

New financing agreement with core lenders and Lauritzen Fonden

In the Annual Report for 2016, J. Lauritzen disclosed that it had obtained support to main terms for a new financing package from our core lenders and our owner, Lauritzen Fonden. Reference is also being made to our Announcement no. 4/2017 to Oslo Børs regarding cancellation of the tender offer and consent solicitation process with holders of the JLA02 corporate bond issued by J. Lauritzen. Consent from bondholders was an element in the aforementioned financing package and a condition for its completion.

After consultation with Lauritzen Fonden and our core lenders in order to identify an alternative solution regarding the corporate bond, we are pleased to announce that a new agreement has been reached.

The terms for the new agreement include additional capital injection from Lauritzen Fonden of USDm 50, bringing the committed capital injection to a total of USDm 80. The increased capital injection shall be applied to ensure the repayment of the outstanding JLA02 bond and the related hedging debt when these fall due in October 2017.

The agreement between Lauritzen Fonden, core lenders and J. Lauritzen is subject to satisfactory final documentation.

J. Lauritzen is also seeking support to the amended main terms from the financing parties in our JPY-denominated NEXI-backed loan facility.

“This new financing agreement will significantly strengthen our balance sheet and reduce our financing cost. We highly appreciate the confidence that Lauritzen Fonden and our core lenders have shown us in providing a solid financial solution”, says Mads P. Zachø, CEO of J. Lauritzen.

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