisition of new vessels at the time that we retire or sell our aging vessels. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

We and certain of our principal officers and directors have affiliations with Diana Shipping Inc. (“Diana Shipping”), Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. (“Steamship”) and Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited (“DWM”) that could create conflicts of interest detrimental to us.

Certain of our principal officers and directors are also principals, officers and employees of Diana Shipping, Steamship and DWM. These responsibilities and relationships could create conflicts of interest between us and Diana Shipping, Steamship or DWM. Conflicts may also arise in connection with the chartering, purchase, sale and operations of the vessels in our fleet versus other vessels that are or may be managed in the future by Steamship or DWM and that are owned by Diana Shipping. While we have entered into a non-competition agreement with Diana Shipping, we cannot assure you that such agreement will successfully address all potential conflicts of interest that arise or that all conflicts will be resolved in our favor. Circumstances in any of these instances may make one decision advantageous to us but detrimental to Diana Shipping, Steamship or DWM, and vice versa.

Companies affiliated with Diana Shipping or Steamship or with our officers and directors, may acquire vessels that compete with our fleet.

Diana Shipping and other entities affiliated with Diana Shipping, or with our officers and directors, own dry bulk vessels and may acquire additional dry bulk vessels in the future. These vessels could be in competition with our fleet, and other companies affiliated with Diana Shipping or Steamship might be faced with conflicts of interest with respect to their own interests and their obligations to us. We cannot assure you that such conflicts will be resolved in our favor.

Certain of our officers and directors participate in business activities not associated with us, and do not devote all of their time to our business, which may create conflicts of interest and hinder our ability to operate successfully.

Our officers and directors have fiduciary duties to manage our business in a manner beneficial to us and our shareholders. However, our Chairperson and Director, Mrs. Semiramis Paliou, also serves as Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Diana Shipping; our Director, Mr. Eleftherios Paratrifon, also serves as a Director of Diana Shipping; and our Director, President, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, Mr. Ioannis Zafirakis, also serves as Chief Strategy Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and a Director of Diana Shipping. Mrs. Paliou, Mr. Papatrifon and Mr. Zafirakis also serve on our Executive Committee. As a result, Mrs. Paliou, Mr. Papatrifon and Mr. Zafirakis have fiduciary duties to manage the business of Diana Shipping and its affiliates in a manner beneficial to such entities and their shareholders. Consequently, they may encounter situations in which their fiduciary obligations to Diana Shipping and us are in conflict. We use our best efforts to cause compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in addressing such conflicts of interest. Our executive officers participate in business activities not associated with us and are not required to work full-time on our affairs. Our executive officers may devote less time to us than if they were not engaged in other business activities and may owe fiduciary duties to the shareholders of other companies with which they may be affiliated, including Diana Shipping. Their other business activities may create conflicts of interest in matters involving or affecting us and our customers and it is not certain that any of these conflicts of interest will be resolved in our favor. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We depend entirely on DWM and Steamship to provide the management of our fleet. The termination of our arrangements with DWM or Steamship, or DWM’s or Steamship’s failure to perform their obligations under our management agreements with them, may temporarily adversely affect our operations.

Our operational success and ability to execute our growth strategy will depend significantly upon the satisfactory and continued performance of these services by our managers, as well as their reputations. DWM or Steamship may fail to perform their obligations to us or may terminate their management agreement with us other than in accordance with the terms of our management agreements with them, either of which could adversely affect our operations during the process of identifying a replacement for DWM or Steamship (as applicable) and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of our operations.

Rising crew costs could adversely affect our results of operations.

Due to an increase in the size of the global shipping fleet, the limited supply of and increased demand for crew has created upward pressure on crew costs. Continued higher crew costs or further increases in crew costs could adversely affect our results of operations.

A cyber-attack could materially disrupt our business.

We rely on information technology systems and networks in our operations and administration of our business. Information systems are vulnerable to security breaches by computer hackers and cyber terrorists. We rely on industry accepted security measures and technology to securely maintain confidential and proprietary information maintained on our information systems. However, these measures and technology may not adequately prevent security breaches. Our business operations could be targeted by individuals or groups seeking to sabotage or disrupt our information technology systems and networks, or to steal data. A successful cyber-attack could materially disrupt our operations, including the safety of our operations, or lead to unauthorized release of information or alteration of information in our systems. Any such attack or other breach of our information technology systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. In addition, the unavailability of the information systems or the failure of these systems to perform as anticipated for any reason could disrupt our business and could result in decreased performance and increased operating costs, causing our business and results of operations to suffer. Any significant interruption or failure of our information systems or any significant breach of security could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Additionally, due to Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, we may be subject to elevated cybersecurity risk. Moreover, cyberattacks against the Ukrainian government and other countries in the region have been reported in connection with the aforementioned invasion. To the extent such attacks have collateral effects on global critical infrastructure or financial institutions, such developments could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. At this time, it is difficult to assess the likelihood of such threat and any potential impact.

Climate change and greenhouse gas restrictions may adversely impact our operations and markets.

Due to concern over the risk of climate change, a number of countries and the IMO have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, regulatory frameworks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These regulatory measures may include, among others, adoption of cap and trade regimes, carbon taxes, increased efficiency standards and incentives or mandates for renewable energy. More specifically, on October 27, 2016, the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee ("MEPC") announced its decision concerning the implementation of regulations mandating a reduction in sulfur emissions from 3.5% currently to 0.5% as of the beginning of January 1, 2020. Additionally, 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.

Since January 1, 2020, ships have to either remove sulfur from emissions or buy fuel with low sulfur content, which may lead to increased costs and supplementary investments for ship owners. The interpretation of "fuel oil used on board" includes use in main engine, auxiliary engines and boilers. Shipowners may comply with this regulation by (i) using 0.5% sulfur fuels on board, which are available around the world but at a higher cost; (ii) installing scrubbers for cleaning of the exhaust gas; or (iii) by retrofitting vessels to be powered by liquefied natural gas, which may not be a viable option due to the lack of supply network and high costs involved in this process. Costs of compliance with these regulatory changes may be significant and may have a material adverse effect on our future performance, results of operations, cash flows and financial position. In order to comply with the sulfur cap regulation issued on January 1, 2020 related to the control of sulfur in the emissions, our vessels are currently using very low sulfur fuel oil with less than 0.5% sulfur.

In addition, although the emissions of greenhouse gases from international shipping currently are not subject to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which required adopting countries to implement national programs to reduce emissions of certain gases, or the Paris Agreement (discussed further below), a new treaty may be adopted in the future that includes restrictions on shipping emissions. Compliance with changes in laws, regulations and obligations relating to climate change could increase our costs related to operating and maintaining our vessels and require us to install new emission controls, acquire allowances or pay taxes related to our greenhouse gas emissions or administer and manage a greenhouse gas emissions program. Revenue generation and strategic growth opportunities may also be adversely affected.

Increasing scrutiny and changing expectations from investors, lenders and other market participants with respect to our Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) policies may impose additional costs on us or expose us to additional risks.

Companies across all industries are facing increasing scrutiny relating to their ESG policies. Investor advocacy groups, certain institutional investors, investment funds, lenders and other market participants are increasingly focused on ESG practices and in recent years have placed increasing importance on the implications and social cost of their investments. The increased focus and activism related to ESG and similar matters may hinder access to capital, as investors and lenders may decide to reallocate capital or to not commit capital as a result of their assessment of a company’s ESG practices. Companies which do not adapt to or comply with investor, lender or other industry shareholder expectations and standards, which are evolving, or which are perceived to have not responded appropriately to the growing concern for ESG issues, regardless of whether there is a legal requirement to do so, may suffer from reputational damage and the business, financial condition, and/or stock price of such a company could be materially and adversely affected.

We may face increasing pressures from investors, lenders and other market participants, who are increasingly focused on climate change, to prioritize sustainable energy practices, reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainability. As a result, we may be required to implement more stringent ESG procedures or standards so that our existing and future investors and lenders remain invested in us and make further investments in us. If we do not meet these standards, our business and/or our ability to access capital could be harmed.

Additionally, certain investors and lenders may exclude companies, such as us, from their investing portfolios altogether due to environmental, social and governance factors. These limitations in both the debt and equity capital markets may affect our ability to grow as our plans for growth may include accessing the equity and debt capital markets. If those markets are unavailable, or if we are unable to access alternative means of financing on acceptable terms, or at all, we may be unable to implement our business strategy, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations and impair our ability to service our then indebtedness, if any. Further, it is likely that we will incur additional costs and require additional resources to monitor, report and comply with wide ranging ESG requirements. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board inspection of our independent accounting firm could lead to findings in our auditors’ reports and challenge the accuracy of our published audited consolidated financial statements.

Auditors of U.S. public companies are required by law to undergo periodic Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, inspections that assess their compliance with U.S. law and professional standards in connection with performance of audits of financial statements filed with the SEC. For several years certain European Union countries, including Greece, did not permit the PCAOB to conduct inspections of accounting firms established and operating in such European Union countries, even if they were part of major international firms. Accordingly, unlike for most U.S. public companies, the PCAOB was prevented from evaluating our auditor’s performance of audits and its quality control procedures, and, unlike stockholders of most U.S. public companies, we and our stockholders were deprived of the possible benefits of such inspections. Since 2015, Greece has agreed to allow the PCAOB to conduct inspections of accounting firms operating in Greece. In the future, such PCAOB inspections could result in findings in our auditors’ quality control procedures, question the validity of the auditor’s reports on our published consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, and cast doubt upon the accuracy of our published audited financial statements.

Purchasing and operating secondhand vessels may result in increased operating costs and reduced operating days, which may adversely affect our earnings.

As part of our current business strategy to increase our fleet, we may build new or acquire secondhand vessels. While we rigorously inspect secondhand vessels prior to purchase, this does not provide us with the same knowledge about their condition and cost of any required (or anticipated) repairs 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 secondhand vessels prior to purchasing or chartering-in, or may incur costs to terminate a purchase agreement. Any such hidden defects or problems may require us to put a vessel into extensive repairs or drydock, which would reduce our average fleet utilization and increase our operating costs. If a hidden defect or problem is not detected, it may result in accidents or other incidents for which we may become liable to third parties.

In general, the costs to maintain a vessel in good operating condition increase with the age of the vessel. Older vessels are typically less fuel-efficient than more recently constructed vessels due to improvements in engine technology. Cargo insurance rates increase with the age of a vessel, making older vessels less desirable to charterers.

Furthermore, governmental regulations, safety or other equipment standards related to the age of vessels may require expenditures for alterations, or the addition of new equipment and may restrict the type of activities in which the vessel may engage. As our vessels age, market conditions may not justify those expenditures or enable us to operate our vessels profitably during the remainder of their useful lives.

We are subject to certain risks with respect to our counterparties on contracts, and failure of such counterparties to meet their obligations could cause us to suffer losses or otherwise adversely affect our business.

We have entered into, and may enter into in the future, various contracts, including, among other things, charter agreements, management agreements, shipbuilding contracts and credit facilities. Such agreements subject us to counterparty risks. The ability and willingness of each of our counterparties to perform its obligations under a contract with us will depend on a number of factors that are beyond our control and may include, among other things, general economic conditions, the condition of the maritime and offshore industries, the overall financial condition of the counterparty, charter rates received for specific types of vessels, and various expenses. For example, the combination of a reduction of cash flow resulting from a decline in world trade and the lack of availability of debt or equity financing may result in a significant reduction in the ability of our charterers to make payments to us. In addition, in depressed market conditions, our charterers and customers may no longer need a vessel that is then under charter or contract or may be able to obtain a comparable vessel at lower rates. As a result, charterers and customers may seek to renegotiate the terms of their existing charter agreements or avoid their obligations under those contracts. As a result, this may have a significant impact on our revenues due to our concentrated customer base, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Should a counterparty fail to honor its obligations under agreements with us, we could sustain significant losses, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In the highly competitive international shipping industry, we may not be able to compete for charters with new entrants or established companies with greater resources, and as a result, we may be unable to employ our vessels profitably.

The operation of dry bulk vessels and transportation of dry bulk cargoes is extremely competitive and fragmented. Competition for the transportation of dry bulk cargoes by sea is intense and depends on price, location, size, age, condition and the acceptability of the vessel and its operators to the charterers. Competition arises primarily from other vessel owners, some of whom have substantially greater resources than we do. Due in part to the highly fragmented market, competitors with greater resources than us could enter the dry bulk shipping industry and operate larger fleets through consolidations or acquisitions and may be able to offer lower charter rates and higher quality vessels than we are able to offer. If we are unable to successfully compete with other dry bulk shipping companies, our results of operations may be adversely impacted.

We may be unable to retain and recruit qualified key executives, key employees or key consultants, may delay our development efforts or otherwise harm our business.

Our future development and prospects depend to a large degree on the experience, performance and continued service of our senior management team. Retention of these services or the identification of suitable replacements in case of future vacancies cannot be guaranteed. There can be no guarantee that the services of the current directors and senior management team will be retained, or that suitably skilled and qualified individuals can be identified and employed, which may adversely impact our ability to commercial and financial performance. The loss of the services of any of the directors or other members of the senior management team and the costs of recruiting replacements may have a material adverse effect on our commercial and financial performance as well. If we are unable to hire, train and retain such personnel in a timely manner, our operations could be delayed and our ability to grow our business will be impaired and the delay and inability may have a detrimental effect upon our performance.

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

Our success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities and efforts of our management team, our ability to retain key members of our management team and to hire new members as may be necessary. The loss of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business prospects and financial condition. Difficulty in hiring and retaining replacement personnel could have a similar effect. We do not currently, nor do we intend to, maintain “key man” life insurance on any of our officers or other members of our management team.

Technological innovation and quality and efficiency requirements from our customers could reduce our charter income and the value of our vessels.

Our customers have a high and increasing focus on quality and compliance standards with their suppliers across the entire supply chain, including the shipping and transportation segment. Our continued compliance with these standards and quality requirements is vital for our operations. The charter rates and the value and operational life of a vessel are determined by a number of factors including the vessel’s efficiency, operational flexibility and physical life. Efficiency includes speed, fuel economy and the ability to load and discharge cargo quickly. Flexibility includes the ability to enter harbors, utilize related shipyards and pass through canals and straits. The length of a vessel’s physical life is related to its original design and construction, its maintenance and the impact of the stress of operations. We face competition from companies with more modern vessels having more fuel efficient designs than our vessels, or eco vessels, and if new dry bulk vessels are built that are more efficient or more flexible or have longer physical lives than the current eco vessels, competition from the current eco vessels and any more technologically advanced vessels could adversely affect the amount of charter payments we receive for our vessels and the resale value of our vessels could significantly decrease. Similarly, technologically advanced vessels are needed to comply with environmental laws, the investment in which, along with the foregoing, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, charter hire payments and resale value of vessels. This could have an adverse effect on our results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay dividends, if and when declared.

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

We procure insurance for our fleet against risks commonly insured against by vessel owners and operators. Our current insurance includes hull and machinery insurance, war risk insurance, protection and indemnity insurance (which includes environmental damage and pollution insurance) and freight, demurrage and defense insurance. We can give no assurance that we are adequately insured against all risks or that our insurers will pay a particular claim. Even if our insurance coverage is adequate to cover our losses, we may not be able to timely obtain a replacement vessel in the event of a total loss. Furthermore, in the future, we may not be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates for our fleet. We may also be subject to calls, or premiums, in amounts based not only on our own claim records but also the claim records of all other members of the protection and indemnity associations through which we receive indemnity insurance coverage for tort liability. Our insurance policies also contain deductibles, limitations and exclusions which, although we believe are standard in the shipping industry, may nevertheless increase our costs.

We are exposed to U.S. dollar and foreign currency fluctuations and devaluations that could harm our reported revenue and results of operations.

We generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars and most of our expenses are in U.S. dollars. Although our expenses are not significantly affected by fluctuations in exchange rates, they may be affected in the future and this could affect the amount of net income that we report in future periods. While we historically have not mitigated the risk associated with exchange rate fluctuations through the use of financial derivatives, we may employ such instruments from time to time in the future in order to minimize any such risk. Our use of financial derivatives would involve certain risks, including the risk that losses on a hedged position could exceed the nominal amount invested in the instrument and the risk that the counterparty to the derivative transaction may be unable or unwilling to satisfy its contractual obligations, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We may be exposed to volatility in the USD London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, and the potential discontinuance of LIBOR beyond 2023, which could, while limited, affect our future profitability, earnings and cash flow.

As certain of our future financing arrangements may have floating interest rates, typically based on LIBOR, movements in interest rates could negatively affect our financial performance in the future. The publication of U.S. Dollar LIBOR for the one-week and two-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR tenors ceased on December 31, 2021, and the ICE Benchmark Administration (“IBA”), the administrator of LIBOR, with the support of the United States Federal Reserve and the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority, announced the publication of all other U.S. Dollar LIBOR tenors will cease on June 30, 2023. The United States Federal Reserve concurrently issued a statement advising banks to cease issuing U.S. Dollar LIBOR instruments after 2021. As such, any new loan agreements we enter into will not use LIBOR as an interest rate after June 2023.

In order to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations under LIBOR, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or “SOFR”, or any other alternative rate, we may from time-to-time use interest rate derivatives to effectively fix an amount of any floating rate debt obligations we may have in the future. No assurance can however be given that the use of these derivative instruments, if any, may effectively protect us from adverse interest rate movements. The use of interest rate derivatives may affect our results through mark to market valuation of these derivatives. Also, adverse movements in interest rate derivatives may require us to post cash as collateral, which may impact our free cash position. Interest rate derivatives may also be impacted by the transition from LIBOR to SOFR or other alternative rates.

We depend upon a few significant customers for a large part of our revenues and the loss of one or more of these customers could adversely affect our operating results and financial performance.

Historically, a small number of charterers have accounted for a significant part of our revenues. Indicatively, for both the year ended December 31, 2022 and the period from April 15, 2021 (inception date) through December 31, 2021, we derived 57% and 93%, respectively, of our consolidated operating revenues from four and three charterers. Our charters may be terminated early due to certain events, such as a client's failure to make payments to us because of financial inability, disagreements with us or otherwise. The ability of each of our counterparties to perform their obligations under a charter with us depends on a number of factors that are beyond our control and may include, among other things, general economic conditions, the condition of the shipping industry, prevailing prices for the commodities and products which we transport and the overall financial condition of the counterparty. Should a counterparty fail to honor its obligations under an agreement with us, we may be unable to realize revenue under that charter and could sustain losses. In addition, if we lose an existing client, it may be difficult for us to promptly replace the revenue we derived from that counterparty. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and operating results.

We are an “emerging growth company” and we cannot be certain that the reduced disclosure and other requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will not make our common shares less attractive to investors.

We are an emerging growth company, as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (“JOBS Act”), and we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. We cannot predict if investors will find our common shares less attractive because we may rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common shares less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common shares and our share price may be more volatile.

In addition, under the JOBS Act, our independent registered public accounting firm will not be required to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“Sarbanes-Oxley”) for so long as we are an emerging growth company.

For as long as we take advantage of the reduced reporting obligations, the information that we provide our shareholders may be different from information provided by other public companies. We are choosing to “opt out” of the extended transition period relating to the exemption from new or revised financial accounting standards and as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth public companies. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that our decision to opt out of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards is irrevocable.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of: (i) the last day of the first fiscal year in which our annual gross revenue exceeds \$1.235 billion; (ii) the last day of the fiscal year during which the fifth anniversary of the date of the IPO occurs; (iii) the date that we become a “large accelerated filer” as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our common stock that are held by nonaffiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter; or (iv) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt securities during any three-year period. Once we lose emerging growth company status, we expect the costs and demands placed upon our management to increase, as we will be required to comply with additional disclosure and accounting requirements. In addition, management time and attention, as well as the engagement of our auditors and/or other consultants, will be required in order for us to prepare to comply with the increased disclosure and accounting standards required of companies who are not emerging growth companies, most notably compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related auditor attestation requirements.

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.

We are a holding company and our subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and own all of our operating assets. We have no significant assets other than the equity interests in our subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to satisfy our obligations depends on our subsidiaries and their ability to distribute funds to us. If we are unable to obtain funds from our subsidiaries, we may not be able to satisfy our obligations.

Because we are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, it may be difficult to serve us with legal process or enforce judgments against us, our directors or our management.

We are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, and substantially all of our assets are located outside of the United States. In addition, the majority of our directors and officers are non-residents of the United States, and all or a substantial portion of the assets of these non-residents are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for someone to bring an action against us or against these individuals in the United States if they believe that their rights have been infringed under securities laws or otherwise. Even if you are successful in bringing an action of this kind, the laws of the Marshall Islands and of other jurisdictions may prevent or restrict them from enforcing a judgment against our assets or the assets of our directors or officers.

The international nature of our operations may make the outcome of any bankruptcy proceedings difficult to predict.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and we conduct operations in countries around the world. Consequently, in the event of any bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding involving us or any of our subsidiaries, bankruptcy laws other than those of the United States could apply. If we become a debtor under U.S. bankruptcy law, bankruptcy courts in the United States may seek to assert jurisdiction over all of our assets, wherever located, including property situated in other countries. There can be no assurance, however, that we would become a debtor in the United States, or that a U.S. bankruptcy court would be entitled to, or accept, jurisdiction over such a bankruptcy case, or that courts in other countries that have jurisdiction over us and our operations would recognize a U.S. bankruptcy court’s jurisdiction if any other bankruptcy court would determine it had jurisdiction.

If we expand our business further, we may need to improve our operating and financial systems and will need to recruit suitable employees and crew for our vessels.

Our current operating and financial systems may not be adequate if we further expand the size of our fleet and our attempts to improve those systems may be ineffective. In addition, if we expand our fleet further, we will need to recruit suitable additional seafarers and management personnel. While we have not experienced any difficulty in recruiting to date, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to continue to hire suitable employees if we expand our fleet. If we or our crewing agents encounter business or financial difficulties, we may not be able to adequately staff our vessels. If we are unable to grow our financial and operating systems or to recruit suitable employees should we determine to expand our fleet, our financial performance may be adversely affected, among other things.

We may be subject to United States federal income tax on United States source income, which may reduce our earnings.

Under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), 50% of the gross shipping income of a vessel owning or chartering corporation, such as ourselves and our subsidiaries, that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States may be subject to a 4% United States federal income tax without allowance for deduction, unless that corporation qualifies for exemption from tax under Section 883 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

It is expected that the Company qualified for this statutory tax exemption for the prior taxable period and we will take this position for United States federal income tax return reporting purposes. However, there are factual circumstances beyond our control that could cause us to lose the benefit of this tax exemption in the current or future taxable years and thereby become subject to United States federal income tax on our United States source income. For example, if shareholders with a five percent or greater interest in the Company’s stock were, in the aggregate, to own 50% or more of our outstanding common shares on more than half the days during the taxable year, we may not be able to qualify for exemption under Section 883. Due to the factual nature of the issues involved, we can give no assurances on our tax-exempt status or that of any of our subsidiaries.

If the Company is not entitled to exemption under Section 883 for any taxable year, the Company, as applicable, could be subject for those years to an effective 2% United States federal income tax on the shipping income such company derives during the year that is attributable to the transport or cargoes to or from the United States. The imposition of this taxation might have a negative effect on our business and would result in decreased earnings available for distribution to our shareholders. See “Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation” for a more comprehensive discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations.

United States tax authorities could treat the Company as a “passive foreign investment company,” which could have adverse United States federal income tax consequences to United States holders.

A foreign corporation will be treated as a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes if either (1) at least 75% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of “passive income” or (2) at least 50% of the average value of the corporation’s assets produce or are held for the production of those types of “passive income.” For purposes of these tests, “passive income” includes dividends, interest, and 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. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute “passive income.” United States shareholders of a PFIC are subject to a disadvantageous United States federal income tax regime with respect to the income derived by the PFIC, the distributions they receive from the PFIC and the gain, if any, they derive from the sale or other disposition of their shares in the PFIC. In addition, United States shareholders of a PFIC are required to file annual information returns with the United States Internal Revenue Service, or IRS.

Based on our method of operations, it is not expected that we will be a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. In this regard, it is expected that gross income derived or are deemed to have been derived from time chartering activities will be treated as services income, rather than rental income. Accordingly, it is expected that income from time chartering activities should not constitute “passive income,” and the assets that we own and operate in connection with the production of that income should not constitute passive assets.

There is substantial legal authority supporting this position consisting of case law and IRS pronouncements 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 authority which characterizes time charter income as rental income rather than services income for other tax purposes. Accordingly, in the absence of legal authority directly relating to PFIC rules, no assurance can be given that the IRS or a court of law will accept this position, and there is a risk that the IRS or a court of law could determine that we are a PFIC. Moreover, no assurance can be given that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if the nature and extent of our operations changed.

If the IRS were to find that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, our United States shareholders will face adverse United States federal income tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless those shareholders make an election available under the Code (which election could itself have adverse consequences for such shareholders, as discussed in the section of this annual report entitled “Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—United States Federal Income Taxation—Passive Foreign Investment Company Status and Significant Tax Consequences”), such shareholders would be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the then prevailing income tax rates on ordinary income plus interest upon excess distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our common shares, as if the excess distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the United States shareholder’s holding period of our common shares, as applicable.

Based on our current and expected composition and our respective subsidiaries’ assets and income, it is not anticipated that we will be treated as a PFIC. Actual PFIC status for any taxable year, however, will not be determinable until after the end of such taxable year. Accordingly, there can be no assurances regarding our status as a PFIC for the current taxable year or any future taxable year. See the discussion in ““Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—United States Federal Income Taxation— Passive Foreign Investment Company Status and Significant Tax Consequences.” U.S. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of the PFIC rules.

Our corporate governance practices are in compliance with, and are not prohibited by, the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and as such we are entitled to exemption from certain Nasdaq corporate governance standards. As a result, you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the Nasdaq corporate governance requirements.

Our corporate governance practices are in compliance with, and are not prohibited by, the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Therefore, we are exempt from some of Nasdaq’s corporate governance practices other than the requirements regarding the disclosure of a going concern audit opinion, submission of a listing agreement, notification of material non-compliance with Nasdaq corporate governance practices, and the establishment and composition of an audit committee and a formal written audit committee charter. For a list of the practices followed by us in lieu of Nasdaq’s corporate governance rules, we refer you to “Item 16G. Corporate Governance” in this annual report.

Risks Relating to our Common Stock

We cannot assure you that our board of directors will declare dividend payments in the future.

The declaration and payment of dividends, if any, will always be subject to the discretion of our board of directors. The timing and amount of any dividends declared will depend on, among other things, our earnings, financial condition and cash requirements and availability, our ability to obtain debt and equity financing on acceptable terms, or at all, as contemplated by our growth strategy, and the provisions of Marshall Islands law affecting the payment of dividends. In addition, other external factors, such as our lenders imposing restrictions on our ability to pay dividends under the terms of future loan facilities we may enter into, may limit our ability to pay dividends.

Our growth strategy contemplates that we will finance the acquisition of additional vessels through a combination of debt and equity financing on terms acceptable to us. If financing is not available to us on acceptable terms, our board of directors may determine to finance or refinance acquisitions with cash from operations, which could also reduce or even eliminate the amount of cash available for the payment of dividends.

Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends other than from surplus (retained earnings and the excess of consideration received for the sale of shares above the par value of the shares) or while a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend. We may not have sufficient surplus in the future to pay dividends. We can give no assurance that we will reinstate our dividends in the future or when such reinstatement might occur.

In addition, our ability to pay dividends to holders of our common shares will be subject to the rights of holders of our Series C Preferred Stock and our Series D Preferred Stock (and other preferred stock we have issued, or will issue in the future, with dividend rights), which in each case do or will rank prior to our common shares with respect to dividends, distributions and payments upon liquidation. No cash dividend may be paid on our common stock unless full cumulative dividends have been or contemporaneously are being paid or provided for on all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock (and other preferred stock we have issued, or will issue in the future, with dividend rights) for all prior and the then-ending dividend periods. Cumulative dividends on our shares of Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock accrue at a rate of 8.0% and 7.0% per annum, respectively, at a stated liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Series C and Series D Preferred Share and are payable in cash or, at our election, in kind, quarterly on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, or, if any such dividend payment date otherwise would fall on a date that is not a business day, the immediately succeeding business day.

If we do not have sufficient cash to pay dividends on our Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock when due, we may suffer adverse consequences.

Dividends to holders of our shares of Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock will be paid in cash or, at our election, in kind. If we do not have sufficient cash to pay dividends to holders of shares of Series C Preferred Stock and/or Series D Preferred Stock or otherwise elect to pay dividends on our Series C Preferred Stock and/or Series D Preferred Stock in kind, in the form of additional shares of common stock, then such issuance of additional shares of common stock will result in additional dividend payment obligations of the Company going forward. In addition, a failure to pay dividends on our Series C Preferred Stock and/or Series D Preferred Stock when due will adversely affect our ability to utilize shelf registration statements to sell our securities, which may be an important fund-raising avenue for us in the future. For more information on the terms of our preferred stock, please see Exhibit 2.13 to this annual report.

Shares of our Series D Preferred Stock are convertible into our Common Shares, which could have an adverse effect on the value of our Common Shares.

Shares of our Series D Preferred Stock are convertible, in whole or in part, at their holder's option, to shares of our common stock at any time. The conversion of our Series D Preferred Stock could result in dilution to our shareholders at the time of conversion. Accordingly, the existence of the Series D Preferred Stock and the ability of a holder to convert the shares of Series D Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock.

The market prices and trading volume of our shares of common stock has and may continue to experience rapid and substantial price volatility, which could cause purchasers of our common stock to incur substantial losses.

Recently, the market prices and trading volume of shares of common stock of other small publicly traded companies with a limited number of shares available to purchasers, have experienced rapid and substantial price volatility unrelated to the financial performance of those companies. Similarly, shares of our common stock have and may continue to experience similar rapid and substantial price volatility unrelated to our financial performance, which could cause purchasers of our common stock to incur substantial losses, which may be unpredictable and not bear any relationship to our business and financial performance. Extreme fluctuations in the market price of our common stock may occur in response to strong and atypical retail investor interest, including on social media and online forums, the direct access by retail investors to broadly available trading platforms, the amount and status of short interest in our common stock and our other securities, access to margin debt, trading in options and other derivatives on our shares of common stock and any related hedging and other trading factors:

If there is extreme market volatility and trading patterns in our common stock, it may create several risks for purchasers of our shares, including the following:

- the market price of our common stock may experience rapid and substantial increases or decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects, or macro or industry fundamentals;
- if our future market capitalization reflects trading dynamics unrelated to our financial performance or prospects, purchasers of our common stock could incur substantial losses as prices decline once the level of market volatility has abated;

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- if the future market price of our common stock declines, purchasers of shares of common stock may be unable to resell such shares at or above the price at which they acquired them. We cannot assure such purchasers that the market of our common stock will not fluctuate or decline significantly in the future, in which case investors could incur substantial losses.

Further, we may incur rapid and substantial increases or decreases in our common stock price in the foreseeable future that may not coincide in timing with the disclosure of news or developments by or affecting us. Accordingly, the market price of our common stock may fluctuate dramatically, and may decline rapidly, regardless of any developments in our business. Overall, there are various factors, many of which are beyond our control, that could negatively affect the market price of our common stock or result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our common stock, including:

- actual or anticipated variations in our annual or quarterly results of operations, including our earnings estimates and whether we meet market expectations with regard to our operating results;
- our ability to pay dividends or other distributions;
- publication of research reports by analysts or others about us or the shipping industry in which we operate which may be unfavorable, inaccurate, inconsistent or not disseminated on a regular basis;
- changes in market valuations of similar companies;
- market reaction to any additional equity, debt or other securities that we may issue in the future, and which may or may not dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- actions by institutional or significant stockholders;
- short interest in our common stock or our other securities and the market response to such short interest;
- the dramatic increase in the number of individual holders of our common stock and their participation in social media platforms targeted at speculative investing;
- speculation in the press or investment community about our company or industries in which we operate
- strategic actions by us or our competitors, such as acquisitions or other investments;
- legislative, administrative, regulatory or other actions affecting our business, our industry;
- investigations, proceedings, or litigation that involve or affect us;
- the occurrence of any of the other risk factors included in this annual report; and
- general market and economic conditions.

We may not be able to regain compliance with Nasdaq’s continued listing requirements which could limit your ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. On March 27, 2023, we received written notification from Nasdaq that because the closing bid price of our common stock for 32 consecutive business days was below the minimum \$1.00 per share bid price requirement for continued listing on Nasdaq, we were not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Pursuant to the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the applicable grace period to regain compliance is 180 days, or until September 25, 2023. We intend to monitor the closing bid price of our common stock during this period and, if necessary, will take steps necessary to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. If we fail to maintain compliance with all applicable continued listing requirements for Nasdaq and Nasdaq determines to delist our common stock, the delisting could adversely affect the market liquidity of our common stock, our ability to obtain financing to repay any debt and fund our operations. In addition, our ability to raise additional capital through equity or debt financing would be greatly impaired. A suspension or delisting may also breach the terms of certain of our material contracts. The Company was previously able to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement and plans to take the steps necessary to regain compliance once again. For additional information, please see “Item 4. Information on the Company — Recent Developments — Nasdaq Deficiency.”

We are incorporated in the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of corporate law, you may have more difficulty protecting your interests than shareholders of a U.S. corporation.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws and by the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, or the BCA. The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. However, there have been few judicial cases in the Marshall Islands interpreting the BCA. The rights and fiduciary responsibilities of directors under the laws 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 the United States. The rights of shareholders of the Marshall Islands may differ from the rights of shareholders of companies incorporated in the United States. While the BCA provides that it is to be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, there have been few, if any, court cases interpreting the BCA in the Marshall Islands and we cannot predict whether Marshall Islands courts would reach the same conclusions as U.S. courts. Thus, you may have more difficulty in protecting your 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 which has developed a relatively more substantial body of case law.

As a Marshall Islands corporation and with some of our subsidiaries being Marshall Islands entities and also having subsidiaries in other offshore jurisdictions, our operations may be subject to economic substance requirements, which could impact our business.

We are a Marshall Islands corporation and some of our subsidiaries are Marshall Islands entities. The Marshall Islands has enacted economic substance laws and regulations with which we may be obligated to comply. We believe that we and our subsidiaries are compliant with the Marshall Islands economic substance requirements. However, if there were a change in the requirements or interpretation thereof, or if there were an unexpected change to our operations, any such change could result in noncompliance with the economic substance legislation and related fines or other penalties, increased monitoring and audits, and dissolution of the non-compliant entity, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results.

EU Finance ministers rate jurisdictions for tax rates and tax transparency, governance and real economic activity. Countries that are viewed by such finance ministers as not adequately cooperating, including by not implementing sufficient standards in respect of the foregoing, may be put on a “grey list” or a “blacklist”. As of December 31, 2022, the Marshall Islands remained “white-listed” by the EU. However, on February 14, 2023, the Marshall Islands was placed by the EU on its list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, with the EU listing the Marshall Islands, among others, as “facilitating offshore structures and arrangements aimed at attracting profits without real economic substance.” At present, the impact of being included on the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes is unclear. Although we understand that the Marshall Islands is committed to full cooperation with the EU and expects to be moved back to the “white list” in October 2023, subject to review by the EU Council, there is no assurance that such a reclassification will occur.

If the Marshall Islands is not removed from the list and sanctions or other financial, tax or regulatory measures were applied by European Member States to countries on the list or further economic substance requirements were imposed by the Marshall Islands, our business could be harmed.

EU member states have agreed upon a set of measures, which they can choose to apply against grey- or blacklisted countries, including monitoring and audits, withholding taxes, special documentation requirements and anti-abuse provisions. The European Commission has stated it will continue to support member states' efforts to develop a more coordinated approach to sanctions for the listed countries. EU legislation prohibits EU funds from being channeled or transited through entities in countries on the blacklist. Other jurisdictions in which we operate could be put on the blacklist in the future.

Certain of our affiliates hold certain of our Preferred Shares that allow them to exert considerable influence over matters on which our shareholders are entitled to vote.

In connection with the contribution of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors to us by Diana Shipping, we issued 500,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock to Diana Shipping. These shares of Series B Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") vote with our common shares and each share of Series B Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to the right to cast a number of votes for all matters on which our shareholders are entitled to vote of up to 34% of the total number of votes entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote of our common shareholders, subject to certain limitations that prevent Diana Shipping from exercising more than 49% of the aggregate voting authority derived from any voting security then held by Diana Shipping on any matter put to shareholders. Through its beneficial ownership of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock, Diana Shipping is able to establish a quorum at any shareholder meeting. In addition, in connection with the contribution, Diana Shipping also received 10,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Stock"), which are convertible into common shares at Diana Shipping's option commencing upon the first anniversary of the original issue date (i.e. November 29, 2021), at a conversion price equal to the lesser of \$65.00 and the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. In addition, as of the date of this annual report, Diana Shipping holds 13,157 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock (the "Series D Preferred Stock"), which are convertible into common shares at Diana Shipping's option, subject to certain conditions, at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. While Diana Shipping has no agreement, arrangement or understanding relating to the voting of its shares of Series B Preferred Stock, it is able to influence the outcome of matters on which our shareholders are entitled to vote, including the election of directors and other significant corporate actions. In addition, an entity controlled by our Chairperson also has the ability to cause the vote of up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote of our common shareholders through the ownership of certain of our Series E Preferred Shares. For more information, please see "Item 4. Information on the Company — Recent Developments — Issuance of Series E Preferred Stock.". This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination. 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 shares. So long as Diana Shipping continues to have a significant financial interest on us, even though the amount is less than 50% of our voting power, it will continue to be able to exercise considerable influence over our decisions. The interests of Diana Shipping may be different from your interests.

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

Issuances or sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, may depress the market price for our common stock. These issuances and sales could also impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of our equity securities in the future.

As of March 28, 2023, we have i) outstanding Class A warrants under the January 2022 Offering (refer to discussion in section "Recent Developments" below) that may obligate us to issue up to an additional of 1,447,400 common shares, ii) outstanding Class B warrants that may obligate us to issue up to an additional of 15,000,000 common shares, iii) outstanding pre-funded warrants that may obligate us to issue up to an additional of 950,000 common shares, and iv) privately placed warrants that may obligate us to issue up to an additional of 15,000,000 common shares, all ii) through iv) under the Registered Direct Offering (refer to section "Recent Reporting Developments" below), or of 32,397,400 common shares in aggregate, upon the exercise of these warrants in full. In addition, we may issue additional shares of common stock upon the conversion of one or more series of our preferred shares and may issue additional securities in the future for any purpose and for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as we may determine appropriate or necessary, including in connection with equity awards, financings or other strategic transactions. In addition, our stockholders may elect to sell large numbers of shares held by them from time to time.

Our amended and restated articles of incorporation authorize us to issue up to 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 24,233,996 shares were issued and outstanding as of March 28, 2023. The number of shares of common stock available for sale in the public market will be limited by restrictions applicable under securities laws.

The market price of our common shares could also decline due to sales, or the announcements of proposed sales, of a large number of common shares by our large shareholders, or the perception that these sales could occur.

Anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents could make it difficult for our shareholders to replace or remove our current board of directors or have the effect of discouraging, delaying or preventing a merger or acquisition, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Several provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and bylaws could make it difficult for our shareholders to change the composition of our board of directors in any one year, preventing them from changing the composition of management. In addition, the same provisions may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that shareholders may consider favorable.

These provisions include:

- authorizing our board of directors to issue “blank check” preferred stock without shareholder approval;
- providing for a classified board of directors with staggered, three-year terms;
- prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors;
- authorizing the removal of directors only for cause and only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote for the directors;
- prohibiting shareholder action by written consent;
- limiting the persons who may call special meetings of shareholders; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by shareholders at shareholder meetings.

In addition, we have adopted a Stockholders Rights Agreement, pursuant to which our board of directors may cause the substantial dilution of any person that attempts to acquire us without the approval of our board of directors.

These anti-takeover provisions, including provisions of our Stockholders Rights Agreement, could substantially impede the ability of public shareholders to benefit from a change in control and, as a result, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and your ability to realize any potential change of control premium.

Item 4. Information on the Company

A. History and Development of the Company

OceanPal Inc. was incorporated by Diana Shipping (NYSE: DSX) under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on April 15, 2021 to serve as the holding company of the three former vessel owning subsidiaries that were contributed to us by Diana Shipping (the “OceanPal Inc. Predecessors”), together with \$1 million in working capital, in connection with the distribution by us of all of the 882,024 issued and outstanding common stock to Diana Shipping’s shareholders on November 29, 2021 (the “Spin-Off”). In connection with the Spin-Off, Diana Shipping received 500,000 shares of our Series B Preferred Stock and 10,000 shares of our 8.0% Series C Preferred Stock. Our common stock commenced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbol “OP” on November 30, 2021.

We and Diana Shipping are independent publicly traded companies with separate independent boards of directors. All references in this annual report to us for periods prior to the Spin-Off refer to the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors. Effective December 22, 2022, we effected a 1-for-10 reverse stock split on our common stock. All share and per share amounts disclosed herein, give effect to this reverse stock split retroactively, for all periods presented, unless indicated otherwise.

We are an independent provider of worldwide ocean-going transportation services. As of the date of this annual report, we own and operate five dry bulk carriers that transport major bulks such as iron ore, coal and grains, and minor bulks such as bauxite, phosphate and fertilizers with a total cargo carrying capacity of approximately 572,599 dwt. We intend to expand our fleet in the future and may acquire additional dry bulk carriers as well as vessels in other sectors based on our assessment of market conditions. We intend to acquire additional vessels principally in the secondhand market, including acquisitions from unrelated third parties, and we may also acquire additional vessels from Diana Shipping or other related parties, provided that such related party acquisitions are negotiated and conducted on an arms-length basis. Diana Shipping has granted us a right of first refusal over six identified dry bulk carriers owned by Diana Shipping on the Spin-Off date. As of the date of this annual report, three of the six identified vessels from Diana Shipping remain available for our purchase. Pursuant to this right of first refusal, we have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase one or all of the three identified vessels when and if Diana Shipping determines to sell the vessels at fair market value at the time of sale. See “Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions-B. Related Party Transactions.” We may also enter into newbuilding contracts to the extent that we believe they present attractive opportunities.

Our executive offices are located at Pendelis 26, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece. Our telephone number at this address is +30-210-9485-360. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC’s Internet site is <http://www.sec.gov>. Our internet address is <http://www.oceanpal.com>. None of the information contained on these websites is incorporated into or forms a part of this annual report.

Recent Developments

Nasdaq Deficiency

On March 8, 2022, we received a written notification from Nasdaq indicating that because the closing bid price of our common shares for the last 30 consecutive business days was below \$1.00 per share, we no longer met the minimum bid price requirement under Nasdaq rules. Pursuant to the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the applicable grace period to regain compliance is 180 days, or until September 5, 2022. On September 6, 2022, we were granted an additional 180-day period from the Nasdaq Stock Market, through March 6, 2023, to regain compliance with the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. On December 22, 2022, we effected a 1-for-10 reverse split of our common stock. The reverse stock split became effective and our common stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on the Nasdaq Capital Market at the opening of trading on December 22, 2022.

The reverse stock split was approved by our shareholders at our 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on April 5, 2022. The one-for ten ratio was approved by our Board on December 19, 2022. Our Board has the authority to effect one or more additional reverse stock splits on our issued shares of common stock, pursuant to the shareholder approval granted on April 5, 2022, each at a ratio of not less than one-for-two and not more than one-for-10 that, together with the reverse stock split effective December 22, 2022, result in the aggregate at a ratio of not more than one-for-40.

As a result of this reverse stock split, there was no change in the number of authorized shares or the par value of our common stock. As of January 6, 2023, our common stock has remained at \$1.00 per share or higher for ten consecutive days. As such, on January 9, 2023, the Company received a letter from The Nasdaq Capital Market confirming that it has regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement.

On March 27, 2023, we received written notification from Nasdaq that because the closing bid price of our common stock for 32 consecutive business days was below the minimum \$1.00 per share bid price requirement for continued listing on Nasdaq, we were not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Pursuant to the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the applicable grace period to regain compliance is 180 days, or until September 25, 2023. We intend to monitor the closing bid price of our common shares between now and September 25, 2023, and are considering our options in order to regain compliance with the Nasdaq Capital Market minimum bid price requirement. We can cure this deficiency if the closing bid price of our common stock is \$1.00 per share or higher for at least ten consecutive business days during the grace period.

Underwritten Public Offering (the “January 2022 Offering”)

On January 25, 2022, we closed an underwritten public offering of 15,571,429 units at a price of \$0.77 per unit, ten units consisting of one share of our common stock (or ten pre-funded warrants in lieu of one share of our common stock) and “ten Class A warrants” Class A warrant to purchase one share of our common stock. In addition, certain selling shareholders affiliated with us (the “Selling Shareholders”) sold an aggregate of 62,857 shares of common stock in the offering. Each of the 62,857 shares of common stock sold by the Selling Shareholders on the primary offering, was delivered to the underwriters with ten additional Class A warrants to purchase one share of common stock (sold by the Company), on a firm commitment basis. In addition, the underwriter for the offering fully-exercised its option to purchase an additional 114,857 common shares from the Selling Shareholders and 128,142 common shares, along with 2,430,000 Class A warrants from us to purchase 243,000 shares of common stock. Each of the 114,857 shares of common stock sold by the Selling Shareholders upon exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, was sold with ten Class A warrants (sold by the Company) to purchase one share of our common stock, on a firm commitment basis. As of March 28, 2023, all pre-funded warrants related to this offering have been exercised and Class A warrants to purchase 1,447,400 common shares remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$7.70 per share. The gross proceeds of the offering to us, before underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$16.19 million (including the exercise of the over-allotment option, the exercise of 4,156,000 Class A warrants to purchase 415,600 shares of common stock, and the exercise of all pre-funded warrants). We did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common shares by the Selling Shareholders and only received the proceeds for the class A warrants sold together with the Selling Shareholders’ shares of common stock. We refer to this offering as the “January 2022 Offering.”

Registered Direct Offering

On February 10, 2023, we issued 15,000,000 units with each Unit consisting of one share of common stock (or one pre-funded warrant in lieu of one share of our common stock) and one Class B Warrant. We also offered to each purchaser, with respect to the purchase of units that would otherwise result in the purchaser’s beneficial ownership exceeding 4.99% of our outstanding common stock immediately following the consummation of this offering, the opportunity to purchase one pre-funded warrant in lieu of one share of common stock. Each pre-funded warrant is exercisable for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. As of March 28, 2023, out of the 2,700,000 pre-funded warrants issued on the closing of the offering, 1,750,000 pre-funded warrants have been exercised and 950,000 pre-funded warrants remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, and Class B warrants to purchase 15,000,000 common shares remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. The gross proceeds of the offering to us, before deducting for placement agency fees and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$15.14 million, including the exercise of pre-funded warrants as of the date of this annual report. We refer to this offering as the “February 2023 Registered Direct Offering.” Also, on the same date, we sold to each purchaser of the units, unregistered privately placed warrants, to purchase up to an aggregate of 15,000,000 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. On February 23, 2023, we filed with the SEC a resale registration agreement in Form F-1 regarding the privately placed warrants which was declared effective on March 8, 2023. Pursuant to the terms of the privately placed warrants, the holders may elect to exercise such warrants on a cashless basis at the rate of 0.75 common share per warrant on or after the later of (i) March 8, 2023, (ii) March 24, 2023, and (iii) the date the aggregate cumulative trading volume of our common shares beginning on February 8, 2023 exceeds 60 million shares. We will not receive any proceeds from the exercise of the privately placed warrants on a cashless basis. As of March 28, 2023, no privately placed warrants have been exercised.

2021 Equity Incentive Plan

On March 23, 2022, we amended and restated our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan to, among other things, permit grants of shares of Series C Preferred Stock thereunder, in an aggregate amount of up to 10,000 shares.

On April 15, 2022 and March 7, 2023, our Board of Directors approved the award of 1,982 shares and 3,332 shares, respectively, of Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the “2021 Equity Incentive Plan”), as an annual incentive bonus. The fair value of each of the preferred stock awards under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, is determined based on independent third party valuations.

Dividend Declarations

On January 17, 2022, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) in the aggregate amount of \$0.1 million.

On March 18, 2022, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend on our common stock of \$0.5 per share for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2021. We had 2.98 million shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the record date (April 1, 2022). Holders of our Class A Warrants as of April 1, 2022 received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.5 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A Warrants. As of record date April 1, 2022, there were Class A Warrants exercisable for an aggregate of approximately 1,447,000 common shares. On April 11 and 13, 2022, we paid a dividend of \$1.49 million on common stock and of \$0.73 million on Class A warrants holders of record April 1, 2022, amounting to \$2.22 million in aggregate.

