



STAR BULK ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH HERMES WORLD MARITIME S.A.

ATHENS, GREECE, October 9, 2026 – Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (the "Company" or "Star Bulk") (Nasdaq & Euronext Athens: SBLK), today announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with Hermes World Maritime S.A. ("Hermes"), involving two 2026 Kamsarmax vessels namely the Star Ellie and the Star Bella. Under the agreement, Hermes will acquire a 35% ownership interest in the two vessels. Star Bulk will continue to perform the vessels' commercial and technical management. The partnership reflects Star Bulk's ongoing strategy to strengthen relationships with key industry partners.

About Star Bulk

Star Bulk is a global shipping company providing worldwide seaborne transportation solutions in the dry bulk sector. Star Bulk's vessels transport major bulks, which include iron ore, minerals and grain, and minor bulks, which include bauxite, fertilizers and steel products. Star Bulk was incorporated in the Marshall Islands on December 13, 2006 and maintains executive offices in Athens, New York, Stamford and Singapore. Its common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and Euronext Athens under the symbol "SBLK". As of the date of this release on a fully delivered basis and as adjusted for the delivery of the three firm Kamsarmax vessels currently under construction, we own a fleet of 138 vessels, with an aggregate capacity of 13.8 million dwt consisting of 17 Newcastlemax, 14 Capesize, 7 Post Panamax, 42 Kamsarmax, 47 Ultramax and 11 Supramax vessels with carrying capacities between 55,569 dwt and 209,537 dwt.

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