



**DANISH
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Standard & Poor's affirm Danish Ship Finance's rating – outlook revised to negative

Reference is made to company announcement no. 15 of 28 September 2016 regarding the majority shareholders' agreement to sell their shareholdings in Danish Ship Finance.

As described in the company announcement, Standard & Poor's have assessed whether the ownership transfer plan will impact on the company's rating.

Standard & Poor's affirm Danish Ship Finance's BBB+ issuer credit rating.

As the Issuer Credit Rating is the starting point for the bond rating, Standard & Poor's is expected shortly to affirm their A rating of Danish Ship Finance's listed bonds.

The outlook is revised from stable to negative.

According to Standard & Poor's, the reason for the revised outlook is the potential risk of weaker capitalisation of the consolidated group to below their threshold for assigning the maximum of two notches, which Danish Ship Finance, seen in isolation, has been assigned for the category Capital and Earnings, which is deemed to be Very Strong. Standard and Poor's still expect that Danish Ship Finance will maintain a solvency above the threshold value, but the agency sees a one-in-three probability of the consolidated group's capitalisation dropping to below the threshold value over the next two years.

The full wording of the update from Standard and Poor's is available at Danish Ship Finance website. Use this link to access the update:

<http://shipfinance.dk/da/InvestorRelations/~media/INVESTOR-RELATIONS/Obligationer-Rating/SP-rating-update-UK-Sept-28-2016.ashx>

Yours sincerely

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