On April 14, 2022, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) in the aggregate amount of \$0.2 million.

On May 30, 2022, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend on our common stock of \$0.1 per share for the first quarter ended March 31, 2022. The cash dividend was paid to all common shareholders of record as of June 14, 2022. Holders of our Class A Warrants as of June 14, 2022 also received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.1 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A Warrants. On June 21, 2022, we paid a dividend of \$0.3 million on our common stock and of \$0.14 million on our Class A warrants holders of record June 14, 2022, amounting to \$0.44 million in aggregate.

On July 14, 2022, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) and on the 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non- executive directors on April 15, 2022 as part of the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, concerning the period from April 15, 2022 to July 14, 2022, inclusive, in the aggregate amount of \$0.24 million.

On July 27, 2022 our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend on our common stock of \$0.1 per share for the second quarter ended June 30, 2022. The cash dividend was paid to all common shareholders of record as of August 12, 2022. Holders of our Class A Warrants as of August 12, 2022 also received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.1 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A Warrants. On August 31, 2022, we paid a dividend of \$0.3 million on common stock and of \$0.14 million on Class A warrants holders of record June 14, 2022, amounting to \$0.44 million in aggregate.

On October 17, 2022, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) and on the 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non- executive directors on April 15, 2022 as part of the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, concerning the period from July 15, 2022 to October 14, 2022, inclusive, in the aggregate amount of \$0.24 million.

On October 17, 2022, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series D Preferred Stock (i.e. 25,000 shares) concerning the period from September 21, 2022 to October 14, 2022, inclusive, in the aggregate amount of \$0.12 million.

On January 17, 2023, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) and on the 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non- executive directors on April 15, 2022 as part of the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, concerning the period from October 15, 2022 to January 14, 2023, inclusive, in the aggregate amount of \$0.24 million.

On January 17, 2023, we paid a dividend on our then outstanding Series D Preferred Stock (i.e. 9,172 shares), concerning the period from October 15, 2022 to January 14, 2023, inclusive in the aggregate amount of \$0.16 million.

On March 27, 2023, our Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.27 million in aggregate, on i) our outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares) and ii) 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non-executive directors on April 15, 2022, for the period from January 15, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, and on iii) 3,332 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non-executive directors on March 7, 2023, for the period from March 7, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, which is payable on April 17, 2023.

On March 27, 2023, our Board of Directors approved a cash dividend of \$0.33 million in aggregate, on our outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock issued in connection with i) the Diana Shipping Stock Distribution discussed below (i.e. 9,172 shares) for the period from January 15, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, and ii) M/V Melia acquisition from Diana Shipping discussed below (i.e. 13,157 shares) for the period from February 8, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, which is payable on April 17, 2023.

Acquisition of vessels

On June 13, 2022, we, through one of our wholly subsidiaries, entered into a memorandum of agreement with Diana Shipping to acquire a 2005-built Capesize vessel, the m/v Baltimore, having a carrying capacity of 177,243 dwt and an age of 17.3 years, as of that date, for a total consideration of \$22.0 million. Of the purchase price, 20%, or \$4.4 million, was paid in cash upon signing of the memorandum of agreement, and the remaining amount of \$17.6 million was paid upon delivery of the vessel through the issuance to Diana of 25,000 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock. Our purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to our exercise of a right of first refusal granted to us by Diana Shipping on several identified vessels based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021. The vessel was delivered to us on September 20, 2022. The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of our Board of Directors. For additional information, please see “Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Related Party Transactions — Diana Shipping Right of First Refusal.”

On February 1, 2023, we, through one of our wholly subsidiaries, entered into a memorandum of agreement with Diana Shipping to acquire a 2005-built Panamax vessel, the m/v Melia, having a carrying capacity of 76,225 dwt and an age at that time of 17.9 years, as of that date, for a total consideration of \$14.0 million. Of the purchase price, \$4.0 million, was paid in cash upon signing of the memorandum of agreement, and the remaining amount of \$10.0 million was paid upon delivery of the vessel to us in 13,157 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock. Diana Shipping has advised us that, subject to the effectiveness of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1922, as amended, it plans to distribute the Series D Preferred Stock that it holds to its shareholders on a pro-rata basis, and in connection therewith will allow Diana Shipping shareholders to opt to take shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of our Series D Preferred Stock issued in connection with vessel Melia acquisition (i.e. 13,157) in lieu of shares of Series D Preferred Stock. Our purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to our exercise of a right of first refusal granted to us by Diana Shipping on six identified vessels based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021. The vessel was delivered to us on February 8, 2023. The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of our Board of Directors. For additional information, please see Item 6. “Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Related Party Transactions — Diana Shipping Right of First Refusal.”

Diana Shipping Stock Dividend

Diana Shipping declared a special stock dividend to all of its shareholders of record as of November 28, 2022, of all of our shares of Series D Preferred Stock held by Diana Shipping at that time (i.e. 25,000). The dividend was paid on December 15, 2022 (the “Stock Dividend”). Diana Shipping offered to convert the shares of our Series D Preferred Stock into our Common Shares on the Stock Dividend payment date and distributed our Common Shares to each of its common shareholders. Diana Shipping common shareholders, in their sole discretion, were given the opportunity to opt out, in whole but not in part, of the conversion of the shares of Series D Preferred Stock into our Common Shares and instead receive shares of Series D Preferred Stock in connection with the Stock Dividend.

Diana Shipping’s shareholders electing to receive shares of our Series D Preferred Stock by opting out of the automatic conversion received a number of shares of Series D Preferred Stock equal to such common shareholder’s pro-rata portion of all the shares of our Series D Preferred Stock, rounded down to the nearest whole number. Any fractional shares of the Series D Preferred Stock that would otherwise be distributed were converted into our Common Shares at the applicable conversion rate and sold, and the net proceeds therefrom were delivered to such common shareholder. Diana Shipping common shareholders receiving our Common Shares received the pro-rata number of Common Shares to which they were entitled following conversion, rounded down to the nearest whole number, and any fractional shares were aggregated and sold and the net proceeds thereof were delivered to Diana Shipping’s common shareholders. All of our fractional share calculations and the payment of cash in lieu thereof were determined at the shareholder nominee level.

As a result of the Diana Shipping Stock Dividend, 15,828 shares of our Series D preferred Stock were redeemed through the issuance of 7,201,087 of our Common Shares, and 9,172 shares of our Series D preferred Stock were distributed to Diana Shipping common stockholders.

Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

On February 2, 2023, we appointed Mr. Robert Perri as our Chief Executive Officer, effective as of February 2, 2023. Mr. Perri replaces Mr. Eleftherios Papatrifon, who has served as our Chief Executive Officer since November 2021 and who will continue to serve as a Class II director on our board. For additional information, please see Item 6 “Directors, Senior Management and Employees—Directors and Senior Management.”

New brokerage services agreement with Steamship

On March 7, 2023, the brokerage services agreement between us and Steamship was terminated, and replaced with a new agreement with retroactive effect from January 1, 2023, ending on December 31, 2023. Pursuant to the new brokerage services agreement with Steamship, our fixed brokerage monthly fee was increased from \$95,000 to \$150,000, whereas the remaining agreement terms remained unaltered.

Issuance of Series E Preferred Stock

On March 20, 2023, the Company issued 1,200 shares of its newly-designated Series E Preferred Stock (the “Series E Preferred Stock”), par value \$0.01 per share, to an affiliated company of its Chairperson, Mrs. Semiramis Paliou, for a purchase price of \$35. This transaction was evaluated by a financial advisor engaged to evaluate the transaction and deliver an opinion as to the financial fairness of such consideration. The Series E Preferred Stock has no dividend or liquidation rights. The Series E Preferred Stock votes with the shares of common stock of the Company, and each share of the Series E Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to up to 25,000 votes, on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company, subject up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast on matters put to shareholders of the Company. The Series E Preferred Stock is convertible, at the election of the holder, in whole or in part, into shares of our common stock at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common stock, subject to certain adjustments, commencing at any time after (i) the cancellation of all of our Series B Preferred Stock or (ii) the transfer for all of our Series B Preferred Stock (collectively, a “Series B Event”). The 15% limitation discussed above, shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Series B Event. The Series E Preferred Stock is transferable only to the holder’s immediate family members and to affiliated persons or entities, with the prior consent of the Company. The issuance of shares of Series D Preferred Stock to Tuscany Shipping Corp. was approved by an independent committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

2023 Annual General Meeting

On March 28, 2023, the Company announced that it will hold its annual meeting of shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) in virtual format at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 3, 2023. All shareholders of record as of March 21, 2023, may attend and vote by following the instructions included in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and accompanying proxy statement which is available on the SEC website and Company website.

B. Business overview

We are a global provider of shipping transportation services. We specialize in the ownership of vessels. Each of our vessels is owned through a separate wholly-owned subsidiary.

As of the date of this annual report, our operating fleet consists of five dry bulk carriers, of which three are Panamax and two are Capesize vessels, having a combined carrying capacity of 572,599 dwt and a weighted average age of 18.0 years. Our vessels transport major bulks such as iron ore, coal and grains, and minor bulks such as bauxite, phosphate and fertilizers.

Our Current Fleet

The following table presents certain information concerning the dry bulk carriers in our fleet, as of March 28, 2023:

Fleet Employment Profile (As of March 28, 2023)

OceanPal Inc.'s fleet is employed as follows:

| Vessel BUILT DWT | Sister Ships* | Gross Rate (USD/Day) | Com** | Charterers | Delivery Date to Charterers*** | Redelivery Date to Owners**** | Notes |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 3 Panamax Bulk Carriers | | | | | | | |
| 1 PROTEFS 2004 73,630 | | \$ 16,250 | 5.00 % | Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse S.A. | 23-Sept-22 | 24-Nov-22 | 1 |
| | | \$ 12,000 | 5.00 % | Ssangyong C&E Co., Ltd | 25-Nov-22 | 18-Dec-22 | |
| | A | \$ 7,000 | 5.00 % | GUO LONG XIANG LIMITED | 18-Dec-22 | 24-Jan-23 | |
| | | \$ 11,640 | 5.00 % | LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY FREIGHT ASIA PTE LTD | 24-Jan-23 | 13-May-23 - 06-Aug-23 | 2, 3 |
| 2 CALIPSO 2005 73,691 | | \$ 19,600 | 5.00 % | ETG Commodities Ltd. | 02-Jul-22 | 03-Nov-22 | |
| | | \$ 15,250 | 5.00 % | Al Ghurair Resources International LLC | 03-Nov-22 | 25-Jan-23 | |
| | A | \$ 8,000 | 5.00 % | NORVIC SHIPPING ASIA PTE. LTD. | 26-Jan-23 | 02-Mar-23 | 4 |
| | | \$ 11,000 | 5.00 % | LIANYI SHIPPING LIMITED | 26-Mar-23 | 25-Apr-23 – 30-Apr-23 | 5 |
| 3 MELIA 2005 76,225 | | \$ 6,300 | 5.00 % | GUO LONG XIANG LIMITED | 10-Feb-23 | 18-Mar-23 | |
| | | \$ 13,800 | 5.00 % | TRANSPower MARINE PTE LTD. | 18-Mar-23 | 06-Apr-23 | 6 |
| 2 Capesize Bulk Carriers | | | | | | | |
| 4 SALT LAKE CITY 2005 171,810 | | \$ 29,750 | 5.00 % | Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd. | 09-Jun-22 | 14-Oct-22 | |
| | | \$ 13,000 | 5.00 % | Hyundai Glovis Co., Ltd | 14-Oct-22 | 20-Nov-22 | |
| | | \$ 8,000 | 5.00 % | | 20-Nov-22 | 20-Dec-22 | |
| | | \$ 10,000 | 5.00 % | Oldendorff GmbH & Co. KG | 20-Dec-22 | 26-Feb-23 | |
| | | \$ 5,100 | 5.00 % | RICHLAND BULK PTE. LTD. | 26-Feb-23 | 07-Apr-23 | 7 |
| 5 BALTIMORE 2005 177,243 | | \$ 15,000 | 5.00 % | Hyundai Glovis Co., Ltd | 21-Sep-22 | 03-Nov-22 | 8 |
| | | \$ 12,900 | 5.00 % | Enesel Bulk Logistics DMCC | 03-Nov-22 | 07-Feb-23 | |
| | | \$ 13,300 | 5.00 % | Koch Shipping Pte. Ltd., Singapore | 08-Feb-23 | 08-Jul-23 - 23-Oct-23 | |

* Each dry bulk carrier is a “sister ship”, or closely similar to other dry bulk carriers that have the same letter.

** Total commission percentage paid to third parties.

*** In case of newly acquired vessel with new time charter attached, this date refers to the expected/actual date of delivery of the vessel to the Company.

**** Range of redelivery dates, with the actual date of redelivery being at the Charterers’ option, but subject to the terms, conditions, and exceptions of the particular charterparty.

1 Charterer paid an additional one-time gross ballast bonus of \$625,000.

2 Redelivery date based on an estimated time charter trip duration of about 120-195 days.

3 The charter rate is US\$5,500 per day for the first 32 days of the charter period.

4 Vessel on scheduled drydocking from March 05, 2023 to March 22, 2023.

5 Redelivery date based on an estimated time charter trip duration of about 30-35 days.

6 Redelivery date based on an estimated time charter trip duration of about 19 days.

7 Redelivery date based on an estimated time charter trip duration of about 40 days.

8 For the last three (3) days of the time charter duration, the gross charter rate was US\$18,000 per day, minus a 5% commission paid to third parties, as per the agreed charterparty, which states that for each additional day exceeding the first forty (40) days of the time charter trip, the gross charter hire will be US\$18,000 per day.

Management of Our Fleet

Our business is the ownership of vessels. We are a holding company that wholly owns the subsidiaries which own the vessels that comprise our fleet. The holding company sets general overall direction for the company and interfaces with various financial markets. The commercial and technical management, except for insurance services, of our fleet is carried out by Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited, which we refer to as DWM, a 50/50 joint venture between Wilhelmsen Ship Management and Diana Shipping. In exchange for providing us with commercial and technical services, we pay DWM a monthly fee per vessel and a percentage of the vessels' gross revenues. Insurance and handling of claims services and the provision of certain administrative management services are carried out by Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc., or Steamship, an affiliated company of us and Diana Shipping. Administrative management services may include budgeting, reporting, monitoring of bank accounts, compliance with banks, payroll services, legal and securities compliance services, and any other possible administrative management services that we require to perform our business activities. Steamship also provides brokerage services to us pursuant to a brokerage services agreement. Please see "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions-B. Related Party Transactions."

Our Customers

Our customers include regional and international companies. During 2020 and for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021, four and three of the charterers of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors accounted for 98% and 95%, respectively, of the Predecessors' revenues. During 2021, for the period from commencement of our vessels' operations (November 30, 2021), and during 2022 three and four of our charterers accounted for 93% and 57%, respectively, of our revenues.

Currently, our vessels are employed on short to medium-term time charters. Under our time charters, the charterer typically pays us a fixed daily charter rate and bears all voyage expenses, including the cost of bunkers (fuel oil) and canal and port charges. We remain responsible for paying the chartered vessel's operating expenses, including the cost of crewing, insuring, repairing and maintaining the vessel. Our time charters are for fixed terms and will expire in accordance with the scheduled set forth in the table above, and charter-hire is generally paid twice a month in arrears. In 2020 and for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021, the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors paid commissions that ranged from 4.75% to 5.0% of the total daily charter hire rate of each charter to unaffiliated ship brokers and to in-house brokers associated with the charterer, depending on the number of brokers involved with arranging the charter. During 2021, for the period from commencement of our operations upon closing of the Spin-Off (November 30, 2021), and during the year ended December 31, 2022, we paid brokerage commissions of 5.0% of the total daily charter hire rate of each charter to unaffiliated ship brokers associated with the charterer and to our managers (which excludes address commissions of 3.75% paid directly "to" the charterer). Our time charters are subject to earlier termination in the event one of our vessels is a total or constructive loss as the result of casualty or is off-hire for more than a specified period.

Following the expiration of our existing time charters, we expect to employ our fleet in the spot market, by either entering into short-term time charters or voyage charters whereby each vessel is employed on successive charters have a duration of a single voyage, with the exact term depending on the vessel route, although we may employ our vessels on medium to long-term time charters depending on market conditions. Under a voyage charter, we are responsible for both the vessel operating expenses and the voyage expenses incurred in performing the charter, while under a time charter, we are responsible for vessel operating expenses while the charterer is responsible for voyage expenses. We strategically monitor developments in the dry bulk shipping industry on a regular basis and, subject to market demand, seek to adjust the charter hire periods for our vessels according to prevailing market conditions. Currently, our vessels are employed on short to medium-term time charters, which provides us with flexibility in responding to market developments, but in the future we may employ vessels in the spot market or on longer-term time charters. We continuously evaluate the duration of our charters and extend or reduce the charter hire periods of the vessels in our fleet according to the developments in the dry bulk shipping industry.

The Dry Bulk Shipping Industry

The global dry bulk carrier fleet could be divided into the following categories based on a vessel's carrying capacity. These categories consist of:

- (i) *Very Large Ore Carriers*. Very large ore carriers, or VLOCs, have a carrying capacity of more than 200,000 dwt and are a comparatively new sector of the dry bulk carrier fleet. VLOCs are built to exploit economies of scale on long-haul iron ore routes.

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- (ii) *Capesize*. Capesize vessels have a carrying capacity of 110,000-199,999 dwt. Only the largest ports around the world possess the infrastructure to accommodate vessels of this size. Capesize vessels are primarily used to transport iron ore or coal and, to a much lesser extent, grains, primarily on long-haul routes.
- (iii) *Post-Panamax*. Post-Panamax vessels have a carrying capacity of 80,000-109,999 dwt. These vessels tend to have a shallower draft and larger beam than a standard Panamax vessel with a higher cargo capacity. These vessels have been designed specifically for loading high cubic cargoes from draught restricted ports, although they cannot transit the Panama Canal.
- (iv) *Panamax*. Panamax vessels have a carrying capacity of 60,000-79,999 dwt. These vessels carry coal, iron ore, grains, and, to a lesser extent, minor bulks, including steel products, cement and fertilizers. Panamax vessels are able to pass through the Panama Canal, making them more versatile than larger vessels with regard to accessing different trade routes. Most Panamax and Post-Panamax vessels are “gearless,” and therefore must be served by shore-based cargo handling equipment. However, there are a small number of geared vessels with onboard cranes, a feature that enhances trading flexibility and enables operation in ports which have poor infrastructure in terms of loading and unloading facilities.
- (v) *Handymax/Supramax*. Handymax vessels have a carrying capacity of 40,000-59,999 dwt. These vessels operate in a large number of geographically dispersed global trade routes, carrying primarily grains and minor bulks. Within the Handymax category there is also a sub-sector known as Supramax. Supramax bulk carriers are ships between 50,000 to 59,999 dwt, normally offering cargo loading and unloading flexibility with on-board cranes, or “gear,” while at the same time possessing the cargo carrying capability approaching conventional Panamax bulk carriers.
- (vi) *Handysize*. Handysize vessels have a carrying capacity of up to 39,999 dwt. These vessels are primarily involved in carrying minor bulk cargoes. Increasingly, ships of this type operate within regional trading routes, and may serve as trans-shipment feeders for larger vessels. Handysize vessels are well suited for small ports with length and draft restrictions. Their cargo gear enables them to service ports lacking the infrastructure for cargo loading and unloading.

Other size categories occur in regional trade, such as Kamsarmax, with a maximum length of 229 meters, the maximum length that can load in the port of Kamsar in the Republic of Guinea. Other terms such as Seawaymax, Setouchmax, Dunkirkmax, and Newcastlemax also appear in regional trade.

The supply of dry bulk carriers is dependent on the delivery of new vessels and the removal of vessels from the global fleet, either through scrapping or loss. The level of scrapping activity is generally a function of scrapping prices in relation to current and prospective charter market conditions, as well as operating, repair and survey costs. The average age at which a vessel is scrapped was 27 years in 2022 and 28 years in 2021.

The demand for dry bulk carrier capacity is determined by the underlying demand for commodities transported in dry bulk carriers, which in turn is influenced by trends in the global economy. Demand for dry bulk carrier capacity is also affected by the operating efficiency of the global fleet, along with port congestion, which has been a feature of the market since 2004, absorbing tonnage and therefore leading to a tighter balance between supply and demand. In evaluating demand factors for dry bulk carrier capacity, the Company believes that dry bulk carriers can be the most versatile element of the global shipping fleets in terms of employment alternatives.

Charter Hire Rates

Charter hire rates fluctuate by varying degrees among dry bulk carrier size categories. The volume and pattern of trade in a small number of commodities (major bulks) affect demand for larger vessels. Therefore, charter rates and vessel values of larger vessels often show greater volatility. Conversely, trade in a greater number of commodities (minor bulks) drives demand for smaller dry bulk carriers. Accordingly, charter rates and vessel values for those vessels are usually subject to less volatility.

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Charter hire rates paid for dry bulk carriers are primarily a function of the underlying balance between vessel supply and demand, although at times other factors may play a role. Furthermore, the pattern seen in charter rates is broadly mirrored across the different charter types and the different dry bulk carrier categories. In the time charter market, rates vary depending on the length of the charter period and vessel-specific factors such as age, speed and fuel consumption.

In the voyage charter market, rates are, among other things, influenced by cargo size, commodity, port dues and canal transit fees, as well as commencement and termination regions. In general, a larger cargo size is quoted at a lower rate per ton than a smaller cargo size. Routes with costly ports or canals generally command higher rates than routes with low port dues and no canals to transit. Voyages with a load port within a region that includes ports where vessels usually discharge cargo or a discharge port within a region with ports where vessels load cargo also are generally quoted at lower rates, because such voyages generally increase vessel utilization by reducing the unloaded portion (or ballast leg) that is included in the calculation of the return charter to a loading area.

Within the dry bulk shipping industry, the charter hire rate references most likely to be monitored are the freight rate indices issued by the Baltic Exchange. These references are based on actual charter hire rates under charters entered into by market participants as well as daily assessments provided to the Baltic Exchange by a panel of major shipbrokers. The Baltic Panamax Index is the index with the longest history. The Baltic Capesize Index and Baltic Handymax Index are of more recent origin.

The Baltic Dry Index, or BDI, a daily average of charter rates in 20 shipping routes measured on a time charter and voyage basis and covering Capesize, Panamax, Supramax, and Handysize dry bulk carriers declined from a high of 11,793 in May 2008 to a low of 663 in December 2008 and has remained volatile since then. In 2020, the BDI ranged from a low of 393 in May to a high of 2,097 in October, increased to a high of 5,650 on October 7, 2021, and dropped to 2,217 on December 24, 2021. In 2022, the BDI ranged from a high of 3,369 on May 23, 2022 to a low of 965 on August 31, 2022 to drop again to a low of 530 on February 16, 2023. The BDI has since recovered from the February 2023 levels and closed at 1,402 on March 28 2023.

Vessel Prices

Dry bulk vessel values in 2022 generally were lower as compared to 2021. Consistent with these trends were the market values of our dry bulk carriers. Although charter rates and vessel values have improved in early 2023, there can be no assurance as to how long charter rates and vessel values will remain at their current levels or whether they will decrease or improve to any significant degree in the near future.

Competition

Our business fluctuates in line with the main patterns of trade of the major dry bulk 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, size, age and condition of the vessel, as well as on our reputation as an owner and operator. We compete with other owners of dry bulk carriers in the Capesize, Panamax, Post-Panamax and smaller class sectors as well as with owners of larger VLOCs and Newcastlemax dry bulk carriers. Ownership of dry bulk carriers is highly fragmented.

Permits and Authorizations

We are required by various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses and certificates with respect to our vessels. The kinds of permits, licenses and certificates required depend upon several factors, including the commodity transported, the waters in which the vessel operates the nationality of the vessel's crew and the age of a vessel. We have been able to obtain all permits, licenses and certificates currently required to permit our vessels to operate. Additional laws and regulations, environmental or otherwise, may be adopted which could limit our ability to do business or increase the cost of us doing business.

Environmental and Other Regulations in the Shipping Industry

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

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,” 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 dry bulk, 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 and 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; new emissions standards, titled IMO-2020, took effect on January 1, 2020.

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 from 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. We ensure that all our vessels are currently compliant in all material respects with these regulations.

The Marine Environment Protection Committee, or “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 3.5%) 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. Ships are now 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% sulfur on ships were adopted and took effect March 1, 2020, with the exception of vessels fitted with exhaust gas cleaning equipment (“scrubbers”) which can carry fuel of higher sulfur content. These regulations subject ocean-going vessels to stringent emissions controls, and may cause us to incur substantial costs as none of our vessels are fitted with scrubbers.

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% m/m. 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. Other areas in China are subject to local regulations that impose stricter emission controls. In December 2021, the member states of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (“Barcelona Convention”) agreed to support the designation of a new ECA in the Mediterranean. On December 15, 2022, MEPC 79 adopted the designation of a new ECA in the Mediterranean, with an effective date of May 1, 2025. 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.

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 on or after January 1, 2021. For the moment, this regulation relates to new building vessels and has no retroactive application to existing fleet. The EPA promulgated equivalent (and in some senses stricter) emissions standards in 2010. As a result of these designations or similar future designations, we may be required to incur additional operating or other costs.

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 having commenced 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 a 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. Additionally, MEPC 75 introduced draft amendments to Annex VI which impose new regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships. These amendments introduce requirements to assess and measure the energy efficiency of all ships and set the required attainment values, with the goal of reducing the carbon intensity of international shipping. The requirements include (1) a technical requirement to reduce carbon intensity based on a new Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (“EEXI”), and (2) operational carbon intensity reduction requirements, based on a new operational carbon intensity indicator (“CII”). The attained EEXI is required to be calculated for ships of 400 gross tonnage and above, in accordance with different values set for ship types and categories. With respect to the CII, the draft amendments would require ships of 5,000 gross tonnage to document and verify their actual annual operational CII achieved against a determined required annual operational CII. Additionally, MEPC 75 proposed draft amendments requiring that, on or before January 1, 2023, all ships above 400 gross tonnage must have an approved SEEMP on board. For ships above 5,000 gross tonnage, the SEEMP would need to include certain mandatory content. MEPC 75 also approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I to prohibit the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil (“HFO”) by ships in Arctic waters on and after July 1, 2024. The draft amendments introduced at MEPC 75 were adopted at the MEPC 76 session on June 2021 and entered into force on November 1, 2022, with the requirements for EEXI and CII certification coming into effect from January 1, 2023. MEPC 77 adopted a non-binding resolution which urges Member States and ship operators to voluntarily use distillate or other cleaner alternative fuels or methods of propulsion that are safe for ships and could contribute to the reduction of Black Carbon emissions from ships when operating in or near the Arctic. MEPC 79 adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, Appendix IX to include the attained and required CII values, the CII rating and attained EEXI for existing ships in the required information to be submitted to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database. The amendments will enter into force on May 1, 2024.

To ensure compliance with EEXI requirements most owners/operators, including us, may choose to limit engine power, a solution less costly than applying energy saving devices and/ or effecting certain alterations on existing propeller designs. The engine power limitation is predicted to lead to reduced ballast and laden speeds (at scantling draft,) in the non-compliant vessels which will affect their commercial utilization but also decrease the global availability of vessel capacity. Furthermore, required software and hardware alterations as well as documentation and recordkeeping requirements will increase a vessel’s capital and operating expenditures.

From an overall perspective and irrespective of the solution we choose to follow, 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 LLMC 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. We have obtained applicable 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 documents of compliance and safety management certificate are renewed as required.

Regulation II-1/3-10 of the SOLAS Convention governs ship construction and stipulates that ships over 150 meters in length must have adequate strength, integrity and stability to minimize risk of loss or pollution. Goal-based standards amendments in SOLAS regulation II-1/3-10 entered into force in 2012, with July 1, 2016 set for application to new oil tankers and bulk carriers. The SOLAS Convention regulation II-1/3-10 on goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers, which entered into force on January 1, 2012, requires that all oil tankers and bulk carriers of 150 meters in length and above, for which the building contract is placed on or after July 1, 2016, satisfy applicable structural requirements conforming to the functional requirements of the International Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers ("GBS Standards").

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. Amendments which took effect on January 1, 2020 also reflect the latest material from the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, including (1) new provisions regarding IMO type 9 tank, (2) new abbreviations for segregation groups, and (3) special provisions for carriage of lithium batteries and of vehicles powered by flammable liquid or gas. Additional amendments, which came into force on June 1, 2022, include (1) addition of a definition of dosage rate, (2) additions to the list of high consequence dangerous goods, (3) new provisions for medical/clinical waste, (4) addition of various ISO standards for gas cylinders, (5) a new handling code, and (6) changes to stowage and segregation provisions.

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.

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 indicates that cybersecurity regulations for the maritime industry are likely to be further developed in the near future in an attempt to combat cybersecurity threats. By IMO resolution, administrations are encouraged to ensure that cyber-risk management systems are incorporated by ship-owners and managers by their first annual Document of Compliance audit after January 1, 2021. In February 2021, the U.S. Coast Guard published guidance on addressing cyber risks in a vessel's safety management system. This might cause companies to create additional procedures for monitoring cybersecurity, which could require additional expenses and/or capital expenditures. The impact of future 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 8, 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 the 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 treatment 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 treatment 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. Those changes were adopted at MEPC 72. 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 treatment 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). As of October 13, 2019, MEPC 72's amendments to the BWM Convention took effect, making the Code for Approval of Ballast Water Treatment Systems, which governs assessment of ballast water treatment systems, mandatory rather than permissive, and formalized an implementation schedule for the D-2 standard. Under these amendments, all ships must meet the D-2 standard by September 8, 2024. Costs of compliance with these regulations may be substantial. Additionally, in November 2020, MEPC 75 adopted amendments to the BWM Convention which would require a commissioning test of the ballast water treatment system for the initial survey or when performing an additional survey for retrofits. This analysis will not apply to ships that already have an installed BWM system certified under the BWM Convention. These amendments have entered into force on June 1, 2022. In December 2022, MEPC 79 agreed that it should be permitted to use ballast tanks for temporary storage of treated sewage and grey water. MEPC 79 also established that ships are expected to return to D-2 compliance after experiencing challenging uptake water and bypassing a BWM system should only be used as a last resort. Guidance will be developed at MEPC 80 (in July 2023) to set out appropriate actions and uniform procedures to ensure compliance with the BWM Convention.

Once mid-ocean 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 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 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. 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, or “IAFS 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 annual 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.

U.S. 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:

- injury to, destruction or loss of, or loss of use of, natural resources and related assessment costs;
- injury to, or economic losses resulting from, the destruction of real and personal property;
- loss of subsistence use of natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost;

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- 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;
- lost profits or impairment of earning capacity due to injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property or natural resources; and
- 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 November 12, 2019, 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 \$1,200 per gross ton or \$997,100 (subject to periodic adjustment for inflation). On December 23, 2022, the USCG issued a final rule to adjust the limitation of liability under the OPA. Effective March 23, 2022, the new adjusted limits of OPA liability for non-tank vessels, edible oil tank vessels, and any oil spill response vessels, to the greater of \$1,300 per gross ton or \$1,076,000 (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 as required by law 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 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 amended the Well Control Rule, effective July 15, 2019, which rolled back certain reforms regarding the safety of drilling operations, and the former U.S. President Trump had proposed leasing new sections of U.S. waters to oil and gas companies for offshore drilling. In January 2021, U.S. President Biden signed an executive order temporarily blocking new leases for oil and gas drilling in federal waters. However, attorney generals from 13 states filed suit in March 2021 to lift the executive order, and in June 2021, a federal judge in Louisiana granted a preliminary injunction against the Biden administration, stating that the power to pause offshore oil and gas leases “lies solely with Congress.” In August 2022, a federal judge in Louisiana sided with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, along with the other 12 plaintiff states, by issuing a permanent injunction against the Biden Administration’s moratorium on oil and gas leasing on federal public lands and offshore waters. With these rapid changes, 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.

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 an adverse effect on our business and results of operation.

Other United States Environmental Initiatives

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 proposed a revised, limited definition of WOTUS. In 2019 and 2020, the agencies repealed the prior WOTUS Rule and promulgated the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (“NWPR”) which significantly reduced the scope and oversight of EPA and the Department of the Army in traditionally nonnavigable waterways. On August 30, 2021, a federal district court in Arizona vacated the NWPR and directed the agencies to replace the rule. On December 7, 2021, the EPA and the Department of the Army proposed a rule that would reinstate the pre-2015 definition. On December 30, 2022, the EPA and the Department of Army announced the final WOTUS rule that largely reinstated the pre-2015 definition.

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 replaces 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 for all vessels equipped with ballast water tanks bound for U.S. ports or entering U.S. waters. 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, 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 the Baltic, the North Sea and the English Channel (the so called “SOx-Emission Control Area”). As of January 2020, EU member states must also ensure that ships in all EU waters, except the SOx-Emission Control Area, use fuels with a 0.5% maximum sulfur content.

On September 15, 2020, the European Parliament voted to include greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector in the European Union’s carbon market, the EU Emissions Trading System (“EU ETS”). On July 14, 2021, the European Parliament formally proposed its plan, which would involve gradually including the maritime sector from 2023 and phasing the sector in over a three-year period. This will require shipowners to buy permits to cover these emissions. The Environment Council adopted a general approach on the proposal in June 2022. On December 18, 2022, the Environmental Council and European Parliament agreed to include maritime shipping emissions within the scope of the EU ETS on a gradual introduction of obligations for shipping companies to surrender allowances: 40% for verified emissions from 2024, 70% for 2025 and 100% for 2026. Most large vessels will be included in the scope of the EU ETS from the start. Big offshore vessels of 5,000 gross tonnage and above will be included in the 'MRV' on the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO2 emissions from maritime transport regulation from 2025 and in the EU ETS from 2027.

International Labor 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 that are 500 gross tonnage or over and are either engaged in international voyages or flying the flag of a Member and operating from a port, or between ports, in another country. We believe that all our vessels are in substantial compliance with and are certified to meet MLC 2006.

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 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. The U.S. initially entered into the agreement, but on June 1, 2017, the former U.S. President Trump announced that the United States intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, and the withdrawal became effective on November 4, 2020. On January 20, 2021, U.S. President Biden signed an executive order to rejoin the Paris Agreement, which the U.S. officially rejoined on February 19, 2021.

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 over 5,000 gross tonnage calling at EU ports are required to collect and publish data on carbon dioxide emissions and other information. As previously discussed, regulations relating to the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector in the European Union's carbon market are also forthcoming.

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.

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.

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 Facility 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.

The cost of vessel security measures has also been affected by the escalation in the frequency of acts of piracy against ships, notably off the coast of Somalia, including the Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea area. Substantial loss of revenue and other costs may be incurred as a result of detention of a vessel or additional security measures, and the risk of uninsured losses could significantly affect our business. Costs are incurred in taking additional security measures in accordance with Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy, notably those contained in the BMP5 industry standard.

Inspection by Flag administration and 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 contracted for construction 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 (e.g., American Bureau of Shipping, Lloyd’s Register of Shipping).

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. In all cases, the interval between any two such examinations is not to exceed 36 months. 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 and could prevent us from obtaining secured financing on that vessel. 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.

Risk of Loss and Liability Insurance

General

The operation of any cargo vessel includes risks such as mechanical failure, physical damage, collision, property loss, cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries, piracy incidents, 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. OPA, which imposes virtually unlimited liability upon shipowners, operators and bareboat charterers of any vessel trading in the exclusive economic zone of the United States for certain oil pollution accidents in the United States, has made liability insurance more expensive for shipowners and operators trading in the United States market. We carry insurance coverage as customary in the shipping industry. However, not all risks can be insured, specific claims may be rejected, and we might not be always able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

While we maintain hull and machinery insurance, war risks insurance, protection and indemnity cover and freight, demurrage and defense cover for our operating 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 & Machinery and War Risks Insurance

We maintain marine hull and machinery and war risks insurance, which cover, among other marine risks, 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 ranging to a maximum of \$100,000 per vessel per incident for Panamax vessels and \$150,000 per vessel per incident for the Capesize vessel.

Protection and Indemnity Insurance

Protection and indemnity insurance is provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or "P&I Associations," and covers our third-party liabilities in connection with our shipping activities. This includes third-party liability and other related expenses of injury or death of crew, passengers and other third parties, 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."

Our current protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution is \$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 US\$10 million up to, currently, approximately US\$8.2 billion. As a member of a P&I Association, which is a member of the International Group, we are subject to calls payable to the associations based on our claim records as well as the claim records of all other members of the individual associations and members of the shipping pool of P&I Associations comprising the International Group. Our vessels may be subject to supplemental calls which are based on estimates of premium income and anticipated and paid claims. Such estimates are adjusted each year by the Board of Directors of the P&I Association until the closing of the relevant policy year, which generally occurs within three years from the end of the policy year. Supplemental calls, if any, are expensed when they are announced and according to the period they relate to.

C. Organizational structure

OceanPal Inc. is the sole owner of all of the issued and outstanding shares of our subsidiaries. A list of our subsidiaries is filed as Exhibit 8.1 to this annual report on Form 20-F.

D. Property, plants and equipment

Our only material properties are the vessels in our fleet.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

The following management’s discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with i) our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from the date of inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021 and their notes, and ii) the audited combined carve-out financial statements of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors for the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and their notes, included in this annual report. The following discussion of the results of our operations and our financial condition should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes to those statements included in “Item 18. Financial Statements.” . This discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, such as those set forth in the section entitled “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this annual report.

Lack of Historical Operating Data for Vessels before Their Acquisition

Vessels are generally acquired free of charter. Where a vessel has been under a voyage charter, the vessel is usually delivered to the buyer free of charter. It is rare in the shipping industry for the last charterer of the vessel in the hands of the seller to continue as the first charterer of the vessel in the hands of the buyer. In most cases, when a vessel is under time charter and the buyer wishes to assume that charter, the vessel cannot be acquired without the charterer’s consent and the buyer entering into a separate direct agreement (called a “novation agreement”) with the charterer to assume the charter. The purchase of a vessel itself does not transfer the charter because it is a separate service agreement between the vessel owner and the charterer.

Where we identify any intangible assets or liabilities associated with the acquisition of a vessel, we record all identified assets or liabilities at fair value. Fair value is determined by reference to market data. We value any asset or liability arising from the market value of the time charters assumed when a vessel is acquired. The amount to be recorded as an asset or liability at the date of vessel delivery is based on the difference between the current fair market value of the charter and the net present value of future contractual cash flows. When the present value of the time charter assumed is greater than the current fair market value of such charter, the difference is recorded as prepaid charter revenue. When the opposite situation occurs, any difference, capped to the vessel’s fair value on a charter-free basis, is recorded as deferred revenue. Such assets and liabilities, respectively, are amortized as a reduction of, or an increase in, revenue over the period of the time charter assumed.

To the extent that we purchase a vessel and assume or renegotiate a related time charter, among others, we will be required to take the following steps before the vessel will be ready to commence operations:

- a) obtain the charterer’s consent to us as the new owner;
- b) obtain the charterer’s consent to a new technical manager;
- c) in some cases, obtain the charterer’s consent to a new flag for the vessel;
- d) arrange for a new crew for the vessel, and where the vessel is on charter, in some cases, the crew must be approved by the charterer;
- e) replace all hired equipment on board, such as gas cylinders and communication equipment;
- f) negotiate and enter into new insurance contracts for the vessel through our own insurance brokers;
- g) register the vessel under a flag state and perform the related inspections in order to obtain new trading certificates from the flag state;
- h) implement a new planned maintenance program for the vessel; and

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- i) ensure that the new technical manager obtains new certificates for compliance with the safety and vessel security regulations of the flag state.

When we charter a vessel pursuant to a long-term time charter agreement with varying rates, we recognize revenue on a straight-line basis, equal to the average revenue during the term of the charter.

The following discussion is intended to help you understand how acquisitions of vessels affect our business and results of operations.

Our business is mainly comprised of the following elements:

- a) employment and operation of our vessels; and
- b) management of the financial, general and administrative elements involved in the conduct of our business and ownership of our vessels.
- c) The employment and operation of our vessels mainly require the following components:
 - d) vessel maintenance and repair;
 - e) crew selection and training;
 - f) vessel spares and stores supply;
 - g) contingency response planning;
 - h) onboard safety procedures auditing;
 - i) accounting;
 - j) vessel insurance arrangement;
 - k) vessel chartering;
 - l) vessel security training and security response plans (ISPS);
 - m) obtaining of ISM certification and audit for each vessel within the six months of taking over a vessel;
 - n) vessel hiring management;
 - o) vessel surveying; and
 - p) vessel performance monitoring.

The management of financial, general and administrative elements involved in the conduct of our business and ownership of our vessels mainly requires the following components:

- management of our financial resources, including banking relationships, i.e., administration of bank loans that we may enter into in the future and bank accounts;
- management of our accounting system and records and financial reporting;
- administration of the legal and regulatory requirements affecting our business and assets; and

- management of the relationships with our service providers and customers.

The principal factors that affect our profitability, cash flows and shareholders' return on investment include:

- A. rates and charter periods;
- B. levels of vessel operating expenses;
- C. depreciation expenses;
- D. financing costs;
- E. the effects of COVID-19;
- F. the war in Ukraine;
- G. inflation; and
- H. fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

A. Operating results

We charter our vessels to customers pursuant to short- to medium-term time charters, although we may also charter our vessels in the spot market and on longer-term time charters.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

Our results of operations are affected by numerous factors. The principal factors that have impacted the business during the fiscal periods presented in the following discussion and analysis and that are likely to continue to impact our business are the following:

Time Charter Revenues

Under our time charters, the charterer typically pays us a fixed daily charter hire rate and other compensation costs related to the charter contracts (such as ballast positioning compensation, holds cleaning compensation, etc.) and bears all voyage expenses, including the cost of bunkers (fuel oil) and port and canal charges. However, our voyage results may be affected by differences in bunker prices as we may incur gain/loss on bunkers when the cost of the bunker fuel sold to the new charterer is greater or less than the cost of the bunker fuel acquired. 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 charter hire rates that our vessels earn under charters, which, 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 dry bulk shipping industry; and

- other factors affecting spot market charter rates for our dry bulk carriers.

Vessels operating on time charters for a certain period of time provide more predictable cash flows over that period of time but can yield lower profit margins than vessels operating in the spot charter market during periods characterized by favorable market conditions. Vessels operating in the spot charter market generate revenues that are less predictable but may enable their owners to capture increased profit margins during periods of improvements in charter rates although their owners would be exposed to the risk of declining charter rates, which may have a materially adverse impact on financial performance. As we employ vessels on period charters, future spot charter rates may be higher or lower than the rates at which we have employed our vessels on period charters. Our time charter agreements subject us to counterparty risk. In depressed market conditions, charterers may seek to renegotiate the terms of their existing charter parties or avoid their obligations under those contracts. Should a counterparty fail to honor their obligations under agreements with us, we could sustain significant losses which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. For 2023, we expect our revenues to increase, if we further expand our fleet.

Voyage Expenses

We incur voyage expenses that primarily consist of commissions because all of our vessels are employed under time charters that require the charterer to bear voyage expenses such as bunkers (fuel oil), port and canal charges. Although the charterer bears the cost of bunkers, our voyage expenses may be affected by differences in bunker prices, and we may record a gain or a loss deriving from such price differences as well as bunker consumption costs during periods when our vessels are repositioning, off-hire or idle. When a vessel is delivered to a charterer, bunkers are purchased by the charterer and sold back to us on the redelivery of the vessel. Bunkers' gain, or loss, results when a vessel is redelivered by her charterer and delivered to the next charterer at different bunker prices, or quantities. We pay commissions on each charter to one or more unaffiliated ship brokers associated with the charterers for arranging our charters. In addition, we pay commissions to DWM and Steamship for the provision of management and brokerage services, pursuant to the terms of our management agreements (see also "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions – B. Related Party Transactions."). For 2023, we expect our voyage expenses to follow the same trend as our revenues, depending also on the gain or loss from bunkers.

Vessel Operating Expenses

We remain responsible for paying the vessels' operating expenses, including the cost of crewing, insuring, repairing and maintaining the vessel, the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes, environmental and safety expenses. Our vessel operating expenses are expensed as incurred. Our vessel operating expenses generally represent fixed costs. Expenses for repairs and maintenance tend to fluctuate from period to period because most repairs and maintenance typically occur during periodic drydocking. Our ability to control our vessels' operating expenses also affects our financial results. For 2023, we expect our vessel operating expenses to increase if we further expand our fleet.

Vessel Depreciation

The cost of our vessels is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each vessel. Depreciation is based on the cost of the vessel less its estimated salvage value. We estimate the useful life of our dry bulk vessels to be 25 years from the date of initial delivery from the shipyard, which we believe is common in the dry bulk shipping industry. Furthermore, we estimate the salvage values of our vessels based on historical average prices of the cost of the light-weight ton of vessels being scrapped. For 2023, we expect depreciation expense to increase if we further expand our fleet.

General and Administrative Expenses

With regard to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' general and administrative expenses consist of allocations made to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors by Diana Shipping for certain corporate functions and shared services. Amounts recognized by OceanPal Inc. Predecessors are not necessarily representative of the amounts that would have been reflected in the financial statements had the Company operated independently of Diana Shipping.

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We incur general and administrative expenses which generally include compensation and fees towards our directors and consultants, compensation cost of restricted stocks awarded to senior management and non-executive directors, lumpsum brokerage fees, traveling, promotional and other expenses of a listed public company, such as legal and professional expenses and other general corporate expenses. These expenses are relatively fixed and are not widely affected by the size of the fleet. For 2023, we expect our general and administrative expenses to remain approximately at the same levels, as these expenses are relatively fixed and are not widely affected by the expansion (or shrinkage) of our fleet.

Results of Operations of OceanPal Inc.

| | OceanPal Inc. | |
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| | For the year ended December 31, 2022 | For the period from April 15, 2021 (inception date) to December 31, 2021 |
| <i>(in millions of U.S. dollars) except for share and per share data</i> | | |
| Results of Operations | | |
| Time charter revenues | \$ 19.09 | \$ 1.33 |
| Voyage Expenses | 3.68 | 0.05 |
| Vessel Operating Expenses | 6.88 | 0.36 |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges | 4.90 | 0.35 |
| General and Administrative expenses | 3.08 | 0.36 |
| Management fees to related parties | 0.88 | 0.07 |
| Net income / (loss) | (0.33) | 0.13 |
| Net income / (loss) attributable to common stockholders | \$ (2.67) | \$ 0.07 |
| Earnings/(Loss) per share basic | (0.86) | 0.07 |
| Earnings/(Loss) per share diluted | (0.86) | 0.05 |
| Weighted average number of common shares, basic | 3,113,108 | 882,024 |
| Weighted average number of common shares, diluted | 3,113,108 | 1,227,569 |

Results of Operations of OceanPal Inc. Predecessors

| | OceanPal Inc. Predecessors | |
|---|--|---|
| | For the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 | For the year ended December 31, 2020 |
| <i>(in millions of U.S. dollars)</i> | | |
| Results of Operations | | |
| Time charter revenues | \$ 11.34 | \$ 9.41 |
| Voyage Expenses | 0.42 | 0.98 |
| Vessel Operating Expenses | 6.2 | 8.5 |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges | 2.19 | 2.15 |
| General and Administrative expenses | 1.1 | 1.27 |
| Management fees to related parties | 0.68 | 0.76 |
| Vessel Fair value adjustment | — | 0.2 |
| Vessel Impairment charges | — | — |
| Other loss/(income) | — | 0.24 |
| Net income/(loss) | \$ 0.75 | \$ (3.8) |

Year ended December 31, 2022 compared to Period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 (2021 Predecessor Period) and Period from November 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (2021 Company Period)

Time Charter Revenues. Time charter revenues increased by \$6.42 million, to \$19.09 million in 2022, compared to \$12.67 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period. This increase was mainly due to the increase in average time charter rates and the increase in our operating days to 1,117 in 2022 from 1,092 in 2021.

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Voyage Expenses. Voyage expenses increased by \$3.21 million, to \$3.68 million in 2022, compared to \$0.47 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period, mainly due to the increase in commissions as a result of increased time charter revenues and losses from bunkers resulting primarily from price differences in the cost of bunker fuel delivered by the previous charterer on vessel re-delivery and the bunker fuel sold to the new charterer on delivery under certain of our charters (loss from bunkers in 2022 compared to gain from bunkers in 2021).

Vessel Operating Expenses. Vessel operating expenses increased by \$0.32 million, to \$6.88 million in 2022, compared to \$6.56 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period, mainly due to the increase in our ownership days.

Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges. Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges increased by \$2.36 million, to \$4.90 million in 2022, compared to \$2.54 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period, due to i) increase in depreciation expense due to the fact that the three vessels contributed to the Company were stated at fair value upon the spin-off consummation and ii) the increase in the ownership days of our fleet following the acquisition of m/v Baltimore.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased by \$1.62 million, to \$3.08 million in 2022, compared to \$1.46 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period, such increase mainly attributed to additional expenses incurred by the Company since its listing. General and administrative expenses for 2022 mainly consist of brokerage services' fees, compensation cost of restricted stock awarded to senior management and non-executive directors, bonuses to related parties, legal, board and audit fees.

Management fees to related parties. Management fees to related parties increased by \$0.13 million, to \$0.88 million in 2022, compared to \$0.75 million in the 2021 Company and Predecessor Period. This increase was mainly due to the increase in the ownership days of our fleet in 2022. Management fees paid at each period were in accordance with the terms of the management agreements then in place.

Period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 (2021 Predecessor Period) and Period from November 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (2021 Company Period) compared to year ended December 31, 2020 (2020 Predecessor Year)

Time Charter Revenues. Time charter revenues increased by \$3.26 million during 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to increase in average time charter rates.

Voyage Expenses. Voyage expenses decreased by \$0.51 million, during 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to gain from bunkers, offset by increase in brokerage commissions as a result of time charter revenues increase, for 2021 Predecessor Period.

Vessel Operating Expenses. Vessel operating expenses decreased by \$1.94 million during 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to increased expenses for repairs and maintenance and due to an incident of one of the vessels in 2020.

Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges. Depreciation increased by \$0.39 million during the 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to increased amortization of deferred cost relating to dry-dockings of the vessels.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.19 million during 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to increased costs for the Spin-Off transaction.

Management Fees To Related Parties. Management fees to related parties decreased by \$0.01 million during 2021 Predecessor Period and 2021 Company Period compared to 2020 Predecessor Year, mainly due to decrease in ownership days.

Inflation and Increased Interest Rates

Inflation and increased interest rates do not have a material effect on our expenses given current economic conditions and management does not consider inflation or interest rates to be a significant risk to direct costs in the current and foreseeable economic environment. It is anticipated that insurance costs, which have risen over the last three years, may well continue to rise over the next few years. Maritime transportation is a specialized area and the number of vessels is increasing. There will therefore be an increased demand for qualified crew and this has and will continue to put inflationary pressure on crew costs. However, in a shipping downturn, costs subject to inflation and increased interest rates can usually be controlled because shipping companies typically monitor costs to preserve liquidity and encourage suppliers and service providers to lower rates and prices in the event of a downturn.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

As we qualify as an “emerging growth company” as defined in the JOBS Act, we may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other burdens that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include:

- exemption from the auditor attestation requirement in the assessment of the effectiveness of the emerging growth company’s internal controls over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of Sarbanes-Oxley;
- exemption from new or revised financial accounting standards applicable to public companies until such standards are also applicable to private companies; and
- exemption from compliance with any new requirements adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, requiring mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor’s report in which the auditor would be required to provide additional information about the audit and financial statements.

We may take advantage of these provisions until the end of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date we first sell our common equity securities pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or such earlier time that we are no longer an emerging growth company. We will cease to be an emerging growth company until the earliest of: (i) the last day of the first fiscal year in which our annual gross revenue exceeds \$1.235 billion; (ii) the last day of the fiscal year during which the fifth anniversary of the date of the IPO occurs; (iii) the date that we become a “large accelerated filer” as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our common stock that are held by nonaffiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter; or (iv) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt securities during any three-year period. In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an emerging growth company can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to “opt out” of the extended transition period relating to the exemption from new or revised financial accounting standards and as a result, we comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth public companies. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that our decision to opt out of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards is irrevocable.

B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically financed our capital requirements with cash flow from operations and proceeds from equity offerings. Our operating cash flow is generated from charters on our vessels, through our subsidiaries. Our main uses of funds have been capital expenditures for the acquisition of new vessels, expenditures incurred in connection with ensuring that our vessels comply with international and regulatory standards, and payments of dividends.

As of December 31, 2022, we did not have any contractual obligations other than those related to our Series C and Series D preferred shares dividend. As of the date of this annual report, we paid a cash dividend on our Series C and D preferred holders as of record date January 14, 2023, amounting to \$0.40 million in the aggregate, which amount was funded through cash available. Also, in February 2023, we acquired the Capesize vessel Melia from Diana Shipping Inc. for a purchase price of \$14.0 million, which was funded through \$4.0 million in cash and \$10.0 million through the issuance of 13,157 of our Series D preferred shares.

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As of the date of this annual report, we do not have capital expenditures for vessel acquisitions or debt, but we incur capital expenditures when our vessels undergo surveys. This process of recertification may require us to reposition these vessels from a discharging port to the shipyard, which will reduce our operating days during the period. We also incur capital expenditures for vessel improvements to meet new regulations and comply with international and regulatory standards. The loss of earnings associated with the decrease in operating days together with the capital needs for repairs and upgrades result in increased cash flow needs.

We will require capital to fund ongoing operations, vessel improvements to meet requirements under new regulations and the payment of our preferred stock dividends. We intend to finance our future growth through a combination of proceeds from equity offerings, borrowings from debt transactions and cash generated from operations, as deemed appropriate by our management and board of directors.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, our principal sources of funds were cash from operations, and the net proceeds from the January 2022 Offering. As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, working capital, which is current assets minus current liabilities, amounted to \$11.71 million and \$2.27 million, respectively.

Management monitors the Company's liquidity position throughout the year to ensure that it has access to sufficient funds to meet its forecast cash requirements. We anticipate that our primary sources of funds for at least twelve months from the date of this report will be available cash, internally generated cash flows from our anticipated revenues and additional equity proceeds together with the proceeds from the Registered Direct Offering completed in February 2023. We believe that these anticipated sources of funds, as well as our ability to access the equity capital markets if needed, will be sufficient to meet our liquidity needs for at least twelve months from the date of this report.

Cash Flow OceanPal Inc.

Cash and cash equivalents as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$8.45 and \$1.67 million, respectively. We consider highly liquid investments such as time deposits and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of around three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are held in U.S. dollars.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities in 2022, amounted to \$1.51 million and net cash provided by operating activities in the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021 amounted to \$0.72 million. Cash from operations in 2022 increased compared to the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021, due to the revenues contributed from our dry bulk vessels as a result of the increase in our operating days and the expansion of our fleet, offset though by the decreased working capital due to increased expenses incurred as a result of the expansion of our fleet and dry-docking costs incurred.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities in 2022 and in the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021, amounted to \$5.09 million and \$0.04 million, respectively. Cash used in investing activities in 2022 represents payments of i) \$4.4 million cash consideration of the purchase price regarding the acquisition of M/V Baltimore acquired in September 2022, in accordance with the MoA terms, ii) \$0.6 million relating to the installation of the ballast water treatment system on M/V Protefs, iii) \$0.07 million relating to improvement costs of M/V Salt Lake City and iv) \$0.02 million in connection with predelivery expenses of M/V Baltimore. Net cash used in investing activities in the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021 was \$0.04 million and represents amounts paid for improvement costs of M/V Salt Lake City.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities in 2022 amounted to \$10.36 million and comprise from proceeds of \$16.19 million from the issuance of units (comprising of common or pre-funded warrants and Class A warrants), common stock and warrants, and the exercise of warrants, under the underwritten public offering completed in January 2022 less i) \$4 million of dividends paid to common, Class A warrants, Series C and Series D preferred holders and ii) \$1.83 million of equity issuance and financing costs during the same period.

Net cash provided by financing activities in the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021 was \$1.0 million and represents the contribution of working capital by Diana Shipping to us pursuant to the Spin-Off.

Cash Flow OceanPal Inc. Predecessors

Net Cash provided by /used in Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities in 2020 amounted to \$2.7 million. Net cash provided by operating activities in the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 amounted to \$3.18 million.

Net Cash used in Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.5 million for 2020 and related to vessel improvements due to new regulations.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.02 million for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 and related to vessel improvements due to new regulations.

Net Cash provided by / used in Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$4.2 million for 2020 and related to additional investment by the Parent.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$3.2 million for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 and relates to amounts distributed to the Parent.

As part of Diana Shipping, OceanPal Inc. Predecessors were dependent upon Diana Shipping for all of its working capital and financing requirements, as Diana Shipping used a centralized approach to cash management and financing of its operations. Financial transactions relating to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors were accounted for through Diana Shipping equity account. Accordingly, none of Diana Shipping's cash, cash equivalents or debt at the corporate level were assigned to the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors in the combined carve-out financial statements.

C. Research and development, patents and licenses

We incur from time to time expenditures relating to inspections for acquiring new vessels that meet our standards. Such expenditures are insignificant and they are expensed as they incur.

D. Trend information

Our results of operations depend primarily on the charter hire rates that we are able to realize, and the demand for dry bulk vessel services. The Baltic Dry Index, or the BDI, has long been viewed as the main benchmark to monitor the movements of the dry bulk vessel charter market and the performance of the entire dry bulk shipping market.

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The BDI declined 94% in 2008 from a peak of 11,793 in May 2008 to a low of 663 in December 2008 and has remained volatile since then, reaching a record low of 290 in February 2016. In 2022, the BDI ranged from a high of 3,369 on May 23, 2022 to a low of 965 on August 31, 2022 to drop again to a low of 530 on February 16, 2023. The BDI has since recovered from the February 2023 levels and closed at 1,402 on March 28, 2023. The decline and volatility in charter rates in the dry bulk market reflects in part the fact that the supply of dry bulk vessels in the market has been increasing, and the number of newbuilding dry bulk vessels on order is high. Demand for dry bulk vessel services is influenced by global financial conditions. Global financial markets and economic conditions have been, and continue to be, volatile. Credit markets and the debt and equity capital markets have been distressed and the uncertainty surrounding the future of the global credit markets has resulted in reduced access to credit worldwide, particularly for the shipping industry. These issues, along with significant write-offs in the financial services sector, the repricing of credit risk and the current weak economic conditions, have made it difficult to obtain financing. Our revenues and results of operations in 2023 will be subject to demand for our services, the level of inflation, market disruptions and interest rates. Demand for our drybulk oceangoing vessels is dependent upon economic growth in the world's economies, seasonal and regional changes in demand and changes to the capacity of the global dry bulk fleet and the sources and supply for dry bulk cargo transported by sea. Continued adverse economic, political or social conditions or other developments could further negatively impact charter rates and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We believe that the important measures for analyzing trends in our results of operations consist of the following:

| | OceanPal Inc. | |
|---|---|---|
| | For the year ended December 31, 2022 | For the period from April 15, 2021 (inception date) to December 31, 2021 |
| Fleet Data: | | |
| Average number of vessels ⁽¹⁾ | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Number of vessels at year-end | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Weighted average age of vessels at year-end (in years) | 17.7 | 16.7 |
| Ownership days ⁽²⁾ | 1,197 | 96 |
| Available days ⁽³⁾ | 1,154 | 96 |
| Operating days ⁽⁴⁾ | 1,117 | 96 |
| Fleet utilization ⁽⁵⁾ | 96.8 % | 100.0 % |

| | OceanPal Inc. Predecessors | |
|---|---|---|
| | For the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 | For the year ended December 31, 2020 |
| Fleet Data: | | |
| Average number of vessels ⁽¹⁾ | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Number of vessels at year-end | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Weighted average age of vessels at year-end (in years) | 16.6 | 15.7 |
| Ownership days ⁽²⁾ | 999 | 1,098 |
| Available days ⁽³⁾ | 999 | 1,024 |
| Operating days ⁽⁴⁾ | 996 | 971 |
| Fleet utilization ⁽⁵⁾ | 99.70 % | 94.80 % |

(1) Average number of vessels is the number of vessels that constituted our fleet for the relevant period, as measured by the sum of the number of days each vessel was a part of our fleet during the period divided by the number of calendar days in the period.

(2) Ownership days are 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.

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- (3) Available days are the number of our ownership days less the aggregate number of days that our vessels are off-hire due to scheduled repairs or repairs under guarantee, vessel upgrades or special surveys and the aggregate amount of time that we spend positioning our vessels for such events. The shipping industry uses available days to measure the number of days in a period during which vessels should be capable of generating revenues.
- (4) Operating days are the number of available days in a period less the aggregate number of days that our 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.
- (5) We calculate 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 for such events.

| | OceanPal Inc. | |
|---|---|---|
| | For the year ended December 31, 2022 | For the period from April 15, 2021, to December 31, 2021 |
| <i>Amounts in the tables below are in U.S dollars</i> | | |
| Average Daily Results: | | |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 13,349 | \$ 13,333 |
| Daily vessel operating expenses ⁽⁷⁾ | 5,748 | 3,750 |

| | OceanPal Inc. Predecessors | |
|---|---|---|
| | For the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 | For the year ended December 31, 2020 |
| <i>Amounts in the tables below are in U.S dollars</i> | | |
| Average Daily Results: | | |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 10,935 | \$ 8,235 |
| Daily vessel operating expenses ⁽⁷⁾ | 6,206 | 7,739 |

- (6) Time charter equivalent rates, or TCE rates, are defined as our time charter revenues less voyage expenses during a period divided by the number of our available days during the period, which is consistent with industry standards. Voyage expenses include port charges, bunker (fuel) expenses, canal charges and commissions. TCE rate is a non-GAAP measure, and management believes it is useful to investors because it is a standard 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 charter hire rates for vessels on voyage charters are generally not expressed in per day amounts while charter hire rates for vessels on time charters are generally expressed in such amounts. The following table reflects the calculation of our TCE rates for the periods presented.

- (7) Daily vessel operating expenses, which include crew wages and related costs, the cost of insurance, expenses relating to repairs and maintenance, the costs of spares and consumable stores, tonnage taxes and other miscellaneous expenses, are calculated by dividing vessel operating expenses by Ownership days for the relevant period.

| | OceanPal Inc. | |
|---|---|---|
| | For the year ended December 31, 2022 | For the period from April 15, 2021, to December 31, 2021 |
| <i>Amounts in the tables below are in thousands of U.S dollars except for Available days and TCE rate</i> | | |
| Time charter revenues | \$ 19,085 | \$ 1,334 |
| Less: voyage expenses | (3,680) | (54) |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) revenues | <u>\$ 15,405</u> | <u>\$ 1,280</u> |
| Available days | 1,154 | 96 |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate | \$ 13,349 | \$ 13,333 |

| | OceanPal Inc. Predecessors | |
|--|---|---|
| | For the period from January 1, to November 29, 2021 | For the year ended December 31, 2020 |
| <i>Amounts in the tables below are in U.S dollars, except for Available days</i> | | |
| Time charter revenues | \$ 11,343 | \$ 9,411 |
| Less: voyage expenses | (418) | (978) |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) revenues | <u>\$ 10,925</u> | <u>\$ 8,433</u> |
| Available days | 999 | 1,024 |
| Time charter equivalent (TCE) rate | \$ 10,935 | \$ 8,235 |

E. Critical Accounting Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with 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 estimates are those estimates made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles that involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and have had or are reasonably likely to have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. We prepare our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. On a regular basis, management reviews the accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could differ from our assumptions and estimates, and such differences could be material. For a description of our material accounting policies, please read “Item 18. Financial Statements” and more precisely Note 2 (“Significant Accounting Policies”) to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report.

Impairment of Long-lived Assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances (such as market conditions, obsolescence or damage to the asset, potential sales and other business plans) indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. When the estimate of undiscounted projected net operating cash flows, expected to be generated by the use of an asset over its remaining useful life and its eventual disposition is less than its carrying amount plus unamortized dry-docking costs, the Company evaluates the asset for impairment loss. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset, determined mainly by third party valuations. The current conditions in the shipping market with decreased charter rates and decreased vessel market values are conditions that the Company considers indicators of a potential impairment. In developing estimates of future undiscounted projected net operating cash flows, the Company makes assumptions and estimates about the vessels' future performance, with the significant assumptions being related to future charter rates for the unfixed days and future fleet utilization rate. Other assumptions used, are charter rates calculated for the fixed days using the fixed charter rate of each vessel from existing time charters; the expected outflows for scheduled vessels' maintenance; vessel operating expenses; estimated remaining useful life of each vessel and the vessels' residual value if sold for scrap. The assumptions used to develop estimates of future undiscounted projected net operating cash flows are based on historical trends as well as future expectations, employment prospects under the then current market conditions and vessels' age. During 2022, we reassessed our prior year method to estimate future revenues for the unfixed days through the use of the ten-year blended average one-year time charter rate per type of vessel and the assumption of 99% as effective fleet utilization that were used in our 2021 future undiscounted projected net operating cash flows exercise. In particular, for the unfixed days, the Company uses the most recent ten-year average of historical six-months' time charter rates available for each type of vessel over the remaining estimated life of each vessel, net of commissions. Historical ten-year blended average six-months' time charter rates are in line with the Company's overall chartering strategy, they reflect the full operating history of vessels of the same type and particulars with the Company's operating fleet and they cover at least a full business cycle, where applicable. In addition, by effective fleet utilization is assumed to 97% in the Company's exercise which is additionally affected the period(s) each vessel is expected to undergo her scheduled maintenance, assumptions in line with the Company's historical performance and its expectations for future fleet utilization under its fleet employment strategy. This calculation is then compared with the vessels' net book value plus unamortized dry-docking costs. The difference between the carrying amount of the vessel plus unamortized dry-docking costs and their fair value is recognized in the Company's accounts as impairment loss.

Although no impairment loss was identified or recorded during the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021, according to our assessment, the carrying value plus unamortized dry-docking costs, if any, of vessels for which impairment indicators existed as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$64.5 million and \$19.7 million, respectively.

Historically, the market values of vessels have experienced volatility, which from time to time may be substantial. As a result, the charter-free market value of certain of our vessels may have declined below those vessels' carrying value plus unamortized dry-docking costs, even though we would not impair those vessels' carrying value under our accounting impairment policy. Based on: (i) the carrying value plus unamortized dry-docking costs of each of our vessels as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and (ii) what we believe the charter-free market value of each of our vessels was as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the aggregate carrying value of four and one of the vessels in our fleet as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, exceeded their aggregate charter-free market value by approximately \$11.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, as noted in the table below. This aggregate difference represents the approximate analysis of the amount by which we believe we would have to reduce our net income or increase our loss if we sold all of such vessels at December 31, 2022 and 2021, on a charter-free basis, on industry standard terms, in cash transactions, and to a willing buyer where we were not under any compulsion to sell, and where the buyer was not under any compulsion to buy. For purposes of this calculation, we have assumed that these four vessels and one vessel, respectively, would be sold at a price that reflects our estimate of their charter-free market values as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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| Vessels <i>(in millions of USD)</i> | Dwt | Year Built | Carrying value plus unamortized dry dock cost (in millions of US Dollars) | |
|--|---------|------------|---|----------------|
| | | | 2022 | 2021 |
| 1. Protefs | 73,630 | 2004 | \$ 12.9* | \$ 12.8 |
| 2. Calipso | 73,691 | 2005 | \$ 12.0* | \$ 13.2 |
| 3. Salt Lake City | 171,810 | 2005 | \$ 18.2* | \$ 19.7* |
| 4. Baltimore | 177,243 | 2005 | \$ 21.4* | \$ — |
| Total | | | \$ 64.5 | \$ 45.7 |

* Indicates dry bulk vessels for which we believe, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the charter-free market value was lower than the vessel's carrying value plus unamortized dry-docking costs. We believe that the aggregate carrying value plus unamortized dry-docking costs of these vessels exceeded their aggregate charter-free market value by approximately \$11.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

Our estimates of charter-free market value assume that our vessels were all in good and seaworthy condition without need for repair and if inspected would be certified in class without notations of any kind. Our estimates are based on information available from various industry sources, including:

- reports by industry analysts and data providers that focus on our industry and related dynamics affecting vessel values;
- news and industry reports of similar vessel sales;
- offers that we may have received from potential purchasers of our vessels; and
- vessel sale prices and values of which we are aware through both formal and informal communications with shipowners, shipbrokers, industry analysts and various other shipping industry participants and observers.

As we obtain information from various industry and other sources, our estimates of charter-free vessel market values, charter rates and vessel utilization are inherently uncertain. In addition, vessel values are highly volatile; as such, our estimates may not be indicative of the current or future charter-free market value of our vessels or prices that we could achieve if we were to sell them. We also refer you to the risk factor in "Item 3. Key Information-D. Risk Factors" entitled "A decline in the market values of our vessels could limit our ability to borrow funds in the future, trigger breaches of certain financial covenants contained in any future borrowing facilities we may enter into, and/or result in impairment charges or losses on sale." and the discussion under the heading "Item 4. Information on the Company-B. Business Overview-Vessel Prices."

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Our impairment test exercise is sensitive to variances in the time charter rates and utilization rate. Our current analysis, which also involved a sensitivity analysis by assigning possible alternative values to these significant inputs, indicated that time charter rates and utilization would need to be reduced by 2% to 14% to result in impairment of individual long-lived assets with indication of impairment. This minimum decrease of 2% in the time charter rates for the unfixed days as shown in detail in the table below and/or a fleet utilization rate of 95% used instead in our impairment test exercise would result in \$2.68 million impairment charge in aggregate for two of our vessels. However, there can be no assurance as to how long charter rates and vessel values will remain at their current levels. If charter rates decrease and remain depressed for some time, it could adversely affect our revenue and profitability and future assessments of vessel impairment.

A comparison of the average estimated daily time charter equivalent rate used in our impairment analysis with the average “break-even rate” for each major class of vessels is presented below:

| | <u>Average estimated daily time charter equivalent rate used</u> | <u>Average break-even rate</u> |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|
| Panamax | \$ 13,286 | \$ 13,036 |
| Capesize | \$ 18,044 | \$ 16,025 |

Additionally, the use of the 1-year, 3-year and 5-year average blended rates would not have any effect on the Company’s impairment analysis and as such on the Company’s results of operations:

| | <u>1-year (period)</u> | <u>Impairment charge in USD million</u> | <u>3-years (period)</u> | <u>Impairment charge in USD million</u> | <u>5-years (period)</u> | <u>Impairment charge in USD million</u> |
|----------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Panamax | \$ 22,101 | \$ — | \$ 19,472 | \$ — | \$ 16,786 | \$ — |
| Capesize | \$ 21,872 | \$ — | \$ 22,789 | \$ — | \$ 21,598 | \$ — |

Non-Monetary Transactions – Spin-Off

When we enter into a nonmonetary transaction as defined broadly under ASC 845, we determine whether the transaction is a contribution of an asset or a business by assessing the definition of a business under ASC 805 and whether the transaction is pro-rata. A transaction is considered pro rata if each owner receives an ownership interest in the transferee in proportion to its existing ownership interest in the transferor (even if the transferor retains an ownership interest in the transferee). In accordance with FASB Topic 805 Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business, if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired in an acquisition transaction are concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, then the set is not a business. To be considered a business, a set must include an input and a substantive process that together significantly contributes to the ability to create an output. All assets contributed under nonmonetary transactions that do not meet the definition of a business, are measured at their fair values on the transaction date in accordance with ASC 845, if the fair value is objectively measurable and clearly realizable in an outright sale at or near the distribution.

Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the provisions of ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", which defines fair value and provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets, liabilities and equity instruments classified in stockholders' equity. The guidance creates a fair value hierarchy of measurement and describes fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability or the consideration to transfer equity interests issued in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. The fair value measurement assumes that an instrument classified in stockholders' equity is transferred to a market participant at the measurement date. The transfer of an instrument classified in stockholders' equity assumes that the instrument would remain outstanding, and the market participant takes on the rights and responsibilities associated with the instrument. In accordance with the requirements of accounting guidance relating to Fair Value Measurements, the Company classifies and discloses its assets, liabilities and equity instruments classified in stockholders' equity carried at the fair value in one of the following categories: Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities or equity instruments; Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data; Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

On April 15, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved the award and grant of 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to the Company's amended and restated plan, for a fair value of \$1.59 million, determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction. On September 20, 2022, the Company acquired M/V Baltimore from Diana Shipping Inc. The non-cash consideration part of the total purchase price paid in the form of 25,000 Series D Preferred Stock as of the vessel acquisition date has been recorded at a fair value of \$17.6 million determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction.

The fair values of equity instruments issued by the Company were based as of the measurement dates on the present values of the future cash outflows derived from dividends payable under each equity instrument, assuming the instruments are held in perpetuity since conversion under fixed or variable conversion price at any time would reasonably result in lower returns for a market participant taking into consideration the Company's market price, outstanding common stock and instruments issuable upon conversion at the measurement dates, through applying a discount factor of 12.7%, and a risk free rate of 1% for the valuation of all instruments.

Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

A. Directors and Senior Management

Set forth below are the names, ages and positions of our directors and executive officers. Our Board of Directors consists of 7 members and will be elected annually on a staggered basis, and each director elected will hold office for a three-year term and until his or her successor is elected and has qualified, except in the event of such director's death, resignation, removal or the earlier termination of his or her term of office. Officers are appointed from time to time by our board of directors and hold office until a successor is appointed or their employment is terminated.

| Name | Age | Position |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Semiramis Paliou | 48 | Class I Director and Chairperson |
| Robert Perri | 50 | Chief Executive Officer |
| Ioannis Zafirakis | 51 | Class III Director, President, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary |
| Eleftherios Papatrifon | 52 | Class II Director |
| Styliani Alexandra Sougioultzoglou | 48 | Class I Director |
| Grigorios-Filippos Psaltis | 48 | Class II Director |
| Nikolaos Veraros | 52 | Class III Director |
| Alexios Chrysochoidis | 49 | Class I Director |
| Margarita Veniou | 44 | Chief Corporate Development and Governance Officer |
| Vasiliki Plousaki | 37 | Chief Accounting Officer |

The term of our Class II directors expires in 2023, the term of our Class III directors expires in 2024, and the term of our Class I directors expires in 2025. The business address of each officer and director is the address of our principal executive offices, which are located at Pendelis 26, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece.

Biographical information with respect to each of our directors and executive officers is set forth below.

Semiramis Paliou has served as a Director since April 2021. Mrs. Paliou is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Company since November 2021. Mrs. Paliou has served as a Director of Diana Shipping since March 2015. She has also served as Chief Executive Officer, Chairperson of the Executive Committee and a member of the Sustainability Committee of Diana Shipping since March 1, 2021. She previously served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Diana Shipping from October 2019 until February 2021. Mrs. Paliou also served as member of the Executive Committee and the Chief Operating Officer of Diana Shipping from August 2018 until February 2021. Mrs. Paliou also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Diana Shipping Services S.A. Mrs. Paliou also serves as the Chairperson of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA) since June 2020 and she has served on the board of directors since March 2018. As of June 2021, she serves as Vice-Chairperson of INTERMEPA. Also, she is a member of the board of directors of the UK P&I Club since November 2020, member of the Union of Greek Shipowners as of February 2022 and member of the Global Maritime Forum as of April 2022. She is Vice-Chairperson of the Greek committee of Det Norske Veritas, a member of the Greek committee of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai and a member of the Greek committee of Bureau Veritas. From November 2018 to February 2020 Mrs. Paliou also served as Chief Operating Officer of Performance Shipping Inc. Mrs. Paliou has over 20 years of experience in shipping operations, technical management and crewing. Mrs. Paliou began her career at Lloyd's Register of Shipping from 1996 to 1998 as a trainee ship surveyor. She was then employed by Diana Shipping Agencies S.A. From 2007 to 2010 she was employed as a Director and President of Alpha Sigma Shipping Corp. From February 2010 to November 2015 she was the Head of the Operations, Technical and Crew department of Diana Shipping Services S.A. From November 2015 to October 2016 she served as Vice- President of the same company. From November 2016 to the end of July 2018, she served as Managing Director and Head of the Technical, Operations, Crew and Supply department of Unitized Ocean Transport Limited. Ms. Paliou obtained her BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, London and her MSc in Naval Architecture from University College, London. Ms. Paliou completed courses in "Finance for Senior Executives" and in "Authentic Leader Development" and a certificate program on "Sustainable Business Strategy" all at Harvard Business School. She is the daughter of Simeon Palios, the Chairman of Diana Shipping, and is Vice-Chairperson of the Greek committee of Det Norske Veritas, a member of the Greek committee of Nippon Kaiji Kyokai and a member of the Greek committee of Bureau Veritas.

Robert Perri has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company since February 2023. From June 2021 to December 2022, Mr. Perri worked in the Finance Department of Costamare Inc., a publicly traded company. From November 2016 to June 2021, Mr. Perri was the Chief Financial Officer of TMS Cardiff Gas, Ltd., a private shipping company. Mr. Perri has served as a Director of Kalon Acquisition Group since 2019. In addition, Mr. Perri has spent ten years in equity research for several investment banks covering various industries including shipping, technology and IT services. Mr. Perri is a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute and a CFA charterholder. Mr. Perri received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance from Drexel University in 1995 and received his MBA with a focus on finance and banking from SDA Bocconi in 1999.

Ioannis Zafirakis has served as a Director and Secretary of the Company since April 2021. He is also the President and Interim Chief Financial Officer since November 2021. Mr. Zafirakis is also member of the Executive Committee of the Company. He has served as a Director of Diana Shipping from February 2005 and as Chief Financial Officer (Interim Chief Financial Officer until February 2021) and Treasurer of Diana Shipping since February 2020 and he is also the Chief Strategy Officer of Diana Shipping. Mr. Zafirakis is also member of the Executive Committee of Diana Shipping. Mr. Zafirakis has held various executive positions such as Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice-President and Vice-President. In addition, Mr. Zafirakis is the Chief Financial Officer of Diana Shipping Services S.A., where he also serves as Director and Treasurer. From June 1997 to February 2005, Mr. Zafirakis was employed by Diana Shipping Agencies S.A., where he held a number of positions in finance and accounting. From January 2010 to February 2020 he also served as Director and Secretary of Performance Shipping Inc., where he held various executive positions such as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Strategy Officer. Mr. Zafirakis is a member of the Business Advisory Committee of the Shipping Programs of ALBA Graduate Business School at The American College of Greece. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Studies from City University Business School in London and a master's degree in International Transport from the University of Wales in Cardiff.

Eleftherios (Lefteris) A. Papatrifon has served as a Director of the Company since November 2021. Mr. Papatrifon served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer from November 2021 to January 2023. Mr. Papatrifon is a member of the Executive Committee of the Company. He has served as Director and member of the Executive Committee of Diana Shipping Inc. since February 2023 and as Chief Operating Officer from March 2021 to February 2023. He was Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder and Director of Quintana Shipping Ltd, a provider of dry bulk shipping services, from 2010 until the company's successful sale of assets and consequent liquidation in 2017. Previously, for a period of approximately six years, he served as the Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Excel Maritime Carriers Ltd. Prior to that, Mr. Papatrifon served for approximately 15 years in a number of corporate finance and asset management positions, both in the USA and Greece. Mr. Papatrifon holds undergraduate (BBA) and graduate (MBA) degrees from Baruch College (CUNY). He is also a member of the CFA Institute and a CFA charterholder.

Styliani Alexandra Sougioultzoglou has served as a Director of the Company since November 29, 2021. She is member of the Compensation Committee of the Company. Since October 2019, Ms. Sougioultzoglou has managed the Centre of Entrepreneurship and Innovation of the Municipality of Athens, where she has been involved in numerous green entrepreneurship projects as well as EU-funded tech initiatives that assist young entrepreneurs, and has managed the Centre's international relations. She served as Curator and Project Manager in Technopolis of the City of Athens from January 1999 through October 2019. Ms. Sougioultzoglou graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science with a degree in International Relations & History.

Grigorios-Filippos Psaltis has served as a Director of the Company since November 29, 2021. Mr. Psaltis is the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee of the Company. Since 2017, Mr. Psaltis has served as a Business Consultant at Chesapeake Asset Management L.L.C., a SEC registered company based in New York. He previously worked at Ormos Compania Naviera S.A., a shipping company that specialized in managing and operating multipurpose container vessels, serving as Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 2006 and as Managing Director from 2006 to 2018. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Psaltis served on the Investment Committee and was head of business strategy at Dias Portfolio Investment Company, an investment company listed in the Athens Stock Exchange. He held managing positions and has been in the board of directors of various companies in the tourism and food and beverage industry. Mr. Psaltis holds a BSC (Hons) degree from City University Business School in London.

Nikolaos Veraros, CFA, has served as a Director of the Company since November 29, 2021. Mr. Veraros is the Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Company. Mr. Veraros has served as financial consultant to various shipping companies. He has over 20 years of experience in shipping finance. He was also employed as a senior equity analyst by National Bank of Greece. Mr. Veraros is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), a Certified Market Maker for Derivatives in the Athens Stock Exchange, and a Certified Analyst from the Hellenic Capital Market Commission. He is currently Adjunct Lecturer of shipping finance and economics at King's College, London and ALBA, Athens. Mr. Veraros received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the Athens University of Economics and Business, from which he graduated as valedictorian, and his MBA degree from the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Rochester, USA.

Alexios Chrysochoidis has served as a Director of the Company since November 29, 2021. He is member of the Audit Committee of the Company. Mr Chrysochoidis joined Eurobank Equities in 2003 and he is General Manager, Head of Trading in Athens, Greece. He supervises the Equity and Equity Derivatives Market Making Desk along with the Prop Trading Desk. He has extensive cross border experience, specializing in multi asset products within the Capital Markets and Alternative Sectors. Prior to this he worked for Telesis Securities, as Deputy Head of the Derivatives Desk. He holds a B.Sc and an M.Eng in Electrical Engineering from Imperial College (UK) and an M.Sc in Engineering Economic Systems from Stanford University (US).

Margarita Veniou has served as the Chief Corporate Development and Governance Officer of the Company since November 2021. Ms. Veniou also serves as Chief Corporate Development, Governance & Communications Officer of Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE:DSX) and Corporate Development, Governance & Communications Manager of Diana Shipping Services S.A., a ship management company, since July 2022. From September 2004 to June 2022, she has worked for the same companies holding various positions as Associate, Officer, and Manager in the fields of corporate planning and governance. Ms. Veniou held the position of Corporate Planning & Governance Officer from January 2010 to February 2020 in Performance Shipping Inc., a US-listed company. She is also the General Manager of Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. since April 2014. She is a member of WISTA Hellas, holds a bachelor's degree in Maritime Studies and a master's degree in Maritime Economics & Policy from the University of Piraeus. She completed the Sustainability Leadership and Corporate Responsibility course at the London Business School. She has obtained certification in Shipping Derivatives from the Athens University of Economics and Business and she is an ISO 14001 certified by Lloyd's Register.

Vasiliki Plousaki has served as the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since June 2021 during which time she has been responsible for all financial reporting requirements. From 2020 to June 2021, she was employed by Drew Marine, a global maritime company, as EMEA Regional Controller. In 2011 Mrs. Plousaki joined the Athens branch of Ernst and Young (Hellas), where she progressed to Senior Manager and served as an external auditor specializing in audits of US listed shipping companies until 2020. Mrs. Plousaki is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Athens and a Master's degree in Auditing and Accounting from the University of Athens and the Greek Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Board Diversity Matrix

As a foreign private issuer listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market, we are required to disclose certain self-identified diversity characteristics about our directors pursuant to Nasdaq board diversity and disclosure rules. The Board Diversity Matrix set forth below contains the requisite information as of the date of this annual report.

| Board Diversity Matrix (As of March 28, 2023) | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Country of Principal Executive Offices | Greece | | | |
| Foreign Private Issuer | Yes | | | |
| Disclosure Prohibited under Home Country Law | No | | | |
| Total Number of Directors | 7 | | | |
| | Female | Male | Non-Binary | Did No Disclose Gender |
| Part I: Gender Identity | | | | |
| Directors | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Part II: Demographic Background | | | | |
| Underrepresented Individual in Home Country Jurisdiction | | | 0 | |
| LGBTQ+ | | | 0 | |
| Did Not Disclose Demographic Background | | | 0 | |

B. Compensation

Aggregate executive compensation (including amounts paid to Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc.) for 2022 was \$1.94 million. Since November 2021, the services of our executive officers have been provided by Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc., an affiliated company, pursuant to the agreements described in “Item 7. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Related Party Transactions”. We consider part of these fees under these agreements to constitute the compensation paid to our executives.

Non-employee directors receive annual compensation in the amount of \$30,000 plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, each director serving as chairman of a committee receives additional annual compensation of \$20,000, plus reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Each director serving as member of a committee receives additional annual compensation of \$10,000, plus reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. For 2022 fees and expenses of our non-executive directors amounted to \$0.21 million.

Since 2022 and until the date of this annual report, our Board of Directors awarded an aggregate amount of 5,314 of our Series C Preferred Shares to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, as an annual incentive bonus. All restricted shares vest ratably over two years from their grant date. The restricted shares are subject to forfeiture until they become vested. Unless they forfeit, grantees have the right to receive and retain all dividends paid and to exercise all other rights, powers and privileges of a holder of shares.

In 2022, compensation costs under our restricted stock awards amounted to \$0.57 million.

We do not have a retirement plan for our officers or directors.

Equity Incentive Plan

Our board of directors has approved and the Company has adopted the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, pursuant to which the Company may issue up to 100,000 common shares, all of which remain available for issuance as of March 28, 2023 and 10,000 Series C Preferred Shares, of which 4,686 remain available to be granted under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.

Under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, the Company's employees, officers and directors are entitled to receive options to acquire the Company's common stock. The 2021 Equity Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors or such other committee of the Board as may be designated by the Board. Under the terms of the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, the Company's Board of Directors is able to grant (a) non-qualified stock options, (b) stock appreciation rights, (c) restricted stock, (d) restricted stock units, (e) unrestricted stock, (f) other equity-based or equity-related awards, (g) dividend equivalents and (h) cash awards. No options or stock appreciation rights can be exercisable subsequent to the tenth anniversary of the date on which such Award was granted. Under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, the Administrator may waive or modify the application of forfeiture of awards of restricted stock and performance shares in connection with cessation of service with the Company. No Awards may be granted under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan following the tenth anniversary of the date on which the Plan is adopted by the Board.

C. Board Practices

We have established an Audit Committee, comprised of two non-executive board members, which is responsible for reviewing our accounting controls, recommending to the board of directors the engagement of our independent auditors, and pre-approving audit and audit-related services and fees. Each member has been determined by our board of directors to be "independent" under the rules and regulations of the SEC. As directed by its written charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, and overseeing the work of the independent auditors, including reviewing and approving their engagement letter and all fees paid to our auditors, reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's accounting and internal control procedures and reading and discussing with management and the independent auditors the annual audited financial statements. The members of the Audit Committee are Nikolaos Veraros (chairperson and financial expert) and Alexios Chrysochoidis (member and financial expert).

We have established a Compensation Committee comprised of two members, which, as directed by its written charter, is responsible for setting the compensation of executive officers of the Company, reviewing the Company's incentive and equity-based compensation plans, and reviewing and approving employment and severance agreements. The members of the Compensation Committee are Grigorios-Filippos Psaltis (chairperson) and Styliani Alexandra Sougioultzoglou (member).

We have established an Executive Committee comprised of the Company's Director and Chairperson, Mrs. Semiramis Paliou (Chairperson) and the two executive directors Mr. Ioannis Zafirakis (member), and Mr. Eleftherios (Lefteris) Papatrifon (member). The Executive Committee has, to the extent permitted by law, the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Company.

D. Employees

We have no employees but we pay Steamship for the services of our officers. DWM is responsible for identifying the appropriate officers and seamen mainly through crewing agencies. The crewing agencies handle each seaman's training, travel and payroll. DWM ensures that all our seamen have the qualifications and licenses required to comply with international regulations and shipping conventions. As of December 31, 2022, 86 seafarers were employed by our vessel-owning subsidiaries.

E. Share Ownership

With respect to the total amount of common shares, Series B Preferred Shares, Series C Preferred Shares, Series D Preferred Shares and Series E Preferred Shares owned by our officers and directors, individually and as a group, see “Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions-A. Major Shareholders.”

F. Disclosure of Registrant’s Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation

Not applicable.

Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth information regarding ownership of our common stock as of March 28, 2023 who we know to beneficially own more than five percent of our outstanding common shares, and our executive officers and directors. All of our stockholders listed in this table, are entitled to one vote for each common share held.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the SEC’s rules. In computing percentage ownership of each person, shares subject to options held by that person that are currently exercisable or convertible, or exercisable or convertible within 60 days of the date of this annual report, are deemed to be beneficially owned by that person. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

| Identity of person or group | Shares Beneficially Owned | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Number | Percentage* |
| Diana Shipping Inc.(1) | 23,283,643 | 49 % |
| Semiramis Paliou(2)(3)(4) | 11,082,942 | 31.38 % |
| Ioannis Zafirakis(2)(3) | 1,192,891 | 4.69 % |
| Eleftherios Papatrifon(2)(3) | 309,564 | 1.26 % |
| Intracoastal Capital LLC(5) | 5,490,115 | 9.99 % |
| Anson Investments Master Fund LP(5) | 4,087,602 | 7.69 % |
| All other officers and directors as a group(3) | — | — % |

* Based on 24,233,996 common shares outstanding as of March 28, 2023.

- (1) Diana Shipping Inc. owns 500,000 shares of our Series B Preferred Stock. Through its beneficial ownership of our Series B Preferred Stock, Diana Shipping Inc. is entitled to cast 2,000 votes for each share of Series B Preferred Stock on all matters on which our common shareholders are entitled to vote of up to 34% of the total number of votes entitled to vote on such matter. To the extent the aggregate voting power of any holder of Series B Preferred Stock, together with any affiliate of such holder, would exceed 49% of the total number of votes that may be cast on any matter submitted to a vote of our shareholders, the number of votes of relating to its shares of Series B Preferred Stock shall be automatically reduced so that such holder’s aggregate voting power, together with any affiliate of such holder, is not more than 49%. Diana Shipping also owns 10,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock, which may be converted into shares of our common stock, at Diana Shipping’s option commencing upon the first anniversary of the original issue date, at a conversion price equal to the lesser of \$65.00 and the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. Diana Shipping, however, is prohibited from converting its shares of Series C Preferred Stock into common shares to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, Diana Shipping (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares. Diana Shipping also owns 13,157 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock, which may be converted into shares of our common stock, at any time at Diana Shipping’s option, at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. Diana Shipping, however, is prohibited from converting its shares of Series D Preferred Stock into common shares to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, Diana Shipping would beneficially own more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares.

- (2) Semiramis Paliou, Ioannis Zafirakis and Eleftherios Papatrifon may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of common shares through their ownership of Series D Preferred Stock which may be converted into common shares at a conversion price equal to the 10-day trailing VWAP of common shares subject to certain adjustments. The above ownership reflects the number of common shares into which such Series D Preferred Stock may be converted at an assumed 10-day trailing VWAP of \$0.3747 as of the closing date of March 28, 2023.
- (3) On April 15, 2022, and March 7, 2023, our Board of Directors approved the award of 1,982 and 3,332 shares, respectively, of our Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors pursuant to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, which have not yet been issued. The information in the table above does not include these awards. The Series C Preferred Stock awarded on April 15, 2022 and March 7, 2023, respectively, will vest ratably on April 15, 2023 and 2024 and March 7, 2024 and 2025, respectively, and will be convertible at the holders' election at such time.
- (4) Semiramis Paliou owns, through Tuscany Shipping Corp., 1,200 shares of our newly designated Series E Preferred Stock. Through her beneficial ownership of our Series E Preferred Stock, Ms. Paliou is entitled to cast a number of votes for all matters on which our common shareholders are entitled to vote of up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to vote on such matter. The Series E Preferred Stock votes with the shares of common stock of the Company, and each share of the Series E Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to up to 25,000 votes, on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company, subject up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast on matters put to shareholders of the Company. The Series E Preferred Stock is convertible, at the election of the holder, in whole or in part, into shares of our common stock at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common stock, subject to certain adjustments, commencing at any time after (i) the cancellation of all of our Series B Preferred Stock or (ii) the transfer for all of our Series B Preferred Stock (collectively a "Series B Event"). The 15% limitation discussed above, shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Series B Event.
- (5) The number of shares of common stock beneficially owned in the table do not give effect to the beneficial ownership blockers contained in the Class A Warrants, Class B warrants, pre-funded warrants and privately placed warrants held by the above reported persons, but the percentages in the table do give effect to such beneficial ownership blockers.

As of March 28, 2023, we had 88 shareholders of record, 74 of which were located in the United States and held an aggregate of 24,098,215 of our common shares, representing 99.44% of our outstanding common shares. However, one of the U.S. shareholders of record is CEDE & CO., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which held 24,096,998 of our common shares as of that date. Accordingly, we believe that the shares held by CEDE & CO. include common shares beneficially owned by both holders in the United States and non-U.S. beneficial owners. We are not aware of any arrangements the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in our change of control.

B. Related Party Transactions

Related Party Transactions

Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc.

Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. ("Steamship"), a related party that is controlled by the Chairman of Diana Shipping, provides to us insurance, administrative and brokerage services pursuant to a Management Agreement for insurance-related services; an Administrative Services Agreement; and a Brokerage Services Agreement.

Under each vessel-owning subsidiary's Management Agreement for insurance-related services with Steamship, the vessel-owning subsidiary pays Steamship a fixed fee of either (i) \$500 per month for each month that the vessel is employed or is available for employment or (ii) \$250 per month for each month that the vessel is laid-up and not available for employment for at least 15 calendar days of such month. These Management Agreements may be terminated by either party on three months' prior written notice.

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Under our Administrative Services Agreement with Steamship, Steamship provides certain administrative services which may include budgeting, reporting, monitoring of bank accounts, compliance with banks, payroll services and any other possible service that we require to perform our operations. We pay Steamship a monthly fee of \$10,000. This agreement may be terminated by either party on 30 days' prior written notice.

Under our Brokerage Services Agreement with Steamship, we paid Steamship a lump sum commission of \$95,000 per month until December 31, 2022, plus 2.5% on the hire agreed per charter party for each vessel (subject to required deductions and withholdings); provided, however, that we and Steamship may agree to commissions on a percentage basis for specific deals. On March 7, 2023, our Brokerage Services Agreement with Steamship was terminated, and we thereby entered into a new agreement effective as of January 1, 2023. Pursuant to the new brokerage services agreement with Steamship, our fixed brokerage monthly fee was increased to \$150,000, whereas the remaining agreement terms remained unaltered. This Brokerage Services Agreement shall be for a term of 12 (twelve) months commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending (unless terminated earlier on the basis of any other provision contained therein) on December 31, 2023, and shall be automatically renewed for a further periods of one calendar year.

Diana Shipping, Non-Competition Agreement

We have entered into a non-competition agreement with Diana Shipping, dated November 2, 2021, pursuant to which Diana Shipping granted us (i) a right of first refusal over any opportunity available to Diana Shipping (or any of its subsidiaries) to acquire or charter-in any dry bulk vessel that is larger than 70,000 dwt and that was built prior to 2006 and (ii) a right of first refusal over any employment opportunity for a dry bulk vessel pursuant to a spot market charter presented or available to Diana Shipping with respect to any vessel owned or chartered in, directly or indirectly, by Diana Shipping. The non-competition agreement also prohibits the Company and Diana Shipping from soliciting each other's employees. The terms of the non-competition agreement provide that it will terminate on the date that (i) Diana Shipping's ownership of our equity securities represents less than 10% of total outstanding voting power and (ii) we and Diana Shipping share no common executive officers.

Diana Shipping, Right of First Refusal

We have entered into a right of first refusal agreement with Diana Shipping, dated November 8, 2021, pursuant to which Diana Shipping granted us a right of first refusal over six dry bulk carriers then owned by Diana Shipping and identified in the agreement. As of the date of this annual report, three of the six identified vessels from Diana Shipping remain available for our purchase. Pursuant to this right of first refusal, we have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase one or all of the three identified vessels when and if Diana Shipping determines to sell the vessels. Pursuant to the agreement, in connection with our right of first refusal in any vessel acquisition opportunity, our right to purchase the vessel will be at a price equal to the fair market value of each vessel at the time of sale, as determined by the average of two independent shipbroker valuations from brokers mutually agreeable to the Company and Diana Shipping. If we do not exercise our right to purchase a vessel, Diana Shipping has the right to sell the vessel to any third party for a period of three months from the date we received notice of the offer from Diana Shipping. As of the date of this annual report, three of the six identified vessels remain available for our purchase.

