



## **TORM pursues long-term comprehensive financing solution. The announced rights issue and the EGM has been postponed**

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The renewed global economic uncertainty in especially the second half of 2011 has accentuated the pressure on TORM's earnings. TORM has consequently decided to review its capital structure with the intent of establishing a more long-term financing structure.

TORM is in close discussions with its banks regarding an amended and extended repayment schedule of its debt. In addition, the Company has initiated dialogue with other main stakeholders. It is anticipated that a rights issue of up to USD 300 million will be a part of the comprehensive financing plan. The previously announced equity rights issue and the extraordinary general meeting will be postponed. Consequently the extraordinary general meeting on 22 November 2011 has been cancelled.

As a part of the plan, TORM will continue its ongoing efficiency programme and will be targeting new cost and cash improving initiatives with a cumulative impact of minimum USD 100 million over the next three years.

*"It is now evident that the current low cyclical freight rate levels may continue longer than anyone had expected. This calls for extraordinary actions and TORM is exploring all possible levers. The announced USD 100 million rights issue no longer represents an appropriate answer. I am confident that TORM and its stakeholders will find a solution that is sustainable and will be supported by all the Company's shareholders,"* says N.E. Nielsen, Chairman of the Board.

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### **About TORM**

TORM is one of the world's leading carriers of refined oil products as well as a significant player in the dry bulk market. The Company runs a fleet of approximately 165 modern vessels in cooperation with other respected shipping companies sharing TORM's commitment to safety, environmental responsibility and customer service.

TORM was founded in 1889. The Company conducts business worldwide and is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark. TORM's shares are listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen (ticker: TORM) and on NASDAQ in New York (ticker: TRMD). For further information, please visit [www.torm.com](http://www.torm.com).

### **Safe Harbor statements as to the future**

Matters discussed in this release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and may include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and statements other than statements of historical facts. The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although TORM believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, TORM cannot guarantee that it will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of the world economy and currencies, changes in charter hire rates and vessel values, changes in demand for "tonne miles" of oil carried by oil tankers, the effect of changes in OPEC's petroleum production levels and worldwide oil consumption and storage, changes in demand that may affect attitudes of time charterers to scheduled and unscheduled dry-docking, changes in TORM's operating expenses, including bunker prices, dry-docking and insurance costs, changes in the regulation of shipping operations, including requirements for double hull tankers or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents and political events or acts by terrorists.

Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by TORM with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, including the TORM Annual Report on Form 20-F and its reports on Form 6-K.

Forward-looking statements are based on management's current evaluation, and TORM is only under an obligation to update : the extent required by law.