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DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
July 18, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16  
OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2007

Commission File Number: 001-32458

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Pendelis 16, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece  
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

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Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is an amendment to the Loan Agreement between Diana Shipping Inc. (the "Company") and The Royal Bank of Scotland. The Loan Agreement was filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement (File No. 333-123052) on Form F-1 that was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2005.

This report is incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3/A (File No. 333-143635) that was filed with the SEC on June 13, 2007.

Exhibit 1

[LOGO] RBS  
The Royal Bank of Scotland

11 July 2007

Diana Shipping Inc.  
Pendelis 16  
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Athens  
GREECE

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London EC3P 3HX  
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Facsimile: +44 (0)20 7085 7134  
www.rbsmarkets.com

Attn: Mr S Palios & Mr A Margaronis

Dear Sirs

Loan Agreement dated 18 February 2005, as amended by an Amending and Restating Agreement dated 24 May 2006 and a Supplemental Agreement dated 30 January 2007 (the "Loan Agreement") made between Diana Shipping Inc. As Borrower and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as Lender

Words and expressions defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the same meaning in this letter as in that document unless otherwise defined separately in this letter. References to clauses are references to Clauses in the Loan Agreement.

The parties hereby agree that the deletion of Clause 12.3(h) of the Loan Agreement which shall take effect from the date of the date of execution of the attached letter of undertaking (the "Undertaking").

The Undertaking shall constitute a Security Document for the purposes of the Loan Agreement.

Subject to the terms of this letter, the Loan Agreement (as amended) shall continue in full force and effect and this letter shall not be construed as an amendment or waiver of any other part of the Loan Agreement.

The law and jurisdiction provisions of Clause 30 of the Loan Agreement shall apply to this letter.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

/s/ Stephen Moorby  
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STEPHEN MOORBY  
SENIOR DIRECTOR, SHIP FINANCE

We hereby consent to the above amendment,

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/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Diana Shipping Inc. Date:

We hereby consent to the above amendment and confirm that our guarantees to you remain in full force and effect.

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Buenos Aires Compania Armadora S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Cerada International S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Changame Compania Armadora S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Chorrera Compania Armadora S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Cypres Enterprises Corp Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Darien Compania Armadora S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Eaton Maritime S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Husky Trading S.A Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Panama Compania Armadora S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Skyvan Shipping Company S.A. Date:

/s/ Simon Palios 17/7/2007

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For and on behalf Texford Maritime S.A.

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Date:

/s/ Simon Palios  
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17/7/2007  
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For and on behalf of Urbina Bay Trading S.A.

Date:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc  
Shipping Business Centre  
5-10 Great Tower Street  
London EC3P 3E1 X

Date:

Dear Sirs,

Loan Agreement

We understand that, on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in a letter supplemental to a Loan Agreement dated 18 February 2005, as amended by an Amending and Restating Agreement dated 24 May 2006 and a Supplemental Agreement dated 30 January 2007 (the "Loan Agreement") between (1) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the "Bank") as lender and (2) Diana Shipping Inc. as borrower you have agreed to delete Clause 12.3(h) of the Loan Agreement and that it is a condition precedent to your agreement that we, Anastasios Margaronis and Simon Palios, provide you with the undertaking contained in this letter.

We confirm that we have received a copy of the Loan Agreement and acknowledge that words and expressions defined in the Agreement have the same meaning when used in this letter.

Undertaking

In consideration of your agreement to the deletion of Clause 12.3(h) of the Loan Agreement, we, Anastasios Margaronis and Simon Palios, irrevocably and unconditionally undertake that:

we will remain involved as officers of the management company, Diana Shipping Services S.A. until such time as the Bank's prior written consent to remove this requirement is requested and provided.

Law and Jurisdiction

The agreement constituted by this letter shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and the jurisdiction provisions in Clause 30 of the Loan Agreement shall apply to this letter as if set out in full herein with the necessary changes.

Yours faithfully

Anastasios Margaronis  
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Simon Palios  
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ANASTASIOS MARGARONIS

SIMON PALIOS

Date: 17/7/2007

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

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DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(registrant)

Dated: July 18, 2007

By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
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Anastassis Margaronis  
President

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