

GENCO SHIPPING & TRADING LTD

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2015

GENCO SHIPPING & TRADING LIMITED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Republic of the Marshall Islands

001-33393

98-043-9758

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

299 Park Avenue

12th Floor

10171

New York, NY

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On July 14, 2015, Baltic Trading Limited (“Baltic Trading”) and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries entered into agreements (the “Amendment and Consent Agreements”) to amend, provide consents under, or waive certain provisions of, the agreements for the Senior Secured Loan Agreements, each dated as of October 8, 2014 (the “2014 Term Loan Facilities”), among each of Baltic Hornet Limited and Baltic Wasp Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Baltic Trading, as borrowers, the lenders from time to time party thereto, ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, as administrative and security agent and the other parties thereto; the Senior Secured Loan Agreement, dated as of August 30, 2013 (the “\$22 Million Term Loan Facility”), among Baltic Hare Limited and Baltic Fox Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Baltic Trading, as borrowers, DVB Bank SE, Germany, as administrative and security agent and the other parties thereto; and the Senior Secured Credit Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014 (the “\$148 Million Credit Facility and, together with the 2014 Term Loan Facilities and the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility, each a “Facility” and collectively the “Facilities”), among Baltic Trading, as borrower, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Nordea Bank Finland PLC, New York Branch, as administrative and security agent, and the other parties thereto. The Amendment and Consent agreements implement, among other things, the following:

The existing covenants measuring collateral maintenance under each of the 2014 Term Loan Facilities are amended as follows: the minimum fair market value of vessels pledged as security (together with the value of any additional collateral) is required to be (i) for the period from June 30, 2015 up to and including December 30, 2015, 125% of the amount outstanding under such Facilities; (ii) for the period from December 31, 2015 up to and including March 30, 2016, 130% of such amount; and (iii) for the period from March 31, 2016 and thereafter, 135% of such amount.

The existing covenant measuring collateral maintenance under the \$22 Million Term Loan Facility is amended so that through and including the period ending June 30, 2016, the minimum fair market value of vessels mortgaged under such Facility is required to be 110% of the amount outstanding under such Facility.

Under the \$148 Million Credit Facility, the existing covenant measuring collateral maintenance is amended so that through and including the period ending December 31, 2015, the minimum fair market value of vessels mortgaged under such Facility is required to be 130% of the amount outstanding under such Facility and thereafter, 140% of such amount, except that for the period through and including the period ending December 31, 2015, such percentage shall be increased to 140% at the time of funding of the initial term loan thereunder.

The calculation of the minimum consolidated net worth is reduced by \$30.73 million to \$270.15 million under each Facility to account for the reduction of equity due to the impairment associated with the sale of the Baltic Tiger and Baltic Lion vessels.

The measurement of the maximum leverage ratio under each Facility has been amended to exclude from the numerator thereof (which is the amount of indebtedness included in the calculation of such financial covenant) any committed but undrawn working capital lines.

Under the \$148 Million Credit Facility, following consummation of the proposed merger of Baltic Trading and Poseidon Merger Sub Limited, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Genco Shipping & Trading Limited (“Genco”; such merger being the “Merger”), the amount of cash to be held by the administrative agent under such Facility (or otherwise remaining undrawn under certain working capital lines) for each collateral vessel mortgaged under such Facility, as required under the under the minimum liquidity covenant under such Facility, is amended to an amount of \$750,000 per vessel.

In the event the Merger is completed, all corporate wide financial covenants of Baltic Trading would thereafter be measured on a consolidated basis with Genco (the “Consolidated Covenant Amendments”).

Waivers or consents under the Facilities to permit the delisting of Baltic Trading’s stock on the New York Stock Exchange (which constitutes a change of control under each such Facility) and the termination of the Management Agreement, dated as of March 15, 2010, by and between Genco and Baltic Trading.

Waivers or consents under each of the Facilities to permit the Merger.

Waivers or consents to certain covenants under each of the Facilities to the extent such covenants would otherwise be breached as a result of the Merger.

Effectiveness of the Amendment and Consent Agreements is subject to certain customary conditions precedent, including delivery of certified copies of certain documents. Also, it is a condition subsequent to the Amendment and Consent Agreements pertaining to the 2014 Term Loan Facilities that the insurance policies issued by China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (“Sinosure”) be endorsed in respect of such Amendment and Consent Agreements on or before July 17, 2015.

In addition, under each of the Amendment and Consent Agreements, Genco will be required to execute a guaranty of the obligations of the borrowers under each Facility (each, a “Genco Guaranty”), it being a condition to the effectiveness of, among other things, the Merger Consent and Consolidated Covenant Amendments in the 2014 Term Loan Facilities and \$22 Million Term Loan Facility that such applicable Genco Guaranty be provided, and a covenant under the Nordea Facility to provide such Genco Guaranty upon consummation of the Merger. Under the \$148 Million Credit Facility, upon consummation of the Merger, certain of the covenants and events of default under such Facility will apply to Genco and certain of its subsidiaries.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of Registrant

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events

As previously disclosed, Genco provides technical services for drybulk vessels purchased by Maritime Equity Partners LLC ("MEP") under an agency agreement between Genco and MEP. These services include oversight of crew management, insurance, drydocking, ship operations and financial statement preparation, but do not include chartering services. Genco's Chairman, Peter C. Georgiopoulos, has an interest in MEP.

As of July 14 2015, MEP's payments of management fees due to Genco under the agency agreement are in arrears in an amount of approximately \$1.6 million. Genco has demanded payment of these fees from MEP and is assessing its rights. The matter has been referred to an independent committee of the Genco board of directors, which is overseeing Genco's handling of this matter.

"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This report contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and observations. Included among the important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward looking statements contained in this press release are the following: the fulfillment of closing conditions for the Merger; fulfillment of any remaining conditions to Genco's listing of its common stock on the NYSE; fulfilment of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Amendment and Consent Agreements; whether Sinasure provides the insurance policy endorsement described above; and other factors listed from time to time in Genco's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including, without limitation, its registration statement on Form S-4 and the related joint proxy statement/prospectus, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (as amended) and its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K. Genco disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

Important Information for Investors and Shareholders

In connection with the proposed transaction between Genco and Baltic Trading, Genco and Baltic Trading intend to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a Genco registration statement on Form S-4 originally filed on May 4, 2015 that includes a joint proxy statement of Genco and Baltic Trading that also constitutes a prospectus of Genco. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus was first mailed to shareholders of Genco and Baltic Trading on or about June 17, 2015. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF GENCO AND BALTIC

TRADING ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GENCO, BALTIC TRADING AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement, the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other documents filed with the SEC by Genco and Baltic Trading through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Genco (when available) will be available free of charge on Genco's internet website at www.gencoshipping.com. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Baltic Trading (when available) will be available free of charge on Baltic Trading's internet website at www.baltictrading.com.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: July 14, 2015

GENCO SHIPPING &
TRADING LIMITED

By: /s/ John C. Wobensmith
John C. Wobensmith
President