On June 13, 2022, we entered into a memorandum of agreement with Diana Shipping to acquire a 2005- built Capesize vessel, the m/v Baltimore, having a carrying capacity of 177,243 dwt and an age of 17.3 years, as of that date, for a total consideration of \$22.0 million. Of the purchase price, 20%, or \$4.4 million, was paid in cash upon signing of the memorandum of agreement, and the remaining amount was paid upon delivery of the vessel to us in 25,000 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock. Our purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to our exercise of a right of first refusal granted to us by Diana Shipping on several identified vessels based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021. The vessel was delivered to the Company on September 20, 2022. The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of our Board of Directors.

On February 1, 2023, we entered into a memorandum of agreement with Diana Shipping to acquire a 2005-built Panamax vessel, the m/v Melia, having a carrying capacity of 76,225 dwt and an age of 18 years, as of that date, for a total consideration of \$14.0 million. Of the purchase price, \$4.0 million, was paid in cash upon signing of the memorandum of agreement, and the remaining amount was paid upon delivery of the vessel to us in 13,157 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock. Our purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to our exercise of a right of first refusal granted to us by Diana Shipping on several identified vessels based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021. The vessel was delivered to the Company on February 8, 2023. The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of our Board of Directors.

Contribution and Conveyance Agreement

We entered into an amended and restated contribution and conveyance agreement with Diana Shipping, dated as of November 17, 2021, pursuant to which Diana Shipping (i) contributed certain vessel-owning subsidiaries, together with \$1.0 million in working capital, to us on November 29, 2021 in exchange for our common shares, Series B Preferred Shares and Series C Preferred Shares, and (ii) agreed to indemnify us and the vessel-owning subsidiaries for any and all obligations and other liabilities arising from or relating to the operation, management or employment of our vessels prior to the effective date of the Spin-Off.

Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited

Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited, or DWM, is a 50/50 joint venture of Diana Shipping and an affiliated entity of us, which provides management services to the vessels in our fleet pursuant to a management agreement, under which each of our vessel-owning subsidiaries pays, for each vessel, an aggregate of 1.25% on hire and on freight of the vessel's gross income, plus either (i) \$18,500 for each month that the vessel is employed or available for employment or (ii) \$9,250 per month for each month that the vessel is laid-up and not available for employment for at least 15 calendar days of such month. The management agreement may be terminated by either party on three months' prior written notice.

C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Financial information

A. Consolidated statements and other financial information

See "Item 18. Financial Statements."

Legal Proceedings

We have not been involved in any legal proceedings which may have a significant effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or liquidity, nor are we aware of any proceedings that are pending or threatened which may 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. Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement between us and Diana Shipping, it has agreed to indemnify us and the Subsidiaries for any and all obligations and other liabilities arising from or relating to the operation, management or employment of our vessels prior to the effective date of the Spin-Off.

Dividend Policy

The declaration and payment of dividends, if any, are subject to the discretion of our board of directors. Our board of directors will review and amend our dividend policy from time to time in light of our business plans and other factors.

Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of dividends other than from surplus or when a company is insolvent or if the payment of the dividend would render the company insolvent.

We believe that, under current law, any dividends that we may pay in the future from earnings and profits constitute "qualified dividend income" and as such are generally subject to a 20% United States federal income tax rate with respect to non-corporate United States shareholders. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will be treated first as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of a United States shareholder's tax basis in its common stock on a dollar-for-dollar basis and thereafter as capital gain. Please see the section of this annual report entitled "Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation" for additional information relating to the tax treatment of our dividend payments.

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Cumulative dividends on shares of our Series C Preferred Stock and our Series D Preferred Stock are payable in cash or, at our election, in kind, quarterly on each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15, or, if any such dividend payment date otherwise would fall on a date that is not a business day, the immediately succeeding business day. The dividend rate on shares of our Series C Preferred Stock is 8.0% per annum per \$1,000 of liquidation preference per share (equal to \$80 per annum per share) and is not subject to adjustment. The dividend rate on shares of our Series D Preferred Stock is 7.0% per annum per \$1,000 of liquidation preference per share (equal to \$70 per annum per share) and is not subject to adjustment.

Marshall Islands law provides that we may pay dividends only to the extent that assets are legally available for such purposes. Legally available assets generally are limited to our surplus, which essentially represents our retained earnings and the excess of consideration received by us for the sale of shares above the par value of the shares. In addition, under Marshall Islands law we may not pay dividends if we are insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend or the making of such redemption.

B. Significant Changes

Not applicable.

Item 9. The Offer and Listing

A. Offer and Listing Details

Our common shares currently trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbol “OP”.

B. Plan of distribution

Not applicable.

C. Markets

Our common shares currently trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “OP”.

D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

E. Dilution

Not applicable.

F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

Item 10. Additional Information

A. Share capital

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and articles of association

Our current amended and restated articles of incorporation are filed as exhibit 1.1 hereto, and our current amended and restated bylaws are filed as exhibit 1.2 hereto. The information contained in these exhibits is incorporated by reference herein.

Information regarding the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to each class of our shares is described in Exhibit 2.8 to this annual report titled “Description of Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.”

C. *Material contracts*

Attached as exhibits to this annual report are the contracts we consider to be both material and not entered into in the ordinary course of business, which (i) are to be performed in whole or in part on or after the filing date of this annual report or (ii) were entered into not more than two years before the filing date of this annual report. Other than these agreements, we have no material contracts, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the Company or any member of the group is a party. A description of these is included in our description of our agreements in Item 7.B.

D. *Exchange Controls*

Under Marshall Islands, Panamanian, Cypriot and Greek law, there are currently no restrictions on the export or import of capital, including foreign exchange controls or restrictions that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our securities.

E. *Taxation*

In the opinion of Seward & Kissel LLP, the following is a discussion of the material Marshall Islands and U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the Company and U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders, each as defined below, of our common stock.

Marshall Islands Tax Considerations

The Company is incorporated in the Marshall Islands. Under current Marshall Islands law, the Company is not subject to tax on income or capital gains, and no Marshall Islands withholding tax will be imposed upon payments of dividends by the Company to holders of its common shares that are not residents or domiciled or carrying any commercial activity in the Marshall Islands. The holders of our common shares will not be subject to Marshall Islands tax on the sale or other disposition of such common shares.

United States Federal Income Taxation

The following are the material United States federal income tax consequences to the Company of its activities and of ownership and disposition of our common shares to U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders, each as defined below. The following discussion of United States federal income tax matters is based on the Code, judicial decisions, administrative pronouncements, and existing and proposed Treasury regulations, all as of the date of this annual report, and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion below is based, in part, on the description of the Company’s business as described in “Business” above and assumes that the Company will conduct its business as described in that section.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Our Company

Taxation of Operating Income: In General

Unless exempt from United States federal income taxation under the rules discussed below, a foreign corporation is subject to United States federal income taxation in respect of any income that is derived from the use of vessels, from the hiring or leasing of vessels for use on a time, voyage or bareboat charter basis, from the participation in a pool, partnership, strategic alliance, joint operating agreement, code sharing arrangement or other joint venture it directly or indirectly owns or participates in that generates such income, or from the performance of services directly related to those uses, which we refer to as “shipping income,” to the extent that the shipping income is derived from sources within the United States. For these purposes, 50% of shipping income that is attributable to transportation that begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States exclusive of certain U.S. territories and possessions constitutes income from sources within the United States, which we refer to as “U.S.-source shipping income.”

Shipping income attributable to transportation that both begins and ends in the United States is considered to be 100% from sources within the United States. We are not permitted by law to engage in transportation that produces income which is considered to be 100% from sources within the United States.

Shipping income attributable to transportation exclusively between non-United States ports will be considered to be 100% derived from sources outside the United States. Shipping income derived from sources outside the United States will not be subject to any United States federal income tax.

In the absence of exemption from tax under Section 883 of the Code, our gross U.S.-source shipping income would be subject to a 4% tax imposed without allowance for deductions as described below.

Exemption of Operating Income from United States Federal Income Taxation

Under Section 883 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, the Company will be exempt from United States federal income taxation on its U.S.-source shipping income if:

- the Company is organized in a foreign country, or its country of organization, that grants an “equivalent exemption” to corporations organized in the United States; and

Either

- more than 50% of the value of the Company’s stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by “qualified shareholders,” individuals who are “residents” of a foreign country that grants an “equivalent exemption” to corporations organized in the United States, which we refer to as the “50% Ownership Test,” or
- the Company’s stock is “primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market” in a country that grants an “equivalent exemption” to United States corporations, or in the United States, which we refer to as the “Publicly-Traded Test.”

The Marshall Islands, the jurisdiction where the Company and its shipowning subsidiaries are incorporated, grants an “equivalent exemption” to United States corporations. Therefore, the Company will be exempt from United States federal income taxation in any taxable year with respect to our U.S.-source shipping income if the Company satisfies either the 50% Ownership Test or the Publicly-Traded Test for such taxable year.

The Company does not expect that it will be able to satisfy the 50% Ownership Test for any taxable year due to the widely-held nature of its stock.

The Company’s ability to satisfy the Publicly-Traded Test is discussed below.

The Treasury Regulations provide, in pertinent part, that the stock of a foreign corporation will be considered to be “primarily traded” on an established securities market in a country if the number of shares of each class of stock that is traded during the taxable year on all established securities markets in that country exceeds the number of shares in each such class that is traded during that year on established securities markets in any other single country. Our common shares will be “primarily traded” on the Nasdaq Capital Market, which is an established securities market for these purposes.

Under the relevant Treasury regulations, the Company’s common shares will be considered to be “regularly traded” on an established securities market if one or more classes of its stock representing more than 50% of our outstanding shares, by total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and total value, is listed on the market (the “listing threshold”). Since the Company’s common shares will be listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Company will satisfy the listing threshold.

It is further required that with respect to each class of stock relied upon to meet the listing threshold (i) such class of the stock is traded on the market, other than in minimal quantities, on at least 60 days during the taxable year (or 1/6 of the days in the case of a short taxable year); and (ii) the aggregate number of shares of such class of stock traded on such market is at least 10% of the average number of shares of such class of stock outstanding during such year (or as appropriately adjusted in the case of a short taxable year). The Company expects to satisfy the trading frequency and trading volume tests described in this paragraph. Even if this were not the case, the relevant Treasury regulations provide that the trading frequency and trading volume tests will be deemed satisfied by a class of stock if, as the Company expects to be the case with its common shares, such class of stock is traded on an established market in the United States, such as the Nasdaq Capital Market, and such class of stock is regularly quoted by dealers making a market in such stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Treasury regulations provide that, in pertinent part, a non-U.S. corporation's common stock will not be considered to be "regularly traded" on an established securities market for any taxable year if 50% or more of the outstanding shares of such corporation's common stock is owned, actually or constructively under specified attribution rules, on more than half the days during the taxable year by persons who each own 5% or more of the common stock the corporation (the "5% Override Rule").

For purposes of being able to determine the persons who own 5% or more of a corporation's stock ("5% Shareholders") the Treasury regulations permit a corporation to rely on Schedule 13-D and Schedule 13-G filings with the SEC to identify persons who have a 5% or more beneficial interest in such corporation's common stock. The Treasury regulations further provide that an investment company that is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, will not be treated as a 5% Stockholder for such purposes.

It is possible that 5% Shareholders may own more than 50% of our common shares. In the event the 5% Override Rule is triggered, the Treasury regulations provide that the 5% Override Rule will nevertheless not apply if the Company can establish that within the group of 5% Shareholders, there are sufficient 5% Shareholders that are considered to be "qualified shareholders" for purposes of Section 883 of the Code to preclude non-qualified 5% Shareholders in the closely-held group from owning 50% or more of the corporation's common stock for more than half the number of days during the taxable year. To establish this exception to the 5% Override Rule, 5% Shareholders owning a sufficient number of our common shares would have to provide the Company with certain information in order to substantiate their status as qualified shareholders. If 5% Shareholders were to own more than 50% of our common shares, there is no assurance that we would be able to satisfy the foregoing requirements.

Taxation in Absence of Exemption

If the benefits of Section 883 of the Code are unavailable for any taxable year, the Company's U.S. source shipping income, to the extent not considered to be "effectively connected" with the conduct of a United States trade or business, as described below, will be subject to a 4% tax imposed by Section 887 of the Code on a gross basis, without the benefit of deductions ("4% gross basis tax regime"). Since under the sourcing rules described above, no more than 50% of our shipping income is treated as being derived from United States sources, the maximum effective rate of United States federal income tax on our shipping income will not exceed 2% under the 4% gross basis tax regime.

To the extent the benefits of the Section 883 of the Code are unavailable and the Company's U.S. source shipping income is considered to be "effectively connected" with the conduct of a United States trade or business, as described below, any such "effectively connected" U.S. source shipping income, net of applicable deductions, would be subject to the United States federal corporate income tax currently imposed at a rate of 21%. In addition, the Company may be subject to the 30% United States federal "branch profits" taxes on earnings effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, as determined after allowance for certain adjustments, and on certain interest paid or deemed paid attributable to the conduct of such United States trade or business.

The Company's U.S. source shipping income would be considered "effectively connected" with the conduct of a United States trade or business only if:

- The Company has, or is considered to have, a fixed place of business in the United States involved in the earning of 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 United States.

The Company does not intend to have, or permit circumstances that would result in having, any vessel operating to the United States on a regularly scheduled basis. Based on the foregoing and on the expected mode of the Company's shipping operations and other activities, the Company believes that none of its U.S. source shipping income will be "effectively connected" with the conduct of a United States trade or business.

United States Taxation of Gain on Sale of Vessels

Regardless of whether the Company qualifies for exemption under Section 883 of the Code, the Company will not be subject to United States federal income taxation with respect to gain realized on a sale of a vessel, provided the sale is considered to occur outside of the United States under United States federal income tax principles. In general, a sale of a vessel will be considered to occur outside of the United States for this purpose if title to the vessel, and risk of loss with respect to the vessel, pass to the buyer outside of the United States. It is expected that any sale of a vessel by the Company will be considered to occur outside of the United States.

United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

As used herein, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of our common shares that is a United States citizen or resident, United States corporation or other United States entity taxable as a corporation, an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

This discussion does not purport to deal with the tax consequences of owning common stock to all categories of investors, some of which, such as dealers in securities or commodities, financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, U.S. expatriates, persons liable for an alternative minimum tax, persons who hold common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or integrated investment, U.S. Holders whose functional currency is not the United States dollar, persons required to recognize income for U.S. federal income tax purposes no later than when such income is reported on an “applicable financial statement,” investors subject to the “base erosion and anti-avoidance” tax and investors that own, actually or under applicable constructive ownership rules, 10% or more of the Company’s common stock, may be subject to special rules. This discussion deals only with holders who hold the common stock as a capital asset. You are encouraged to consult your own tax advisors concerning the overall tax consequences arising in your own particular situation under U.S. federal, state, local or foreign law of the ownership of common stock.

If a partnership holds our common shares, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership holding our common shares, you are encouraged to consult your tax advisor.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion of passive foreign investment companies below, any distributions made by the Company with respect to its common shares to a U.S. Holder will generally constitute dividends, which may be taxable as ordinary income or “qualified dividend income” to the extent of the Company’s current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of the Company’s earnings and profits will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in his common shares on a dollar-for-dollar basis and thereafter as capital gain. Because the Company is not a United States corporation, U.S. Holders that are corporations will generally not be entitled to claim a dividends received deduction with respect to any distributions such corporate U.S. Holders receive. Dividends paid with respect to the Company’s common shares will generally be treated as “passive category income” or, in the case of certain types of U.S. Holders, “general category income” for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for United States foreign tax credit purposes.

Dividends paid on the Company’s common shares to a U.S. Holder who is an individual, trust or estate (a “U.S. Individual Holder”) will generally be treated as “qualified dividend income”. Qualified dividend income is taxable to such U.S. Individual Holders at preferential tax rates provided that (1) the Company is not a passive foreign investment company for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (which the Company does not believe it is, has been or will be), (2) the Company’s common shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as the Nasdaq Capital Market, on which the Company’s common shares will be listed), (3) the U.S. Individual Holder has owned the common shares for more than 60 days in the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which the common shares become ex-dividend, and (4) the U.S. Individual Holder is not under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make payments with respect to positions in similar or related property. There is no assurance that any dividends paid on the Company’s common shares will be eligible for these preferential rates in the hands of a U.S. Individual Holder. Dividends paid on the Company’s common shares prior to the date on which its common shares became listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market were not eligible for these preferential rates. Any dividends paid by the Company that are not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed as ordinary income to a U.S. Individual Holder.

Special rules may apply to any “extraordinary dividend”, which is generally a dividend paid by the Company in an amount which is equal to or in excess of ten percent of a shareholder’s adjusted tax basis (or fair market value in certain circumstances) in the Company’s common shares. If the Company pays an “extraordinary dividend” on its common shares that is treated as “qualified dividend income,” then any loss derived by a U.S. Individual Holder from the sale or exchange of such common shares will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of such dividend.

Sale, Exchange or other Disposition of Common Shares

Assuming the Company does not constitute a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of the Company’s common shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in such stock. Such gain or loss will generally be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder’s holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition. Such capital gain or loss will generally be treated as U.S.-source income or loss, as applicable, for United States foreign tax credit purposes. A U.S. Holder’s ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Status and Significant Tax Consequences

Special United States federal income tax rules apply to a U.S. Holder that holds stock in a foreign corporation classified as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes. In general, the Company will be treated as a PFIC with respect to a U.S. Holder if, for any taxable year in which such holder held the Company’s common shares, either:

- at least 75% of the Company’s gross income for such taxable year consists of passive income (e.g., dividends, interest, capital gains and rents derived other than in the active conduct of a rental business); or
- at least 50% of the average value of the Company’s assets during such taxable year produce, or are held for the production of, passive income, which we refer to as “passive assets”.

For purposes of determining whether the Company is a PFIC, the Company will be treated as earning and owning our proportionate share of the income and assets, respectively, of any of its subsidiary corporations, in which the Company owns at least 25% of the value of the subsidiary’s stock. Income earned, or deemed earned, by the Company in connection with the performance of services would not constitute passive income. By contrast, rental income would generally constitute “passive income” unless the Company were treated under specific rules as deriving rental income in the active conduct of a trade or business.

Based on the Company’s anticipated operations and future projections, the Company does not believe that it is, nor does it expect to become, a PFIC with respect to any taxable year. Although there is no legal authority directly on point, and the Company is not relying upon an opinion of counsel on this issue, the Company’s belief is based principally on the position that, for purposes of determining whether the Company is a PFIC, the gross income the Company derives or is deemed to derive from the time chartering and voyage chartering activities of its wholly-owned subsidiaries should constitute services income, rather than rental income. Correspondingly, such income should not constitute passive income, and the assets that the Company or its wholly-owned subsidiaries own and operate in connection with the production of such income, in particular, the vessels, should not constitute passive assets for purposes of determining whether the Company is a PFIC. The Company believes there is substantial legal authority supporting its position consisting of case law and United States Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), pronouncements concerning the characterization of income derived from time charters and voyage charters as services income for other tax purposes. However, there is also authority which characterizes time charter income as rental income rather than services income for other tax purposes. Moreover, in the absence of any legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, the IRS or a court could disagree with the Company’s position. In addition, although the Company intends to conduct its affairs in a manner to avoid being classified as a PFIC with respect to any taxable year, there can be no assurance that the nature of the Company’s operations will not change in the future.

As discussed more fully below, if the Company were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year which included a U.S. Holder's holding period in the Company's common shares, then such U.S. Holder would be subject to different U.S. federal income taxation rules depending on whether the U.S. Holder makes an election to treat the Company as a "qualified electing fund" (a "QEF election"). As an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder should be able to make a "mark-to-market" election with respect to the Company's common shares, as discussed below. In addition, if the Company were to be treated as a PFIC, a U.S. Holder of our common shares would be required to file annual information returns with the IRS. In addition, if a U.S. Holder owns our common shares and the Company is a PFIC, such U.S. Holder must generally file IRS Form 8621 with the IRS.

U.S. Holders Making a Timely QEF Election

A U.S. Holder who makes a timely QEF election with respect to our common shares (an "Electing Holder") would report for U.S. federal income tax purposes his pro rata share of the Company's ordinary earnings and of our net capital gain, if any, for the Company's taxable year that ends with or within the taxable year of the Electing Holder. The Company's net operating losses or net capital losses would not pass through to the Electing Holder and will not offset the Company's ordinary earnings or net capital gain reportable to the Electing Holder in subsequent years (although such losses would ultimately reduce the gain, or increase the loss, if any, recognized by the Electing Holder on the sale of his common shares). Distributions received from the Company by an Electing Holder are excluded from the Electing Holder's gross income to the extent of the Electing Holder's prior inclusions of the Company's ordinary earnings and net capital gain. The Electing Holder's tax basis in his common shares would be increased by any amount included in the Electing Holder's income. Distributions received by an Electing Holder, which are not includible in income because they have been previously taxed, would decrease the Electing Holder's tax basis in our common shares. An Electing Holder would generally recognize capital gain or loss on the sale or exchange of our common shares.

U.S. Holders Making a Timely Mark-to-Market Election

A U.S. Holder who makes a timely mark-to-market election with respect to our common shares would include annually in the U.S. Holder's income, as ordinary income, any excess of the fair market value of the common shares at the close of the taxable year over the U.S. Holder's then adjusted tax basis in the common shares. The excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis at the close of the taxable year over the then fair market value of the common shares would be deductible in an amount equal to the lesser of the amount of the excess or the net mark-to-market gains that the U.S. Holder included in income in previous years with respect to the common shares. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in his common shares would be adjusted to reflect any income or loss amount recognized pursuant to the mark-to-market election. A U.S. Holder would recognize ordinary income or loss on a sale, exchange or other disposition of the common shares; provided, however, that any ordinary loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition may not exceed the net mark-to-market gains that the U.S. Holder included in income in previous years with respect to the common shares.

U.S. Holders Not Making a Timely QEF Election or Mark-to-Market Election

A U.S. Holder who does not make a timely QEF Election or a timely mark-to-market election with respect to our common shares (a "Non-Electing Holder") would be subject to special rules with respect to (i) any "excess distribution" (generally, the portion of any distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder on the common shares in a taxable year in excess of 125% of the average annual distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the Non-Electing Holder's holding period for the common shares), and (ii) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the common shares. Under these rules, (i) the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the Non-Electing Holder's holding period for the common shares; (ii) the amount allocated to the current taxable year, and any taxable year prior to the first taxable year in which we were a PFIC, would be taxed as ordinary income; and (iii) the amount allocated to each of the other prior taxable years would be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayer for that year, and an interest charge for the deemed tax deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year. If a Non-Electing Holder dies while owning our common shares, the Non-Electing Holder's successor would be ineligible to receive a step-up in the tax basis of those common shares.

United States Federal Income Taxation of "Non-U.S. Holders"

A beneficial owner of our common shares (other than a partnership) that is not a U.S. Holder is referred to herein as a "Non-U.S. Holder."

Dividends on Common Shares

Non-U.S. Holders generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax or withholding tax on dividends received from the Company with respect to its common shares, unless such income is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States. If the Non-U.S. Holder is entitled to the benefits of a United States income tax treaty with respect to those dividends, such income is taxable only if it is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Shares

Non-U.S. Holders generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax or withholding tax on any gain realized upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common shares, unless:

- such gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States, if the Non-U.S. Holder is entitled to the benefits of a United States income tax treaty with respect to that gain, that gain is taxable only if it is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States; or
- the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of disposition and other conditions are met.

If the Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a United States trade or business for United States federal income tax purposes, the income from the common shares, including dividends and the gain from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the stock that is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business will generally be subject to regular United States federal income tax in the same manner as discussed in the previous section relating to the taxation of U.S. Holders. In addition, in the case of a corporate Non-U.S. Holder, its earnings and profits that are attributable to the effectively connected income, subject to certain adjustments, may be subject to an additional United States federal "branch profits" tax at a rate of 30%, or at a lower rate as may be specified by an applicable United States income tax treaty.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, dividend payments, or other taxable distributions, made within the United States to you will be subject to information reporting requirements. Such payments will also be subject to backup withholding tax if a U.S. Individual Holder:

- fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;
- is notified by the IRS that he failed to report all interest or dividends required to be shown on your United States federal income tax returns; or
- in certain circumstances, fails to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding by certifying their status on an appropriate IRS Form W-8.

If a shareholder sells our common shares to or through a United States office of a broker, the payment of the proceeds is subject to both United States backup withholding and information reporting unless the shareholder certifies that it is a non-U.S. person, under penalties of perjury, or the shareholder otherwise establishes an exemption. If a shareholder sells our common shares through a non-United States office of a non-United States broker and the sales proceeds are paid outside the United States, then information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to that payment. However, United States information reporting requirements, but not backup withholding, will apply to a payment of sales proceeds, even if that payment is made outside the United States, if a shareholder sells our common shares through a non-United States office of a broker that is a United States person or has some other contacts with the United States.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, a shareholder generally may obtain a refund of any amounts withheld under backup withholding rules that exceed the shareholder's United States federal income tax liability by filing a refund claim with the IRS.

Individuals who are U.S. Holders (and to the extent specified in the applicable Treasury Regulations, certain individuals who are Non-U.S. Holders and certain United States entities) who hold "specified foreign financial assets" (as defined in Section 6038D of the Code and the applicable Treasury Regulations) are required to file IRS Form 8938 (Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets) with information relating to each such asset for each taxable year in which the aggregate value of all such assets exceeds \$75,000 at any time during the taxable year or \$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year. Specified foreign financial assets would include, among other assets, our common shares, unless our common shares were held through an account maintained with a United States financial institution. Substantial penalties apply to any failure to timely file IRS Form 8938, unless the failure is shown to be due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect. Additionally, the statute of limitations on the assessment and collection of United States federal income tax with respect to a taxable year for which the filing of IRS Form 8938 is required may not close until three years after the date on which IRS Form 8938 is filed. U.S. Holders (including United States entities) and Non-U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding their reporting obligations under Section 6038D of the Code.

The Company encourages each shareholder to consult with his, her or its own tax advisor as to particular tax consequences to it of holding and disposing of our common shares, including the applicability of any state, local or foreign tax laws and any proposed changes in applicable law.

F. Dividends and paying agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on display

In accordance with these requirements we will file reports and other information with the SEC. These materials, including this annual report and the accompanying exhibits are available at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, our filings will be available on our website www.oceanpal.com. This web address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. None of the information contained on these websites is incorporated into or forms a part of this annual report.

Shareholders may also request a copy of our filings at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Ioannis Zafirakis

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I. Subsidiary information

Not applicable.

J. Annual Report to Security Holders

Not applicable.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Currency and Exchange Rates

We generate all of our revenues in U.S. dollars and our operating expenses are mainly in U.S. dollars. For accounting purposes, including throughout this annual report, expenses incurred in other currencies are converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of each transaction. Because the portion of our expenses incurred in currencies other than the U.S. dollar is not significant, our expenses are not subject to fluctuations in exchange rates. Therefore, we are not engaged in derivative instruments to hedge those expenses.

Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies

Not applicable.

Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

Our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-262129) relating to our January 2022 Underwritten Offering was declared effective by the SEC on January 20, 2022. The January 2022 Underwritten Offering was completed on January 25, 2022. Maxim Group LLC acted as the sole book runner for the offering. In the offering, we issued and sold 15,571,429 units at a price of \$0.77 per unit, ten units consisting of one share of our common stock (or ten pre-funded warrants in lieu of one share of our common stock) and ten Class A warrants to purchase one share of our common stock. In addition, certain selling shareholders affiliated with us (the “Selling Shareholders”) sold an aggregate of 62,857 shares of common stock in the offering. Each share of common stock sold by a Selling Shareholder was sold with ten Class A warrants to purchase one share of common stock. In addition, the underwriter for the offering fully-exercised its option to purchase an additional 114,857 common shares from the Selling Shareholders and 128,142 common shares along with 2,430,000 Class A warrants from us. As of March 28, 2023, all pre-funded warrants have been exercised and Class A warrants to purchase 1,447,400 shares of common stock remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$7.7 per share. The gross proceeds and the net proceeds of the offering to us, before underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$16.19 million and \$14.74 million, respectively (including the exercise of the overallotment option, the exercise of all pre-funded warrants and the Class A warrants exercised to date). We did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common shares by the Selling Shareholders.

Our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-264167) relating to our February 2023 Registered Direct Offering was declared effective by the SEC on February 8, 2023. The February 2023 Registered Direct Offering was completed on February 10, 2023. Maxim Group LLC acted as the placement agent for the offering. In the offering, we issued and sold 15,000,000 units with each Unit consisting of one share of our common stock (or one pre-funded warrant in lieu of one share of our common stock) and one Class B Warrant to purchase one share of common stock. In a concurrent private placement, we also sold to each purchaser of Units unregistered privately placed warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 15,000,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share pursuant to the exemptions provided in Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder. The privately placed warrants are available for exercise upon issuance for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. Alternatively, each privately placed warrant is exercisable for 0.75 of a share of common stock under a cashless exercise provision included in the privately placed warrants rather than one share of common stock under the cash exercise provision. In addition, we filed a resale registration statement under the Securities Act for the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the privately placed warrants. As of March 28, 2023, out of the 2,700,000 pre-funded warrants issued on the closing of the offering, 1,750,000 pre-funded warrants have been exercised and 950,000 pre-funded warrants remained available for exercise at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, and Class B warrants to purchase 15,000,000 common shares remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. The gross proceeds of the offering to us, before deducting for placement agency fees and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$15.14 million, including the exercise of pre-funded warrants as of the date of this annual report.

As of the date of this annual report, we have committed substantially all the net proceeds of the January 2022 Underwritten Offering and the February 2023 Registered Direct Offering for general corporate purposes.

Item 15. Controls and Procedures

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report as of December 31, 2022. Based upon that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the evaluation date.

(b) Management's annual report on internal control over financial reporting.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Management has conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework). Based on this assessment, management has determined that our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2022, is effective.

(c) Attestation report of the registered public accounting firm.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm because as an emerging growth company, we are exempt from this requirement.

(d) Changes in internal control over financial reporting.

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this annual report that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 16. [Reserved]

Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert

Our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Nikolaos Veraros and Alexios Chrysochoidis qualify as audit committee financial experts.

Item 16B. Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Ethics applicable to the Company's officers, directors, employees and agents, which complies with applicable guidelines issued by the SEC. Our Code Ethics as in effect on the date hereof, has been filed as an exhibit to this annual report. Shareholders may also request a copy of our Code of Ethics at no cost, by writing to us at Pendelis 26, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece.

Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

(a) Audit Fees

Our principal accountants, Ernst and Young (Hellas), Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., have billed us for audit services. Aggregate audit fees in the year ended December 31, 2022, and the period ended December 31, 2021, amounted to €94,500 and €78,750, or approximately \$99,568 and \$89,318, respectively, and relate to audit services provided in connection with the audit of our consolidated financial statements.

(b) Audit-related Fees

In 2022 and 2021, our principal accountants, Ernst and Young (Hellas), Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., have also billed us for audit related services provided for the Company's registration statements, which amounted to €153,750 and €36,750 or about \$168,521 and \$41,619, respectively.

(c) Tax Fees

During 2022, we received tax services for which fees amounted to \$12,500, and relate to the calculation of Earnings and Profits of the Company. No such services were received in 2021.

All the abovementioned fees and services are expressed in U.S Dollars.

(d) All Other Fees

None

(e) Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, replacement, compensation, evaluation and oversight of the work of our independent auditors. As part of this responsibility, the Audit Committee pre-approves the audit and non-audit services performed by the independent auditors in order to assure that they do not impair the auditor's independence from the Company. The Audit Committee has adopted a policy which sets forth the procedures and the conditions pursuant to which services proposed to be performed by the independent auditors may be pre-approved.

(f) Audit Work Performed by Other Than Principal Accountant if Greater Than 50%

Not applicable

Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

Not applicable.

Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

None.

Item 16F. Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

Not applicable.

Item 16G. Corporate Governance

Our Company's corporate governance practices are in compliance with, and are not prohibited by, the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. We are exempt from many of Nasdaq's corporate governance practices other than the requirements regarding the disclosure of a going concern audit opinion, submission of a listing agreement, notification of material non-compliance with Nasdaq corporate governance practices, and the establishment and composition of an audit committee and a formal written audit committee charter. The practices that we follow in lieu of Nasdaq's corporate governance rules are described below.

- We are not required under Marshall Islands law to maintain a Board of Directors with a majority of independent directors, and we may not be able to maintain a Board of Directors with a majority of independent directors in the future.
- In lieu of a nomination committee comprised of independent directors, our Board of Directors will be responsible for identifying and recommending potential candidates to become board members and recommending directors for appointment to board committees. Shareholders may also identify and recommend potential candidates to become board members in writing. No formal written charter has been prepared or adopted because this process is outlined in our bylaws.
- As a foreign private issuer, we are not required to solicit proxies or provide proxy statements to Nasdaq pursuant to Nasdaq corporate governance rules or Marshall Islands law. Consistent with Marshall Islands law, we will notify our shareholders of meetings between 15 and 60 days before the meeting. This notification will contain, among other things, information regarding business to be transacted at the meeting. In addition, our bylaws provide that shareholders must give us advance notice to properly introduce any business at a meeting of the shareholders. Our bylaws also provide that shareholders may designate in writing a proxy to act on their behalf.
- In lieu of holding regular meetings at which only independent directors are present, our entire Board of Directors, a majority of whom are independent, will hold regular meetings as is consistent with the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- The Board of Directors has adopted an Equity Incentive Plan. Shareholder approval was not necessary since Marshall Islands law permits the Board of Directors to take such actions.
- As a foreign private issuer, we are not required to obtain shareholder approval if any of our directors, officers, or 5% or greater shareholders has a 5% or greater interest (or such persons collectively have a 10% or greater interest), directly or indirectly, in the company, or assets to be acquired, or in the consideration to be paid in the transaction(s) and the present or potential issuance of common stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, could result in an increase in outstanding common stock or voting power of 5% or more.
- In lieu of obtaining shareholder approval prior to the issuance of designated securities, the Company will comply with provisions of the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act, providing that the Board of Directors approves share issuances.

Other than as noted above, we are in full compliance with all other applicable Nasdaq corporate governance standards.

Item 16H. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 16I. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 17. Financial Statements

See Item 18.

Item 18. Financial Statements

The financial statements required by this Item 18 are filed as a part of this annual report beginning on page F-1.

Item 19. Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company_(1) |
| 1.2 | Articles of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company_(6) |
| 1.3 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company_(1) |
| 2.1 | Form of Common Share Certificate (1) |
| 2.2 | Certificate of Designations of the Series A Participating Preferred Stock of the Company_(1) |
| 2.3 | Statement of Designations of the Series B Preferred Shares of the Company_(1) |
| 2.4 | Statement of Designations of the 8.0% Series C Preferred Stock of the Company_(1) |
| 2.5 | Statement of Designations of the 7.0% Series D Preferred Stock of the Company_(7) |
| 2.6 | Statement of Designations of the Series E Preferred Stock of the Company |
| 2.7 | Form of Class A Warrant (2) |
| 2.8 | Warrant Agency Agreement by and between Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and the Company, as to the Class A Warrants (5) |
| 2.9 | Warrant Agency Agreement by and between Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and the Company, as to the Pre-Funded Warrants |
| 2.10 | Form of Class B Warrant (4) |
| 2.11 | Form of Private Placement Warrant (3) |
| 2.12 | Form of Pre-Funded Warrant (3) |
| 2.13 | Description of Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act |
| 4.1 | Stockholders Rights Agreement (1) |
| 4.2 | 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (5) |

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| 4.3 | Form of Management Agreement with Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited (1) |
| 4.4 | Form of Amendment to the Management Agreement with Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited (5) |
| 4.5 | Non-Competition Agreement, by and between the Company and Diana Shipping Inc. (1) |
| 4.6 | Right of First Refusal Agreement with Diana Shipping Inc. (1) |
| 4.7 | Amended and Restated Contribution and Conveyance Agreement between the Company and Diana Shipping Inc. (1) |
| 4.8 | Form of Management Agreement with Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. (1) |
| 4.9 | Administrative Services Agreement with Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. (5) |
| 4.10 | Brokerage Services Agreement with Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. (5) |
| 4.11 | Brokerage Services Agreement with Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc., dated March 7, 2023. |
| 8.1 | Subsidiaries of the Company (3) |
| 11.1 | Code of Ethics (1) |
| 12.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer |
| 12.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer |
| 13.1 | Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 13.2 | Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 101.INS | Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are within the Inline XBRL document |
| 101.SCH | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Schema Calculation Linkbase |
| 101.DEF | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Definition Linkbase |
| 101.LAB | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Label Linkbase |
| 101.PRE | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Presentation Linkbase |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101) |

(1) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 on January 18, 2022, as amended, and incorporated by reference herein.

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- (2) Filed as an exhibit on Form 6-K filed on January 25, 2022, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (3) Filed as an exhibit on Form 6-K filed on February 10, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (4) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 on February 23, 2023, as amended, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (5) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Commission on April 6, 2022.
- (6) Filed as an exhibit on Form F-1 filed on December 22, 2022, and incorporated by reference herein.
- (7) Filed as an exhibit on Form F-1 filed on October 13, 2022, and incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

OCEANPAL INC.

/s/ Ioannis Zafirakis
Ioannis Zafirakis
President, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary]
Dated: March 30, 2023

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of OceanPal Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of OceanPal Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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/ Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2021.

Athens, Greece

March 30, 2023

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December 31, 2022 and 2021

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars – except for share and per share data)

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2(e)) | \$ 8,454 | \$ 1,673 |
| Accounts receivable, trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (Note 2(f)) | 4,252 | 811 |
| Due from a related party (Note 3(a) and 3(c)) | 5 | 70 |
| Inventories (Note 2(g)) | 334 | 186 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 1,126 | 460 |
| Total current assets | 14,171 | 3,200 |
| FIXED ASSETS: | | |
| Vessels, net (Note 2(h) and 4) | 63,672 | 45,728 |
| Total fixed assets | 63,672 | 45,728 |
| OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Deferred charges, net (Note 2(k) and 2(x)) | 1,175 | 152 |
| Total assets | \$ 79,018 | \$ 49,080 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable, trade and other | 281 | 263 |
| Due to related parties (Note 3(a) and 3(b)) | 410 | 59 |
| Dividend payable to related parties (Note 6(e)) | 240 | — |
| Accrued liabilities | 1,154 | 381 |
| Unearned revenue | 374 | 228 |
| Total current liabilities | 2,459 | 931 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 5) | — | — |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 519,172 and 510,000 issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively (Note 6) | 5 | 5 |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 1,000,000,000 shares authorized; 10,183,996 and 882,024 issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively (Note 6) | 102 | 9 |
| Additional paid-in capital (Notes 3(c) and 6) | 78,773 | 48,070 |
| (Accumulated Deficit)/Retained Earnings | (2,321) | 65 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 76,559 | 48,149 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 79,018 | \$ 49,080 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars – except for share and per share data)

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES: | | |
| Time charter revenues (Note 2(m)) | \$ 19,085 | \$ 1,334 |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| Voyage expenses (Note 2(m)) | 3,680 | 54 |
| Vessel operating expenses (Note 2(n)) | 6,880 | 360 |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges (Note 2(j), 2(k) and 4) | 4,896 | 354 |
| General and administrative expenses | 3,083 | 358 |
| Management fees to related parties (Note 3(a) and 3(b)) | 878 | 74 |
| Other operating income | (6) | — |
| Operating (loss)/income | <u>\$ (326)</u> | <u>\$ 134</u> |
| Net (loss)/income | <u>\$ (326)</u> | <u>\$ 134</u> |
| Deemed dividend on Series D Preferred Stock upon issuance of common stock (Note 3(c) and Note 6(h)) | \$ (134) | \$ — |
| Dividends on Series C Preferred Stock (Note 6(e)) | (950) | (69) |
| Dividends on Series D Preferred Stock (Note 6(h)) | (252) | — |
| Dividends on Class A warrants (Note 6(g)) | \$ (1,012) | \$ — |
| Net (loss)/income attributable to common stockholders | <u>\$ (2,674)</u> | <u>\$ 65</u> |
| (Loss)/Earnings per common share, basic (Note 7) | <u>\$ (0.86)</u> | <u>\$ 0.07</u> |
| (Loss)/Earnings per common share, diluted (Note 7) | <u>\$ (0.86)</u> | <u>\$ 0.05</u> |
| Weighted average number of common stock, basic (Note 7) | <u>3,113,108</u> | <u>882,024</u> |
| Weighted average number of common stock, diluted (Note 7) | <u>3,113,108</u> | <u>1,227,569</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars – except for share and per share and warrants data)

| | Preferred Stock Series B | | Preferred Stock Series C | | Preferred Stock Series D | | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated Deficit) | Total Equity |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| | # of Shares | Par Value | # of Shares | Par Value | # of Shares | Par Value | # of Shares | Par Value | | | |
| BALANCE, April 15, 2021 | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | 500 | \$ 5 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — |
| Net income | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 134 | \$ 134 |
| Cancellation of common stock (Note 6(a)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | (500) | (5) | — | — | — |
| Issuance of common stock (Note 6(a)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 882,024 | 9 | 40,500 | — | 40,509 |
| Issuance of Series B Preferred Stock (Note 3(c) and 6(b)) | 500,000 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Issuance of Series C Preferred Stock (Note 3(c) and 6(e)) | — | — | 10,000 | — | — | — | — | — | 7,570 | — | 7,570 |
| Dividends on Series C Preferred Stock (Note 6(e)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (69) | (69) |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2021 | <u>500,000</u> | <u>\$ 5</u> | <u>10,000</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>882,024</u> | <u>\$ 9</u> | <u>\$ 48,070</u> | <u>\$ 65</u> | <u>\$ 48,149</u> |
| Net loss | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ (326) | \$ (326) |
| Issuance of 15,571,429 units (comprising of common stock or prefunded warrants and Class A warrants) and 628,751 warrants at primary offering, net of issuance costs (Note 6(a) and 6(b)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,307,143 | 13 | 10,682 | — | 10,695 |
| Issuance of 128,142 shares of common stock and 2,430,000 Class A warrants upon exercise of underwriters' over-allotment option (Note 6(a) and 6(b)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 128,142 | 1 | 897 | — | 898 |
| Issuance of common stock following exercise of 4,156,000 Class A warrants and 2,500,000 prefunded warrants (Note 6(a) and 6(b)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 665,600 | 7 | 3,136 | — | 3,143 |
| Issuance of Series D Preferred Stock (Note 6(h)) | — | — | — | — | 25,000 | — | — | — | 17,600 | — | 17,600 |
| Compensation cost on restricted stock awards (Note 6(f)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 568 | — | 568 |
| Dividends declared and paid (\$0.5 per share of common stock and class A warrant) (Note 6(g)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (1,767) | (448) | (2,215) |
| Dividends declared and paid (\$0.1 per share of common stock and Class A warrant) (Note 6(g)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0 | (886) | (886) |
| Series D Preferred Stock redemption and issuance of common stock (Note 3(c) and 6(h)) | — | — | — | — | (15,828) | — | 7,201,087 | 72 | 62 | (134) | — |
| Dividends declared and paid on Series D Preferred Stock (Note 6(h)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0 | (117) | (117) |
| Dividends declared on Series C Preferred Stock (Note 6(e)) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (475) | (475) | (950) |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2022 | <u>500,000</u> | <u>\$ 5</u> | <u>10,000</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>9,712</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>10,183,996</u> | <u>\$ 102</u> | <u>\$ 78,773</u> | <u>\$ (2,321)</u> | <u>\$ 76,559</u> |

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OCEANPAL INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021.

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. Dollars – except for share and per share data)

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cash Flows provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Net (loss)/income | \$ (326) | \$ 134 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss)/income to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges (Note 4) | 4,896 | 354 |
| Compensation cost on restricted stock awards (Note 6(f)) | 568 | — |
| (Increase) / Decrease in: | | |
| Accounts receivable, trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts | (3,441) | 24 |
| Due from a related party (Note 3(a) and 3(c)) | 65 | (70) |
| Inventories | (148) | 23 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (666) | (460) |
| Deferred charges | 152 | (152) |
| Increase / (Decrease) in: | | |
| Accounts payable, trade and other | 18 | 263 |
| Due to related parties (Note 3(a) and 3(b)) | 351 | 59 |
| Accrued liabilities | 842 | 312 |
| Unearned revenue | 146 | 228 |
| Dry-dock costs | (944) | — |
| Net cash provided by Operating Activities | \$ 1,513 | \$ 715 |
| Cash Flows used in Investing Activities: | | |
| Payments for vessel improvements and vessel acquisitions (Note 4) | (5,094) | (42) |
| Net cash used in Investing Activities | \$ (5,094) | \$ (42) |
| Cash Flows provided by Financing Activities: | | |
| Proceeds from Spin-Off (Note 3(c)) | — | 1,000 |
| Proceeds from issuance of units (comprising of common stock or prefunded warrants and warrants), issuance of common stock and warrants and exercise of warrants (Note 6(a)) | 16,195 | — |
| Payments of equity issuance and financing costs | (1,835) | — |
| Payments of dividends on common stockholders and Class A warrant holders (Note 6(g)) | (3,101) | — |
| Payments of dividends on Series C Preferred Stock (Note 6(e)) | (780) | — |
| Payments of dividends on Series D Preferred Stock (Note 6(h)) | (117) | — |
| Net cash provided by Financing Activities | \$ 10,362 | \$ 1,000 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 6,781 | \$ 1,673 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year/period | 1,673 | — |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year/period | \$ 8,454 | \$ 1,673 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | |
| Issuance of common stock and preferred stock in exchange for entities' acquisition (Note 3(c)) | \$ — | \$ 47,084 |
| Dividends on Series C Preferred Stock declared, not paid (Note 6(e)) | \$ (240) | \$ — |
| Deemed dividend on Series D Preferred Stock upon redemption and issuance of common stock (Note 6(h)) | \$ (134) | \$ — |
| Non cash consideration for vessel acquisition through the issuance of Series D Preferred Stock (Note 6(h)) | \$ (17,600) | \$ — |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

1. Basis of Presentation and General Information

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of OceanPal Inc. (the “Company”, or “OceanPal”, or “OP”), and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”). OP was incorporated by Diana Shipping Inc. (“Diana Shipping” or “DSI”) on April 15, 2021 under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, having a share capital of 500 shares, par value \$0.01 per share, issued to DSI (Note 3 (c)). In November 2021 and December 22, 2022, the Company’s articles of incorporation and bylaws were amended. Under the amended articles of incorporation, the Company’s authorized share capital increased from 500 to 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock at par value \$0.01 and 100,000,000 preferred stock at par value \$0.01.

On June 24, 2021, OP filed a confidential registration statement on Form 20-F with the US Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to effect a spin-off of three of DSI’s vessel owning subsidiaries together with working capital in exchange of common and preferred stock to DSI’s stockholders and DSI, respectively (the “Spin-Off”) (Note 3 (c)). On November 29, 2021 the registration statement was declared effective. On November 30, 2021, OP began “regular way” trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbol “OP”.

Effective December 22, 2022, the Company effected a one-for-ten reverse stock split on its issued and outstanding common stock (Note 6(a)). All share and per share amounts disclosed in the accompanying consolidated financial statements give effect to this reverse stock split retroactively, for the periods presented.

The comparative consolidated financial statements have been presented for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021. They include only the accounts of OceanPal Inc. from inception date April 15, 2021 through November 29, 2021, as the accounts of the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiaries have been consolidated from November 30, 2021 (i.e. upon the Spin-Off consummation and the acquisition of the three ship-owning subsidiaries by the Company) when the operation of the Company’s vessels under OceanPal Inc.’s ownership started. Operations prior to the November 30, 2021 consisted principally of organizational expenses.

The Company is engaged in the ocean transportation of cargoes worldwide through the ownership and operation of vessels. Each of the vessels is owned through a separate wholly-owned subsidiary. As at December 31, 2022, the Company is the sole owner of all outstanding shares of the following subsidiaries:

- Cypres Enterprises Corp., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama on September 7, 2000, owner of the 2004 built Panamax dry bulk carrier Protefs (Note 3(c) and 4),
- Darien Compania Armadora S.A., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama on December 22, 1993, owner of the 2005 built Panamax dry bulk carrier Calipso (Note 3(c) and 4),
- Marfort Navigation Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Cyprus on August 10, 2007, owner of the 2005 built Capesize dry bulk carrier Salt Lake City (Note 3 (c) and 4), and
- Darrit Shipping Company Inc., a company incorporated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on June 02, 2022, owner of the 2005 built Capesize dry bulk carrier Baltimore (Note 3(c) and 4).

The Company operates its own fleet through Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited (or “DWM”) (Note 3(a)) and Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. (or “Steamship”) (Note 3(b)).

Uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russo-Ukrainian conflict: The outbreak of the COVID-19 virus has had a negative effect on the global economy and has adversely impacted the international shipping industry into which the Company operates. As of December 31, 2022, the impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 virus continues to unfold.

Additionally, the ongoing conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, since February 2022, has disrupted supply chains and caused instability in the energy markets and the global economy, which have experienced significant volatility. Several countries announced sanctions against Russia, including sanctions targeting the Russian oil sector, among those a prohibition on the import of oil and coal from Russia, and may impose wider sanctions and take other actions in the future. To date, no apparent consequences have been identified on the Company’s business, or counterparties, by COVID-19 and the conflict in Ukraine and their implications. None of the Company’s contracts have been affected by the events in Russia and Ukraine.

Given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, and as volatility continues, the full extent to which the COVID-19 global pandemic and/or the Russo-Ukrainian war may have direct or indirect impact on the industry and on the Company's business is difficult to be predicted, whereas it is possible that in the future third parties with whom the Company has or will have contracts may be impacted by such events and sanctions. The related financial reporting implications cannot be reasonably estimated at this time, although they could materially affect the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition in the future. As a result, many of the Company's estimates and assumptions carry a higher degree of variability and volatility. As events continue to evolve and additional information becomes available, the Company's estimates may change in future periods. The overall impact on the Company's business, and the efficacy of any measures the Company takes in response to the challenges presented by these geopolitical events, will depend on how those events will further develop, the duration and extent of the restrictive measures that are associated with such events and their impact on global economy and trade, which is still uncertain. The Company is constantly monitoring the developing situation, as well as its charterers' and other counterparties' response to the market and continuously evaluates the effect on its operations. Also, the Company monitors elevated inflation in the United States of America, Eurozone and other countries, including ongoing global prices pressures in the wake of the war in Ukraine, driving up energy prices, commodity prices, which continue to have a moderate effect on the Company's operating expenses.

2. Significant Accounting Policies – Recent Accounting Pronouncements

a) Principles of Consolidation: The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include the accounts of OceanPal Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation. Under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 810 "Consolidation", the Company consolidates entities in which it has a controlling financial interest, by first considering if an entity meets the definition of a variable interest entity ("VIE") for which the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary under the VIE model, or if the Company controls an entity through a majority of voting interest based on the voting interest model. The Company evaluates financial instruments, service contracts, and other arrangements to determine if any variable interests relating to an entity exist. For entities in which the Company has a variable interest, the Company determines if the entity is a VIE by considering whether the entity's equity investment at risk is sufficient to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support and whether the entity's at-risk equity holders have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. In performing the analysis of whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of a VIE, the Company considers whether it individually has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly affect the entity's performance and also has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The Company reconsiders the initial determination of whether an entity is a VIE if certain types of events ("reconsideration events") occur. The Company's evaluation did not result in an identification of consolidated variable interest entities as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

b) Use of Estimates: The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c) Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss): The Company has no other comprehensive income/(loss) and accordingly comprehensive income/(loss) equals net income/(loss) for the periods presented.

d) Foreign Currency Translation: The functional currency of the Company is the U.S. dollar because the Company's vessels operate in international shipping markets, and therefore primarily transact business in U.S. dollars. The Company's accounting records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Transactions involving other currencies during the year are converted into U.S. dollars using the exchange rates in effect at the time of the transactions. At the balance sheet dates, monetary assets and liabilities which are denominated in other currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the year-end exchange rates. Resulting gains or losses are reflected separately in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

e) Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Company considers highly liquid investments such as time deposits, certificates of deposit and their equivalents with an original maturity of up to about three months to be cash equivalents.

f) Accounts Receivable, Trade: The amount shown as accounts receivable, trade, at each balance sheet date, includes receivables from charterers for hire from lease agreements, net of allowance for doubtful accounts related to expected uncollectible accounts receivable, if any. At each balance sheet date, all potentially uncollectible accounts are assessed individually for the purpose of determining the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company assessed its accounts receivable, trade and its credit risk relating to its charterers, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 and the Russo-Ukrainian conflict, and the effect that these could have on its accounts. Allowance for doubtful accounts related to expected uncollectible accounts receivable was established to \$15 and nil as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively (Note 9). The Company does not recognize interest income on trade receivables as all balances are usually settled within a year.

g) Inventories: Inventories consist of lubricants and victualling which are stated, on a consistent basis, at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. When evidence exists that the net realizable value of inventory is lower than its cost, the difference is recognized as a loss in earnings in the period in which it occurs. Cost is determined by the first in, first out method. Inventories may also consist of bunkers when on the balance sheet date a vessel is without employment, or remains idle. Bunkers, if any, are also stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and cost is determined by the first in, first out method.

h) Vessels, net: Vessels are stated at cost which consists of the contract price and any material expenses incurred upon acquisition or during construction. Expenditures for conversions and major improvements are also capitalized when they appreciably extend the life, increase the earning capacity or improve the efficiency or safety of the vessels; otherwise, these amounts are charged to expense as incurred. As at balance sheet date, vessels are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation expense and impairment charge, if any. In case of vessel acquisitions, the agreed contract price of which includes non-cash consideration through issuance of equity instruments to the seller, the vessel acquisition is accounted for under the provisions of ASC 360 and the non-cash consideration is assessed through fair value measurement.

i) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets: Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances (such as market conditions, obsolescence or damage to the asset, potential sales and other business plans) indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. When the estimate of undiscounted projected net operating cash flows, expected to be generated by the use of an asset over its remaining useful life and its eventual disposition is less than its carrying amount plus unamortized dry-docking costs, the Company evaluates the asset for impairment loss. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset, determined mainly by third party valuations. The current conditions in the shipping market with decreased charter rates and decreased vessel market values are conditions that the Company considers indicators of a potential impairment.

In developing estimates of future undiscounted projected net operating cash flows, the Company makes assumptions and estimates about the vessels' future performance, with the significant assumptions being related to future charter rates for the unfixed days and future fleet utilization rate. Other assumptions used, are charter rates calculated for the fixed days using the fixed charter rate of each vessel from existing time charters; the expected outflows for scheduled vessels' maintenance; vessel operating expenses; estimated remaining useful life of each vessel and the vessels' residual value if sold for scrap. The assumptions used to develop estimates of future undiscounted projected net operating cash flows are based on historical trends as well as future expectations, employment prospects under the then current market conditions and vessels' age. In particular, for the unfixed days, the Company uses the most recent ten-year average of historical six-months' time charter rates available for each type of vessel over the remaining estimated life of each vessel, net of commissions. Historical ten-year blended average six-months' time charter rates are in line with the Company's overall chartering strategy, they reflect the full operating history of vessels of the same type and particulars with the Company's operating fleet and they cover at least a full business cycle, where applicable. In addition, effective fleet utilization is assumed to 97% in the Company's exercise, which is additionally affected by the period(s) each vessel is expected to undergo her scheduled maintenance, assumptions in line with the Company's historical performance and its expectations for future fleet utilization under its fleet employment strategy. This calculation is then compared with the vessels' net book value plus unamortized dry-docking costs. The difference between the carrying amount of the vessel plus unamortized dry-docking costs and their fair value is recognized in the Company's accounts as impairment loss. No impairment loss was identified or recorded in the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) to December 31, 2021.

j) Vessel Depreciation: Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the vessels, after considering the estimated salvage (scrap) value. Each vessel's salvage value is equal to the product of its lightweight tonnage and estimated scrap rate. Management estimates the useful life of the Company's vessels to be 25 years from the date of initial delivery from the shipyard. Secondhand vessels are depreciated from the date of their acquisition through their remaining estimated useful life. When regulations place limitations over the ability of a vessel to trade on a worldwide basis, its remaining useful life is adjusted at the date such regulations are adopted.

k) Accounting for Dry-Docking Costs: The Company follows the deferral method of accounting for dry-docking costs whereby actual costs incurred are deferred and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period through the date the next dry-docking is scheduled to become due. Unamortized dry-docking costs of vessels that are sold or impaired are written off and included in the calculation of the resulting gain or loss in the year of the vessel's sale or impairment.

l) Concentration of Credit Risk: Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash, trade accounts receivable and amounts due to/from related parties. The Company places its temporary cash investments, consisting mostly of deposits, with various qualified financial institutions and performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions that are considered in the Company's investment strategy. The Company limits its credit risk with accounts receivable by performing ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally does not require collateral for its accounts receivable and does not have any agreements to mitigate credit risk (Note 9).

m) Accounting for Revenues and Expenses: Revenues are generated from time charter agreements which contain a lease as they meet the criteria of a lease under ASC 842. Agreements with the same charterer are accounted for as separate agreements according to their specific terms and conditions. All agreements contain a minimum non-cancellable period and an extension period at the option of the charterer. Each lease term is assessed at the inception of that lease. Under a time charter agreement, the charterer pays a daily hire for the use of the vessel and reimburses the owner for hold cleanings, extra insurance premiums for navigating in restricted areas and damages caused by the charterers. The charterer pays to third parties port, canal and bunkers consumed during the term of the time charter agreement. Such costs are considered direct costs and are not recorded as they are directly paid by charterers, unless they are for the account of the owner, in which case they are included in voyage expenses. The Company incurs voyage expenses such as commissions, bunkers (fuel oil and diesel oil), and port expenses relating to owners' matters. When a vessel is delivered to a charterer, bunkers are purchased by the charterer and sold back to the Company on the redelivery of the vessel. Bunker gain, or loss, result when a vessel is redelivered by a charterer and delivered to the next charterer at different bunker prices, or quantities. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, the Company incurred loss and gain on bunkers amounting to \$1,949 and \$63, respectively, resulting mainly from the difference in the value of bunkers paid by the Company when the vessel is redelivered to the Company from the charterer under the vessel's previous time charter agreement and the value of bunkers sold by the Company when the vessel is delivered to a new charterer. This gain or loss is included in "Voyage expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Under a time charter agreement, the owner pays for the operation and the maintenance of the vessel, including crew, insurance, spares and repairs, which are recognized in operating expenses. Revenues from time charter agreements providing for variable lease payments are accounted for as operating leases and thus recognized on a straight-line basis over the non-cancellable rental periods of such agreements, as service is performed. The Company, as lessor, has elected to apply the practical expedient not to allocate the consideration in the agreement to the separate lease and non-lease components (operation and maintenance of the vessel) as their timing and pattern of transfer to the charterer, as the lessee, are the same and the lease component, if accounted for separately, would be classified as an operating lease, as the criteria of the paragraphs ASC 842-10-15-42A through 42B are met. Additionally, the lease component is considered the predominant component as the Company has assessed that more value is ascribed to the vessel rather than to the services provided under the time charter contracts. Also, the Company elected to apply a package of practical expedients which does not require the Company, as a lessor, to reassess: (1) whether any expired or existing contracts are or contain leases; (2) lease classification for any expired or existing leases; and (3) whether initial direct costs for any expired or existing leases would qualify for capitalization under ASC 842. Apart from the agreed hire rate, the owner may be entitled to an additional income, such as ballast bonus, which is considered as reimbursement of owner's expenses and is recognized together with the lease component over the duration of the charter. The Company has made an accounting policy election to recognize the related ballast costs incurred, mainly consisting of bunkers' consumption, over the period between the charter party date or the prior redelivery date (whichever is latest) and the delivery date to the charterer, as contract fulfillment costs in accordance with ASC 340-40, and amortize them over the charter period. Commissions paid to brokers are deferred and amortized over the related charter period to the extent revenue has been deferred, since commissions are earned as the Company's revenues are earned. Unearned revenue includes cash received prior to the balance sheet date for which all criteria to recognize as revenue have not been met. The majority of the vessels are employed on short to medium-term time charter contracts, which provides flexibility in responding to market developments. The Company monitors developments in the dry bulk shipping industry on a regular basis and adjusts the charter hire periods for the vessels according to prevailing market conditions.

n) Repairs and Maintenance: All repair and maintenance expenses including underwater inspection expenses are expensed in the year incurred. Such costs are included in "Vessel operating expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

o) Earnings / (loss) per Common Share: Basic earnings / (loss) per common share are computed by dividing net income / (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Unvested preferred shares granted under the Company's incentive plan, or else, and Class A warrants are entitled to receive dividends which are not refundable, and therefore are considered participating securities for basic earnings per share calculation purposes, using the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation method under which EPS is calculated for each class of common stock and participating security considering both dividends declared (or accumulated) and participation rights in undistributed earnings as if all such earnings had been distributed during the period. Under this method, net income is reduced by the amount of dividends declared or accumulated in the current period for common stockholders and participating security holders. The remaining earnings or "undistributed earnings" are allocated between common stock and participating securities to the extent that each security may share in earnings as if all of the earnings for the period had been distributed. Once calculated, the earnings / (loss) per common share is computed by dividing the net income / (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year presented. Diluted earnings / (loss) per common share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted at the beginning of the periods presented, or issuance date, if later. Diluted earnings / (loss) attributable to common stockholders per common share is computed by dividing the net income / (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the dilutive effect of warrants and shares issued and outstanding under the Company's incentive plan during the applicable periods and the dilutive effect of convertible securities during the applicable periods as well. The treasury stock method is used to compute the dilutive effect of warrants and shares issued under the Company's incentive plan. The if converted method is used to compute the dilutive effect of shares which could be issued upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock. The two-class method is used for diluted earnings / (loss) per common share when such is the most dilutive method, considering anti-dilution sequencing as per ASC 260. For purposes of the if converted calculation, the conversion price of convertible preferred stock is based on the fixed conversion price or on the average market price when the number of shares that may be issued is variable. Potential common shares that have an anti-dilutive effect (i.e. those that increase income per share or decrease loss per share) are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

p) Segmental Reporting: The Company engages in the operation of dry-bulk vessels which has been identified as one reportable segment. The operation of the vessels is the main source of revenue generation, the services provided by the vessels are similar and they all operate under the same economic environment. Additionally, the vessels do not operate in specific geographic areas, as they trade worldwide; they do not trade in specific trade routes, as their trading (route and cargo) is dictated by the charterers; and the Company does not evaluate the operating results for each type of dry bulk vessel (i.e. Panamax or Capesize) for the purpose of making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance.

q) Fair Value Measurements: The Company follows the provisions of ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", which defines fair value and provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets, liabilities and equity instruments classified in stockholders' equity. The guidance creates a fair value hierarchy of measurement and describes fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability or the consideration to transfer equity interests issued in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. The fair value measurement assumes that an instrument classified in stockholders' equity is transferred to a market participant at the measurement date. The transfer of an instrument classified in stockholders' equity assumes that the instrument would remain outstanding, and the market participant takes on the rights and responsibilities associated with the instrument. In accordance with the requirements of accounting guidance relating to Fair Value Measurements, the Company classifies and discloses its assets, liabilities and equity instruments classified in stockholders' equity carried at the fair value in one of the following categories: Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities or equity instruments; Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data; Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

r) Share Based Payments: The Company issues restricted share awards which are measured at their grant date fair value and are not subsequently re-measured. That cost is recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award—the requisite service period (usually the vesting period). No compensation cost is recognized for equity instruments for which employees do not render the requisite service. Forfeitures of awards are accounted for when and if they occur. If an equity award is modified after the grant date, incremental compensation cost will be recognized in an amount equal to the excess of the fair value of the modified award over the fair value of the original award immediately before the modification.

s) Going concern: The Company follows the provisions of ASC 205-40 “Presentation of financial statements – Going Concern”, which provides guidance on management's responsibility in evaluating whether there is substantial doubt about a company's ability to continue as a going concern and on related required footnote disclosures. Management evaluates, at each reporting period, whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year from the date the financial statements are issued.

t) Financial Instruments, credit losses: At each reporting date, the Company evaluates its financial assets individually for credit losses and presents such assets in the net amount expected to be collected on such financial asset. When financial assets present similar risk characteristics, these are evaluated on a collective basis. When developing an estimate of expected credit losses the Company considers available information relevant to assessing the collectability of cash flows such as internal information, past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. No provision for credit losses were recorded in 2022 and 2021.

u) Evaluation of Nonmonetary Transactions: When the Company enters into a nonmonetary transaction as defined broadly under ASC 845, it determines whether the transaction is a contribution of an asset or a business by assessing the definition of a business under ASC 805 and whether the transaction is pro-rata. A transaction is considered pro rata if each owner receives an ownership interest in the transferee in proportion to its existing ownership interest in the transferor (even if the transferor retains an ownership interest in the transferee). In accordance with FASB Topic 805 Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business, if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired are concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, then the set is not a business. To be considered a business, a set must include an input and a substantive process that together significantly contributes to the ability to create an output. All assets contributed under nonmonetary transactions that do not meet the definition of a business, are measured at their fair values on the transaction date in accordance with ASC 845, if the fair value is objectively measurable and clearly realizable in an outright sale at or near the distribution.

v) Distinguishing liabilities from equity: The Company follows the provisions of ASC 480 “Distinguishing liabilities from equity” to determine the classification of certain freestanding financial instruments as either liabilities or equity. i) The Company in its assessment for the accounting of the Series C and Series D preferred stock (Note 6(e) and 6(h)), has taken into consideration ASC 480 “Distinguishing liabilities from equity” and determined that the preferred shares should be classified as permanent equity instead of liability or temporary equity. In its assessment, the Company analyzed key features of the Series C and Series D preferred stock to determine whether they are more akin to equity or to debt, examined whether embedded features identified fall under the definition of a derivative according to the provisions of ASC 815 or whether those features require bifurcation (other than those with de minimis value) or affect classification in permanent equity. The Company evaluated the conversion rights of holders of Series C and Series D Preferred Stock in variable number of common shares as redemption features, in accordance with the applicable accounting standard. ii) The Company in its assessment for the accounting of the Class A and the prefunded warrants issued in connection with the underwritten public offering that closed within January 2022 (Note 6(a) and 6(b)), has taken into consideration ASC 480 “Distinguishing liabilities from equity” and determined that the aforementioned warrants are out of the scope of ASC 480. The Company further analyzed key features of the warrants and determined that classification in permanent equity is appropriate, and no features required bifurcation (other than those with de minimis value). In its assessment, the Company examined whether certain features identified fall under the definition of a derivative according to the provisions of ASC 815 or whether those features require bifurcation (other than those with de minimis value) or affect the classification in permanent equity. Upon exercise of the warrants, the holder is entitled to receive common shares.

w) Redemption of Shares of Convertible Preferred Stock for issuance of Shares of Common Stock: In case of conversion of preferred stock to common stock, with the conversion feature assessed by the Company at first as per ASC 480-10-25-14 and then determined as requiring evaluation as a redemption feature (Note 2(v)), the Company considers as applicable the redemption accounting. A redemption of preferred stock according to its original terms may be paid using cash, other instruments issued by the issuer or other assets (individually and collectively, the consideration) and may include a premium or discount. As per ASC 260-10-S99-2 a premium paid on redemption represents a return similar to a dividend to the preferred holder. In particular, when the Company determines that on the redemption date there is a difference in the carrying value of the preferred stock, as compared to the fair value of the common shares issued, that value represents a dividend to the preferred holders, which should be deducted from (if a premium) or added to (if a discount) the net income/(loss) to arrive at the net income/(loss) available to common stockholders (Note 6(h) and 7).

x) Offering Expenses: Expenses directly attributable to an equity offering are deferred and set off against the proceeds of the offering within additional paid-in capital, unless the offering is aborted, in which case they are written-off and charged to net income/(loss). Deferred offering expenses in relation to ongoing offerings not materialized as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, amounted to \$376 and \$152, respectively, and are presented in “Deferred charges, net” in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

New Accounting Pronouncements - Not Yet Adopted

There are no recent accounting pronouncements, the adoption of which is expected to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related disclosures in the current or any future periods.

3. Transactions with related parties

a) Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited, or DWM: On November 29, 2021, the Company appointed DWM to provide management services to the vessels of the Company’s fleet pursuant to a management agreement, under which each of the vessel-owning subsidiaries pays, for each vessel, an aggregate of 1.25% on hire and on freight of the vessel’s gross income per month, plus either (i) \$20,000 for each month that the vessel is employed or available for employment or (ii) \$10,000 per month for each month that the vessel is laid-up and not available for employment for at least 15 calendar days of such month. Under the addenda on the management agreements, dated on March 1, 2022, the fixed monthly management fee was amended to (i) \$18,500 for each month that the vessel is employed or available for employment or (ii) \$9,250 per month for each month that the vessel is laid-up and not available for employment for at least 15 calendar days of such month. The management agreements, as amended, may be terminated by either party on three months’ prior written notice. DWM is deemed a related party to the Company on the basis that, members of the Company’s management and board of directors also act as board of directors’ members at DWM. Management fees paid to DWM for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, amounted to \$974 and \$79, respectively. Of the management fees paid to DWM for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, \$737 and \$62, respectively, are included in “Management fees to related parties” in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Of the management fees paid to DWM for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, \$237 and \$17, respectively, are included in “Voyage expenses”, in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. As at December 31, 2022 and 2021 there was an amount of \$5 due from and \$6 due to DWM, respectively, included in “Due from a related party” and “Due to related parties” in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

b) Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. or Steamship: On November 29, 2021, the Company appointed Steamship to provide insurance, administrative and brokerage services pursuant to a management agreement for insurance-related services, an administrative services agreement, and a brokerage services agreement. Under each vessel-owning subsidiary's management agreement for insurance-related services with Steamship, the vessel-owning subsidiary pays Steamship a fixed fee of either (i) \$500 per month for each month that the vessel is employed or is available for employment or (ii) \$250 per month for each month that the vessel is laid-up and not available for employment for at least 15 calendar days of such month. These management agreements may be terminated by either party on three months' prior written notice. Under the administrative services agreement entered between the Company and Steamship, the Company pays Steamship a monthly fee of \$10,000. This agreement may be terminated by either party on 30 days' prior written notice. Under the brokerage services agreement, the Company pays Steamship a fixed monthly fee of \$95,000, plus 2.5% on the hire agreed per charter party for each vessel plus commission on the sale of vessels. This agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by prior written notice. Steamship is deemed a related party to the Company on the basis that, members of the Company's management and board of directors also act as board of directors' members at Steamship. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, insurance and administrative management fees amounted to \$141 and \$12, respectively, and are included in "Management fees to related parties" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, brokerage fees amounted to \$1,614 and \$178, respectively. Of the brokerage fees paid to Steamship for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, \$1,140 and \$145 are included in "General and administrative expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Of the brokerage fees paid to Steamship for the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, \$474 and \$33 are included in "Voyage Expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, accrued bonuses of \$185 and \$nil are included in "General and administrative expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations (Note 10 (g)). As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there was an amount of \$410 and \$33, respectively, due to Steamship, included in "Due to related parties" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, regarding outstanding fees for the services provided under the agreements discussed above and also resulting from amounts paid by Steamship on behalf of OceanPal (Note 10 (h)).

c) Diana Shipping Inc., or DSI: Spin-Off: On November 29, 2021, the Company completed its Spin-Off from DSI. In connection with the Spin-Off, DSI contributed to the Company the three vessel-owning subsidiaries discussed in Note 1 above, together with \$1,000 in working capital, whereas as of the same date, stockholders of DSI received one of the Company's common shares for every one hundred shares of DSI's common stock owned at the close of business on November 3, 2021 (i.e., 882,024 shares). DSI also received 500,000 of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") and 10,000 of the Company's Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Stock") (Note 6(b) and 6(e)). DSI did not distribute the Series B Preferred Stock or the Series C Preferred Stock to its stockholders in connection with the Spin-Off, and the Series B and Series C Preferred Stock are non-transferable. The transaction was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance agreement dated on November 8, 2021, as amended and restated on November 17, 2021, entered between the Company and DSI, DSI has indemnified the Company and the three vessel-owning subsidiaries discussed in Note 1 above, for any and all obligations and other liabilities arising from or relating to the operation, management or employment of the Company's vessels prior to the effective date of the Spin-Off (November 29, 2021). Additionally, pursuant to a Right of First Refusal agreement entered with DSI, dated November 8, 2021, the Company has been granted a right of first refusal over six identified drybulk carriers owned by DSI, effective as of the consummation of the Spin-Off. According to this right of first refusal, the Company has been granted the right, but not the obligation, to purchase one or all of the six identified vessels when and if DSI determines to sell the vessels at fair market value at the time of sale. As at December 31, 2022, five of the six identified vessels from Diana Shipping were available for purchase by the Company (Note 4 and 10(d)).

Furthermore, the Company as of November 2, 2021, has entered into a Non-Competition agreement with DSI pursuant to which DSI has agreed not to compete with the Company for vessel acquisition or chartering opportunities to the extent that such acquisition or chartering opportunities are suitable for the Company or one of the Company's vessels.

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The Spin-Off was accounted for at fair values. The aggregate fair value of \$46,040 of the three vessels contributed to the Company on November 29, 2021, was determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy by taking into consideration third party valuations which were based on the last done deals of sale of vessels with similar characteristics, such as type, size and age at the specific dates (Note 4 and 9). The fair value of other assets contributed to the Company, mainly comprising lubricating oils and bunkers, amounting to \$1,044 in aggregate, approximated their respective carrying value. Series B Preferred Stock, which has no economic interest, is recorded at par, amounting to \$5 and Series C Preferred Stock has been recorded at a fair value of \$7,570 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the Spin-Off (Note 6(d),6(e) and 9).

Acquisition of M/V Baltimore: Pursuant to the right of first refusal mentioned above, the Company, through its' new wholly-owned subsidiary, Darrit Shipping Company Inc., entered on June 13, 2022 into a Memorandum of Agreement with DSI, as amended, to acquire the Capesize M/V Baltimore for a purchase price of \$22,000. Of the total purchase price, 20%, or \$4,400, was paid in cash upon signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, and the remaining amount of \$17,600 was paid upon delivery of the vessel to the Company, in the form of 25,000 shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock (Note 4 and Note 6(h)). The vessel cost was accounted for at \$22,000, pursuant to the provisions of ASC 360, being the fair value of the consideration, including the fair value of the non-cash consideration. (Series D Preferred Stock has been recorded at a fair value of \$17,600 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction (Note 6(h) and 9)).

Stock Dividend: DSI declared a special stock dividend to all of its stockholders of record as of November 28, 2022, of all of the Company's shares of Series D Preferred Stock held by DSI at that time. The dividend was paid on December 15, 2022 (the "Stock Dividend"). DSI offered to convert the shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock into the Company's shares of common stock on the Stock Dividend payment date and distributed the Company's shares of common stock to each of its common stockholders. DSI common stockholders, in their sole discretion, were given the opportunity to opt out, in whole but not in part, of the conversion of the shares of Series D Preferred Stock into the Company's shares of common stock and instead receive shares of Series D Preferred Stock in connection with the Stock Dividend. DSI's stockholders electing to receive shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock by opting out of the automatic conversion received a number of shares of Series D Preferred Stock equal to such common stockholder's pro-rata portion of all the shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock, rounded down to the nearest whole number. Any fractional shares of the Series D Preferred Stock that would otherwise be distributed were converted into shares of common stock of the Company at the applicable conversion rate and sold, and the net proceeds therefrom were delivered to such common stockholder. DSI's common stockholders receiving shares of common stock of the Company received the pro-rata number of shares of common stock of the Company to which they were entitled following conversion, rounded down to the nearest whole number, and any fractional shares were aggregated and sold and the net proceeds thereof were delivered to DSI's common stockholders. All of the fractional share calculations and the payment of cash in lieu thereof were determined at the stockholder nominee level.

As a result of the DSI Stock Dividend, 15,828 shares of Series D Preferred Stock of the Company, were redeemed through the issuance of 7,201,087 of the Company's shares of common stock, and 9,172 shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock were distributed to DSI stockholders (Note 6(a) and 6(h)).

As of December 31, 2022, there was no amount due to or from DSI. As of December 31, 2021, there was an amount of \$70 due from DSI, included in "Due from a related party" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, resulting from amounts paid or received by DSI on behalf of OceanPal up to the date of the Spin-Off (Note 10(d)).

4. Vessels, net

Vessel Acquisition

On June 13, 2022, the Company signed, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Darrit Shipping Company Inc., a Memorandum of Agreement, as amended, to acquire from DSI, a Capesize dry bulk vessel, the m/v Baltimore, for a purchase price of \$22,000. Of the total purchase price, 20%, or \$4,400, was paid in cash upon signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, and the remaining amount of \$17,600 was paid upon delivery of the vessel to the Company, in the form of 25,000 shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock (Note 3(c) and Note 6(h)). The vessel was delivered to the Company on September 20, 2022. The purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to the Company's exercise of a right of first refusal granted to the Company by DSI based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021 (Note 3(c)). The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of the Company's Board of Directors (Note 10(d)).

Vessels' contribution

On November 29, 2021, entities Cypres Enterprises Corp., Darien Compania Armadora S.A., and Marfort Navigation Company Limited, whose substantially all assets were vessels Protefs, Calipso and Salt Lake City, respectively, were contributed to the Company by DSI in connection with the Spin-Off (Note 3(c)).

Vessel improvements

Vessel improvements mainly relate to the implementation of ballast water treatment system and other works necessary for the vessels to comply with new regulations and be able to navigate to additional ports.

The amounts reflected in "Vessels, net" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets are analyzed as follows:

| | <u>Vessel Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Depreciation</u> | <u>Net Book Value</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Vessels contributed by DSI | 46,040 | — | 46,040 |
| - Additions and improvements | 42 | — | 42 |
| - Depreciation for the period | — | (354) | (354) |
| Balance, December 31, 2021 | \$ 46,082 | \$ (354) | \$ 45,728 |
| -Vessel acquisitions | 22,000 | — | 22,000 |
| -Additions for improvements | 694 | — | 694 |
| - Depreciation for the year | — | (4,750) | (4,750) |
| Balance, December 31, 2022 | \$ 68,776 | \$ (5,104) | \$ 63,672 |

5. Commitments and Contingencies

a) Various claims, suits, and complaints, including those involving government regulations and product liability, arise in the ordinary course of the shipping business. In addition, losses may arise from disputes with charterers, agents, insurance and other claims with suppliers relating to the operations of the Company's vessels. The Company accrues for the cost of environmental and other liabilities when management becomes aware that a liability is probable and is able to reasonably estimate the probable exposure. The Company's vessels are covered for pollution in the amount of \$1 billion per vessel per incident, by the P&I Association in which the Company's vessels are entered. The Company's vessels are subject to calls payable to their P&I Association and may be subject to supplemental calls which are based on estimates of premium income and anticipated and paid claims. Such estimates are adjusted each year by the Board of Directors of the P&I Association until the closing of the relevant policy year, which generally occurs within three years from the end of the policy year. Supplemental calls, if any, are expensed when they are announced and according to the period they relate to. The Company is not aware of any supplemental calls outstanding in respect of any policy year.

b) As at December 31, 2022, the Company's vessels were fixed under time charter agreements, considered as operating leases accounted for as per ASC 842 requirements. The minimum contractual gross charter revenues expected to be generated from fixed and non-cancelable time charter contracts existing as at December 31, 2022 and until their expiration falling within 2023 is estimated at \$1,597.

6. Capital Stock and Changes in Capital Accounts

(a) **Common Stock** As at April 15, 2021, the date of Company's incorporation, the Company's authorized share capital was 500 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued to DSI. On November 29, 2021, the Company's articles of incorporation were amended and restated. Under the Company's amended and restated articles of incorporation, the Company's authorized common stock consists of 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 882,024 shares were issued and outstanding on November 29, 2021, immediately upon the Spin-Off consummation (Note 3(c)) and remained issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2021 (all shares of common stock in registered form). As at December 31, 2022, following the events described in Note 6 below, 10,183,996 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding (all shares of common stock in registered form).

- i) **Receipt of Nasdaq Notice – one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split:** On March 8, 2022, the Company received a written notification from Nasdaq indicating that because the closing bid price of the Company's common shares for 30 consecutive business days, i.e. from January 21, 2022 to March 7, 2022, was below the minimum \$1.00 per share bid price requirement for continued listing on the Nasdaq, the Company was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the original applicable grace period to regain compliance was 180 days, or until September 5, 2022. On September 6, 2022, the Company was granted an additional 180-day period from the Nasdaq Stock Market, through March 6, 2023, to regain compliance with the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. Effective December 22, 2022, the Company effected a one-for-ten reverse stock split on its issued and outstanding common stock. The Company's common stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on the NASDAQ Capital Market at the opening of trading on December 22, 2022. As a result of this reverse stock split, there was no change in the number of the Company's authorized shares or the par value of the Company's common stock. The one-for-ten ratio was approved by the Company's Board on December 19, 2022. In particular, at the Company's 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 5, 2022, it was approved by the Company's stockholders that, subject to approval and implementation by the Company's board of directors, the Company may effect one or more reverse stock splits on its issued shares of common stock, each at a ratio of not less than one-for-two and not more than one-for-10 and in the aggregate at a ratio of not more than one-for-40 (i.e. together with the reverse stock split effective December 22, 2022). The Company can cure this deficiency if the closing bid price of its common stock is \$1.00 per share or higher for at least ten consecutive business days during the grace period. During this time, the Company's common stock will continue to be listed and trade on the Nasdaq (Note 10(a)).
- ii) **Underwritten Public Offering:** On January 12, 2022, the Company filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-1, which was declared effective on January 20, 2022. On January 25, 2022, the Company closed an underwritten public offering of 15,571,429 units at a price of \$0.77 per unit, ten units consisting of one share of the Company's common stock (or ten prefunded warrants in lieu of one share of the Company's common stock) and ten Class A warrants to purchase one common share of the Company's common stock and was immediately separated upon issuance (the "January 2022 offering"). In particular, upon the closing of the offering, 1,307,143 shares of common stock, 2,500,000 prefunded warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock, and 15,571,429 Class A warrants to purchase 1,557,143 shares of common stock were sold.

In addition, the Company had previously agreed with certain of its' executive officers and significant stockholders (the "selling stockholders") to register their resale of shares for common stock, whereas an aggregate of 177,715 shares of common stock of certain of the selling stockholders were registered in connection with the January 2022 offering. As such, certain selling stockholders sold an aggregate of 62,857 shares of common stock in the primary offering. Each of the 62,857 shares of common stock sold by the selling stockholders on the primary offering was delivered to the underwriters with ten additional Class A warrants to purchase one share of common stock (sold by the Company), on a firm commitment basis. In addition, the underwriter for the offering fully-exercised its option to purchase an additional 114,858 common shares sold from the selling stockholders and 128,142 common shares along with 2,430,000 Class A warrants to purchase 243,000 shares of common stock sold from the Company (Note 6(b)). Each of the 114,858 shares of common stock sold by the selling stockholders upon exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, was sold with ten Class A warrants (sold by the Company) to purchase one share of common stock, on a firm commitment basis. The Company did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common shares by the selling stockholders and only received the proceeds for the Class A warrants sold together with the selling stockholders' shares of common stock (i.e. Class A warrants to purchase 177,715 shares of common stock in aggregate). The net proceeds received during 2022, under the Underwritten Public Offering, including the exercise of Class A and prefunded warrants discussed in Note 6(b) below and after deducting underwriting commissions and offering expenses paid by the Company, amounted to \$14,736. The Company has recorded the excess of the proceeds received over the par value of common stock to additional paid in capital.

(b) Warrants: In connection with the January 2022 offering, all prefunded warrants (i.e. 2,500,000) and 4,156,000 Class A warrants have been exercised to an aggregate of 665,600 shares of common stock within 2022, and as at December 31, 2022, 14,474,000 Class A warrants to purchase 1,447,400 shares of common stock remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$7.70 per share. The Class A warrants were immediately exercisable and expire in five years from issuance, i.e. in January 2027. The Company may at any time during the term of its Class A warrants reduce the then current exercise price of each warrant to any amount and for any period of time deemed appropriate by the board of directors of the Company, subject to terms disclosed in the warrants' agreements. The Class A warrants also contain a cashless exercise provision, whereby if at the time of exercise, there is no effective registration statement, then the Class A warrants can be exercised by means of a cashless exercise as disclosed in the warrants' agreements. All Class A warrants are classified in equity, according to the Company's accounting policy (Note 2(v)). Based on the terms of the Class A warrants' agreement, each holder of the Class A warrants is, at any time after the issuance of the warrants, entitled to participate in distribution of dividends by the Company, if and when declared, to the same extent that the holder would participate for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon complete exercise of their Class A warrants (Note 6(g) and 7).

(c) Preferred Stock: Under the Company's amended and restated articles of incorporation, authorized preferred stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which (i) 1,000,000 shares are designated as Series A Participating Preferred Stock, none of which was issued and outstanding as of November 29, 2021, (ii) 500,000 shares are designated Series B Preferred Stock, all of which were issued and outstanding as of November 29, 2021, and (iii) 10,000 shares are designated Series C Preferred Stock, all of which were issued and outstanding as of November 29, 2021. All of the Company's shares of preferred stock are in registered form. As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's authorized preferred stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 1,000,000 and 1,000,000, respectively, are designated as Series A Participating Preferred Stock, 500,000 and 500,000, respectively, are designated as Series B Preferred Stock, 20,000 and 10,000, respectively, are designated as Series C Preferred Stock, and 25,000 and none, respectively, are designated as Series D Preferred Stock (Notes 3(c), 6(d), 6(e) and 6(h)). As of December 31, 2022, 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock have been granted (but not yet issued) under the Company's 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (Note 6(f)). As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there is no Series A Participating Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

(d) Series B Preferred Stock: As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had 500,000 Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding with par value \$0.01 per share, issued to DSI. The Series B Preferred Stock votes with the common shares of the Company, and each share of Series B Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to 2,000 votes on all matters on which the Company's stockholders are entitled to vote of up to 34% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast for all matters for which the Company's stockholders are entitled to vote on, but with no economic rights. To the extent the aggregate voting power of any holder of Series B Preferred Stock, together with any affiliate of such holder, would exceed 49% of the total number of votes that may be cast on any matter submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders, the number of votes of the Series B Preferred Stock shall be automatically reduced so that such holder's aggregate voting power, together with any affiliate of such holder, is not more than 49%. Furthermore, the Series B Preferred Stock has no dividend, distribution or liquidation rights and cannot be transferred without the consent of the Company except to the holder's affiliates or successors.

(e) Series C Preferred Stock: As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had 10,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding with par value \$0.01 per share, while as at December 31, 2022, additional 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock have been granted (but not yet issued) under the Company's amended and restated 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (Note 6(f)), at a stated value of \$1,000 per share with liquidation preference at \$1,000 (i.e. aggregate liquidation preference of \$10,000 for the Series C Preferred Stock issued). The 10,000 Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2022 has been recorded at inception at a fair value of \$7,570 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the Spin-Off (Note 3(c) and 9).

The Series C Preferred Stock has no voting rights except (1) in respect of amendments to the articles of incorporation which would adversely alter the preferences, powers or rights of the Series C Preferred Stock or (2) in the event that the Company proposes to issue any parity stock if the cumulative dividends payable on outstanding Series C Preferred Stock are in arrears or any senior stock. Also, holders of Series C Preferred Stock, rank prior to (i) the holders of common shares, (ii) if issued, any Series A Participating Preferred Stock, and any Series B Preferred Stock and (iii) any other class or series of capital stock established after their original issuance date (i.e. November 29, 2021) with respect to dividends, distributions and payments upon liquidation. The Series C Preferred Stock has a cumulative preferred dividend accruing from the date of original issuance which is payable on the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year at the dividend rate of 8.0% per annum, and is convertible into common shares at the holders' option commencing upon the first anniversary of the original issuance date, at a conversion price equal to the lesser of \$65.00 (subject to change under anti-dilution provisions) and the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of the common shares, or at any time after the issuance date (i.e. November 29, 2021) in case of any fundamental change (i.e. liquidation, change of control, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Company). Series C Preferred Stock is also optionally redeemable at the holder's option in case of fundamental change, if the holder does not exercise its conversion right discussed above, and optionally redeemable at the option of the holder in case of certain corporate events as defined in the statement of designation of the Series C Preferred Stock. The holder however, is prohibited from converting the Series C Preferred Stock into common shares to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, the holder (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares of the Company.

Series C Preferred Stock is not mandatorily redeemable or does not meet any other criteria under ASC 480 to be classified as liability, and under the Company's assessment is classified in permanent equity, according to the Company's accounting policy (Note 2(v)). In particular, the Company assessed that certain of the aforementioned features requiring bifurcation under ASC 815 had de minimis value at inception and in each measurement date, while others were clearly and closely related to the host instrument thus no bifurcation was required or falling under the scope exceptions from derivative accounting.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, dividends declared and dividends paid, at \$20.0 per share, on Series C Preferred Stock amounted to \$950 and \$780, respectively (Note 7 and 10(d)). For the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021 dividends on Series C Preferred Stock amounted to \$69, not paid as at December 31, 2021 (Note 7).

(f) Equity Incentive Plan: On March 23, 2022, the Company's 2021 Equity Incentive Plan was amended and restated to, among other things, permit grants of Series C Preferred Stock thereunder, in an aggregate amount of up to 10,000 shares. On April 15, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved the award and grant of 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to the Company's amended and restated plan, for a fair value of \$1,590, to vest over a service period of two years. The fair value of the Series C Preferred Stock awarded, was determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction (Note 9). As at December 31, 2022, 10,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remained reserved for issuance according to the Company's incentive plan. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, compensation cost on restricted stock amounted to \$568 and nil, respectively, and is included in "General and administrative expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. At December 31, 2022, the total unrecognized compensation cost relating to restricted share awards was \$1,022. As at December 31, 2022, the period over which the total compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock, is expected to be recognized, is 1.29 years. The Company assessed this Series C Preferred stock and its features in a similar manner as described in Note 6(e) above and concluded that it should be classified in permanent equity and no embedded derivative required bifurcation or was assessed a value other than de minimis.

(g) Dividend to common stock and Class A warrants' holders: On March 18, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.5 per share for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2021, to its' common stockholders of record as of April 1, 2022. The Company had 2,982,909 shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the record date (April 1, 2022). Holders of the Company's Class A warrants as of April 1, 2022 received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.5 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A warrants. As of record date April 1, 2022, there were Class A warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 1,447,400 common shares. On April 11 and 13, 2022, the Company paid a dividend of \$1,491 on common stock and of \$724 on Class A warrants holders of record April 1, 2022, amounting to \$2,215 in aggregate.

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On May 30, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.1 per share for the first quarter ended March 31, 2022, to its' common stockholders of record as of June 14, 2022. The Company had 2,982,909 shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the record date (June 14, 2022). Holders of the Company's Class A warrants as of June 14, 2022 received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.1 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A warrants. As of record date June 14, 2022, there were Class A warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 1,447,400 common shares. On June 21, 2022, the Company paid a dividend of \$299 on common stock and of \$144 on Class A warrants holders of record June 14, 2022, amounting to \$443 in aggregate.

On July 27, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.1 per share for the second quarter ended June 30, 2022, to its' common stockholders of record as of August 12, 2022. The Company had 2,982,909 shares of common stock issued and outstanding on the record date (August 12, 2022). Holders of the Company's Class A warrants as of August 12, 2022 received a cash payment in the amount of \$0.1 for each common share that such holder would be entitled to receive upon exercise of their Class A warrants. As of record date August 12, 2022, there were Class A warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 1,447,400 common shares. On August 31, 2022, the Company paid a dividend of \$299 on common stock and of \$144 on Class A warrants holders of record August 12, 2022, amounting to \$443 in aggregate (Note 7).

(h) Series D Preferred Stock: As partial consideration for the acquisition of M/V Baltimore, the Company issued on September 21, 2022, 25,000 shares of Series D Preferred Stock, with par value \$0.01 per share, at a stated value of \$1,000 per share with liquidation preference at \$1,000 (i.e. \$25,000 aggregate liquidation preference). The 25,000 Series D Preferred Stock issued has been recorded at inception at a fair value of \$17,600 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the M/V Baltimore acquisition (Note 3(c) and 9). On December 15, 2022, i.e., the DSI Stock Dividend payment date (Note 3(c)), 15,828 of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock was redeemed through the issuance of 7,201,087 of the Company's shares of common stock, and 9,172 shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock were distributed to DSI stockholders. Following such, as at December 31, 2022, the Company had 9,172 shares of Series D Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. The redemption rate which was utilized in connection with the distribution of the Series D Preferred Stock was based on the 10-day trailing VWAP of the Company's common stock as of the election deadline (i.e. December 13, 2022) in accordance with the Series D Preferred Stock statement of designation terms. The Company's valuation determined that the redemption on December 15, 2022 of 15,828 Series D Preferred Stock for the issuance of 7,201,087 of the Company's shares of common stock resulted in an excess value of the shares of common stock of \$134, or \$0.00186 per share of common stock, as compared to the fair value of the Series D Preferred Stock redeemed, that was transferred from the Series D Preferred Stock holders to the common holders on the measurement date (i.e. December 15, 2022), and that this value represented a deemed dividend to the common holders, that should be deducted from the net loss to arrive at the net loss available to common stockholders (Note 7). The fair value of the common shares issued on the measurement date of \$11,277 was determined through Level 1 inputs of the fair value hierarchy (quoted market price on the date of the redemption of the Series D Preferred Stock for issuance of common stock).

The Series D Preferred Stock has no voting rights except (1) in respect of amendments to the articles of incorporation which would adversely alter the preferences, powers or rights of the Series D Preferred Stock or (2) in the event that the Company proposes to issue any parity stock if the cumulative dividends payable on outstanding Series D Preferred Stock are in arrears or any senior stock. Also, holders of Series D Preferred Stock, rank equal to Series C Preferred Stock, prior to (i) the holders of common shares, (ii) if issued, any Series A Participating Preferred Stock, and any Series B Preferred Stock and (iii) any other class or series of capital stock established after their original issuance date (September 21, 2022) with respect to dividends, distributions and payments upon liquidation. The Series D Preferred Stock has a cumulative preferred dividend accruing from the date of original issuance (i.e. September 21, 2022) which is payable on the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year at the dividend rate of 7.0% per annum, and is convertible into common shares at the holders' option at any time after the original issuance date, at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of the common shares. Series D Preferred Stock is also optionally redeemable at the holder's option in case of fundamental change or in case of certain corporate events as defined in the statement of designation of the Series D Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series D Preferred Stock, however, are prohibited from converting the Series D Preferred Stock into common shares to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, holders (together with their affiliates) would beneficially own more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares of the Company.

Series D Preferred Stock is not mandatorily redeemable or does not meet any other criteria under ASC 480 to be classified as liability and under the Company's assessment is classified in equity, according to the Company's accounting policy (Note 2(v)). In particular, the Company assessed that certain of the aforementioned features requiring bifurcation under ASC 815 had de minimis value at inception and in each measurement date, while others were clearly and closely related to the host instrument thus no bifurcation was required.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, dividends declared and dividends paid on Series D Preferred Stock, at \$17.50 per share, amounted to \$117 and \$117, respectively, as regards the period from September 21, 2022 (original issuance date) to October 14, 2022, to Series D Preferred Stock holders of record date October 14, 2022 (i.e. 25,000). Also, the amount of \$135 representing the accumulated portion from October 15, 2022 to December 31, 2022, of the cash dividend on the Company's shares of Series D Preferred Stock to Series D Preferred Stock holders of record date January 14, 2023 (i.e. 9,172 shares) for the period from October 15, 2022 to January 14, 2023, which is payable on January 17, 2023, is deducted from the net loss to arrive at the net loss available to common stockholders (Note 7 and 10(c)).

7.Earnings / (Loss) per Share

All common stock issued (including any restricted shares issued under the Company's equity incentive plan, or else) are the Company's common stock and have equal rights to vote and participate in dividends, subject to forfeiture provisions as set forth in the respective stock award agreements, as applicable. Furthermore, Class A warrants are entitled to receive dividends which are not refundable, and therefore are considered participating securities for basic earnings per share calculation purposes. Class A warrants do not participate in losses. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company declared and paid aggregate cash dividends to its common and Class A warrants' holders of \$2,089 and \$1,012, respectively. No dividends were declared to Company's common holders during the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share does not treat the non-vested shares (not considered participating securities) as outstanding until the time/service-based vesting restriction has lapsed. The dilutive effect of share-based compensation arrangements (following assumed conversion of Series C and Series D preferred stock to common under the "if converted method") and Class A warrants is computed using the treasury stock method, which assumes that the "proceeds" upon exercise of these awards or warrants are used to purchase common shares at the average market price for the period. The dilutive effect from conversion of outstanding Series C and Series D preferred stock is calculated with the "if converted" method, to the extent that such conversion would not result in beneficial ownership by the preferred stockholders of more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares of the Company, as described in Note 6 above. Incremental shares are the number of shares assumed issued under the i) treasury stock method and the ii) "if converted" method weighted for the periods the non-vested shares, warrants and convertible preferred stock were outstanding. No incremental shares were calculated from the application of the treasury stock method for i) the Class A warrants and ii) the share-based compensation arrangements (following assumed conversion of Series C Preferred Stock to common under the "if converted method") and the "if converted" method for the Series C and Series D preferred stock as the Company incurred losses for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the effect of such shares was anti-dilutive. For the period from inception date (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, the computation of diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution from conversion of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock calculated with the "if converted" method described above and resulted in 345,545 shares.

