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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vogel Gary</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.</u> <u>300 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE, 5TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>STAMFORD</u> <u>CT</u> <u>06902</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. [EGLE]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/14/2017</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u></div> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>\$5.56</u>	<u>03/14/2017</u>		<u>A</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		<u>237,500</u>	<u>(1)(2)</u> <u>03/01/2022</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>237,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>237,500</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On March 1, 2017, Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "Issuer") granted to Gary Vogel, a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors and the Issuer's Chief Executive Officer, options to purchase 237,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$5.56 per share (the "Options"), which price was equal to the average closing price per share of the Issuer's common stock, as quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the 10 trading days immediately preceding March 15, 2017. The Options have a five-year term and vest in four substantially equal installments on each of the following dates: (i) March 1, 2018, (ii) March 1, 2019, (iii) March 1, 2020 and (iv) March 1, 2021, subject to Mr. Vogel's continued employment with the Issuer or its affiliate on the applicable vesting date. In the event that Mr. Vogel's employment is terminated by the Issuer without cause or by him for good reason, his Options will vest as if he remained employed with the Issuer for an additional year beyond

2. the date of such termination, as detailed in the Option Award Agreement, dated March 1, 2017, by and between the Issuer and Mr. Vogel (the "Option Award Agreement"). The Options issued to Mr. Vogel described above were granted pursuant to the Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 2016 Equity Incentive Plan and the Option Award Agreement.

/s/ Gary Vogel
** Signature of Reporting Person

03/16/2017
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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