

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): **March 7, 2016 (March 6, 2016)**

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of the Marshall Islands
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33831
(Commission File Number)

98-0453513
(IRS employer identification no.)

477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 785-2500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report): None

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously reported in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 19, 2016 (the “January Form 8-K”), Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Forbearance and Standstill Agreement (the “Forbearance Agreement”) by and among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company party to the Loan Agreement (as defined below) as guarantors (the “Guarantors”) and each lender under the Loan Agreement executing the Forbearance Agreement, which constitute the Majority Lenders (as defined in the Loan Agreement) (the “Specified Lenders”). The Company, the Guarantors, the Specified Lenders and the other banks and financial institutions party to the loan agreement as lenders (the “Lenders”), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, as agent for the Lenders and security trustee (the “Agent and Security Trustee”), are party to that certain Loan Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2014, and as amended by an Amending Agreement dated as of August 14, 2015 (as so amended and as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Loan Agreement”).

On March 6, 2016, the Company, the Guarantors, the Specified Lenders and the Agent and Security Trustee entered into Amendment No. 5 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement (“Amendment No. 5”).

Pursuant to Amendment No. 5, the parties agreed to extend the Forbearance Period (as defined in the Forbearance Agreement and as described in the January Form 8-K, as extended by Amendment No. 1 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of February 1, 2016, and described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2016, as further extended by Limited Waiver to the Loan Agreement and Amendment No. 2 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2016, and described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2016, as further extended by Amendment No. 3 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2016, and described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 22, 2016) and as further extended by Second Limited Waiver to the Loan Agreement and Amendment No. 4 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of February 29, 2016, and described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2016), which was previously set to expire at 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on March 4, 2016, so that it will expire at 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on March 8, 2016, or on the earlier date of any of the following, as set forth in the Forbearance Agreement: (1) the occurrence of any event of default under the Loan Agreement other than a Specified Default (as defined in the Forbearance Agreement and as described in the January Form 8-K); (2) the failure by the Company and the Guarantors to comply with the covenants set forth in the Forbearance Agreement, which failure continues for more than two business days after written notice from the Specified Lenders or the Agent; or (3) the failure of the representations and warranties made by the Company and the Guarantors set forth in the Forbearance Agreement to be true and correct in any material respect as of the date made.

The Company, the Guarantors and the Specified Lenders entered into the Forbearance Agreement and each of the amendments described above to provide the Company with time to evaluate potential financing alternatives to enhance its liquidity, with the objective of reaching agreement by the end of the Forbearance Period. The further extension of the Forbearance Period under Amendment No. 5 is intended to provide the Company with additional time while discussions with certain of its shareholders and Lenders with respect to such financing alternatives are continuing; however, there can be no assurance that the Company will reach any agreement with any of its shareholders or Lenders to structure any potential financing by the end of the extended Forbearance Period, if at all, or that the Forbearance Agreement or Forbearance Period will be further extended.

The foregoing description of Amendment No. 5 does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified, in its entirety by, the full text of Amendment No. 5, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Number	Exhibit
10.1	Amendment No. 5 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of March 6, 2016.

SIGNATURES

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.

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.
(registrant)

Dated: March 7, 2016

By: /s/ Adir Katzav
Name: Adir Katzav
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT TO FRE 408
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO
FORBEARANCE AND STANDSTILL AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE FORBEARANCE AND STANDSTILL AGREEMENT (as defined below), dated as of March 6, 2016 (this “Fifth Amendment”), is by and among Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (the “Borrower”), the companies party to the Forbearance Agreement as guarantors, each a limited liability company formed and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (collectively, the “Guarantors” and, together with the Borrower, the “Obligors”, and any one of them, individually, an “Obligor”) and the banks and financial institutions party to the Forbearance Agreement as “Specified Lenders” (such parties, constituting all of the “Specified Lenders” under and as defined in the Forbearance Agreement, collectively, the “Specified Lenders”, and any one of them, individually, a “Specified Lender”) (the Specified Lenders together with the Obligors, collectively, the “Parties”, and any one of them, individually, a “Party”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Specified Lenders, the other banks and financial institutions party to the Loan Agreement as “Lenders” (collectively, the “Lenders”), ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, as agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, the “Agent”), and ABN AMRO Capital USA LLC, as security trustee for the Lenders (the “Security Trustee”, and together with the Agent and the Lenders, collectively, the “Lender Parties”, and any one of them, individually, a “Lender Party”) are parties to that certain Loan Agreement dated as of October 9, 2014 and as amended by an Amending Agreement dated as of August 14, 2015 (as so amended and as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Loan Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Guarantors and the Specified Lenders are party to that certain Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of January 15, 2016 (as heretofore amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect prior to the date hereof, including by (i) that certain Amendment No. 1 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated February 1, 2016, (ii) that certain Limited Waiver to the Loan Agreement and Amendment No. 2 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement (the “First Waiver and Amendment”), dated February 9, 2016, (iii) that certain Amendment No. 3 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2016 and (iv) that certain Second Limited Waiver to the Loan Agreement and Amendment No. 4 to Forbearance and Standstill Agreement (the “Second Waiver and Amendment”), dated as of February 29, 2016, the “Existing Forbearance Agreement” and as modified and amended hereby and as may be further amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Forbearance Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Obligors have requested that the Specified Lenders make certain amendments to the Existing Forbearance Agreement on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Specified Lenders have agreed to make such amendments solely upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Existing Forbearance Agreement or the Loan Agreement and used herein shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Existing Forbearance Agreement or the Loan Agreement, as applicable.