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Also, loss attributable to common equity holders is adjusted by the amount of dividends declared and/or accrued on Series C and D preferred stock and dividends on Class A warrants as follows:

| | December 31, 2022 | From April 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021 |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Net (loss)/income | \$ (326) | \$ 134 |
| Less deemed dividend on Series D Preferred Stock upon redemption for issuance of common stock | (134) | — |
| Less dividends on Series C Preferred Stock | (950) | (69) |
| Less dividends on Series D Preferred Stock | (252) | — |
| Less dividends on Class A warrants | (1,012) | — |
| Net (loss)/earnings attributed to common stockholders | <u>\$ (2,674)</u> | <u>\$ 65</u> |
| Weighted average number of common stock, basic | 3,113,108 | 882,024 |
| Effect of dilutive shares | — | 345,545 |
| Weighted average number of common stock, diluted | <u>3,113,108</u> | <u>1,227,569</u> |
| (Loss)/Earnings per share, basic | <u>\$ (0.86)</u> | <u>\$ 0.07</u> |
| (Loss)/Earnings per share, diluted | <u>\$ (0.86)</u> | <u>\$ 0.05</u> |

8. Income Taxes

Under the laws of the countries of the companies' incorporation and / or vessels' registration, the companies are not subject to tax on international shipping income; however, they are subject to registration and tonnage taxes, which are included in Vessel operating expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

The Company is potentially subject to a four percent U.S. federal income tax on 50% of its gross income derived by its charters that begin or end in the United States. However, under Section 883 of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (the "Code"), a corporation is exempt from U.S. federal income taxation on its U.S.-source shipping income if: (a) it is organized in a foreign country that grants an equivalent exemption from tax to corporations organized in the United States (an "equivalent exemption"); and (b) either (i) more than 50% of the value of its common stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by "qualified stockholders," which is referred to as the "50% Ownership Test," or (ii) its common stock is "primarily and regularly traded on an established securities market" in the United States or in a country that grants an "equivalent exemption", which is referred to as the "Publicly-Traded Test."

The Company and each of its subsidiaries expects it qualifies for this statutory tax exemption for the 2022 taxable year, and the Company takes this position for United States federal income tax return reporting purposes. Therefore, the Company does not expect to have any U.S. federal income tax liability for the year ended December 31, 2022.

9. Financial Instruments and Fair Value Disclosures

Concentration of credit risk: Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash and trade accounts receivable. The ability and willingness of each of the Company's counterparties to perform their obligations under a contract depend upon a number of factors that are beyond the Company's control and may include, among other things, general economic conditions, the state of the capital markets, the condition of the shipping industry and charter hire rates. The Company's credit risk with financial institutions is limited as it has temporary cash investments, consisting mostly of deposits, placed with various qualified financial institutions and performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions. The Company limits its credit risk with accounts receivable by performing ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and by receiving payments of hire in advance. The Company, generally, does not require collateral for its accounts receivable and does not have any agreements to mitigate credit risk.

For the year ended December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception (April 15, 2021) through December 31, 2021, charterers that individually accounted for 10% or more of the Company's time charter revenues were as follows:

| Charterer | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------|------|------|
| A | 20 % | — |
| B | 14 % | — |
| C | 12 % | — |
| D | 11 % | 32 % |
| E | — | 35 % |
| F | — | 26 % |

The maximum aggregate amount of loss due to credit risk that the Company would incur if the aforementioned charterers failed completely to perform according to the terms of the relevant time charter parties, amounted to \$215 and to \$811 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Fair value of assets, liabilities and equity instruments classified in stockholders' equity: The carrying values of financial assets and liabilities reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, approximate their respective fair values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

On November 29, 2021, DSI contributed to OceanPal three vessels having a fair value of \$46,040 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy by taking into consideration third party valuations which were based on the last done deals of sale of vessels with similar characteristics, such as type, size and age at the specific dates (Notes 3 (c) and 4). Also, on the same date, the Company distributed 10,000 Series C Preferred Stock to DSI which has been recorded at a fair value of \$7,570 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the Spin-Off (Note 3(c) and 6(e)).

On April 15, 2022, the Company's Board of Directors approved the award and grant of 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to the Company's amended and restated plan, for a fair value of \$1,590, determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction (Note 6(f)).

On September 20, 2022, the Company acquired M/V Baltimore from DSI. The non-cash consideration part of the total purchase price paid in the form of 25,000 Series D Preferred Stock as of the vessel acquisition date has been recorded at a fair value of \$17,600 determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy based on valuation obtained by an independent third party for the purposes of the transaction (Note 3(c) and 6(h)).

The fair values of the above instruments as of the measurement dates were based on the present values of the future cash outflows derived from dividends payable under each equity instrument, assuming the instruments are held in perpetuity since conversion under fixed or variable conversion price at any time would reasonably result in lower returns for a market participant taking into consideration the Company's market price, outstanding common stock and instruments issuable upon conversion at the measurement dates. The Company applied a discount factor of 12.7%, and a risk free rate of 1% for the valuation of all instruments discussed above.

10.Subsequent Events

- (a) **NASDAQ Notification:** As of January 6, 2023, the Company's common stock has remained at \$1.00 per share or higher for ten consecutive days. As such, on January 9, 2023, the Company received a letter from The NASDAQ Capital Market confirming that it has regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. On March 27, 2023, the Company received a written notification from Nasdaq indicating that because the closing bid price of the Company's common shares for 32 consecutive business days, i.e. from February 8, 2023 to March 24, 2023, was below the minimum \$1.00 per share bid price requirement for continued listing on the Nasdaq, the Company was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the original applicable grace period to regain compliance is 180 days, or until September 25, 2023. The Company can cure this deficiency if the closing bid price of its common stock is \$1.00 per share or higher for at least ten consecutive business days. During this time, the Company's common stock will continue to be listed and trade on the Nasdaq.
- (b) **Series C Preferred Stock Dividend:** On January 17, 2023, the Company paid a dividend on its Series C Preferred Stock, amounting to \$240, which was declared by its BoD on December 29, 2022. On March 27, 2023, the Company's Board of Directors, declared a dividend of \$269 in the aggregate on i) the Company's outstanding Series C Preferred Stock (i.e. 10,000 shares), ii) 1,982 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non-executive directors on April 15, 2022, for the period from January 15, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, and iii) 3,332 shares of Series C Preferred Stock awarded to executive management and non-executive directors on March 7, 2023 (Note 10(g)), for the period from March 7, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, which is payable on April 17, 2023.
- (c) **Series D Preferred Stock Dividend:** On January 17, 2023, the Company paid a dividend on its Series D Preferred Stock, amounting to \$161. On March 27, 2023, the Company's Board of Directors, declared a dividend of \$327 in the aggregate on i) the Company's outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock as at December 31, 2022 (9,172 shares) for the period from January 15, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, and ii) 13,157 shares of Series D Preferred Stock issued in connection with the acquisition of M/V Melia (Note 10(d)), for the period from February 8, 2023 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, which is payable on April 17, 2023.
- (d) **Acquisition of vessel and issuance of Series D Preferred Stock:** On February 1, 2023, the Company through its' new wholly-owned subsidiary, Fiji Shipping Company Inc., entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with DSI to acquire a 2005-built Panamax vessel, the m/v Melia, for a purchase price of \$14,000. Of the purchase price, \$4,000, was paid in cash upon signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, and the remaining amount of \$10,000 was paid upon delivery of the vessel to the Company, on February 8, 2023, in the form of 13,157 shares of the Company's Series D Preferred Stock. The purchase of this vessel was made pursuant to the Company's exercise of a right of first refusal granted to the Company by DSI based on an agreement dated November 8, 2021. As of March 29, 2023, following Company's refusal to acquire one of the identified vessels, and agreement for the acquisition of the m/v Melia, three of the six identified vessels remain available for purchase by the Company (Note 3(c)). The acquisition of the vessel was approved by a committee of independent members of the Company's Board of Directors.
- (e) **Appointment of Chief Executive Officer:** On February 2, 2023, the Company's Board of directors appointed Mr. Robert Perri as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, effective as of February 2, 2023. Mr. Perri replaces Mr. Eleftherios Papatrifon, who has served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer since November 2021 and who will continue to serve as a Class II director on the Company's Board of Directors.

- (f) Registered Direct Offering:** On February 8, 2023, the Company closed a registered direct offering of 15,000,000 units, at a price of \$1.01 per unit, with each unit consisting of one share of the Company's common stock (or one prefunded warrant in lieu of one share of the Company's common stock) and one Class B Warrant to purchase one share of the Company's common stock. The Company also offered to each purchaser, with respect to the purchase of units that would otherwise result in the purchaser's beneficial ownership exceeding 4.99% of the Company's outstanding common stock immediately following the consummation of the offering, the opportunity to purchase one prefunded warrant in lieu of one share of common stock. Each prefunded warrant is exercisable for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The Company, concurrently with the offering, conducted a private placement with the placement agent for additional unregistered warrants to purchase 15,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The Class B warrants and the privately placed warrants have an exercise price of US\$1.01 per common share, are exercisable immediately, and expire five years after the issuance date. Alternatively, each privately placed warrant will become exercisable for 0.75 common shares under the cashless exercise provision included in the privately placed warrants rather than one share of common stock under the cash exercise provision. In particular, on February 10, 2023, the Company issued and sold 15,000,000 units comprising of 12,300,000 shares of the Company's common stock, 2,700,000 prefunded warrants to purchase shares of common stock, 15,000,000 Class B Warrants to purchase one share of the Company's common stock at a public offering price of \$1.01 per unit. Also, on the same date the Company sold to each purchaser of the units, unregistered privately placed warrants, to purchase up to an aggregate of 15,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. On February 23, 2023, the Company filed with the SEC a resale registration agreement in Form F-1 regarding the privately placed warrants which was declared effective on March 8, 2023. As of March 29, 2023, out of the 2,700,000 prefunded warrants issued on the closing of the offering, 1,750,000 prefunded warrants have been exercised and 950,000 prefunded warrants remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, and Class B warrants to purchase 15,000,000 common shares remain available for exercise at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. As of March 29, 2023, 15,000,000 privately placed warrants remain available for up to 15,000,000 common shares.
- (g) Restricted share awards and Cash Bonus:** On March 7, 2023, the Company's Board of Directors approved the award of 3,332 shares of restricted Series C Preferred Stock to executive management and non-executive directors, pursuant to the Company's amended and restated 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as annual bonus. The cost of these awards will be recognized in income ratably over the restricted shares vesting period which will be two years. The Board of Directors also approved an aggregate performance cash bonus of about \$185 to Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc, which has been accrued for as of December 31, 2022, in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.
- (h) Amendment of brokerage services agreement with Steamship:** In March 2023, the brokerage services agreement between the Company and Steamship (Note 3(b)) was terminated and replaced with a new agreement with retroactive effect from January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023, pursuant to which the fixed monthly fee of \$95,000 was increased to \$150,000. All other terms of the agreement remained unchanged.
- (i) Series E Preferred Stock :** On March 20, 2023, the Company issued 1,200 shares of its newly designated Series E Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series E Preferred Stock"), par value \$0.01 per share, to an affiliated company of its Chairperson, Mrs. Semiramis Paliou, for a purchase price of \$35. The Series E Preferred Stock has no dividend or liquidation rights. The Series E Preferred Stock votes with the common shares of the Company, and each share of the Series E Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to up to 25,000 votes, on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company, subject up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast on matters put to stockholders of the Company. The Series E Preferred Stock is convertible, at the election of the holder, in whole or in part, into shares of the Company's common stock at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of the Company's common stock, subject to certain adjustments, commencing at any time after (i) the cancellation of all of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock or (ii) the transfer for all of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock (collectively a "Series B Event"). The 15% limitation discussed above, shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Series B Event. The Series E Preferred Stock is transferable only to the holder's immediate family members and to affiliated persons or entities, with the Company's prior consent. The issuance of shares of Series E Preferred Stock to Tuscany Shipping Corp. was approved by an independent committee of the Company's Board of Directors, which received a fairness opinion from an independent third party that the transaction was fair from a financial point of view to the Company.

OCEANPAL INC. PREDECESSORS

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of OceanPal Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying combined carve-out balance sheet of OceanPal Inc. Predecessors (“the Predecessor Company”) as of December 31, 2020, the related combined carve-out statements of comprehensive income/(loss), parent’s equity and cash flows for the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “combined carve-out financial statements”). In our opinion, the combined carve-out financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Predecessor Company at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Predecessor Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Predecessor Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Predecessor 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. The Predecessor Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Predecessor Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

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/ Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A.

We have served as the Predecessor Company’s auditor since 2021.

Athens, Greece
April 06, 2022

OceanPal Inc. Predecessors
COMBINED CARVE-OUT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2020
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

| | <u>2020</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2(e)) | \$ 39,638 |
| Accounts receivable, trade (Note 2(f)) | 1,035,069 |
| Due from a related party (Notes 3 and 5(b)) | 1,169,637 |
| Inventories (Note 2(g)) | 181,973 |
| Insurance claims (Note 2(h)) | 941,488 |
| Prepaid expenses | 869,662 |
| Total current assets | <u>4,237,467</u> |
| FIXED ASSETS: | |
| Vessels, net (Note 4) | 32,249,299 |
| Total fixed assets | <u>32,249,299</u> |
| OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS: | |
| Deferred charges, net (Notes 2(m) and 4) | 701,773 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 37,188,539</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND PARENT EQUITY</u> | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | |
| Accounts payable, trade and other | 133,566 |
| Due to a related party (Note 3) | 115,280 |
| Accrued liabilities | 1,637,623 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>1,886,469</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 5) | — |
| PARENT EQUITY: | |
| Parent investment, net (Note 6) | 144,274,678 |
| Accumulated deficit | (108,972,608) |
| Parent equity, net | <u>35,302,070</u> |
| Total liabilities and parent equity | <u>\$ 37,188,539</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined carve-out financial statements.

OceanPal Inc. Predecessors

COMBINED CARVE-OUT STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)
For the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and
for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

| | From January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | |
| Time charter revenues (Note 2(o)) | \$ 11,342,529 | \$ 9,410,671 | \$ 12,370,182 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Voyage expenses (Note 2(o)) | 418,022 | 977,940 | 1,548,501 |
| Vessel operating expenses (Note 2(p)) | 6,200,109 | 8,497,830 | 5,582,563 |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges (Note 4) | 2,192,911 | 2,151,977 | 2,479,432 |
| General and administrative expenses (Note 6) | 1,104,894 | 1,265,051 | 809,205 |
| Management fees to related parties (Note 3) | 683,121 | 756,000 | 728,300 |
| Vessel Impairment charges (Note 4) | — | — | 3,047,978 |
| Vessel fair value adjustment (Note 4) | — | (200,500) | — |
| Other loss/(income) | (9,427) | (241,668) | 37,055 |
| Operating income/(loss) | <u>\$ 752,899</u> | <u>\$ (3,795,959)</u> | <u>\$ (1,862,852)</u> |
| Finance costs | (1,916) | — | — |
| Net income/(loss) and comprehensive income/(loss) | <u>\$ 750,983</u> | <u>\$ (3,795,959)</u> | <u>\$ (1,862,852)</u> |

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OceanPal Inc. Predecessors

COMBINED CARVE-OUT STATEMENTS OF PARENT'S EQUITY
For the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and
for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

| | Parent Company Investment, net | Accumulated Deficit | Total Equity |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| BALANCE, January 1, 2019 | \$ 141,543,044 | \$ (103,313,797) | \$ 38,229,247 |
| Parent Distribution, net (Note 6) | (1,504,222) | — | (1,504,222) |
| Net loss and comprehensive loss | \$ — | \$ (1,862,852) | \$ (1,862,852) |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2019 | <u>\$ 140,038,822</u> | <u>\$ (105,176,649)</u> | <u>\$ 34,862,173</u> |
| Parent Investment, net (Note 6) | 4,235,856 | — | 4,235,856 |
| Net loss and comprehensive loss | \$ — | \$ (3,795,959) | \$ (3,795,959) |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2020 | <u>\$ 144,274,678</u> | <u>\$ (108,972,608)</u> | <u>\$ 35,302,070</u> |
| Parent Distribution, net (Note 6) | (3,196,728) | — | (3,196,728) |
| Net income and comprehensive income | \$ — | \$ 750,983 | \$ 750,983 |
| BALANCE, November 29, 2021 | <u>\$ 141,077,950</u> | <u>\$ (108,221,625)</u> | <u>\$ 32,856,325</u> |

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OceanPal Inc. Predecessors

COMBINED CARVE-OUT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 and
for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

| | From January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income/(loss) | \$ 750,983 | \$ (3,795,959) | \$ (1,862,852) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income/(loss) to net cash from operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges | 2,192,911 | 2,151,977 | 2,479,432 |
| Asset impairment charge (Note 4) | — | — | 3,047,978 |
| Vessel fair value adjustment (Note 4) | — | (200,500) | — |
| (Increase) / Decrease in: | | | |
| Accounts receivable, trade | 169,243 | (725,324) | (302,696) |
| Due from related parties | (14,418) | (1,167,746) | (1,891) |
| Inventories | (26,611) | (13,199) | 392,255 |
| Insurance claims | 941,488 | 1,145,969 | (2,078,347) |
| Prepaid expenses | 191,097 | (155,786) | (403,488) |
| Increase / (Decrease) in: | | | |
| Accounts payable, trade and other | 87,213 | (47,062) | (160,921) |
| Due to related parties | (115,280) | (122,741) | 220,261 |
| Accrued liabilities | (1,125,141) | 1,189,260 | 202,046 |
| Deferred revenue | 135,080 | (155,877) | (90,092) |
| Drydock costs | (5,535) | (826,180) | (2,234) |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) Operating Activities | \$ 3,181,030 | \$ (2,723,168) | \$ 1,439,451 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | |
| Payments for vessel improvements (Note 4) | (23,850) | (1,474,965) | — |
| Net cash used in Investing Activities | \$ (23,850) | \$ (1,474,965) | \$ — |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | |
| Parent investment/(distribution), net | (3,196,728) | 4,235,856 | (1,504,222) |
| Net cash provided by/ (used in) Financing Activities | \$ (3,196,728) | \$ 4,235,856 | \$ (1,504,222) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (39,548) | 37,723 | (64,771) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 39,638 | 1,915 | 66,686 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | \$ 90 | \$ 39,638 | \$ 1,915 |

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1. Basis of Presentation and General Information

OceanPal Inc., (the “Company”, or “OceanPal”), was incorporated by Diana Shipping Inc. (or “DSI” or “Parent”), as a wholly owned subsidiary, on April 15, 2021 under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, having an authorized share capital of 500 shares, par value \$0.01 per share, issued to the Parent. The Company was formed to serve as the holding company of the following three of the Parent’s vessel-owning subsidiaries (the “Subsidiaries”, or “OceanPal Inc. Predecessors”):

- Cypres Enterprises Corp., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama on September 7, 2000, owner of the 2004 built Panamax dry bulk carrier Protefs,
- Darien Compania Armadora S.A., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama on December 22, 1993, owner of the 2005 built Panamax dry bulk carrier Calipso and
- Marfort Navigation Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Cyprus on August 10, 2007, owner of the 2005 built Capesize dry bulk carrier Salt Lake City;

As of November 29, 2021, the Parent contributed the Subsidiaries to OceanPal and, as the sole shareholder of the Company, distributed the Company’s common shares to its shareholders on a pro rata basis upon consummation of a spin-off transaction (Note 9 (a)).

The accompanying predecessor combined carve-out financial statements are those of the Subsidiaries for the period presented using the historical carrying costs of the assets and the liabilities of the ship-owning companies above from the dates of their incorporation.

The Company is a global provider of shipping transportation services, specializing in the ownership of vessels. Each of our vessels is owned through a separate wholly-owned subsidiary.

In 2020, the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus had a negative effect on the global economy and has adversely impacted the international dry-bulk shipping industry in which the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors operated. The impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 virus resulted in low time charter rates throughout the year, decreased revenues and increased crew and dry-docking costs. For 2021, there were signs of improvement in the dry-bulk market and overall operations, though the impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 is still present. As the situation continues to evolve, it is difficult to predict the long-term impact of the pandemic on the industry. As a result, many of the estimates and assumptions, mainly future revenues for unfixed days, carry a higher degree of variability and volatility. The Company is constantly monitoring the developing situation, as well as charterers’ response to the severe market disruption and is taking necessary precautions to address and mitigate, to the extent possible, the impact of COVID-19 to the Company.

2. Significant Policies

a) Basis of presentation: The accompanying combined carve-out financial statements include the accounts of the legal entities comprising OceanPal Inc. Predecessors as discussed in Note 1. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have historically operated as part of the Parent and not as a standalone company. Financial statements representing the historical operations of Parent’s business have been derived from Parent’s historical accounting records and are presented on a carve-out basis. All revenues, costs, assets and liabilities directly associated with the business activity of OceanPal Inc. Predecessors are included in the combined carve-out financial statements. The combined financial statements are prepared in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and reflect the financial position, results of operations and comprehensive income/(loss) and cash flows associated with the business activity of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors as they were historically managed.

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The combined carve-out statements of operations also reflect intercompany expense allocations made to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors by DSI of certain general and administrative expenses from Parent (Note 6). However, amounts recognized by OceanPal Inc. Predecessors are not necessarily representative of the amounts that would have been reflected in the financial statements had the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors operated independently of Parent as the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors would have had additional administrative expenses, including legal, professional, treasury and regulatory compliance and other costs normally incurred by a listed public entity. Management has estimated these additional administrative expenses to be \$1,104,894, \$1,265,051 and \$809,205, respectively, for the period from January 1, 2021, to November 29, 2021, and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Both the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors and DSI consider the basis on which the expenses have been allocated to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services provided to or the benefit received by the Predecessors during the periods presented. The allocations may not, however, reflect the expense the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have incurred as an independent, publicly traded company for the periods presented.

OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have no common capital structure for the combined business and, accordingly, has not presented historical earnings per share.

b) Use of Estimates: The preparation of combined carve-out financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the combined carve-out financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c) Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss): OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have no other comprehensive income / (loss) and accordingly comprehensive income / (loss) equals net income / (loss) for all periods presented.

d) Foreign Currency: The functional currency of OceanPal Inc. Predecessors is the U.S. dollar because the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors vessels operate in international shipping markets, and therefore primarily transact business in U.S. dollars. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' accounting records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Transactions involving other currencies during the year are converted into U.S. dollars using the exchange rates in effect at the time of the transactions. At the balance sheet dates, monetary assets and liabilities which are denominated in other currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the year-end exchange rates. Resulting gains or losses are included in "Other income/(loss)" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss).

e) Cash and Cash Equivalents: OceanPal Inc. Predecessors consider time deposits, certificates of deposit and their equivalents with an original maturity of up to about three months to be cash equivalents.

f) Accounts Receivable, Trade: The amount shown as accounts receivable, trade, at each balance sheet date, includes receivables from charterers for hire from lease agreements, net of allowance for credit loss, if any. At each balance sheet date, all potentially uncollectible accounts are assessed individually for purposes of determining the appropriate provision for doubtful accounts. Operating lease receivables under ASC 842 are not in scope of ASC 326 for assessment of credit loss, however OceanPal Inc. Predecessors assess their accounts receivable, trade and their credit risk relating to their charterers. No provision for doubtful accounts receivable has been recorded in the accompanying statements of comprehensive income/ (loss) during the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021, and the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

g) Inventories: Inventories consist of lubricants which are stated, on a consistent basis, at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined by the first in, first out method. Amounts removed from inventory are also determined by the first in first out method. Inventories may also consist of bunkers when on the balance sheet date a vessel is without employment. Bunkers, if any, are also stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and cost is determined by the first in, first out method.

h) Insurance claims. Claims receivable are recorded on accrual basis, net of deductibles, through each balance sheet date, for which recovery from insurance companies is probable and the claim is not subject to litigation.

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i) Vessel, net: Vessels are stated at cost which consists of the contract price and any material expenses incurred upon acquisition or during construction. Expenditures for conversions and improvements are also capitalized when they appreciably extend the life, increase the earning capacity or improve the efficiency or safety of the vessels; otherwise these amounts are charged to expense as incurred. As at balance sheet date, vessels are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation expense and impairment charge, if any.

j) Vessels held for sale: OceanPal Inc. Predecessors classify assets as being held for sale when the respective criteria are met. Long-lived assets or disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. These assets are not depreciated once they meet the criteria to be held for sale. The fair value less cost to sell of an asset held for sale is assessed at each reporting period it remains classified as held for sale. When the plan to sell an asset changes, the asset is reclassified as held and used, measured at the lower of its carrying amount before it was recorded as held for sale, adjusted for depreciation, and the asset's fair value at the date of the decision not to sell.

k) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets: Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances (such as market conditions, obsolescence or damage to the asset, potential sales and other business plans) indicate that the carrying amount plus unamortized dry-docking costs of an asset may not be recoverable. When the estimate of undiscounted projected net operating cash flows, excluding interest charges, expected to be generated by the use of an asset over its remaining useful life and its eventual disposition is less than its carrying amount plus unamortized dry-docking costs, OceanPal Inc. Predecessors evaluate the asset for impairment loss. Measurement of impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset, determined mainly by third party valuations.

OceanPal Inc. Predecessors undiscounted projected net operating cash flows by considering the historical and estimated vessels' performance and utilization with the significant assumption being future charter rates for the unfixed days, using the most recent 10 year average of historical 1 year time charter rates available for each type of vessel over the remaining estimated life of each vessel, net of commissions. In 2019, the 1 year time charter rates did not include the rate for 2010, as it had been previously considered by Parent well above the average. Other than that, historical ten-year blended average one-year time charter rates are in line with the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' overall chartering strategy, they reflect the full operating history of vessels of the same type and particulars with the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' operating fleet and they cover at least a full business cycle, where applicable. Other assumptions used in developing estimates of future undiscounted cash flow are charter rates calculated for the fixed days using the fixed charter rate of each vessel from existing time charters, the expected outflows for scheduled vessels' maintenance; vessel operating expenses; fleet utilization, and the vessels' residual value if sold for scrap. Assumptions are in line with the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' historical performance and expectations for future fleet utilization under their current fleet deployment strategy. This calculation is then compared with the vessels' net book value plus unamortized dry-docking costs. The difference between the carrying amount of the vessel plus unamortized dry-docking costs and its fair value is recognized in the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' accounts as impairment loss. No impairment loss was identified or recorded in 2019, in 2020 and in the period from January 1, 2021, to November 29, 2021 due to this exercise. However, an impairment charge amounting to \$3,047,978 recorded in 2019 for vessel Calipso, which was classified as held for sale (Note 4).

l) Vessel Depreciation: Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the vessels, after considering the estimated salvage (scrap) value. Each vessel's salvage value is equal to the product of its lightweight tonnage and estimated scrap rate. Management estimates the useful life of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' vessels to be 25 years from the date of initial delivery from the shipyard. Second hand vessels are depreciated from the date of their acquisition through their remaining estimated useful life. When regulations place limitations over the ability of a vessel to trade on a worldwide basis, its remaining useful life is adjusted at the date such regulations are adopted.

m) Accounting for Dry-Docking Costs: OceanPal Inc. Predecessors follow the deferral method of accounting for dry-docking costs whereby actual costs incurred are deferred and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period through the date the next dry-docking is scheduled to become due. Unamortized dry-docking costs of vessels that are sold or impaired are written off and included in the calculation of the resulting gain or loss in the year of the vessel's sale or impairment (Note 4).

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n) Concentration of Credit Risk: Financial instruments, which potentially subject OceanPal Inc. Predecessors to significant concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash and trade accounts receivable. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors place temporary cash investments, consisting mostly of deposits, with various qualified financial institutions and performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions that are considered in the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' investment strategy. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors limit their credit risk with accounts receivable by performing ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally do not require collateral for accounts receivable and do not have any agreements to mitigate credit risk.

o) Accounting for Revenues and Expenses: Revenues are generated from time charter agreements which contain a lease as they meet the criteria of a lease under ASC 842. Agreements with the same charterer are accounted for as separate agreements according to their specific terms and conditions. All agreements contain a minimum non-cancellable period and an extension period at the option of the charterer. Each lease term is assessed at the inception of that lease. Under a time charter agreement, the charterer pays a daily hire for the use of the vessel and reimburses the owner for hold cleanings, extra insurance premiums for navigating in restricted areas and damages caused by the charterers. Additionally, the charterer pays to third parties port, canal and bunkers consumed during the term of the time charter agreement. Such costs are considered direct costs and are not recorded as they are directly paid by charterers, unless they are for the account of the owner, in which case they are included in voyage expenses. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors incur voyage expenses that mainly include commissions because all of vessels are employed under time charters that require the charterer to bear voyage expenses such as bunkers (fuel oil), port and canal charges. When a vessel is delivered to a charterer, bunkers are purchased by the charterer and sold back to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors on the redelivery of the vessel. Bunker gain, or loss, result when a vessel is redelivered by her charterer and delivered to the next charterer at different bunker prices, or quantities. For the period From January 1, 2021, to November 29, 2021, and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors incurred gain on bunkers amounting to \$330,454, and loss on bunkers amounting to \$287,352 and \$229,481, respectively, resulting mainly from the difference in the value of bunkers paid by OceanPal Inc. Predecessors when the vessel is redelivered to OceanPal Inc. Predecessors from the charterer under the vessel's previous time charter agreement and the value of bunkers sold by OceanPal Inc. Predecessors when the vessel is delivered to a new charterer. This gain/loss is included in "Voyage expenses" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of comprehensive income / (loss). Additionally, the owner pays commissions on the hire revenue, to both the charterer and to brokers, which are direct costs and are recorded in voyage expenses. Under a time charter agreement, the owner pays for the operation and the maintenance of the vessel, including crew, insurance, spares and repairs, which are recognized in operating expenses. Revenues from time charter agreements providing for varying annual rates are accounted for as operating leases and thus recognized on a straight-line basis over the non-cancellable rental periods of such agreements, as service is performed. Deferred revenue includes cash received prior to the balance sheet date for which all criteria to recognize as revenue have not been met. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors, as lessors, have elected not to allocate the consideration in the agreement to the separate lease and non-lease components (operation and maintenance of the vessel) as their timing and pattern of transfer to the charterer, as the lessee, are the same and the lease component, if accounted for separately, would be classified as an operating lease. Additionally, the lease component is considered the predominant component as OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have assessed that more value is ascribed to the vessel rather than to the services provided under the time charter contracts.

p) Repairs and Maintenance: All repair and maintenance expenses including underwater inspection expenses are expensed in the year incurred. Such costs are included in vessel operating expenses in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss).

q) Segmental Reporting: OceanPal Inc. Predecessors engage in the operation of dry-bulk vessels which has been identified as one reportable segment. The operation of the vessels is the main source of revenue generation, the services provided by the vessels are similar and they all operate under the same economic environment. Additionally, the vessels do not operate in specific geographic areas, as they trade worldwide; they do not trade in specific trade routes, as their trading (route and cargo) is dictated by the charterers; and OceanPal Inc. Predecessors do not evaluate the operating results for each type of dry bulk vessels (Panamax or Capesize) for the purpose of making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance.

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r) Fair Value Measurements: OceanPal Inc. Predecessors classify and discloses their assets and liabilities carried at fair value in one of the following categories: Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data; Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

s) Going concern: Management evaluates, at each reporting period, whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' ability to continue as a going concern within one year from the date the combined carve-out financial statements are issued.

t) Financial Instruments, credit losses: At each reporting date, OceanPal Inc. Predecessors evaluate financial assets for credit losses and presents such assets in the net amount expected to be collected on such financial asset. When financial assets present similar risk characteristics, these are evaluated on a collective basis. When developing an estimate of expected credit losses OceanPal Inc. Predecessors consider available information relevant to assessing the collectability of cash flows such as internal information, past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. No allowance for credit loss has been recorded in the accompanying statements of comprehensive income/(loss) during the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021, and the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements — Not yet adopted

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting, which provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform. ASU 2020-04 applies to contracts that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be terminated because of reference rate reform. The amendments in this Update are effective for all entities as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. An entity may elect to apply the amendments for contract modifications by Topic or Industry Subtopic as of any date from the beginning of an interim period that includes or is subsequent to March 12, 2020, or prospectively from a date within an interim period that includes or is subsequent to March 12, 2020, up to the date that the financial statements are available to be issued. Once elected for a Topic or an Industry Subtopic, the amendments in this Update must be applied prospectively for all eligible contract modifications for that Topic or Industry Subtopic. An entity may elect to apply the amendments in this Update to eligible hedging relationships existing as of the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020 and to new eligible hedging relationships entered into after the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020. An entity may elect certain optional expedients for hedging relationships that exist as of December 31, 2022 and maintain those optional expedients through the end of the hedging relationship. ASU 2020-04 can be adopted as of March 12, 2020. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have assessed the impact of this new accounting guidance and the adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material impact on the combined carve-out financial statements and related disclosures.

In July 2021, the FASB issued ASU No. 2021-05 Leases (Topic 842): Lessors-Certain Leases with Variable Lease Payments. The ASU amends the lessor lease classification guidance in ASC 842 for leases that include any amount of variable lease payments that are not based on an index or rate. If such a lease meets the criteria in ASC 842-10-25-2 through 25-3 for classification as either a sales-type or direct financing lease, and application of the sales-type or direct financing lease recognition guidance would result in recognition of a selling loss, then the amendments require the lessor to classify the lease as an operating lease. For public business entities that have adopted ASC 842 as of July 19, 2021, the amendments in ASU 2021-05 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021 and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The impact of this new accounting guidance and the adoption of this ASU has been assessed and it is expected that it does not have a material impact on the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' combined carve-out financial statements and related disclosures.

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3. Transactions with related parties

a) Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited, or DWM: DWM is a joint venture established by Diana Ship Management Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent, and Wilhelmsen Ship Management Holding Limited, an unaffiliated third party, each holding 50% of DWM. The DWM office is located in Athens, Greece. Effective July 1, 2020 Wilhelmsen Ship Management Holding Limited, was replaced by Wilhelmsen Ship Management Holding AS, which assumed all the liabilities and obligations of the former company under the Joint venture agreement. Until October 8, 2019, DWM provided management services to the OceanPal Predecessors' fleet for a fixed monthly fee and commercial services charged as a percentage of the vessels' gross revenues pursuant to management agreements between the vessel owning companies and DWM. Management fees to DWM for 2019 amounted to \$554,000 and are included in "Management fees to related parties" in the accompanying 2019 combined carve-out statement of comprehensive income / (loss). Commercial fees in 2019, amounted to \$192,550, and are included in "Voyage expenses". As at December 31, 2020 there was an amount of \$1,169,637 due from DWM mainly related to Protefs' environmental incident (Note 5), included in "Due from a related party" in the accompanying combined carve-out balance sheet. Since October 9, 2019 and up to May 24, 2021, DWM provided technical management services to the vessels through Diana Shipping Services S.A. (Note 3(b)) and since May 24, 2021 directly. For the provision of management services, the vessels pay monthly fees which for the period from May 24, 2021 until November 29, 2021 amounted to \$373,484 and are included in "Management fees to related parties" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss). In addition, the vessels pay a commercial fee, which is a percentage of the daily hire, and which for the period from May 24, 2021 to November 29, 2021 amounted to \$80,896 and is included in "Voyage expenses" in the accompanying combined carve-out statement of comprehensive income/(loss).

b) Diana Shipping Services S.A., or DSS: From October 8, 2019 until May 24, 2021, the fleet vessels were managed by DSS, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent, for a fixed monthly fee and a commission on the vessels' gross revenues. DSS was outsourcing the management of the vessels to DWM from October 8, 2019 until May 24, 2021 and since May 24, 2021, provides insurance services to the vessels for a fixed monthly fee of \$500. During the period from January 1, 2021 to May 24, 2021, during 2020, and during the period from October 9, 2019 to December 31, 2019, respectively, management fees to DSS amounted to \$300,300, \$756,000 and \$174,300, respectively and are included in "Management fees to related parties" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss). During the period from May 24, 2021 to November 29, 2021, insurance service fees to DSS amounted to \$9,337 and are included in "Management fees to related parties" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss). Similarly, commissions charged by DSS for the period from January 1, 2021 to May 24, 2021, for 2020 and from October 9, 2019 to December 31, 2019, respectively amounted to \$94,672, 186,223 and \$63,721, respectively and are included in "Voyage expenses" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss). As at December 31, 2020, there was an amount of \$115,280 respectively, due to DSS, separately presented in "Due to a related party" in the accompanying combined carve-out balance sheet.

4. Vessels

On December 24, 2019, Darien Compania Armadora S.A. entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to sell to an unaffiliated third party the vessel Calipso, for a sale price of \$7,275,000 before commissions. On December 31, 2019, the vessel was measured at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell and was classified in current assets as Vessel held for sale, according to the provisions of ASC 360, as all criteria required for this classification were then met.

The classification of Calipso as held for sale on December 31, 2019 resulted in impairment of \$3,047,978 including the write off of the unamortized drydocking costs as the vessel was measured at the lower of its carrying value and fair value (sale price) less costs to sell and is separately presented in "Vessel impairment charges" in the accompanying 2019 combined carve-out statement of comprehensive income / (loss).

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In February 2020, the buyers of Calipso elected to exercise their right to cancel the contract as a result of the vessel's missing the cancelling date due to unforeseen events, unrelated to the condition of the vessel. Following this cancellation of the memorandum of agreement, on March 8, 2020, the vessel was withdrawn from the market as per management's decision and was recorded at its fair value at that date, amounting to \$7.33 million, as held and used, according to the provisions of ASC 360. The vessel's fair value was determined through Level 2 inputs of the fair value hierarchy by taking into consideration a third party valuation which was based on the last done deals of sale of vessels with similar characteristics, such as type, size and age. The valuation of the vessel at fair value resulted in a gain of \$200,500 separately presented in "Vessel fair value adjustment" in the 2020 accompanying combined carve-out statement of comprehensive income / (loss).

The amounts reflected in Vessels, net in the accompanying combined carve-out balance sheet as of December 31, 2020 are analyzed as follows:

| | <u>Accumulated Vessel Cost</u> | <u>Depreciation</u> | <u>Net Book Value</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2019 | \$ 38,600,196 | \$ (13,139,306) | \$ 25,460,890 |
| – Additions for improvements | 1,474,965 | — | 1,474,965 |
| – Vessel fair value adjustment | 200,500 | — | 200,500 |
| – Vessel transferred from held for sale | 7,129,500 | — | 7,129,500 |
| – Depreciation for the period | — | (2,016,556) | (2,016,556) |
| Balance, December 31, 2020 | <u>\$ 47,405,161</u> | <u>\$ (15,155,862)</u> | <u>\$ 32,249,299</u> |

Vessels' depreciation expense for the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021, and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, amounted to \$1.97 million, \$2.02 million, and \$2.27 million, respectively, and is included in "Depreciation and amortization of deferred charges" in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss).

5. Commitments and Contingencies

a) Various claims, suits, and complaints, including those involving government regulations and product liability, arise in the ordinary course of the shipping business. In addition, losses may arise from disputes with charterers, agents, insurance and other claims with suppliers relating to the operations of the Subsidiaries' vessels. OceanPal Inc. Predecessors accrue for the cost of environmental and other liabilities when management becomes aware that a liability is probable and is able to reasonably estimate the probable exposure. Subsidiaries' vessels are covered for pollution in the amount of \$1 billion per vessel per incident, by the P&I Association in which the Subsidiaries' vessels are entered.

b) On July 9, 2020, DWM placed a security bond in the amount of \$1.75 million for any potential fines or penalties for alleged violations of law concerning maintenance of books and records and the handling of oil wastes of the vessel Protefs, as a consequence of an environmental incident involving the vessel in 2020. As this amount was paid by the ship owning company of Protefs, a portion of the security bond relating to DWM, amounting to \$1 million, was included in "Due from related parties", as of December 31, 2020 in the accompanying combined carve-out balance sheet. As of December 31, 2020, vessel Protefs also recorded an accrual of about \$1.0 million, as the Parent determined that Protefs could be liable for part of a fine related to this incident, as part of its management agreement with DWM and recognized an expense which is presented in "Vessel operating expenses" in the combined carve-out statements of operations and comprehensive income/(loss) for the year ended December 31, 2020, representing the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' best estimate for the liability of Protefs in relation to this incident. In February 2021, DWM entered into a plea agreement with the United States pursuant to which DWM, as defendant, agreed to waive indictment, plead guilty pursuant to the terms thereof, accepted a fine of \$2.0 million and the placement of DWM on probation for four years, subject to court approval. On September 23, 2021, in the sentencing hearing of the Protefs case, the judge accepted DWM's guilty pleas, adjudged DWM guilty and imposed the agreed upon sentence of a combined fine of \$2 million, a total special assessment and a four-year term of probation. The total amount of the fine was settled during 2021 through the security bond placed by DWM on July 9, 2020, whereas the remaining balance of the fine amounting to \$0.25 million was settled by the ship owning company of Protefs.

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c) As at November 29, 2021, all of the vessels were fixed under time charter agreements, considered as operating leases accounted for as per ASC 842 requirements. The minimum contractual gross charter revenues expected to be generated from fixed and non-cancelable time charter contracts existing as at November 29, 2021 and until their expiration is estimated at \$3.1 million.

6. Parent Investment, net

Parent investment, net consists of the amounts contributed by the Parent to finance part of the acquisition cost of the vessels, intercompany amounts due to or from the Parent which are forgiven and treated as contributions or distributions of capital and other general and administrative expenses allocated to the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors by Parent. Allocated general and administrative expenses include expenses of Parent such as executive's cost, legal, treasury, regulatory compliance and other costs. These expenses were allocated on a pro rata basis, based on the number of ownership days of the Subsidiaries' vessels compared to the number of ownership days of the total DSI fleet. Such allocations are believed to be reasonable, but may not reflect the actual costs if the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors had operated as a standalone company. For the period from January 1, 2021 through November 29, 2021, and for 2019, capital distribution amounted to \$3.2 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Capital contribution during 2020 amounted to \$4.2 million.

As part of Parent, OceanPal Inc. Predecessors are dependent upon Parent for all of their working capital and financing requirements, as Parent uses a centralized approach to cash management and financing of their operations. Financial transactions relating to OceanPal Inc. Predecessor are accounted for through the Parent equity account and reflected in the combined carve-out statements of Parent's equity as an increase or decrease in Parent investment. Accordingly, none of Parent's cash, cash equivalents or debt at the corporate level have been assigned to the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors in the combined carve-out financial statements. Parent equity, net represents Parent's interest in the recorded net assets of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the businesses comprising the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors have been eliminated in the accompanying combined carve-out financial statements.

7. Fair Value measurements and Risk management

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, due from related parties and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments. Financial instruments, which potentially subject OceanPal Predecessors to significant concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash and trade accounts receivable. The ability and willingness of each of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' counterparties to perform their obligations under a contract depend upon a number of factors that are beyond the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors' control and may include, among other things, general economic conditions, the state of the capital markets, the condition of the shipping industry and charter hire rates. The credit risk with financial institutions is limited as it has temporary cash investments, consisting mostly of deposits, placed with various qualified financial institutions and performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions. The credit risk with accounts receivable is limited by performing ongoing credit evaluations of the customers' financial condition and by receiving payments of hire in advance. Generally, no collateral is required for accounts receivable whereas OceanPal Inc. Predecessors do not have any agreements to mitigate credit risk.

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During the period from January 1, 2021, to November 29, 2021 and during 2020 and 2019, charterers that individually accounted for 10% or more of the OceanPal Inc. Predecessors time charter revenues were as follows:

| Charterer | From January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021 | | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|--|---|---|------|---|------|---|
| C Transport Maritime LTD | 38 | % | | | | |
| Vitera Chartering | 29 | % | | | | |
| Reachy International | 28 | % | | | | |
| Cargill International S.A. | | | 34 | % | 33 | % |
| Phaethon International Co AG. | | | 34 | % | | |
| Uniper Global Commodities, Dusseldorf GE | | | 22 | % | | |
| Crystal Sea Shipping Co., Limited | | | 10 | % | 12 | % |
| Hadson Shipping Lines Inc. | | | | | 30 | % |
| Glencore Agriculture BV | | | | | 22 | % |

8. Income Taxes

Under the laws of the countries of the companies' incorporation and / or vessels' registration, the companies are not subject to tax on international shipping income; however, they are subject to registration and tonnage taxes, which are included in vessel operating expenses in the accompanying combined carve-out statements of operations.

The vessel-owning companies with vessels that have called on the United States are obliged to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. However, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, U.S. source income from the international operations of ships is generally exempt from U.S. tax. The applicable tax is 50% of 4% of U.S.-related gross transportation income unless an exemption applies. Each of the subsidiaries expects it qualifies for this statutory tax exemption for the period from January 1, 2021 to November 29, 2021, 2020 and 2019 taxable years, and they take this position for United States federal income tax return reporting purposes.

9. Subsequent Events

a) Contribution by Parent of the three ship-owning companies to OceanPal Inc.: On November 29, 2021, the spin-off transaction was materialized and the three ship-owning companies were contributed to the Company by the Parent. Following the spin-off consummation OceanPal Inc. and Diana Shipping are independent publicly traded companies with separate independent boards of directors.

b) Uncertainties caused by the Russo-Ukrainian War: The recent outbreak of war between Russia and the Ukraine has disrupted supply chains and caused instability in the global economy, while the United States and the European Union, among other countries, announced sanctions against Russia, including sanctions targeting the Russian oil sector, among those a prohibition on the import of oil from Russia to the United States. The ongoing conflict could result in the imposition of further economic sanctions against Russia and the Company's business may be adversely impacted.



STATEMENT OF DESIGNATIONS

OF

**OceanPal Inc.
Reg. No. 108815**

Pursuant to Section 35(5) of the Business Corporations Act

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

REGISTRAR OF CORPORATIONS

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/s/ Charisma Tompkins

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Deputy Registrar



STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF RIGHTS, PREFERENCES
AND PRIVILEGES OF SERIES E PREFERRED STOCK OF
OCEANPAL INC.

OCEANPAL INC., a Company organized and existing under the Business Corporations Act (the “BCA”) of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (the “Company”), in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 thereof and the Company’s Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, does hereby certify:

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the following resolution creating a series of Preferred Stock (this and other capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as in the Company’s Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, unless otherwise specified in this Statement of Designation or unless the context otherwise requires) of the Company designated as “Series E Preferred Stock.”

RESOLVED, that a series of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company be and hereby is created, and that the designation and number of shares of such series, and the voting and other powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or special rights and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, of the shares of such series, are as follows:

Section 1. Designation and Amount. The shares of such series shall be designated as “Series E Preferred Stock”. The Series E Preferred Stock shall have a par value of \$0.01 per share, and the number of shares constituting such series shall initially be 10,000, which number the Board may increase or decrease (but not to less than the number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock then outstanding) from time to time.

Section 2. Reserved.

Section 3. Dividends and Distributions. The Series E Preferred Stock shall not have dividend or distribution rights.

Section 4. Voting Rights. The Holders of shares of Series E Preferred Stock shall have the following voting rights:

(a) Each share of Series E Preferred Stock shall entitle the Holder thereof to twenty five thousand (25,000) votes on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company, *provided however*, that, prior to any Series B Preferred Shares Event and notwithstanding any other provision of this Statement of Designation, to the extent that the total number of votes one or more Holder of Series E Preferred Stock or any Related Party or wholly-owned entity of such Holder, is entitled to vote by virtue of such Series E Preferred Stock shall not exceed 15.0% of the total number of votes eligible to be cast on such matter, and, *provided further*, that to the extent that the total number of votes one or more Holders of Series E Preferred Stock or any Related Party or wholly-owned entity of such Holder is entitled to vote, (including any voting power of such Holders derived from Series E Preferred Stock, shares of Common Stock or any other voting security of the Company issued and outstanding as of the date hereof or that may be issued in the future) on any matter submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company exceeds 15.0% of the

total number of votes eligible to be cast on such matter, the total number of votes that Holders of Series E Preferred Stock may exercise derived from such Series E Preferred Stock shall be automatically reduced, but to not less than nil, so that the aggregate number of votes derived from the Series E Preferred Stock that such Holder, or any Related Party or wholly-owned entity of such Holder, that may be cast by Holders of Series E Preferred Stock on such matter submitted to a vote of stockholders shall not be greater than 15.0% of the total number of votes eligible to be cast on such matter. For the avoidance of doubt, the 15.0% limitation set forth in this paragraph shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Series B Preferred Stock Event.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, the Holders of Series E Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of Common Stock shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company.

