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Date: November 30, 2023

Subject: Diana Shipping Inc. – Warrants Distribution
Option Symbol: DSX
New Symbol: DSX4
Date: 12/05/2023

Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) has declared a warrants distribution to DSX Common Shareholders, as described below:

Warrants*: Each warrant will provide the right to purchase one (1) Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) Common Share at a price to be determined, plus a Bonus Share Fraction as described in the DSX Press Release dated November 20, 2023 (“Press Release”)

Price*: To be determined.

Distribution Ratio: 0.20 Warrant for every Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) Common Share held

Record Date: December 6, 2023

Expiration: To be determined

Agent: Unknown

Guaranty Period: Unknown

***Note:** A Bonus Share Fraction entitles a shareholder to receive an additional 0.5 of DSX share for each Warrant exercised without payment of any additional exercise price. The right to receive the Bonus Share Fraction will expire at 5:00 p.m. New York City time (the "Bonus Share Expiration Date"), at a date to be determined as described in the Press Release. Any Warrant exercised with an exercise date after the Bonus Share Expiration Date will not be entitled to any Bonus Share Fraction.

Diana Shipping Inc. Warrants are expected to start trading on the New York Stock Exchange on a date to be determined. The warrants’ trading symbol is also to be determined.

Contract Adjustment

Effective Date: December 5, 2023

Option Symbol:	DSX becomes DSX4
Strike Divisor:	1
Contract Multiplier:	1
New Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	1) 100 Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX) Common Shares 2) 20 Diana Shipping Inc. Warrants (Subject to delayed settlement until regular way trading commences)
Settlement Allocation:	DSX: TBD DSX Warrants: TBD
CUSIPs:	DSX: Y2066G104 DSX Warrants: TBD

THE ALLOCATION OF THE AGGREGATE STRIKE PRICE AMOUNT IS BEING PROVIDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERFACE BETWEEN OCC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITIES CLEARING CORPORATION (NSCC), AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, TRANSACTION OR CUSTOMER ACCOUNT STATEMENTS.

Delayed Settlement

The DSX component of the DSX4 exercise/assignment activity will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC). OCC will delay settlement of the DSX Warrants component of DSX4 exercise/assignment activity until the trading status is determined. Upon determination of the warrant trading status, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate number of warrants.

NOTE: It is not yet known if the Warrants will cease trading on NYSE prior to their expiration. The Warrants are expected to expire on a date to be determined. The Warrant component of adjusted option DSX4 will remain part of the DSX4 deliverable until the Warrants have expired. Once the expiration of the Warrants has been confirmed, the Warrants will be removed from the DSX4 deliverable.

Pricing

The underlying price of DSX4 will be determined as follows:

$$\text{DSX4} = \text{DSX} + 0.20 (\text{DSX Warrants})$$

Further Contract Adjustment

When the Warrants expire, adjusted DSX4 options will be further adjusted to no longer call for the delivery of the Warrants. No adjustment will be made to the adjusted contracts to compensate for any in-the-money value the DSX Warrants may have at the time of their expiration.

Exercise Considerations

The Warrants are to be suspended from trading and expire on a date to be determined. Call option holders who wish to exercise their adjusted options to obtain the Warrants for subsequent exercise, sale

or other purposes bear sole responsibility for determining when to exercise their options as well as complying with all terms and conditions of the Warrants Distribution applicable to Warrants exercise or delivery.

Delivery Settlement and Protect Provisions

Option contracts which are exercised, and physically-settled security Futures contracts which mature, will require the settlement of all component securities included in the contract deliverable at the time of the option contract exercise, including rights, warrants, or similar instruments. Additional entitlements (such as due bills, eligibility to participate in tender offers, elections, etc.) may also automatically attach to securities deliverable upon option exercise. Conversely, exercised calls and or matured Futures contracts may be unable to realize the benefit of securities or entitlements **not** associated to the contract deliverable at the time of the option exercise or Option contract maturity.

Except in unusual cases, securities deliverable as a result of equity option exercises and or Option contract maturity are settled through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC).

Rights and obligations of Members with respect to securities settling at NSCC as a result of an option exercise/assignment are governed by the rules of NSCC. NSCC has its own rules which enable purchasers of securities to protect themselves for value which may be lost if timely delivery is not made to them of securities subject to specific deadlines, such as the expiration of a tender offer, rights offering, election, or similar event. These rules are generally called protect or liability notice procedures, and are intended to protect purchasers by binding the delivering parties to liability if such value is lost because timely delivery is not effected. Purchasers of securities must observe the rules and procedures of NSCC to avail themselves of such protect provisions of NSCC. Questions regarding these provisions should be addressed to NSCC.

Special Risks

Call Holders/ Put Writers

As a result of the adjustment described above, the Warrants will be part of the adjusted DSX4 options deliverable, but only until the Warrants expire, after which time they will be dropped from the deliverable of the option contract. When the Warrants expire and are dropped from the deliverable of the option contract, any value the Warrants may have had will no longer be associated with the option contract. *As a result, holders of in-the-money calls may be disadvantaged unless they exercise in sufficient time to obtain the Warrants. After the Warrants expire and are dropped from the deliverable of the option contract, holders of short put positions who are assigned will be required to purchase DSX stock whose value may have been substantially diminished by the Warrants distribution.*

Uncovered Short Obligations

Holders of assigned calls or exercised puts, and holders of short positions in physically-settled security Futures at maturity who do not possess the underlying security at the time of assignment or exercise are subject to special risk. Suspension of trading of the underlying security, inability to borrow the security, or similar events may preclude the possibility of effecting timely delivery, thereby exposing persons with an obligation to deliver to liability if timely delivery is not effected (See Delivery Settlement and Protect Provisions above).

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