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On October 1, 2018, BW LPG Limited (“BW LPG”) updated its investor webpage (the “Investor Webpage”) regarding its proposed combination with Dorian LPG Ltd. (“Dorian”), available at http://www.bwlpg.com/Investor-Centre/BWLPG_DorianLPG_ProposedCombination. A screen capture of the Investor Webpage as of October 1, 2018 is included below along with the full text of an article that is hyperlinked to on the Investor Webpage and that has not been previously filed by BW LPG pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 and/or Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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**BW chief defends 'very generous' offer for Dorian
by Cichen Shen**

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BW's increased offer to acquire Dorian LPG is already 'very generous' and it is difficult to justify to its shareholders to further sweeten the deal, says the company chief Andreas Sohmen-Pao

Mr Sohmen-Pao confirms there have been some discussions between BW and Dorian, but the latter has yet to give a formal response to the merger offer

BW GROUP chief executive Andreas Sohmen-Pao has said it will be hard to sweeten the proposal to acquire Dorian LPG.

Speaking to Lloyd's List on the sidelines of the Marine Money Singapore meeting, he said his company had already provided a "very generous offer" given the underlying economics of the deal.

"And it's then difficult to justify to our shareholders going beyond very generous," he said.

The remarks come after Dorian last week said it continued to evaluate BW's proposed merger and revealed that "multiple" meetings had been held between the two parties over the summer.

BW's initial offer, under which Dorian shareholders would have received 2.05 shares of BW LPG for each Dorian share was rejected in June by the Dorian board.

BW later increased the offer to 2.12 BW shares.

"There have been some discussions," Mr Sohmen-Pao confirmed, "But there hasn't been a formal response to our last offer."

In its latest statement, Dorian said it had only just obtained information about BW's net asset values, having first requested it in July. The statement also revealed the company was in the process of scheduling a meeting with the offeror for further discussions.

"The Dorian board and management team continue to explore whether BW can deliver appropriate value to Dorian shareholders as we evaluate the opportunities before us," it said.

Tim Hansen, Dorian's chief commercial officer, told Lloyd's List that the company was comfortable to live on its own, citing a young, fuel-efficient and low leveraged fleet that is set to benefit from the looming sulphur regulations and a

future market recovery.

“We don’t need to do anything, but if there is an [merger] opportunity we’ll consider it,” Mr Hansen said.

Asked whether BW will adjust the stock-for-stock offer structure by adding cash payment, Mr Sohmen-Pao said things were always possible in theoretical terms. “Shareholders, typically at the low point of the cycle, want to enjoy the upside [by having shares] and not necessarily wanting to take hold of cash,” he said. “There are a lot of things to think about, but we’ve decided this [an all-stock] offer is the best structure from our point of view and from the other side’s point of view.”

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