(c) Except as required by law, Holders of Series E Preferred Stock shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

Section 5. Transfer Restrictions. The shares of Series E Preferred Stock shall not be transferable by any Holder except to a Related Party or wholly-owned entity of such Holder or Related Party without the prior written consent of the Company.

Section 6. Reacquired Shares. Any shares of Series E Preferred Stock purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company in any manner whatsoever shall be retired and canceled promptly after the acquisition thereof. All such shares shall upon their cancellation become authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock and may be reissued as part of a new series of preferred stock to be created by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company, subject to the conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein and in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as then amended.

Section 7. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. The shares of Series E Preferred Stock shall have no liquidation rights upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

Section 8. Consolidation, Merger, etc. In case where the Company shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then in any such case the shares of Series E Preferred Stock shall at the same time be similarly exchanged or changed in an amount per share equal to the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is changed or exchanged.

Section 9. No Redemption. The shares of Series E Preferred Stock shall not be redeemable.

Section 10. Amendment. The Articles of Incorporation of the Company shall not be further amended in any manner which would materially alter or change the powers, preference or special rights of the Series E Preferred Stock so as to affect them adversely without the affirmative vote

of the Holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class.

Section 11. Definitions. As used herein with respect to the Series E Preferred Stock:

“*Affiliate*” means, in regard to a specified Person, a Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Person specified. As used in this definition, “*control*” (including the terms *controlling*, *controlled by* and *under common control with*) means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.

“*Articles of Incorporation*” means the amended and restated articles of incorporation of the Company, as they may be amended from time to time in a manner consistent with this Statement of Designation, and shall include this Statement of Designation

“*BCA*” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Statement of Designation

“*Board of Directors*” means the board of directors of the Company or, to the extent permitted by the Articles of Incorporation and the BCA, any authorized committee thereof.

“*Business Day*” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to close.

“*Conversion Price*” means the 10-Trading Day trailing VWAP of the Common Stock, subject to adjustment as contemplated in Section 13(a) hereof.

“*Company*” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Statement of Designation.

“*Effective Price*” of shares of Common Stock shall mean the quotient determined by dividing the total number of shares of Common Stock issued or sold, or deemed to have been issued or sold by the Company under Section 13(a)(iii) hereof, into the Aggregate Consideration received, or deemed to have been received by the Company for such issue under Section 13(a)(iii) hereof, for such shares of Common Stock. In the event that the number of shares of Common Stock or the Effective Price cannot be ascertained at the time of issuance, such shares of Common Stock shall be deemed issued immediately upon the occurrence of the first event that makes such number of shares or the Effective Price, as applicable, ascertainable.

“*Excluded Shares*” means any shares of Common Stock issued or issuable by the Company: (A) to directors, officers, employees and consultants under any stock incentive plan or similar plan or arrangement approved by the Board of Directors; (B) in respect of a conversion of the Series E Preferred Stock in accordance herewith; (C) pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, reorganization or recapitalization applicable to all of the shares of Common Stock of the Company; or (D) pursuant to a transaction that the Holder agrees shall be deemed to be an issuance of Excluded Shares.

“*Fair Market Value*” means the 10-Trading Day trailing VWAP of the Common Stock (as adjusted to take into account any offering expenses, such as underwriting discounts and expenses (but not including discounts to the VWAP), that are customary for the type of offering being conducted by the Company)

“*Holder*” means the Person in whose name the Series E Preferred Stock is registered on the stock register of the Company maintained by the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

“*Original Issue Date*” means the first date on which the first Series E Preferred Stock is issued and outstanding.

“*Person*” means a legal person, including any individual, Company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, limited liability company, trust or entity.

“*Preferred Stock*” means any of the Company’s capital stock, however designated, which entitles the holder thereof to a preference with respect to the payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company’s affairs, over shares of the Common Stock.

“*Preferred Shares*” means any of the Company’s preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, however designated, which entitles the holder thereof to one or more preferences over shares of the Company’s Common Stock.

“*Related Party*” of any persons means such person’s immediate family member or lineal descendent.

“*Series B Preferred Stock*” means the Company’s Series B Preferred Stock having the terms set forth in the Statement of Designation filed with the Registrar of Corporations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on November 29, 2021.

“*Series B Preferred Stock Event*” means either (i) the cancellation of all Series B Preferred Stock of the Company or (ii) the transfer for all of the Series B Preferred Stock of the Company in accordance with the terms of Section 5 of the Series B Preferred Stock Statement of Designation.

“*Statement of Designation*” means this Statement of Designation relating to the Series E Preferred Stock, as it may be amended from time to time in a manner consistent with this Statement of Designation, the Articles of Incorporation and the BCA.

“*Trading Day*” means any day on which the Common Stock is traded on the principal securities exchange or securities market on which the Common Stock is then traded; provided that “*Trading Day*” shall not include any day on which the Common Stock is scheduled to trade on such exchange or market for less than 4.5 hours or any day that the Common Stock is suspended from trading during the final hour of trading on such exchange or market (or if such exchange or market does not designate in advance the closing time of trading on such exchange or market, then during the hour ending at 4:00:00 p.m., New York time).

“*VWAP*” means volume-weighted average price of the Common Stock.

For all purposes relevant to this Statement of Designation: the terms defined in the singular have a comparable meaning when used in the plural and vice versa; whenever the words “include,” “includes,” or “including” are used, they are deemed followed by the words “without limitation;” all references to number of shares, amounts per share, prices, and the like shall be subject to appropriate adjustment for stock splits, stock combinations, stock dividends and similar events; and, except as otherwise set forth in this Statement of Designation, if any event under this Statement of Designation occurs on a day that is not a Business Day, such event shall be deemed to occur on the first Business Day after such date.

Section 12. Fractional Shares. Series E Preferred Stock may not be issued in fractional shares.

Section 13. Conversion in the Event of a Series B Preferred Stock Event. The Series E Preferred Stock shall not be convertible into Common Stock or other of the Company’s securities and shall not have exchange rights or be entitled or subject to any preemptive or similar rights, except in the event of a Series B Preferred Stock Event and in the manner set out in this Section 13. Commencing at any time after a Series B Preferred Stock Event, the Series E Preferred Stock may be converted, at the election of the Holder, in whole or in part, into shares of Common Stock determined by dividing the stated value of \$1,000 of each share of Series E Preferred Stock by the then applicable Conversion Price, subject to customary adjustment in the event of a subdivision, split or combination of the outstanding Common Stock.

(a) *Adjustment of Conversion Price as Result of Certain Corporate Actions*. The Conversion Price in effect at any time shall be adjusted as follows:

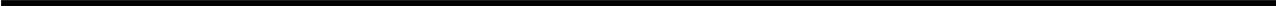
(i) If the Company shall, at any time or from time to time, effect a subdivision or split of the outstanding Common Stock, the Conversion Price in effect immediately before such subdivision or split shall be proportionately decreased and, conversely, if the Company shall, at any time or from time to time, effect a combination of the outstanding Common Stock, the Conversion Price in effect immediately before such combination shall be proportionately increased. Any adjustment under this Section 13(a)(i) shall become effective at the close of business on the date of the applicable subdivision, split or combination.

(ii) In the event that the Company shall, at any time or from time to time, make or issue to all holders of shares of Common Stock, a dividend or other distribution payable in shares of Common Stock, then the Conversion Price in effect shall be decreased as of the time of such issuance in accordance with the following formula:

$$C1 = C \times \frac{O}{O + N}$$

where:

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| C1 = | The adjusted Conversion Price. |
|------|--------------------------------|



| | |
|-----|---|
| C = | The current Conversion Price. |
| O = | The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the applicable issuance. |
| N = | The number of additional shares of Common Stock issued in payment of such dividend or distribution. |

(iii) In the event that the Company shall, at any time or from time to time, offer shares of Common Stock (other than Excluded Shares) in a non-public offering (or in a public offering in which more than 50% of such public offering is subscribed to by Affiliates of the Company) in which the Common Stock is sold at a price less than Fair Market Value, then the Conversion Price shall be reduced (but not increased) to an amount determined by multiplying the Conversion Price by a fraction (x) the numerator of which shall be (A) the number of shares of Common Stock deemed outstanding (as determined in the following sentence) immediately prior to such issue or sale, plus (B) the number of shares of Common Stock which the Aggregate Consideration received or deemed received by the Company for the total number of additional shares of Common Stock so issued would purchase at such then-existing Conversion Price, and (y) the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock deemed outstanding (as determined in the following sentence) immediately prior to such issue or sale plus the total number of additional shares of Common Stock so issued. For the purposes of the preceding sentence, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be outstanding as of a given date shall be the sum of (I) the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding, (II) the number of shares of Common Stock into which the then-outstanding Series E Preferred Stock could be converted if fully converted on the day immediately preceding the given date, and (III) the number of shares of Common Stock which are issuable upon the exercise or conversion of all other rights, options and Convertible Securities outstanding on the day immediately preceding the given date. In addition, any issuance of additional Series E Preferred Stock shall not cause an adjustment of the Conversion Price under this Section 13(a)(iii).

An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 13(a)(iii) shall be made on the next Business Day following the date on which any such issuance or sale is made and shall be effective retroactively to the close of business on the date of such issuance or sale.

For the purpose of making any adjustment required under this Section 13(a)(iii), the aggregate consideration received by the Company for any issue or sale of securities (the "Aggregate Consideration") shall be computed as: (A) to the extent it consists of cash, the gross amount of cash received by the Company before deduction of any underwriting or similar commissions, compensation or concessions paid or allowed by the Company in connection with such issue or sale and without deduction of any expenses payable by the Company, (B) to the extent it consists of property other than cash, the fair value of that property as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that to the extent the Board of Directors determines the fair value of property other than cash is equal to or exceeds \$1,000,000, then the Company shall have such property appraised by a qualified independent appraiser, whose valuation shall conclusively determine the value, and (C) if shares of Common Stock, Convertible

Securities or rights or options to purchase either shares of Common Stock or Convertible Securities are issued or sold together with other stock or securities or other assets of the Company for a consideration which covers both, the portion of the consideration so received that may be reasonably determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be allocable to such shares of Common Stock, Convertible Securities or rights or options.

For the purpose of the adjustment required under this Section 13(a)(iii), if the Company issues or sells (x) Preferred Shares or other stock, options, warrants, purchase rights or other securities convertible into, shares of Common Stock other than Excluded Shares (such convertible stock or securities being herein referred to as "Convertible Securities") or (y) rights or options for the purchase of shares of Common Stock or Convertible Securities (other than Excluded Shares) and if the Effective Price of such shares of Common Stock is less than the Conversion Price, the Company shall be deemed to have issued at the time of the issuance of such rights or options or Convertible Securities the maximum number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise or conversion thereof and to have received as consideration for the issuance of such shares an amount equal to the total amount of the consideration, if any, received by the Company for the issuance of such rights or options or Convertible Securities plus: (A) in the case of such rights or options, the minimum amounts of consideration, if any, payable to the Company upon the exercise of such rights or options; and (B) in the case of Convertible Securities, the minimum amounts of consideration, if any, payable to the Company upon the conversion thereof (other than by cancellation of liabilities or obligations evidenced by such Convertible Securities); provided that if the minimum amounts of such consideration cannot be ascertained, but are a function of anti-dilution or similar protective clauses, the Company shall be deemed to have received the minimum amounts of consideration without reference to such clauses.

If the minimum amount of consideration payable to the Company upon the exercise or conversion of rights, options or Convertible Securities is reduced over time or on the occurrence or non-occurrence of specified events other than by reason of anti-dilution adjustments, the Effective Price shall be recalculated using the figure to which such minimum amount of consideration is reduced; provided further, that if the minimum amount of consideration payable to the Company upon the exercise or conversion of such rights, options or Convertible Securities is subsequently increased, the Effective Price shall be again recalculated using the increased minimum amount of consideration payable to the Company upon the exercise or conversion of such rights, options or Convertible Securities.

If any option or warrant expires or is cancelled without having been exercised, then, for the purposes of the adjustments set forth above, such option or warrant shall have been deemed not to have been issued and the Conversion Price shall be adjusted accordingly. No holder of Common Stock which was previously issued upon conversion of Series E Preferred Stock shall have any obligation to redeem or cancel any such shares of Common Stock as a result of the operation of this paragraph.

(iv) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no adjustment will be made to the Conversion Price by reason of the issuance of Common Stock upon the conversion of Series E Preferred Stock or the exercise of any such rights or options.

(b) *Corporate Events.* Prior to the consummation of any transaction pursuant to which holders of shares of Common Stock are entitled to receive securities or other assets with respect to or in exchange for shares of Common Stock, including a reclassification, exchange, substitution or reorganization (a “Corporate Event”), the Company shall make appropriate provision to ensure that each Holder will thereafter have the right to receive upon a conversion of all the Series E Preferred Stock held by such Holder following the occurrence of a Series B Preferred Stock Event, such securities and other assets (including cash) that such Holder would have been entitled to receive had such Holder converted its Series E Preferred Stock into Common Stock immediately prior to the consummation of such Corporate Event. The provisions of this Section 13(b) shall apply similarly and equally to successive Corporate Events.

(c) *Mechanics of Conversion.* No fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon conversion of Series E Preferred Stock. In lieu of any fractional shares to which the Holder would otherwise be entitled, the Company shall pay cash equal to such fraction multiplied by the then Fair Market Value of such fractional shares. Before any Holder of Series E Preferred Stock shall be entitled to convert the same into full shares of Common Stock, and to receive certificates therefor, the Holder shall surrender the certificate or certificates therefor, duly endorsed, at the office of the Company or of any Transfer Agent for the Series E Preferred Stock, and shall give written notice to the Company at such office that such Holder is converting the same; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to issue certificates evidencing the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion unless either the certificates evidencing such Series E Preferred Stock are delivered to the Company or its Transfer Agent as provided above, or the Holder notifies the Company or its Transfer Agent that such certificates have been lost, stolen or destroyed and executes an agreement satisfactory to the Company to indemnify the Company from any loss incurred by it in connection with such certificates.

The Company shall, as soon as practicable after such delivery, or after such agreement and indemnification, issue and deliver at such office to such Holder of Series E Preferred Stock, a certificate or certificates for the number of shares of Common Stock to which such Holder shall be entitled as aforesaid (or the applicable book-entry account shall be created and/or noted as credited with such shares of Common Stock) and a check payable to the Holder in the amount of any cash amounts payable as the result of a conversion into fractional shares of Common Stock, plus any accrued and unpaid cash dividends on the converted Series E Preferred Stock. Such conversion shall be deemed to have been made immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such surrender of Series E Preferred Stock to be converted, and the Person or Persons entitled to receive the shares of Common Stock issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record holder or holders of such shares of Common Stock on such date.

(d) *Reservation of Stock Issuable Upon Conversion.* The Company shall at all times after the Original Issue Date, reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock solely for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the shares of the Series E Preferred Stock, such number of its shares of Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all then outstanding shares of the Series E Preferred Stock; and if at any time the number of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock shall not be sufficient to effect the conversion of all then outstanding shares of the Series E Preferred Stock, the Company will take such corporate action as may, in the opinion of its counsel, be necessary to increase its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock to such number of shares as shall be

sufficient for such purpose, including engaging in best efforts to obtain the requisite shareholder approval of any necessary amendment to this Statement of Designation or the Articles of Incorporation.

(e) *Treasury Stock.* The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at any given time shall not include shares owned or held, directly or indirectly, by or for the account of the Company. The disposition of such shares of Common Stock shall be deemed a sale for the purpose of Section 13(a)(iii) hereof.

(f) *Other Events.* If any event occurs of the type contemplated by the foregoing provisions of this Section 13 but not expressly provided for by such provisions, then the Board of Directors will make an appropriate adjustment to the Conversion Price so as to protect the rights of the Holders of the Series E Preferred Stock; provided, however, that no such adjustment will increase the Conversion Price as otherwise determined pursuant to this Section 13.

Section 14. Notices. Any notice to be delivered hereunder shall be delivered (via overnight courier, facsimile or email) to each Holder at its last address as it shall appear upon the books and records of the Company at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date thereafter specified.

Section 15. Severability. If any provision of this Statement of Designation is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the balance of this Statement of Designation shall remain in effect, and if any provision is inapplicable to any person or circumstance, it shall nevertheless remain applicable to all other persons and circumstances.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Statement of Designations is executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer on this 20th day of March 2023.

By:

/s/ Robert perri

Name: Robert Perri

Title: Chief Executive Officer

OceanPal Inc.
and
Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as
Warrant Agent

Warrant Agency Agreement
Dated as of February 10, 2023

WARRANT AGENCY AGREEMENT

WARRANT AGENCY AGREEMENT, dated as of February 10, 2023 (“Agreement”), between OceanPal Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (the “Company”), Computershare Inc. (“Computershare”) and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a federally chartered trust company (collectively with Computershare, the “Warrant Agent”).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to a registered offering by the Company of (1) 15,000,000 Units (the “Offering”), with each Unit consisting of either (i) one common share of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”) or (ii) one pre-funded warrant (collectively, the “Pre-Funded Warrants” or the “Warrants” and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants, the “Warrant Shares”) to purchase one share of Common Stock and one Class B warrant (collectively, the “Class B Warrants”) to purchase one share of Common Stock at a price of \$1.01 per share and one unregistered warrant (collectively, the “Private Warrants”) to purchase one share of Common Stock at a price of \$1.01 per share; and

WHEREAS, upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth and pursuant to an effective registration statement on Form F-1, as amended (File No. 333-264167) (the “Registration Statement”), and the terms and conditions of the Warrant Certificate, the Company wishes to issue the Warrants in book entry form entitling the respective holders of the Warrants (the “Holder,” which term shall include a Holder’s transferees, successors and assigns and “Holder” shall include, if the Warrants are held in “street name,” a Participant (as defined below) or a designee appointed by such Participant); and

WHEREAS, the Company wishes the Warrant Agent to act on behalf of the Company, and the Warrant Agent is willing so to act, in connection with the issuance, registration, transfer, exchange, exercise and replacement of the Warrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Certain Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, all capitalized terms not herein defined shall have the meanings hereby indicated:

(a) “Affiliate” has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”).

(b) “Business Day” means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided, however, for clarification, commercial banks shall not be deemed to be authorized or required by law to remain closed due to “stay at home”, “shelter-in-place”, “non-essential employee” or any other similar orders or restrictions or the closure of any physical branch locations at the direction of any governmental authority so long as the electronic funds transfer systems (including for wire transfers) of commercial banks in The City of New York are generally open for use by customers on such day.

(c) “Close of Business” on any given date means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on such date; provided, however, that if such date is not a Business Day it means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the next succeeding Business Day.

(d) “Person” means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or governmental agency or other entity.

(e) “Warrant Certificate” means a certificate in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto, representing such number of Warrant Shares as is indicated therein, provided that any reference to the delivery of a Warrant Certificate in this Agreement shall include delivery of a Definitive Certificate or a Global Warrant (each as defined below).

All other capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Warrant Certificate.

Section 2. Appointment of Warrant Agent. The Company hereby appoints the Warrant Agent to act as agent for the Company in accordance with the express terms and conditions hereof, and the Warrant Agent hereby accepts such appointment.

Section 3. Global Warrants.

(a) The Warrants shall be registered securities and shall be evidenced by a global warrant (the “Global Warrants”), in the form of the Warrant Certificate, which shall be deposited with the Warrant Agent and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company (the “Depository”), or as otherwise directed by the Depository. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Warrants shall be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership shall be effected through, records maintained by (i) the Depository or its nominee for each Global Warrant or (ii) institutions that have accounts with the Depository (such institution, with respect to a Warrant in its account, a “Participant”).

(b) If the Depository subsequently ceases to make its book-entry settlement system available for the Warrants, the Company may instruct the Warrant Agent regarding other arrangements for book-entry settlement. In the event that the Warrants are not eligible for, or it is no longer necessary to have the Warrants available in, book-entry form, the Warrant Agent shall provide written instructions to the Depository to deliver to the Warrant Agent for cancellation each Global Warrant, and the Company shall instruct the Warrant Agent to deliver to each Holder a Warrant Certificate. In such event, the transfer, exchange or exercise of the Warrants shall be conducted in accordance with the customary procedures of the Warrant Agent.

(c) A Holder has the right to elect at any time or from time to time a Warrant Exchange (as defined below) pursuant to a Warrant Certificate Request Notice (as defined below). Upon written notice by a Holder to the Company and the Warrant Agent for the exchange of some or all of such Holder’s Global Warrants for a separate certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (such separate certificate, a “Definitive Certificate”), evidencing the same number of Warrants, which request shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2, properly completed and duly executed (a “Warrant Certificate Request Notice” and the date of delivery of such Warrant Certificate Request Notice by the Holder, the “Warrant Certificate Request Notice Date” and the surrender by the Holder to the Warrant Agent of a number of Global Warrants for the same number of Warrants evidenced by a Warrant Certificate, a “Warrant Exchange”), the Company and the Warrant Agent shall promptly effect the Warrant Exchange and the Company shall promptly issue and deliver to the Holder a Definitive Certificate for such number of Warrants in the name set forth in the Warrant Certificate Request Notice. Such Definitive Certificate shall be dated the original issue date of the Warrants, shall be manually executed by an authorized signatory of the Company, shall substantially be in the form attached

hereto as Exhibit 1. In connection with a Warrant Exchange, the Company agrees to deliver the Definitive Certificate to the Holder within ten (10) Business Days of the Warrant Certificate Request Notice pursuant to the delivery instructions in the Warrant Certificate Request Notice (“Warrant Certificate Delivery Date”). If the Company fails for any reason to deliver to the Holder the Definitive Certificate subject to the Warrant Certificate Request Notice by the Warrant Certificate Delivery Date, the Company shall pay to the Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$1,000 of Warrant Shares evidenced by such Definitive Certificate (based on the VWAP (as defined in the Warrants) of the Common Stock on the Warrant Certificate Request Notice Date), \$10 per Business Day for each Business Day after such Warrant Certificate Delivery Date until such Definitive Certificate is delivered or, prior to delivery of such Warrant Certificate, the Holder rescinds such Warrant Exchange. The Warrant Agent shall have no liability for the Company’s failure to deliver to the Holders the Warrant Certificate as set forth in this Section 3(c). The Company covenants and agrees that, upon the date of delivery of the Warrant Certificate Request Notice, the Holder shall be deemed to be the holder of the Definitive Certificate and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Definitive Certificate shall be deemed for all purposes to contain all of the terms and conditions of the Warrants evidenced by such Warrant Certificate and the terms of this Agreement, other than Sections 3(c), 3(d) and 9 herein, shall not apply to the Warrants evidenced by the Definitive Certificate.

(d) A Holder of a Definitive Certificate (pursuant to a Warrant Exchange or otherwise) has the right to elect at any time or from time to time a Global Warrants Exchange (as defined below) pursuant to a Global Warrants Request Notice (as defined below). Upon written notice by a Holder to the Company for the exchange of some or all of such Holder’s Warrants evidenced by a Definitive Certificate for a beneficial interest in Global Warrants held in book-entry form through the Depository evidencing the same number of Warrants, which request shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3, properly completed and duly executed (a “Global Warrants Request Notice” and the date of delivery of such Global Warrants Request Notice by the Holder, the “Global Warrants Request Notice Date” and the surrender upon delivery by the Holder of the Warrants evidenced by Definitive Certificates for the same number of Warrants evidenced by a beneficial interest in Global Warrants held in book-entry form through the Depository, a “Global Warrants Exchange”), the Company shall promptly effect the Global Warrants Exchange and shall promptly direct the Warrant Agent to issue and deliver to the Holder Global Warrants for such number of Warrants in the Global Warrants Request Notice, which beneficial interest in such Global Warrants shall be delivered by the Depository’s Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system to the Holder pursuant to the instructions in the Global Warrants Request Notice. In connection with a Global Warrants Exchange, the Company shall direct the Warrant Agent to deliver the beneficial interest in such Global Warrants to the Holder within ten (10) Business Days of the Global Warrants Request Notice pursuant to the delivery instructions in the Global Warrant Request Notice (“Global Warrants Delivery Date”). If the Company fails for any reason to deliver to the Holder Global Warrants subject to the Global Warrants Request Notice by the Global Warrants Delivery Date, the Company shall pay to the Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$1,000 of Warrant Shares evidenced by such Global Warrants (based on the VWAP (as defined in the Warrants) of the Common Stock on the Global Warrants Request Notice Date), \$10 per Business Day for each Business Day after such Global Warrants Delivery Date until such Global Warrants are delivered or, prior to delivery of such Global Warrants, the Holder rescinds such Global Warrants Exchange. The Warrant Agent shall have no liability for the Company’s failure to deliver the Global Warrants to the Holders as set forth in this Section 3(d). The Company covenants and agrees that, upon the date of delivery of the Global Warrants Request Notice, the Holder shall be deemed to be the beneficial holder of such Global Warrants.

Section 4. Form of Warrant Certificates. The Warrant Certificate, together with the form of election to purchase Common Stock (“Notice of Exercise”) and the form of assignment to be printed on the reverse thereof, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1, hereto.

Section 5. Countersignature and Registration. The Global Warrant shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Vice President, by facsimile signature, and have affixed thereto the Company’s seal or a facsimile thereof which shall be attested by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, by facsimile signature. The Global Warrant shall be countersigned by the Warrant Agent by electronic or facsimile signature and shall not be valid for any purpose unless so countersigned. In case any officer of the Company who shall have signed any of the Global Warrant shall cease to be such officer of the Company before countersignature by the Warrant Agent and issuance and delivery by the Company, such Global Warrant, nevertheless, may be countersigned by the Warrant Agent, issued and delivered with the same force and effect as though the person who signed such Global Warrant had not ceased to be such officer of the Company; and any Global Warrant may be signed on behalf of the Company by any person who, at the actual date of the execution of such Global Warrant, shall be a proper officer of the Company to sign such Global Warrant, although at the date of the execution of this Agreement any such person was not such an officer.

The Warrant Agent will keep or cause to be kept, at one of its offices designated for such purpose, or at the office of one of its agents, books for registration and transfer of the Global Warrants issued hereunder. Such books shall show the names and addresses of the respective Holders of the Global Warrant, the number of warrants evidenced on the face of each of such Global Warrant and the date of each of such Global Warrant. The Warrant Agent will create a special account for the issuance of Global Warrants. The Company will keep or cause to be kept at one of its offices designated for such purpose, books for the registration and transfer of any Definitive Certificates issued hereunder and the Warrant Agent shall not have any obligation to keep books and records with respect to any Definitive Warrants. Such Company books shall show the names and addresses of the respective Holders of the Definitive Certificates, the number of warrants evidenced on the face of each such Definitive Certificate and the date of each such Definitive Certificate.

Section 6. Transfer, Split Up, Combination and Exchange of Warrant Certificates; Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Warrant Certificates. With respect to the Global Warrant, subject to the provisions of the Warrant Certificate and the last sentence of this first paragraph of Section 6 and subject to applicable law, rules or regulations, or any “stop transfer” instructions the Company may give to the Warrant Agent, at any time after the closing date of the Offering, and at or prior to the Close of Business on the Termination Date (as such term is defined in the Warrant Certificate), any Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates or Global Warrant or Global Warrants may be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged for another Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates or Global Warrant or Global Warrants, entitling the Holder to purchase a like number of shares of Common Stock as the Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates or Global Warrant or Global Warrants surrendered then entitled such Holder to purchase. Any Holder desiring to transfer, split up, combine or exchange any Warrant Certificate or Global Warrant shall make such request in writing delivered to the Warrant Agent accompanied by a guaranty of signature by an “eligible guarantor institution” that is a member or participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program or other comparable “signature guarantee program”, and shall surrender the Warrant Certificate or Global Warrant to be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged at the office of the Warrant Agent designated for such purpose, provided that no such surrender is applicable to the Holder of a Global Warrant. Any requested transfer of Warrants, whether in book-entry form or certificate form, shall be accompanied by reasonable evidence of authority of the party making such request that may be required by the Warrant Agent. Thereupon the Warrant Agent shall, subject to the last sentence of

this first paragraph of Section 6, countersign and deliver to the Person entitled thereto a Warrant Certificate or Warrant Certificates or Global Warrant or Global Warrants, as the case may be, as so requested. The Company may require payment from the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer, split up, combination or exchange of Global Warrants. The Company shall compensate the Warrant Agent for of all reasonable expenses incidental thereto pursuant to the fee schedule mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto and provided separately on the date hereof. The Warrant Agent shall not have any duty or obligation to take any action under any section of this Agreement that requires the payment of taxes and/or charges unless and until it is satisfied that all such payments have been made.

Upon receipt by the Warrant Agent of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of a Warrant Certificate, which evidence shall include an affidavit of loss, or in the case of mutilated certificates, the certificate or portion thereof remaining, and, in case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity in form and amount satisfactory to the Warrant Agent (including the posting of a surety bond), and satisfaction of any other reasonable requirements established by Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York, and reimbursement to the Company and the Warrant Agent of all reasonable expenses incidental thereto, and upon surrender to the Warrant Agent and cancellation of the Warrant Certificate if mutilated, absent notice to Warrant Agent that such Warrant Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company will make and deliver a new Warrant Certificate of like tenor to the Warrant Agent for delivery to the Holder in lieu of the Warrant Certificate so lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated.

The Company shall provide to the Warrant Agent an opinion of counsel on or prior to the issuance of Warrants to set up a reserve of Warrant Shares for the outstanding Warrants. The opinion shall state that all Warrants or Warrant Shares, as applicable, are (i) registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (ii) "covered securities" as defined in Section 18(b)(1)(A) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and (iii) validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

Section 7. Exercise of Warrants; Exercise Price; Termination Date.

(a) The Warrants shall be exercisable commencing on the Initial Exercise Date (as defined in the Pre-Funded Warrants). The Warrants shall cease to be exercisable and shall terminate and become void as set forth in the Warrant Certificate. Subject to the foregoing and to Section 7(b) below, the Holder of a Warrant may exercise the Warrant in whole or in part upon surrender of the Warrant Certificate, if required, with the executed Notice of Exercise and payment of the Exercise Price, which may be made, at the option of the Holder, by wire transfer or by certified or official bank check in United States dollars, to the Warrant Agent at the office of the Warrant Agent designated for such purpose from time to time. In the case of the Holder of a Global Warrant, the Holder shall deliver the executed Notice of Exercise and the payment of the Exercise Price as described herein. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, a holder whose interest in a Global Warrant is a beneficial interest in a Global Warrant held in book-entry form through the Depositary (or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions), shall effect exercises by delivering to the Depositary (or such other clearing corporation, as applicable) the appropriate instruction form for exercise, complying with the procedures to effect exercise that are required by the Depositary (or such other clearing corporation, as applicable). The Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to a holder whose interest in a Global Warrant is a beneficial interest in a Global Warrant held in book-entry form through the Depositary (or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions), upon delivery of irrevocable instructions to such holder's Participant to exercise such warrants, that solely for purposes of Regulation SHO that such holder shall be deemed to have exercised such warrants.

(b) Upon receipt of a Notice of Exercise for a cashless exercise pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Warrants (a “Cashless Exercise”) the Company will promptly calculate and transmit to the Warrant Agent the number of Warrant Shares issuable in connection with such Cashless Exercise and deliver a copy of the Notice of Exercise to the Warrant Agent, which shall issue such number of Warrant Shares in connection with such Cashless Exercise. The Warrant Agent shall have no duty or obligation to investigate or confirm whether the Company’s determination of the number of Warrant Shares to be issued on such exercise is accurate or correct. In the event of a Cashless Exercise, the Company shall provide the cost basis for shares issued pursuant to a Cashless Exercise at the same time it transmits the number of Warrant Shares to the Warrant Agent.

(c) Upon the exercise of the Warrant Certificate pursuant to the terms of Section 2 of the Warrant Certificate, the Warrant Agent shall cause the Warrant Shares underlying such Warrant Certificate or Global Warrant to be delivered to or upon the order of the Holder of such Warrant Certificate or Global Warrant, registered in such name or names as may be designated by such Holder, no later than the Warrant Share Delivery Date (as such term is defined in the Warrant Certificate). If the Company is then a participant in the DWAC system of the Depository and either (A) there is an effective registration statement permitting the issuance of the Warrant Shares to or resale of the Warrant Shares by Holder or (B) the Warrant is being exercised via Cashless Exercise, then the certificates for Warrant Shares shall be transmitted by the Warrant Agent to the Holder by crediting the account of the Holder’s broker with the Depository through its DWAC system. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Company becomes obligated to pay any amounts to any Holders pursuant to Section 2(d)(i) or 2(d)(iv) of the Warrant Certificate, such obligation shall be solely that of the Company and not that of the Warrant Agent. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in this Agreement, except in the case of a Cashless Exercise, if any Holder fails to duly deliver payment to the Warrant Agent of an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the Warrant Shares to be purchased upon exercise of such Holder’s Warrant as set forth in Section 7(a) hereof by the Warrant Share Delivery Date, the Warrant Agent will not be obligated to deliver such Warrant Shares (via DWAC or otherwise) until following receipt of such payment, and the applicable Warrant Share Delivery Date shall be deemed extended by one day for each day (or part thereof) until such payment is delivered to the Warrant Agent.

(d) All funds received by Computershare under this Agreement that are to be distributed or applied by Computershare in the performance of the services hereunder (the “Funds”) shall be held by Computershare as agent for the Company and deposited in one or more bank accounts to be maintained by Computershare in its name as agent for the Company. Until paid pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Computershare will hold the Funds through such accounts in: deposit accounts of commercial banks with Tier 1 capital exceeding \$1 billion or with an average rating above investment grade by S&P (LT Local Issuer Credit Rating), Moody’s (Long Term Rating) and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (LT Issuer Default Rating) (each as reported by Bloomberg Finance L.P.). Computershare shall have no responsibility or liability for any diminution of the Funds that may result from any deposit made by Computershare in accordance with this paragraph, including any losses resulting from a default by any bank, financial institution or other third party. Computershare may from time to time receive interest, dividends or other earnings in connection with such deposits. Computershare shall not be obligated to pay such interest, dividends or earnings to the Company, any holder or any other party.

(e) The Warrant Agent shall forward funds received for warrant exercises in a given month by the 5th business day of the following month by wire transfer to an account designated by the Company.

(f) In the event of a cash exercise of the Warrants, the Company hereby instructs the Warrant Agent to record cost basis for newly issued Warrant Shares in a manner subsequently communicated in writing to the Warrant Agent.

Section 8. Cancellation and Destruction of Warrant Certificates. All Warrant Certificates surrendered for the purpose of exercise, transfer, split up, combination or exchange shall, if surrendered to the Company or to any of its agents, be delivered to the Warrant Agent for cancellation or in canceled form, or, if surrendered to the Warrant Agent, shall be canceled by it, and no Warrant Certificate shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly permitted by any of the provisions of this Agreement. The Company shall deliver to the Warrant Agent for cancellation and retirement, and the Warrant Agent shall so cancel and retire, any other Warrant Certificate purchased or acquired by the Company otherwise than upon the exercise thereof. The Warrant Agent shall deliver all canceled Warrant Certificates to the Company, or shall, at the written request of the Company, destroy such canceled Warrant Certificates, and in such case shall deliver a certificate of destruction thereof to the Company, subject to any applicable law, rule or regulation requiring the Warrant Agent to retain such canceled certificates.

Section 9. Certain Representations; Reservation and Availability of Shares of Common Stock or Cash.

(a) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery hereof by the Warrant Agent, constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, and the Warrants have been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company and, assuming due authentication thereof by the Warrant Agent pursuant hereto and payment therefor by the Holders as provided in the Registration Statement, constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms and entitled to the benefits hereof; in each case except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(b) As of the date hereof, the authorized capital stock of the Company consists of (i) 1,000,000,000 common shares, of which approximately 10,183,996 shares of Common Stock are issued and outstanding as of February 10, 2023, and 2,700,000 shares of Common Stock are reserved for issuance upon exercise of the Warrants, and (ii) one million (1,000,000) shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, there are no other outstanding obligations, warrants, options or other rights to subscribe for or purchase from the Company any class of capital stock of the Company.

(c) The Company covenants and agrees that it will cause to be reserved and kept available out of its authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock or its authorized and issued shares of Common Stock held in its treasury, free from preemptive rights, the number of shares of Common Stock that will be sufficient to permit the exercise in full of all outstanding Warrants.

(d) The Warrant Agent will create a special account for the issuance of Common Stock upon the exercise of Warrants.

(e) The Company further covenants and agrees that it will pay when due and payable any and all federal and state transfer taxes and charges which may be payable in respect of the original issuance or delivery of the Warrant Certificates or certificates evidencing Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrants. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any tax or governmental charge which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the transfer or delivery of Warrant Certificates or the issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Stock in a name other than that of the Holder of the Warrant Certificate evidencing

Warrants surrendered for exercise or to issue or deliver any certificate for shares of Common Stock upon the exercise of any Warrants and the Warrant Agent shall not be required to take any related action until any such tax or governmental charge shall have been paid (any such tax or governmental charge being payable by the Holder of such Warrant Certificate at the time of surrender) or until it has been established to the Company's and the Warrant Agent's reasonable satisfaction that no such tax or governmental charge is due.

Section 10. Common Stock Record Date. Each Person in whose name any certificate for shares of Common Stock is issued (or to whose broker's account is credited shares of Common Stock through the DWAC system) upon the exercise of Warrants shall for all purposes be deemed to have become the holder of record for the Common Stock represented thereby on, and such certificate shall be dated, the date on which submission of the Notice of Exercise was made, provided that the Warrant Certificate evidencing such Warrant is duly surrendered (but only if required herein) and payment of the Exercise Price (and any applicable transfer taxes) is received on or prior to the Warrant Share Delivery Date; provided, however, that if the date of submission of the Notice of Exercise is a date upon which the Common Stock transfer books of the Company are closed, such Person shall be deemed to have become the record holder of such shares on, and such certificate shall be dated, the next succeeding day on which the Common Stock transfer books of the Company are open.

Section 11. Adjustment of Exercise Price, Number of Shares of Common Stock or Number of the Company Warrants. The Exercise Price, the number of shares covered by each Warrant and the number of Warrants outstanding are subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in Section 3 of the Warrant Certificate. In the event that at any time, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to Section 3 of the Warrant Certificate, the Holder of any Warrant thereafter exercised shall become entitled to receive any shares of capital stock of the Company other than shares of Common Stock, thereafter the number of such other shares so receivable upon exercise of any Warrant shall be subject to adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to the shares contained in Section 3 of the Warrant Certificate and the provisions of Sections 7, 11 and 12 of this Agreement with respect to the shares of Common Stock shall apply on like terms to any such other shares. All Warrants originally issued by the Company subsequent to any adjustment made to the Exercise Price pursuant to the Warrant Certificate shall evidence the right to purchase, at the adjusted Exercise Price, the number of shares of Common Stock purchasable from time to time hereunder upon exercise of the Warrants, all subject to further adjustment as provided herein.

Section 12. Certification of Adjusted Exercise Price or Number of Shares of Common Stock. Whenever the Exercise Price or the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of each Warrant is adjusted as provided in Section 11 or 13, the Company shall (a) promptly prepare a certificate setting forth the Exercise Price of each Warrant as so adjusted, and any new or amended exercise terms, and a brief statement of the facts accounting for such adjustment, (b) promptly file with the Warrant Agent and with each transfer agent for the Common Stock a copy of such certificate and (c) instruct the Warrant Agent to send a brief summary thereof to each Holder of a Warrant Certificate. The Warrant Agent shall be fully protected in relying on any such certificate and on any adjustment or statement therein contained and shall have no duty or liability with respect to, and shall not be deemed to have knowledge of, any such adjustment or any such event unless and until it shall have received such certificate.

Section 13. Fractional Shares of Common Stock.

(a) The Company shall not issue fractions of Warrants or distribute Warrant Certificates which evidence fractional Warrants. Whenever any fractional Warrant would otherwise be required to be issued or

distributed, the actual issuance or distribution shall reflect a rounding of such fraction to the nearest whole Warrant (rounded up).

(b) The Company shall not issue fractions of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of Warrants or distribute stock certificates which evidence fractional shares of Common Stock. Whenever any fraction of a share of Common Stock would otherwise be required to be issued or distributed, the actual issuance or distribution in respect thereof shall be made in accordance with Section 2(d)(v) of the Warrant Certificate.

Section 14. Conditions of the Warrant Agent's Obligations . The Warrant Agent accepts its obligations herein set forth upon the express terms and conditions hereof, including the following to all of which the Company agrees and to all of which the rights hereunder of the Holders from time to time of the Warrant Certificates shall be subject:

(a) *Compensation and Indemnification.*

(i) The Company agrees promptly to pay the Warrant Agent the compensation detailed in mutually agreed upon fee schedule provided separately and executed on the date hereof for all services rendered by the Warrant Agent and to reimburse the Warrant Agent for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) and other disbursements incurred in the preparation, delivery, negotiation, amendment, administration and execution of this Agreement and the exercise and performance of its duties hereunder.

(ii) The Company also agrees to indemnify the Warrant Agent for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability, damage, judgement, fine, penalty, claim, demand, settlement, cost or expense incurred or suffered by it, or which it may become subject arising from or out of, directly or indirectly, any claims or liability resulting from its actions as Warrant Agent pursuant hereto without gross negligence or willful misconduct (each as determined by a final, non-appealable judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction) on the part of the Warrant Agent, including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending against any claim of such liability.

(iii) The Warrant Agent shall be under no obligation to institute or defend any action, suit, or legal proceeding in connection herewith or to take any other action likely to involve the Warrant Agent in expense, unless first indemnified to the Warrant Agent's satisfaction.

(iv) From time to time, Company may provide Warrant Agent with instructions concerning the services performed by the Warrant Agent hereunder. In addition, at any time Warrant Agent may apply to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Vice President of Company for instruction, and may consult with legal counsel for Warrant Agent or Company with respect to any matter arising in connection with the services to be performed by the Warrant Agent under this Agreement. The Warrant Agent and its agents and subcontractors shall not be liable and shall be indemnified by Company for any action taken or omitted by Warrant Agent in reliance upon any Company instructions or upon the advice or opinion of such counsel in absence of bad faith (which bad faith must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction). Warrant Agent shall not be held to have notice of any change of authority of any person, until receipt of written notice thereof from Company.

(v) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Warrant Agent be liable under or in connection with the Agreement for indirect, special, incidental, punitive or

consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to lost profits, whether or not foreseeable, even if the Warrant Agent has been advised of the possibility thereof and regardless of the form of action in which such damages are sought.

(vi) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Warrant Agent's aggregate liability to the Company, or any of the Company's representatives or agents, or any other person or entity during any term of this Agreement with respect to, arising from or arising in connection with this Agreement, or from all services provided or omitted to be provided under this Agreement, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, is expressly limited to, and shall not exceed in any circumstances, the amounts paid by the Company to the Warrant Agent as fees and charges under this Agreement (but not including reimbursable expenses previously reimbursed to the Warrant Agent by the Company hereunder) during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the event for which recovery from Warrant Agent is being sought.

(vii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Warrant Agent shall not be obligated to perform any duties inconsistent with its duties under this Agreement, and the Warrant Agent shall be entitled to resign immediately upon written notice to the Company in the event of inconsistency between the terms of the Warrant Certificate and this Agreement that materially and adversely affect the rights, immunities, liabilities, duties or obligations of the Warrant Agent, and the Warrant Agent shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company with respect to such actions.

(viii) This Section 14(a) shall survive the resignation or discharge of the Warrant Agent, the expiration of the Warrants or the termination of this Agreement.

(b) *Agent for the Company.* In acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Warrant Certificates, the Warrant Agent is acting solely as agent of the Company and does not assume any obligations or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Holders of Warrant Certificates or beneficial owners of Warrants.

(c) *Documents.* The Warrant Agent shall be protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken or omitted by it in reliance upon any Warrant Certificate, notice, direction, consent, certificate, affidavit, statement or other paper or document reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been presented or signed by the proper parties.

(d) *Certain Transactions.* The Warrant Agent, and its officers, directors and employees, may become the owner of, or acquire any interest in, Warrants, with the same rights that it or they would have if it were not the Warrant Agent hereunder, and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, it or they may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Company and may act on, or as depository, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of Holders of Warrant Securities or other obligations of the Company as freely as if it were not the Warrant Agent hereunder. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Warrant Agent from acting as trustee under any indenture to which the Company is a party.

(e) *No Liability for Interest.* The Warrant Agent shall have no liability for interest on any monies at any time received by it pursuant to any of the provisions of this Agreement or of the Warrant Certificates.

(f) *No Liability for Invalidity.* The Warrant Agent shall have no liability with respect to any invalidity of this Agreement or the Warrant Certificates (except as to the Warrant Agent's countersignature, by either manual or facsimile signature, thereon).

(g) *No Responsibility for Representations.* The Warrant Agent shall not be responsible for any of the recitals or representations herein or in the Warrant Certificate (except as to the Warrant Agent's countersignature, by either manual or facsimile signature, thereon), all of which are made solely by the Company.

(h) *No Implied Obligations.* The Warrant Agent shall be obligated to perform only such duties as are herein and in the Warrant Certificates specifically set forth and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or the Warrant Certificates against the Warrant Agent. The Warrant Agent shall not be under any obligation to take any action hereunder which may tend to involve it in any expense or liability, the payment of which within a reasonable time is not, in its reasonable opinion, assured to it. The Warrant Agent shall not be accountable or under any duty or responsibility for the use by the Company of any of the Warrant Certificates authenticated by the Warrant Agent and delivered by it to the Company pursuant to this Agreement or for the application by the Company of the proceeds of the Warrant Certificate. The Warrant Agent shall have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by the Company in the performance of its covenants or agreements contained herein or in the Warrant Certificates or in the case of the receipt of any written demand from a Holder of a Warrant Certificate with respect to such default, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any duty or responsibility to initiate or attempt to initiate any proceedings at law.

(i) *No Notice.* The Warrant Agent shall not be required to take notice or be deemed to have notice of any event or condition hereunder, including any event or condition that may require action by the Warrant Agent, unless the Warrant Agent shall be specifically notified in writing of such event or condition by the Company, and all notices or other instruments required by this Agreement to be delivered to the Warrant Agent must, in order to be effective, be received by the Warrant Agent as specified in Section 19 hereof, and in the absence of such notice so delivered, the Warrant Agent may conclusively assume no such event or condition exists.

(j) *Company's Failure to Timely Deliver.* Provided the Warrant Agent has performed its duties as soon as commercially practicable, the Warrant Agent shall not be liable for the Company's failure to timely deliver shares of Common Stock pursuant to the terms of the Warrants, nor shall the Warrant Agent be liable for any liquidated damages or any other damages associated therewith.

Section 15. Purchase or Consolidation or Change of Name of Warrant Agent. Any entity into which the Warrant Agent or any successor Warrant Agent may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any entity resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Warrant Agent or any successor Warrant Agent shall be party, or any entity succeeding to the corporate trust or shareholder services business of the Warrant Agent or any successor Warrant Agent, shall be the successor to the Warrant Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, provided that such entity would be eligible for appointment as a successor Warrant Agent under the provisions of Section

17. In case at the time such successor Warrant Agent shall succeed to the agency created by this Agreement any of the Warrant Certificates shall have been countersigned but not delivered, any such successor Warrant Agent may adopt the countersignature of the predecessor Warrant Agent and deliver such Warrant Certificates so countersigned; and in case at that time any of the Warrant Certificates shall not have been countersigned, any successor Warrant Agent may countersign such Warrant Certificates either in the name of the predecessor Warrant Agent or in the name of the successor Warrant Agent; and in all such cases such Warrant Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Warrant Certificates and in this Agreement.

In case at any time the name of the Warrant Agent shall be changed and at such time any of the Warrant Certificates shall have been countersigned but not delivered, the Warrant Agent may adopt the countersignature under its prior name and deliver such Warrant Certificates so countersigned; and in case at that time any of the Warrant Certificates shall not have been countersigned, the Warrant Agent may countersign such Warrant Certificates either in its prior name or in its changed name; and in all such cases such Warrant Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Warrant Certificates and in this Agreement.