2. Amendment to Recital Paragraph of the Existing Forbearance Agreement. The date of "March 4, 2016" set forth in the sixth recital paragraph of the Existing Forbearance Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and "March 8, 2016" is inserted in lieu thereof.

3. Representations and Warranties. Each Obligor hereby represents and warrants to the Lender Parties as of the date hereof as follows:

(a) Such Obligor (i) is duly incorporated or formed and validly existing and in good standing under the law of its jurisdiction of incorporation or formation and (ii) is duly qualified and in good standing as a foreign company in each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases property or in which the conduct of its business requires it to so qualify or be licensed except where, in each case, the failure to so qualify or be licensed and be in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or which may affect the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of this Fifth Amendment or the Forbearance Agreement.

(b) Such Obligor has the capacity and has taken all action, if applicable, and no consent of any person is required, for it to execute this Fifth Amendment and to comply with its obligations hereunder. This Fifth Amendment has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Obligor.

(c) This Fifth Amendment constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of each Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, subject to any relevant insolvency laws affecting creditors' rights generally.

(d) The execution of this Fifth Amendment by each Obligor and compliance by each Obligor herewith will not result in a contravention of (i) any law or regulation, (ii) the constitutional documents of any Obligor or (iii) any contractual or other obligation or restriction which is binding on any Obligor or any of its assets.

(e) Other than the Specified Defaults, no Potential Event of Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of the date hereof.

4. Reaffirmation and Grant of Security Interests; Reaffirmation of Guarantee.

(a) Each Obligor has created Security Interests in favor of the Security Trustee, on behalf of the Lenders and the Swap Banks, on the Collateral as provided in the Finance Documents. Each Obligor hereby acknowledges that it has reviewed the terms and provisions of this Fifth Amendment and confirms that each Finance Document to which it is a party (or is otherwise bound by) and all Collateral encumbered thereby will continue to guarantee or secure to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the Finance Documents and applicable law, the payment and performance of the Secured Liabilities.

(b) Each Obligor acknowledges and agrees that, except as expressly set forth in this Fifth Amendment and the Forbearance Agreement, any of the Finance Documents to which it is a party or is otherwise bound by shall continue in full force and effect and that all of its obligations thereunder shall be legal, valid and binding obligations of each Obligor, enforceable against such Obligor in accordance with their terms, subject to any relevant insolvency laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and shall not be impaired or limited by the execution or effectiveness of this Fifth Amendment or the Forbearance Agreement.

(c) By executing this Fifth Amendment, each Guarantor hereby acknowledges, consents and agrees that all of its obligations and liabilities under the provisions of each Finance Document to which it is a party remain in full force and effect, and that the execution and delivery of this Fifth Amendment and the Forbearance Agreement and any and all documents executed in connection herewith or therewith shall not alter, amend, reduce or modify any of its obligations or liabilities under Clause 16 of the Loan Agreement or any other provision of any Finance Documents to which it is a party.

5. No Waivers. Other than the First Waiver and Amendment, the Second Waiver and Amendment, this Fifth Amendment and the Forbearance Agreement, no settlement, agreement or understanding (A) entered into with respect to the Finance Documents or (B) purporting to amend, modify or qualify the Finance Documents or to waive any rights or obligations set forth therein shall constitute a legally binding agreement or contract, or have any force or effect whatsoever, unless and until signed, or specifically agreed, pursuant to the terms and conditions of Clause 28.1 of the Loan Agreement.

6. Effectiveness; Conditions Precedent. This Fifth Amendment shall become effective on the date on which each of the Borrower, each of the Guarantors and each of the Specified Lenders shall have executed and delivered a copy hereof.

7. Release. Each Obligor, each Obligor's respective successors-in-title, legal representatives, and assignees and, to the extent the same is claimed by right of, through, or under any Obligor, their past, present, and future employees, agents, representatives, officers, directors, shareholders, and trustees, do hereby forever remise, release, and discharge each Lender Party, and each Lender Party's respective successors-in-title, affiliates, subsidiaries, legal representatives, and assignees, past, present, and future officers, directors, shareholders, trustees, agents, employees, consultants, experts, advisors, attorneys, and other professionals (collectively, the "Lender Group"), from any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, defenses, counterclaims, setoffs, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, damages, judgments, expenses, executions, liens, claims of liens, claims of costs, penalties, attorneys' fees, or any other compensation, recovery, or relief (including subordination of claims) (collectively, "Claims") on account of any loss, liability, obligation, demand, or cause of action of whatever nature relating to, arising out of, or in connection with the Loan Agreement or any other Finance Document, including, but not limited to, acts, omissions to act, actions, negotiations, discussions, and events resulting in the finalization and execution of this Fifth Amendment or the Forbearance Agreement, as, among, and between the Obligors and the Lender Parties, such Claims whether now accrued and whether now known or hereafter discovered, from the beginning of time through the date hereof, and specifically including, without any limitation, any claims of liability asserted or that could have been asserted with respect to, arising out of, or in any manner whatsoever connected directly or indirectly with any "lender liability-type" claim.

