

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): **June 21, 2016 (June 20, 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.)

300 First Stamford Place
5th Floor
Stamford, CT 06902
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(202) 276-8100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events

On June 20, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing its establishment of a new office in Hamburg, Germany, scheduled to commence operations in August 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act Securities Act, Section 21E of the Exchange Act and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided for under these sections. These statements may include words such as “believe,” “estimate,” “project,” “intend,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events. Forward-looking statements reflect management’s current expectations and observations with respect to future events and financial performance. Where we express an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. However, our forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected, or implied by those forward-looking statements.

The principal factors that affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows include, charter market rates, which have declined significantly from historic highs, periods of charter hire, vessel operating expenses and voyage costs, which are incurred primarily in U.S. dollars, depreciation expenses, which are a function of the cost of our vessels, significant vessel improvement costs and our vessels’ estimated useful lives, and financing costs related to our indebtedness. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward- looking statements as a result of certain factors which could include the following: (i) changes in demand in the dry bulk market, including, without limitation, changes in production of, or demand for, commodities and bulk cargoes, generally or in particular regions; (ii) greater than anticipated levels of dry bulk vessel new building orders or lower than anticipated rates of dry bulk vessel scrapping; (iii) changes in rules and regulations applicable to the dry bulk industry, including, without limitation, legislation adopted by international bodies or organizations such as the International Maritime Organization and the European Union or by individual countries; (iv) actions taken by regulatory authorities; (v) changes in trading patterns significantly impacting overall dry bulk tonnage requirements; (vi) changes in the typical seasonal variations in dry bulk charter rates; (vii) changes in the cost of other modes of bulk commodity transportation; (viii) changes in general domestic and international political conditions; (ix) changes in the condition of the Company’s vessels or applicable maintenance or regulatory standards (which may affect, among other things, our anticipated drydocking costs); (x) the outcome of legal proceedings in which we are involved; and (xii) and other factors listed from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

We disclaim any intent or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws. If we update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be made that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated June 20, 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 hereto duly authorized.

EAGLE BULK SHIPPING, INC.
(registrant)

Dated June 21, 2016

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

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99.1	Press Release dated June 20, 2016

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. Expands Global Presence with New Office in Hamburg, Germany

STAMFORD, CT, June 20th, 2016-- Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (Nasdaq: EGLE) today announced that it will be expanding its global commercial presence with the establishment of a new office in Hamburg, Germany. Eagle Bulk Europe GmbH, which is scheduled to commence operations in August of 2016, reflects Eagle's commitment to strengthen its commercial network while accelerating the build-out of the Company's commercial platform.

The Hamburg office will be led by Jan-Philipp ("Japhi") Rauno, who served most recently as a partner with Mosvold Bulk Shipping. Mr. Rauno brings over 25 years of chartering experience and strong relationships across Europe in the dry bulk shipping sector that will prove beneficial to Eagle Bulk moving forward.

Gary Vogel, Eagle Bulk's CEO, commented, "We continue to invest in Eagle Bulk's commercial operating platform to help deliver above market results and become the world's premier Supramax owner/operator. The establishment of our Hamburg office is an important milestone in this process as it ensures proximity to significant European chartering relationships while complementing our existing footprint in Connecticut and Singapore. Eagle Bulk's presence in the U.S., Asia and Europe will serve as a key strategic and competitive advantage moving forward. We are confident, as well, that Japhi is the right person to lead our European commercial operations, and we look forward to his immediate contributions."

About Eagle Bulk Shipping

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., is a Marshall Islands corporation headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. We own one of the largest fleets of Supramax dry bulk vessels in the world. Supramax dry bulk are vessels which are constructed with on-board cranes, ranging in size from approximately 50,000 to 65,000 dwt and are considered a sub-category of the Handymax segment, typically defined as 40,000-65,000 dwt. We transport a broad range of major and minor bulk cargoes, including but not limited to coal, grain, ore, pet coke, cement and fertilizer, along worldwide shipping routes.

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