Section 16. Duties of Warrant Agent. The Warrant Agent undertakes the duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement upon the following express terms and conditions, by all of which the Company, by its acceptance hereof, shall be bound:

(a) Whenever in the performance of its duties under this Agreement the Warrant Agent shall deem it necessary or desirable that any fact or matter be proved or established by the Company prior to taking or suffering any action hereunder, such fact or matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed) may be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by a certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Vice President of the Company; and such certificate shall be full authentication to the Warrant Agent for any action taken, omitted to be taken, or suffered in the absence of bad faith (which bad faith must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction) by it under the provisions of this Agreement in reliance upon such certificate.

(b) Subject to the limitation set forth in Section 14, the Warrant Agent shall be liable hereunder only for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct (which gross negligence, or willful misconduct must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

(c) The Warrant Agent shall not be liable for or by reason of any of the statements of fact or recitals contained in this Agreement or in the Warrant Certificate (except its countersignature, by either manual or facsimile signature, thereof) by the Company or be required to verify the same, but all such statements and recitals are and shall be deemed to have been made by the Company only.

(d) The Warrant Agent shall not be under any responsibility in respect of the validity of this Agreement or the execution and delivery hereof (except the due execution hereof by the Warrant Agent) or in respect of the validity or execution of any Warrant Certificate (except its countersignature, by either manual or facsimile signature, thereof); nor shall it be responsible for any breach by the Company of any covenant or condition contained in this Agreement or in any Warrant Certificate; nor shall it be responsible for the adjustment of the Exercise Price or the making of any change in the number of shares of Common Stock required under the provisions of Section 11 or Section 13 hereto or responsible for the manner, method or amount of any such change or the ascertaining of the existence of facts that would require any such adjustment or change (except with respect to the exercise of Warrants evidenced by the Warrant Certificates after actual notice of any adjustment of the Exercise Price); nor shall it by any act hereunder be deemed to make any

representation or warranty as to the authorization or reservation of any shares of Common Stock to be issued pursuant to this Agreement or any Warrant Certificate or as to whether any shares of Common Stock will, when issued, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

(e) The Company agrees that it will perform, execute, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be performed, executed, acknowledged and delivered all such further and other acts, instruments and assurances as may reasonably be required by the Warrant Agent for the carrying out or performing by the Warrant Agent of the provisions of this Agreement.

(f) The Warrant Agent and any shareholder, director, officer or employee of the Warrant Agent may buy, sell or deal in any of the Warrants or other securities of the Company or become pecuniarily interested in any transaction in which the Company may be interested, or contract with or lend money to the Company or otherwise act as fully and freely as though it were not Warrant Agent under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall preclude the Warrant Agent from acting in any other capacity for the Company or for any other legal entity.

(g) The Warrant Agent may execute and exercise any of the rights or powers hereby vested in it or perform any duty hereunder either itself or by or through its attorneys or agents, and the Warrant Agent shall not be answerable or accountable for any act, omission, default, neglect or misconduct of any such attorneys or agents or for any loss to the Company, to the Holder or any other Person resulting from any such act, omission, default, neglect or misconduct, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection and continued employment thereof (which gross negligence or willful misconduct must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

Section 17. Change of Warrant Agent. The Warrant Agent may resign and be discharged from its duties under this Agreement upon 30 days' notice in writing sent to the Company and to each transfer agent of the Common Stock (if known to the Warrant Agent), and to the Holders of the Warrant Certificates. In the event the transfer agency relationship in effect between the Company and the Warrant Agent terminates, the Warrant Agent will be deemed to have resigned automatically and be discharged from its duties under this Agreement as of the effective date of such termination, and the Company shall be responsible for sending any required notice. The Company may remove the Warrant Agent or any successor Warrant Agent upon 30 days' notice in writing, sent to the Warrant Agent or successor Warrant Agent, as the case may be, and to each transfer agent of the Common Stock, and to the Holders of the Warrant Certificates. If the Warrant Agent shall resign or be removed or shall otherwise become incapable of acting, the Company shall appoint a successor to the Warrant Agent. If the Company shall fail to make such appointment within a period of 30 days after such removal or after it has been notified in writing of such resignation or incapacity by the resigning or incapacitated Warrant Agent or by the Holder of a Warrant Certificate (who shall, with such notice, submit his Warrant Certificate for inspection by the Company), then the Holder of any Warrant Certificate may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a new Warrant Agent, provided that, for purposes of this Agreement, the Company shall be deemed to be the Warrant Agent until a new warrant agent is appointed. Any successor Warrant Agent, whether appointed by the Company or by such a court, shall be an entity organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of a state thereof, in good standing, which is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers and is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority and which has at the time of its appointment as Warrant Agent a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. After appointment, the successor Warrant Agent shall be vested with the same powers, rights, duties and responsibilities as if it had been originally named as Warrant Agent without further act or deed; but the predecessor Warrant Agent shall deliver and transfer to the Company or successor Warrant Agent, as the

case may be, any property at the time held by it hereunder, and execute and deliver any reasonable further assurance, conveyance, act or deed necessary for the purpose at the Company's expense and without further liability to the Warrant Agent. Not later than the effective date of any such appointment, or assumption of the Warrant Agent's role by the Company, the Company shall file notice thereof in writing with the predecessor Warrant Agent and each transfer agent of the Common Stock, and mail a notice thereof in writing to the Holders of the Warrant Certificates. However, failure to give any notice provided for in this Section 17, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of the resignation or removal of the Warrant Agent or the appointment of the successor Warrant Agent, as the case may be.

Section 18. Issuance of New Warrant Certificates. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement or of the Warrants to the contrary, the Company may, at its option, issue new Warrant Certificates evidencing Warrants in such form as may be approved by its Board of Directors to reflect any adjustment or change in the Exercise Price per share and the number or kind or class of shares of stock or other securities or property purchasable under the several Warrant Certificates made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 19. Notices.

(a) Notices or demands authorized by this Agreement to be given or made (i) by the Warrant Agent or by the Holder of any Warrant Certificate to or on the Company, (ii) subject to the provisions of Section 17, by the Company or by the Holder of any Warrant Certificate to or on the Warrant Agent or (iii) by the Company or the Warrant Agent to the Holder of any Warrant Certificate shall be deemed given (a) on the date delivered, if delivered personally, (b) on the first Business Day following the deposit thereof with Federal Express or another recognized overnight courier, if sent by Federal Express or another recognized overnight courier, (c) on the fourth Business Day following the mailing thereof with postage prepaid, if mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), and (d) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile or email attachment at or prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on a Business Day and (e) the next Business Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile or email attachment on a day that is not a Business Day or later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any Business Day, in each case to the parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified by like notice):

If to the Company, to:

OceanPal Inc.
Pendelis 26, 175 64 Palaio Faliro,
Athens, Greece
Attention: Robert Perri
email: rperri@oceanpal.com

If to the Warrant Agent, to:

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
Computershare Inc.
150 Royall Street
Canton, MA 02021
Attention: Client Services

For any notice delivered by email to be deemed given or made, such notice must be followed by notice sent by overnight courier service to be delivered on the next business day following such email, unless the recipient of such email has acknowledged via return email receipt of such email.

(b) If to the Holder of any Warrant Certificate to the address of such Holder as shown on the registry books of the Company. Any notice required to be delivered by the Company to the Holder of any Warrant may be given by the Warrant Agent on behalf of the Company. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, where this Agreement provides for notice of any event to a Holder of any Warrant, such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depositary (or its designee) pursuant to the procedures of the Depositary or its designee.

Section 20. Supplements and Amendments.

(a) The Company and the Warrant Agent may from time to time supplement or amend this Agreement without the approval of any Holders of Global Warrants in order to add to the covenants and agreements of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of the Global Warrants or to surrender any rights or power reserved to or conferred upon the Company in this Agreement, provided that such addition or surrender shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of the Global Warrants or Warrant Certificates in any material respect.

(b) In addition to the foregoing, with the consent of Holders of Warrants entitled, upon exercise thereof, to receive not less than a majority of the shares of Common Stock issuable thereunder, the Company and the Warrant Agent may modify this Agreement for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Agreement or modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Global Warrants; provided, however, that no modification of the terms (including but not limited to the adjustments described in Section 11) upon which the Warrants are exercisable or the rights of holders of Warrants to receive liquidated damages or other payments in cash from the Company or reducing the percentage required for consent to modification of this Agreement may be made without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Warrant affected thereby; provided further, however, that no amendment hereunder shall affect any terms of any Warrant Certificate issued in a Warrant Exchange. As a condition precedent to the Warrant Agent's execution of any amendment, the Company shall deliver to the Warrant Agent a certificate from a duly authorized officer of the Company that states that the proposed amendment complies with the terms of this Section 20. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Warrant Agent shall not be required to execute any supplement or amendment to this Agreement that it has determined would adversely affect its own rights, duties, obligations, liabilities or immunities under this Agreement. No supplement or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless duly executed by the Warrant Agent.

Section 21. Successors. All covenants and provisions of this Agreement by or for the benefit of the Company or the Warrant Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns hereunder.

Section 22. Benefits of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give any entity or person other than the Company, the Holders of Warrant Certificates and the Warrant Agent any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Company, the Warrant Agent and the Holders of the Warrant Certificates.

Section 23. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, inducements and conditions, express or implied, oral or written, of any nature whatsoever with respect to the subject matter hereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event of inconsistency between any provision in this Agreement and any provision in a Warrant Certificate, as it may from time to time be amended, all rights, duties obligations, liabilities and immunities of the Warrant Agent shall be governed and controlled by this Agreement.

Section 24. Governing Law. This Agreement and each Warrant Certificate and Global Warrant issued hereunder shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the conflicts of law principles thereof.

Section 25. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 26. Captions. The captions of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

Section 27. Information. The Company agrees to promptly provide to the Holders of the Warrants any information it provides to the holders of the Common Stock, except to the extent any such information is publicly available on the EDGAR system (or any successor thereof) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 28. Confidentiality. The Warrant Agent and the Company agree that all books, records, information and data pertaining to the business of the other party, including inter alia, personal, non-public warrant holder information, which are exchanged or received pursuant to the negotiation or the carrying out of this Agreement including the fees for services set forth in the attached schedule shall remain confidential, and shall not be voluntarily disclosed to any other person, except as may be required by law, including, without limitation, pursuant to subpoenas from state or federal government authorities (e.g., in divorce and criminal actions).

Section 29. Force Majeure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Warrant Agent will not be liable for any delays or failures in performance resulting from acts beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God, epidemic, pandemic, terrorist acts, shortage of supply, breakdowns or malfunctions, interruptions or malfunction of computer facilities, or loss of data due to power failures or mechanical difficulties with information storage or retrieval systems, labor difficulties, war, or civil unrest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

OceanPal Inc.

By: /s/ Robert Perri

Name: Robert Perri

Title: CEO

Computershare Inc.

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

By: /s/ Collin Ekegu

Name: Collin Ekegu

Title: Manager, Corporate Actions

Exhibit 1A and Exhibit 1B
Form of Warrant Certificates

Exhibit 2
Form of Warrant Certificate Request Notice

WARRANT CERTIFICATE REQUEST NOTICE

To: Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Warrant Agent for OceanPal Inc. (the “Company”)

The undersigned Holder of Common Stock Purchase Warrants (“Warrants”) in the form of Global Warrants issued by the Company hereby elects to receive a Warrant Certificate evidencing the Warrants held by the Holder as specified below:

1. Name of Holder of Warrants in form of Global Warrants: _____
2. Name of Holder in Warrant Certificate (if different from name of Holder of Warrants in form of Global Warrants): _____
3. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Global Warrants : _____
4. Number of Warrants for which Warrant Certificate shall be issued: _____
5. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Global Warrants after issuance of Warrant Certificate, if any: _____
6. Warrant Certificate shall be delivered to the following address: _

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with this Warrant Exchange and the issuance of the Warrant Certificate, the Holder is deemed to have surrendered the number of Warrants in form of Global Warrants in the name of the Holder equal to the number of Warrants evidenced by the Warrant Certificate.

[SIGNATURE OF HOLDER]

Name of Investing Entity: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Investing Entity: _____

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Date: _____



Exhibit 3
Form of Global Warrant Request Notice

GLOBAL WARRANT REQUEST NOTICE

To: Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Warrant Agent for OceanPal Inc. (the “Company”)

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1. Name of Holder of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates: _____

2. Name of Holder in Global Warrant (if different from name of Holder of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates): _____

3. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Warrant Certificates: _____

4. Number of Warrants for which Global Warrant shall be issued: _____

5. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Warrant Certificates after issuance of Global Warrant, if any: _____

6. Global Warrant shall be delivered to the following address: _____

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with this Global Warrant Exchange and the issuance of the Global Warrant, the Holder is deemed to have surrendered the number of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates in the name of the Holder equal to the number of Warrants evidenced by the Global Warrant.

[SIGNATURE OF HOLDER]

Name of Investing Entity: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Investing Entity: _____

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Date: _____

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4. Number of Warrants for which Warrant Certificate shall be issued: _____
5. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Global Warrants after issuance of Warrant Certificate, if any: _____
6. Warrant Certificate shall be delivered to the following address: _____

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with this Warrant Exchange and the issuance of the Warrant Certificate, the Holder is deemed to have surrendered the number of Warrants in form of Global Warrants in the name of the Holder equal to the number of Warrants evidenced by the Warrant Certificate.

[SIGNATURE OF HOLDER]

Name of Investing Entity: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Investing Entity: _____

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Date: _____



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1. Name of Holder of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates: _____

2. Name of Holder in Global Warrant (if different from name of Holder of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates): _____

3. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Warrant Certificates: _____

4. Number of Warrants for which Global Warrant shall be issued: _____

5. Number of Warrants in name of Holder in form of Warrant Certificates after issuance of Global Warrant, if any: _____

6. Global Warrant shall be delivered to the following address: _____

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with this Global Warrant Exchange and the issuance of the Global Warrant, the Holder is deemed to have surrendered the number of Warrants in form of Warrant Certificates in the name of the Holder equal to the number of Warrants evidenced by the Global Warrant.

[SIGNATURE OF HOLDER]

Name of Investing Entity: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Investing Entity: _____

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Date: _____



DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OceanPal Inc. (the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") only has common stock registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). In addition, the Company has outstanding Series B Preferred Shares, Series C Preferred Shares, Series D Preferred Shares, Series E Preferred Shares, Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, pre-funded warrants which are not registered under Section 12 of the Act.

The following description sets forth certain material provisions of these securities. The following summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the applicable provisions of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the "Articles of Incorporation") and Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), the Statement of Designation of the Series B Preferred Shares of the Company, the Statement of Designation of the 8.0% Series C Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Shares of the Company, the Statement of Designation of the 7.0% Series D Preferred Shares of the Company, the Statement of Designation of the Series E Preferred Stock, Class A Warrant, Class B Warrant, pre-funded warrant, and Warrant Agency Agreement, as applicable, each of which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Annual Report on Form 20-F of which this Exhibit is a part. We encourage you to refer to the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for additional information.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK**General**

Under our Articles of Incorporation, our authorized capital stock consists of 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which (i) 1,000,000 shares are designated Series A Participating Preferred Stock, none of which are issued and outstanding as of March 30, 2023, (ii) 500,000 shares are designated Series B Preferred Stock, all of which are issued and outstanding as of March 30, 2023, (iii) 20,000 shares are designated Series C Preferred Stock, of which 10,000 were issued and outstanding as of March 30, 2023, and 1,982 have been granted (but not yet issued) under our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, (iv) 25,000 shares were designated as Series D Preferred stock, of which 22,329 are issued and outstanding as of March 30, 2023, and (v) 10,000 shares are designated Series E Preferred Stock, of which 1,200 were issued and outstanding as of March 30, 2023 . All of our shares of stock are in registered form.

Common Stock

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

preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to the rights of the holders of our preferred stock.

Liquidation Rights

Upon our dissolution or liquidation or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and to the holders of preferred stock having liquidation

preferences, if any, the holders of our common shares are entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets available for distribution.

Limitations on Ownership

Under Marshall Islands law generally and our Articles of Incorporation, there are no limitations on the right of non-residents of the Marshall Islands or owners who are not citizens of the Marshall Islands to hold or vote our common shares.

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

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

Blank check preferred stock

Under the terms of our Articles of Incorporation, our board of directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our shareholders, to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock. Our board of directors may issue preferred shares on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of us or the removal of our management and might harm the market price of our common shares.

Election and removal of directors

Our Articles of Incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our Bylaws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of directors. Our Articles of Incorporation also provide that our directors may be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote for those directors. These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

Limited actions by shareholders

Our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our shareholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of shareholders or by the unanimous written consent of our shareholders. Our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws provide that, unless otherwise prescribed by law, only our Board of Directors or holders of not less than one-fifth of all outstanding shares of common stock may call special meetings of our shareholders and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice.

Our Bylaws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the one year anniversary of the date on which the Company first mailed its proxy materials for the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders. Our Bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These provisions may impede shareholders' ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

Classified board of directors

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

Business combinations

Although the Marshall Islands Business Corporations Act (the "BCA") does not contain specific provisions regarding "business combinations" between companies organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands and "interested shareholders," we have included these provisions in our Articles of Incorporation. Specifically, our Articles of Incorporation prohibit us from engaging in a "business combination" with certain persons for three years following the date the person becomes an interested shareholder.

Interested shareholders generally include:

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

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

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

These provisions of our Articles of Incorporation do not apply to a business combination if:

- before a person became an interested shareholder, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction in which the shareholder became an interested shareholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of our voting shares outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than certain excluded shares;
- at or following the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our outstanding voting shares that is not owned by the interest shareholder;
- the shareholder was or became an interested shareholder prior to the closing of our initial public offering;
- a shareholder became an interested shareholder inadvertently and (i) as soon as practicable divested itself of ownership of sufficient shares so that the shareholder ceased to be an interested shareholder; and (ii) would not, at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to a business combination between us and such shareholder, have been an interested shareholder but for the inadvertent acquisition of ownership; or

the business combination is proposed prior to the consummation or abandonment of and subsequent to the earlier of the public announcement or the notice required under our Articles of Incorporation which (i) constitutes one of the transactions described in the following sentence; (ii) is with or by a person who either was not an interested shareholder during the previous three years or who became an interested shareholder with the approval of the board; and (iii) is approved or not opposed by a majority of the members of the board of directors then in office (but not less than one) who were directors prior to any person becoming an interested shareholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors.

The proposed transactions referred to in the preceding sentence are limited to:

- a merger or consolidation of us (except for a merger in respect of which, pursuant to the BCA, no vote of our shareholders is required);
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- a sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions), whether as part of a dissolution or otherwise, of assets of us or of any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of ours (other than to any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary or to us) having an aggregate market value equal to 50% or more of either the aggregate market value of all of our assets determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate market value of all the outstanding shares; or
- a proposed tender or exchange offer for 50% or more of our outstanding voting shares.

Marshall Islands Company Considerations

Our corporate affairs are governed by our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and by the BCA. The provisions of the BCA resemble provisions of the corporation laws of a number of states in the United States. While the BCA also provides that it is to be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Delaware and other states with substantially similar legislative provisions, there have been few, if any, court cases interpreting the BCA in the Marshall Islands and we cannot predict whether Marshall Islands courts would reach the same conclusions as courts in the United States. As a result, you may have more difficulty protecting your interests in the face of actions by our management, directors or controlling shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a U.S. jurisdiction which has developed a substantial body of case law. The following table provides a comparison between the statutory provisions of the BCA and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to shareholders' rights.

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| Shareholder Meetings | |
| Held at a time and place as designated in the bylaws. | May be held at such time or place as designated in the certificate of incorporation or the bylaws, or if not so designated, as determined by the board of directors. |
| Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorized by the articles of incorporation or by the bylaws. | Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorized by the certificate of incorporation or by the bylaws. |
| May be held within or without the Marshall Islands. | May be held within or without Delaware. |
| <i>Notice:</i> | <i>Notice:</i> |
| Whenever shareholders are required to take any action at a meeting, written notice of the meeting shall be given which shall state the | |
| place, date and hour of the meeting and, unless it is an annual meeting, indicate that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person calling the meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall also state the purpose for which the meeting is called. | Whenever shareholders are required to take any action at a meeting, a written notice of the meeting shall be given which shall state the place, if any, date and hour of the meeting, and the means of remote communication, if any. |
| A copy of the notice of any meeting shall be given personally, sent by mail or by electronic mail not less than 15 nor more than 60 days before the meeting. | Written notice shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the meeting. |
| Shareholders' Voting Rights | |

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| Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, any action required to be taken at a meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all the shareholders entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, or if the articles of incorporation so provide, by the holders of outstanding shares having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. | Any action required to be taken at a meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting if a consent for such action is in writing and is signed by shareholders having not fewer than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. |
| Any person authorized to vote may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy. | Any person authorized to vote may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy. |
| Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, a majority of shares entitled to vote constitutes a quorum. In no event shall a quorum consist of fewer than one-third of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting. | For stock corporations, the certificate of incorporation or bylaws may specify the number of shares required to constitute a quorum but in no event shall a quorum consist of less than one-third of shares entitled to vote at a meeting. In the absence of such specifications, a majority of shares entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. However, where a company's certificate of incorporation provides for more or less than one vote for any share or matter, references to quorum shall refer to the number of votes entitled to be cast. |

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| When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any shareholders. | When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any shareholders. |
| The articles of incorporation may provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors. | The certificate of incorporation may provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors. |
| Merger or Consolidation | |
| Any two or more domestic corporations may merge into a single corporation if approved by the board and if authorized by a majority vote of the holders of outstanding shares at a shareholder meeting. | Any two or more corporations existing under the laws of the state may merge into a single corporation pursuant to a board resolution and upon the majority vote by shareholders of each constituent corporation at an annual or special meeting. |
| Any sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of a corporation, if not made in the corporation's usual or regular course of business, once approved by the board, shall be authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares of those entitled to vote at a shareholder meeting. | Every corporation may at any meeting of the board sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of its property and assets as its board deems expedient and for the best interests of the corporation when so authorized by a resolution adopted by the holders of a majority of the outstanding stock of the corporation entitled to vote. |

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| Any domestic corporation owning at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of another domestic corporation may merge such other corporation into itself without the authorization of the shareholders of any corporation. | Any corporation owning at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of another corporation may merge the other corporation into itself and assume all of its obligations without the vote or consent of shareholders; however, in case the parent corporation is not the surviving corporation, the proposed merger shall be approved by a majority of the outstanding stock of the parent corporation entitled to vote at a duly called shareholder meeting. |
| Any mortgage, pledge of or creation of a security interest in all or any part of the corporate property may be authorized without the vote or consent of the shareholders, unless otherwise provided for in the articles of incorporation. | Any mortgage or pledge of a corporation's property and assets may be authorized without the vote or consent of shareholders, except to the extent that the certificate of incorporation otherwise provides. |
| Director | |
| The board of directors must consist of at least one member. | The board of directors must consist of at least one member. |
| The number of board members may be changed by an amendment to the bylaws, by the shareholders, or by action of the board under the specific provisions of a bylaw. | The number of board members shall be fixed by, or in a manner provided by, the bylaws, unless the certificate of incorporation fixes the number of directors, in which case a change in the number shall be made only by an amendment to the certificate of incorporation. |
| If the board is authorized to change the number of directors, it can only do so by a majority of the entire board and so long as no decrease in the number shall shorten the term of any incumbent director. | If the number of directors is fixed by the certificate of incorporation, a change in the number shall be made only by an amendment of the certificate. If the number of directors is fixed by the by-laws, it may be changed by an amendment to the by-laws. |
| <i>Removal:</i> Any or all of the directors may be removed for cause by vote of the shareholders. | <i>Removal:</i> Any or all of the directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote unless the certificate of incorporation otherwise provides. |
| If the articles of incorporation or the bylaws so provide, any or all of the directors may be removed without cause by vote of the shareholders. | In the case of a classified board, shareholders may effect removal of any or all directors only for cause. |
| Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal | |



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| <p>Shareholders have a right to dissent from any plan of merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all assets not made in the usual course of business, and receive payment of the fair value of their shares. However, the right of a dissenting shareholder under the BCA to receive payment of the appraised fair value of his shares shall not be available for the shares of any class or series of stock, which shares or depository receipts in respect thereof, at the record date fixed to determine the shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting of the shareholders to act upon the agreement of merger or consolidation, were either (i) listed on a securities exchange or admitted for trading on an interdealer quotation system or (ii) held of record by more than 2,000 holders. The right of a dissenting shareholder to receive payment of the fair value of his or her shares shall not be</p> | <p>Appraisal rights shall be available for the shares of any class or series of stock of a corporation in a merger or consolidation, subject to limited exceptions, such as a merger or consolidation of corporations listed on a national securities exchange in which listed stock is offered for consideration which is (i) listed on a national securities exchange or (ii) held of record by more than 2,000 holders. Notwithstanding those limited exceptions, appraisal rights will be available if shareholders are required by the terms of an agreement of merger or consolidation to accept certain forms of uncommon consideration.</p> |
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| <p>available for any shares of stock of the constituent corporation surviving a merger if the merger did not require for its approval the vote of the shareholders of the surviving corporation.</p> | |
| <p>A holder of any adversely affected shares who does not vote on or consent in writing to an amendment to the articles of incorporation has the right to dissent and to receive payment for such shares if the amendment:</p> | <p>Shareholders do not have appraisal rights due to an amendment of the company's certificate of incorporation unless provided for in such certificate.</p> |
| <p>Alters or abolishes any preferential right of any outstanding shares having preference; or</p> | |
| <p>Creates, alters, or abolishes any provision or right in respect to the redemption of any outstanding shares; or</p> | |
| <p>Alters or abolishes any preemptive right granted by law and not disseated by the articles of incorporation of such holder to acquire shares or other securities; or</p> | |
| <p>Excludes or limits the right of such holder to vote on any matter, except as such right may be limited by the voting rights given to new shares then being authorized of any existing or new class.</p> | |
| <p>Shareholder's Derivative Actions</p> | |
| <p>Such action shall not be discontinued, compromised or settled, without the approval of the High Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.</p> | |
| <p>Reasonable expenses including attorney's fees may be awarded if the action is successful.</p> | |



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| A corporation may require a plaintiff bringing a derivative suit to give security for reasonable expenses if the plaintiff owns less than 5% of any class of outstanding shares or holds voting trust certificates or a beneficial interest in shares representing less than 5% of any class of such shares and the shares, voting trust certificates or | |
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| beneficial interest of such plaintiff has a fair value of \$50,000 or less. | |
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Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

We have entered into a Stockholders Rights Agreement, or the Rights Agreement, with Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

Under the Rights Agreement, we will declare a dividend payable of one preferred stock purchase right, or Right, for each share of common stock outstanding immediately following the consummation of Diana Shipping's distribution of our common shares. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from us one one-thousandth of a share of Series A Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at an exercise price of \$40.00 per share. The Rights will separate from the common stock and become exercisable only if a person or group acquires beneficial ownership of 15% or more of our common stock (including through entry into certain derivative positions) in a transaction not approved by our board of directors. In that situation, each holder of a Right (other than the acquiring person, whose Rights will become void and will not be exercisable) will have the right to purchase, upon payment of the exercise price, a number of shares of our common stock having a then-current market value equal to twice the exercise price. In addition, if the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination after an acquiring person acquires 15% or more of our common stock, each holder of the Right will thereafter have the right to purchase, upon payment of the exercise price, a number of shares of common stock of the acquiring person having a then-current market value equal to twice the exercise price. The acquiring person will not be entitled to exercise these Rights. Until a Right is exercised, the holder of a Right will have no rights to vote or receive dividends or any other stockholder rights.

The Rights may have anti-takeover effects. The Rights will cause substantial dilution to any person or group that attempts to acquire us without the approval of our board of directors. As a result, the overall effect of the Rights may be to render more difficult or discourage any attempt to acquire us. Because our board of directors can approve a redemption of the Rights or a permitted offer, the Rights should not interfere with a merger or other business combination approved by our board of directors.

We have summarized the material terms and conditions of the Rights Agreement and the Rights below. For a complete description of the Rights, we encourage you to read the Rights Agreement, which we have filed as an exhibit hereto.

Detachment of the Rights

The Rights are attached to all certificates representing our currently outstanding common stock, or, in the case of uncertificated common shares registered in book entry form, which we refer to as "book entry shares," by notation in book entry accounts reflecting ownership, and will attach to all common stock certificates and book entry shares we issue prior to the Rights distribution date that we describe below. The

Rights are not exercisable until after the Rights distribution date and will expire 10 years after the date thereof, unless we redeem or exchange them earlier as we describe below. The Rights will separate from the common stock and a Rights distribution date would occur, subject to specified exceptions, on the earlier of the following two dates:

- the 10th day after public announcement that a person or group has acquired ownership of 15% or more of the Company's common stock; or
- the 10th business day (or such later date as determined by the Company's board of directors) after a person or group announces a tender or exchange offer which would result in that person or group holding 15% or more of the Company's common stock.

"Acquiring person" is generally defined in the Rights Agreement as any person, together with all affiliates or associates, who beneficially owns 15% or more of the Company's common stock. However, the Company, any subsidiary of the Company or any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company, or any person holding shares of common stock for or pursuant to the terms of any such plan, are excluded from the definition of "acquiring person." In addition, persons who beneficially own 15% or more of the Company's common stock on the effective date of the Rights Agreement are excluded from the definition of "acquiring person" until such time as they acquire additional shares in excess of 2% of the Company's then outstanding common stock as specified in the Rights Agreement for purposes of the Rights, and therefore, until such time, their ownership cannot trigger the Rights. For purposes of the Stockholders Rights Agreements, our Chairperson of the Board or any entity controlled by our Chairperson of the Board will not be considered an Acquiring Person regardless of the beneficial ownership. Specified "inadvertent" owners that would otherwise become an acquiring person, including those who would have this designation as a result of repurchases of common stock by us, will not become acquiring persons as a result of those transactions.

Our board of directors may defer the Rights distribution date in some circumstances, and some inadvertent acquisitions will not result in a person becoming an acquiring person if the person promptly divests itself of a sufficient number of shares of common stock.

Until the Rights distribution date:

- our common stock certificates and book entry shares will evidence the Rights, and the Rights will be transferable only with those certificates; and
- any new common stock will be issued with Rights and new certificates or book entry shares, as applicable, will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference.

As soon as practicable after the Rights distribution date, the Rights agent will mail certificates representing the Rights to holders of record of common stock at the close of business on that date. After the Rights distribution date, only separate Rights certificates will represent the Rights.

We will not issue Rights with any shares of common stock we issue after the Rights distribution date, except as our board of directors may otherwise determine.

Flip-In Event

A "flip-in event" will occur under the Rights Agreement when a person becomes an acquiring person other than pursuant to certain kinds of permitted offers. An offer is permitted under the Rights Agreement if a person will become an acquiring person pursuant to a merger or other acquisition agreement that has been approved by our board of directors prior to that person becoming an acquiring person.

If a flip-in event occurs and we have not previously redeemed the Rights as described under the heading “Redemption of Rights” below or, if the acquiring person acquires less than 50% of our outstanding common stock and we do not exchange the Rights as described under the heading “Exchange of Rights” below, each Right, other than any Right that has become void, as we describe below, will become exercisable at the time it is no longer redeemable for the number of shares of common stock, or, in some cases, cash, property or other of our securities, having a current market price equal to two times the exercise price of such right.

When a flip-in event occurs, all Rights that then are, or in some circumstances that were, beneficially owned by or transferred to an acquiring person or specified related parties will become void in the circumstances the Rights Agreement specifies.

Flip-Over Event

A “flip-over event” will occur under the Rights Agreement when, at any time after a person has become an acquiring person:

- we are acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction, other than specified mergers that follow a permitted offer of the type we describe above; or
- 50% or more of our assets or earning power is sold or transferred.

If a flip-over event occurs, each holder of a Right, other than any Right that has become void as we describe under the heading “Flip-In Event” above, will have the right to receive the number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which has a current market price equal to two times the exercise price of such Right.

Anti-dilution

The number of outstanding Rights associated with our common stock is subject to adjustment for any stock split, stock dividend or subdivision, combination or reclassification of our common stock occurring prior to the Rights distribution date. With some exceptions, the Rights Agreement will not require us to adjust the exercise price of the Rights until cumulative adjustments amount to at least 1% of the exercise price. It also will not require us to issue fractional shares of our Series A Participating Preferred Stock that are not integral multiples of one-thousandth of a share, and, instead we may make a cash adjustment based on the market price of the common stock on the last trading date prior to the date of exercise.

Redemption of Rights

At any time until the date on which the occurrence of a flip-in event is first publicly announced, we may order redemption of the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a redemption price of \$0.01 per right. The redemption price is subject to adjustment for any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring before the date of redemption. At our option, we may pay that redemption price in cash or shares of common stock. The Rights are not exercisable after a flip-in event if they are timely redeemed by us or until ten days following the first public announcement of a flip-in event. If our board of directors timely orders the redemption of the Rights, the Rights will terminate on the effectiveness of that action.

Exchange of Rights

We may, at our option, exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by an acquiring person or an affiliate or an associate of an acquiring person, which have become void), in whole or in part. The exchange will be at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock per right, subject to specified adjustments at any time

after the occurrence of a flip-in event and prior to any person other than us or our existing stockholders becoming the beneficial owner of 50% or more of our outstanding common stock for the purposes of the Rights Agreement.

Amendment of Terms of Rights

During the time the Rights are redeemable, we may amend any of the provisions of the Rights Agreement, other than by decreasing the redemption price. Once the Rights cease to be redeemable, we generally may amend the provisions of the Rights Agreement, other than to decrease the redemption price, only as follows:

- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- to make changes that do not materially adversely affect the interests of holders of Rights, excluding the interests of any acquiring person; or
- to shorten or lengthen any time period under the Rights Agreement, except that we cannot lengthen the time period governing redemption or lengthen any time period that protects, enhances or clarifies the benefits of holders of Rights other than an acquiring person.

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Series B Preferred Stock

The Series B Preferred Shares entitle the holder thereof the right to vote up to 34% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast for all matters for which our shareholders are entitled to vote on, but will have no economic rights. To the extent the aggregate voting power of any holder of Series B Preferred Shares, together with any affiliate of such holder, would exceed 49% of the total number of votes that may be cast on any matter submitted to a vote of our shareholders, the number of votes of the Series B Preferred Shares shall be automatically reduced so that such holder's aggregate voting power, together with any affiliate of such holder, is not more than 49%.

Series C Preferred Stock

The Series C Preferred Shares have a cumulative preferred dividend accruing at the rate of 8.0% per annum, contain a \$1,000 liquidation preference and are convertible into common shares at the holder's option commencing upon the first anniversary of the original issue date, at a conversion price equal to the lesser of \$65.00 and the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. The holder, however, will be prohibited from converting the Series C Preferred Shares into common shares to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, the holder (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own more than 49% of the total outstanding common shares.

The Series C Preferred Shares will have no voting rights except (1) in respect of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation which would adversely alter the preferences, powers or rights of the Series C Preferred Shares or (2) in the event that we propose to issue any parity stock if the cumulative dividends payable on outstanding Preferred Stock are in arrears or any senior stock. However, if and whenever dividends payable on the Series C Preferred Shares are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of Series C Preferred Shares (voting together as a class with all other classes or series of parity stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to elect one additional director to serve on our board of directors until such time as all accumulated and unpaid dividends on the Series C Preferred Shares have been paid in full.

Series D Preferred Stock

The Series D Preferred Stock has a cumulative preferred dividend accruing at the rate of 7.0% per annum, contain a \$1,000 liquidation preference and are convertible into common shares at any time at the holder's option commencing from the original issue date, at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common shares, subject to certain adjustments. Each holder, however, is prohibited from converting its shares of Series D Preferred Stock to the extent that, as a result of such conversion, the holder would beneficially own more than 49% of our total outstanding common shares.

The holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock have no voting rights except (1) in respect of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation which would adversely alter the preferences, powers or rights of the holders of Series D Preferred Stock or (2) in the event that we propose to issue any parity stock if the cumulative dividends payable on our outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock are in arrears or any senior stock.

Dividends on shares of the Series D Preferred Stock will accrue and be cumulative from the date that the shares of the Series D Preferred Stock are originally issued and will be payable on each Dividend Payment Date (as defined below) when, as and if declared by our board of directors or any authorized committee thereof out of legally available funds for such purpose. Dividends will be paid on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 (each, a "Dividend Payment Date") commencing October 15, 2022. If any Dividend Payment Date otherwise would fall on a day that is not a business day, declared dividends will be payable on the next day business day without the accumulation of additional dividends.

The Series D Preferred Stock shall be deemed to rank with respect to dividend distributions and distributions upon a Liquidation Event:

- a) Seniority. Senior to (i) all classes of common stock, (ii) any Series A Participating Preferred Stock and any Series B Preferred Stock and (iii) any other class or series of capital stock established after the original issue date of the Series D Preferred Stock, the terms of which expressly provide that it is made junior to the Series D Preferred Stock or any Parity Stock as to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, whether voluntary or involuntary (collectively referred to with the Company's Common Shares as "Junior Stock");
- b) Parity. Equal with (i) the Series C Preferred Stock, and (ii) any class or series of capital stock established after the original issue date of the Series D Preferred Stock, the terms of which are not expressly subordinated or senior to the Series D Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, whether voluntary or involuntary (referred to as "Parity Stock"); and
- c) Junior. Junior to any class or series of capital stock established after the original issue date of the Series D Preferred Stock, the terms of which expressly provide that it ranks senior to the Series D Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and amounts payable upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, whether voluntary or involuntary (referred to as "Senior Stock"), and to all of our indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade payables.

Series E Preferred Stock

The Series E Preferred Stock has no dividend or liquidation rights. The Series E Preferred Stock votes with the shares of common stock of the Company, and each share of the Series E Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to up to 25,000 votes, on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company, subject up to 15% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast on matters put to shareholders of the

Company. The Series E Preferred Stock is convertible, at the election of the holder, in whole or in part, into shares of our common stock at a conversion price equal to the 10-trading day trailing VWAP of our common stock, subject to certain adjustments, commencing at any time after (i) the cancellation of all of our Series B Preferred Stock or (ii) the transfer for all of our Series B Preferred Stock (collectively, a “Series B Event”). The 15% limitation discussed above, shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Series B Event. The Series E Preferred Stock is transferable only to the holder’s immediate family members and to affiliated persons or entities, with the prior consent of the Company.

Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants and Pre-Funded Warrants

Exercisability. The pre-funded warrants are exercisable at any time after their original issuance until they are exercised in full. The Class A Warrants and Class B Warrants are exercisable at any time after their original issuance up to the date that is five years after their original issuance. Each of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants and the pre-funded warrants are exercisable, at the option of each holder, in whole or in part by delivering to us a duly executed exercise notice and, at any time a registration statement registering the issuance of the common shares underlying the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants or pre-funded warrants under the Securities Act is effective and available for the issuance of such shares, or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act is available for the issuance of such shares, by payment in full in immediately available funds for the number of common shares purchased upon such exercise. If a registration statement registering the issuance of the common shares underlying the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants or pre-funded warrants under the Securities Act is not effective or available and an exemption from registration under the Securities Act is not available for the issuance of such shares, the holder may, in its sole discretion, elect to exercise the Class A Warrant, Class B Warrant or pre-funded warrant through a cashless exercise, in which case the holder would receive upon such exercise the net number of common shares determined according to the formula set forth in the Class A Warrant, Class B Warrant or pre-funded warrant. No fractional common shares will be issued in connection with the exercise of a Class A Warrant, Class B Warrant or pre-funded warrant. In lieu of fractional shares, we will pay the holder an amount in cash equal to the fractional amount multiplied by the exercise price.

Exercise Limitation. A holder will not have the right to exercise any portion of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants or pre-funded warrants if the holder (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% (or, upon election by a holder prior to the issuance of any pre-funded warrants, 9.99%) of the number of shares of our common shares outstanding immediately after giving effect to the exercise, as such percentage ownership is determined in accordance with the terms of the warrants. However, any holder may increase or decrease such percentage to any other percentage not in excess of 9.99%, upon at least 61 days’ prior notice from the holder to us with respect to any increase in such percentage.

Exercise Price. The exercise price for the pre-funded warrants is \$0.01 per share. The exercise price per whole common share purchasable upon exercise of the Class B Warrants is \$1.01 per share. The exercise price per whole common share purchasable upon exercise of the Class A Warrants is \$7.70 per share, as adjusted for the reverse stock split effected on December 22, 2022. The exercise price and number of common shares issuable upon exercise will adjust in the event of certain stock dividends and distributions, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications or similar events affecting our common shares.

Transferability. Subject to applicable laws, the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants and the pre-funded warrants may be offered for sale, sold, transferred or assigned without our consent.

Exchange Listing. We do not intend to apply for the listing of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants or pre-funded warrants offered in this offering on any stock exchange. Without an active trading market, the liquidity of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants and the pre-funded warrants will be limited.

Rights as a Shareholder. Except as otherwise provided in the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants or the pre-funded warrants or by virtue of such holder's ownership of our common shares, the holder of a Class A Warrant, Class B Warrant or pre-funded warrant does not have the rights or privileges of a holder of our common shares, including any voting rights, until the holder exercises the warrant.

Fundamental Transactions. In the event of a fundamental transaction, as described in the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, and the pre-funded warrants and generally including, with certain exceptions, any reorganization, recapitalization or reclassification of our common shares, the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets, our consolidation or merger with or into another person, the acquisition of more than 50% of our outstanding common shares, or any person or group becoming the beneficial owner of 50% of the voting power represented by our outstanding common shares, the holders of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, and the pre-funded warrants will be entitled to receive upon exercise of the warrants the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property that the holders would have received had they exercised the warrants immediately prior to such fundamental transaction. Additionally, as more fully described in the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, and the pre-funded warrants, in the event of certain fundamental transactions, the holders of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, and the pre-funded warrants will be entitled to receive consideration in an amount equal to the Black Scholes value of the Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants, and the pre-funded warrants on the date of consummation of such transaction.

Governing Law. The Class A Warrants, Class B Warrants and pre-funded warrants and Warrant Agreement are governed by New York law.

STEAMSHIP SHIPBROKING ENTERPRISES INC.

THIS AGREEMENT dated this 7th day of March 2023 by and between OceanPal Inc., a Marshall Islands company having its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960 (the “Company”) and Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc. a Marshall Islands company having its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960 (the “Broker”).

BY WHICH, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company. OceanPal Inc. is a global provider of shipping transportation services through its ownership of dry bulk vessels (the “Vessels”). The Company’s Vessels are employed primarily on short to medium-term time charters and transport a range of dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

2. Engagement. The Company hereby engages the Broker to act as broker for the Company and for any of its affiliated companies that own Vessels managed by Diana Wilhelmsen Management Limited as directed by the Company to assist the Company in the provision of the services by providing to the Company or to an entity designated by the Company from time to time, brokerage services relating to the purchase, sale or chartering of Vessels, brokerage services relating to the repairs and other maintenance of Vessels, and any relevant consulting services permitted by Greek laws or the Broker’s Law 27/1975 license (collectively the “Brokerage Services”), and the Broker hereby accepts such appointment.

3. Duration. The duration of the engagement shall be for a term of 12 (twelve) months commencing the 1st day of January 2023 and ending (unless terminated earlier on the basis of any other provision of this Agreement) on the 31st day of December 2023 and shall be automatically renewed for further periods of one (1) calendar year, (the said period as it may be extended being hereinafter referred to as the “Term”).

4. Representations of Broker. The Broker represents that it has personnel fully qualified, without the benefit of any further training or experience and has obtained all necessary permits and licenses, to perform the Brokerage Services. The duties of the Broker shall be offered on a worldwide basis. Broker’s duties and responsibilities hereunder shall always be subject to the policies and directives of the board of directors of the Company as communicated from time to time to the Broker. Subject to the above, the precise duties, responsibilities and authority of the Broker may be expanded, limited or modified, from time to time, at the discretion of the board of directors of the Company.

5. Commission. Because of their permanent relation the Company shall pay

the Broker a lump sum commission in the amount of United States Dollars \$150,000 per month, starting on the 1st day of January 2023 payable quarterly in advance plus 2.5% on the hire agreed per charter party for each Vessel, subject to required deductions and withholdings. Commissions on a percentage basis for specific deals may be agreed by separate agreements in writing.

6. Expenses. The Company shall not pay or reimburse the Broker for any out-of pocket expenses as such expenses are included in the commission paid to the Broker.

7. Termination. This Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties, shall be terminated as follows:

- (a) At the end of the Term, unless extended by mutual agreement in writing.
- (b) The parties, by mutual agreement, may terminate this Agreement at any time.
- (c) Either party may terminate this Agreement for any material breach by the other party of their respective obligations under this Agreement.

8. Change of Control.

(a) In the event of a "Change in Control" (as defined herein) within the duration of this Agreement, the Broker has the option to terminate this Agreement within six (6) months following such Change in Control, and shall be eligible to receive the payment specified in sub-paragraph (c), below, provided that the conditions of said paragraph are satisfied.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Change of Control" shall mean the:

- (i) event where Diana Shipping Inc. ceases to have the highest voting control of any matter submitted to the vote of the common shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company or the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and/or of the Affiliates; or
- (iii) approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(c) If the Broker terminates this Agreement within six (6) months following a Change of Control, the Broker shall receive a payment equal to five (5) years' annual commission. Receipt of the foregoing shall be contingent upon the Broker's execution and non-revocation of a Release of Claims in favor of the

Company and the Affiliates in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Company and its counsel.

9. Notices. Every notice, request, demand or other communication under this Agreement shall:

(a) be in writing delivered personally or by courier or by fax or shall be served through a process server;

(b) be deemed to have been received, subject as otherwise provided in this Agreement in the case of fax upon receipt of a successful transmission report (or —if sent after business hours— the following business day) and in the case of a letter when delivered personally or through courier or served at the address below; and

(c) be sent:

(i) If to the Company, to:

OceanPal Inc.

c/o Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc.

Pendelis 26, Palaio Faliro, 175 64

Athens, Greece

Telephone: +30 210 9485360

Telefax: +30 210 9401810

Attn: Chief Executive Officer

(ii) If to the Broker, to:

Steamship Shipbroking Enterprises Inc.

Pendelis 26, Palaio Faliro, 175 64

Athens, Greece

Telephone: +30 210 9485360

Telefax: +30 210 9401810

Attn: Director and President

or to such other person, address or telefax, as is notified by the relevant Party to the other Party to this Agreement and such notification shall not become effective until notice of such change is actually received by the other Party. Until such change of person or address is notified, any notification to the above addresses and fax numbers are agreed to be validly effected for the purposes of this Agreement.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements written or oral, with respect thereto.

11. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended, superseded, canceled, renewed or extended and the terms hereof may be waived, only by a written instrument signed by the parties.

12. Independent Contractor. All services provided hereunder shall be provided by the Broker as an independent contractor. No employment contract, partnership or joint venture between the Broker and the Company has been created in or by this Agreement or as a result of services provided hereunder.

13. Assignment. This Agreement, and the Broker's rights and obligations hereunder, may not be assigned by the Broker; any purported assignment in violation hereof shall be null and void. This Agreement, and the Company's rights and obligations hereunder, may not be assigned by the Company; provided, however, that in the event of any sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets and business, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, the Company shall assign this Agreement and its rights hereunder to the successor to its assets and business.

14. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, heirs, executors and legal representative.

15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original but all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Each counterpart may consist of two copies hereof each signed by one of the parties hereto.

16. Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

17. Governing Law and Jurisdiction.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

(b) Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration in London in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof save to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this clause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed their names as of the day and year first above written.

OCEANPAL INC.

By: Robert Perri
Title: Chief Executive Officer

STEAMSHIP SHIPBROKING ENTERPRISES INC.

By: Ioannis Zafirakis
Title: Director and Treasurer

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Robert Perri, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of OceanPal Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)):
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The Company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 30, 2023

/s/ Robert Perri

Robert Perri
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Ioannis Zafirakis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of OceanPal Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)):
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The Company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 30, 2023

/s/ Ioannis Zafirakis

Ioannis Zafirakis
Interim Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

**PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with this Annual Report of OceanPal Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on or about the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Robert Perri, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the SEC or its staff upon request

Date: March 30, 2023

/s/ Robert Perri

Robert Perri
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

**PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with this Annual Report of OceanPal Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on or about the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Ioannis Zafirakis, Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the SEC or its staff upon request

Date: March 30, 2023

/s/ Ioannis Zafirakis

Ioannis Zafirakis
Interim Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)