8. No Challenge. The Obligors agree that their obligations under the Finance Documents, this Fifth Amendment and the Forbearance Agreement are legal, valid and binding obligations of each Obligor, enforceable against such Obligor in accordance with their terms, subject to any relevant insolvency laws affecting creditors' rights generally.

9. Miscellaneous.

(a) The provisions of this Fifth Amendment shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties and their respective successors and assigns (as and to the extent assignment is permitted in accordance with the Forbearance Agreement and the Loan Agreement), and shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. This Fifth Amendment is a Finance Document. The terms of this Fifth Amendment may not be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party sought to be bound. This Fifth Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original. Each Party executing this Fifth Amendment represents and warrants that it has the authority to do so and that the person signing on behalf of each Party has been authorized to do so.

(b) Each of the Borrower and each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State court or Federal court of the United States of America sitting in New York County, and any appellate court thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Fifth Amendment, and each of the Borrower and each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State Court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court.

(c) This Fifth Amendment shall not constitute a binding agreement unless and until it has been executed and delivered by each of the Obligors and the Specified Lenders.

(d) Unless expressly stated herein, this Fifth Amendment shall be solely for the benefit of the Parties and no other person or entity shall be a third party beneficiary hereof, except for the Agent and the Security Trustee, who shall each be an express third party beneficiary hereof.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Fifth Amendment to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC., a corporation incorporated
and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall
Islands, as Borrower

By: /s/ Adir Katzav
Name: Adir Katzav
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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AVOCET SHIPPING LLC
BITTERN SHIPPING LLC
CANARY SHIPPING LLC
CARDINAL SHIPPING LLC
CONDOR SHIPPING LLC
CRANE SHIPPING LLC
CRESTED EAGLE SHIPPING LLC
CROWNED EAGLE SHIPPING LLC
EGRET SHIPPING LLC
FALCON SHIPPING LLC
GANNET SHIPPING LLC
GOLDEN EAGLE SHIPPING LLC
GOLDENEYE SHIPPING LLC
GREBE SHIPPING LLC
HARRIER SHIPPING LLC
HAWK SHIPPING LLC
IBIS SHIPPING LLC
IMPERIAL EAGLE SHIPPING LLC
JAEGER SHIPPING LLC
JAY SHIPPING LLC
KESTREL SHIPPING LLC
KITE SHIPPING LLC
KITTIWAKE SHIPPING LLC
KINGFISHER SHIPPING LLC
MARTIN SHIPPING LLC
MERLIN SHIPPING LLC
NIGHTHAWK SHIPPING LLC
ORIOLE SHIPPING LLC
OSPREY SHIPPING LLC
OWL SHIPPING LLC
PEREGRINE SHIPPING LLC
PETREL SHIPPING LLC
PUFFIN SHIPPING LLC
REDWING SHIPPING LLC
ROADRUNNER SHIPPING LLC
SANDPIPER SHIPPING LLC
SHRIKE SHIPPING LLC
SKUA SHIPPING LLC
SPARROW SHIPPING LLC
STELLAR EAGLE SHIPPING LLC
TERN SHIPPING LLC
THRASHER SHIPPING LLC
THRUSH SHIPPING LLC
WOODSTAR SHIPPING LLC
WREN SHIPPING LLC, as Guarantors

By: /s/ Adir Katzav

Name: Adir Katzav

Title: Attorney-in-fact

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ABN AMRO CAPITAL USA LLC, as Agent and
Security Trustee

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Urvashi Zutshi
Managing Director

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Passchier Veefkind
Director - Energy Offshore

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ABN AMRO CAPITAL USA LLC, as a Specified
Lender

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Urvashi Zutshi
Managing Director

By: _____

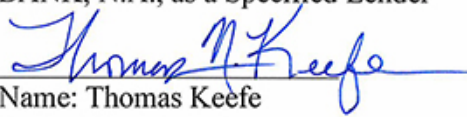
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Director - Energy Office

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CIT BANK, N.A., as a Specified Lender

By: 
Name: Thomas Keefe
Title: Director

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CREDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND
INVESTMENT BANK, as a Specified Lender

By: 

Name: Jerome Duval

Title: Managing Director

By: 

Name: Yannick Le Gourieres

Title: Director

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DEUTSCHE BANK AG FILIALE
DEUTSCHLANDGESCHÄFT, as a Specified
Lender

By:

Name: ASTIAN
Title: DIRECTOR

(Seefeld)

SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB
(PUBL), as a Specified Lender

By: 
Name: _____
Title: **David Sonnek**


Helene Hellners

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