

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKERS Ltd
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 April 2013

Commission File Number: 001-13944

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKERS LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

LOM Building, 27 Reid Street, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a press release of Nordic American Tankers Ltd. (the "Company") dated April 1, 2013 announcing that it is commencing a public offering of \$87 million aggregate amount of common shares pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement.

This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 ASR (Registration No. 333-183643) filed on August 30, 2012, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 filed on March 19, 2013.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKERS LIMITED
(registrant)

Dated: April 1, 2013

By: /s/ Herbjørn Hansson
Herbjørn Hansson
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and
President

Nordic American Tankers Limited (NYSE:NAT) Announces Public Offering

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 1, 2013

Nordic American Tankers Limited (the "Company") today announced that it is commencing a public offering of \$87 million aggregate amount of common shares pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement. The Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Herbjørn Hansson is expected to purchase about \$1.5 million worth of common shares in the offering on the same terms as other investors. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is acting as the bookrunning manager for the offering and DNB Markets Inc., Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB and Pareto Securities Inc. are acting as co-managers of the offering. The Company has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional \$13.05 million aggregate amount of common shares.

The net proceeds of the offering are expected to be used to pay for acquisitions under our expansion program, including the Nordic Future, and for general corporate purposes. The Company's current fleet consists of 20 double-hull Suezmax tankers. In addition we have entered into a preliminary agreement to acquire a modern double-hull Suezmax tanker, the Nordic Future, which is expected to be delivered no later than May 2013. The Company is reviewing other possible acquisitions of vessels which could take place in the near future.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful. The offering is being made by means of a prospectus and related prospectus supplement. A prospectus supplement related to the offering will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. When available, copies of the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the offering may be obtained from the offices of Morgan Stanley at 180 Varick Street, Second Floor, New York, New York 10014, Attention: Prospectus Department or by email at prospectus@morganstanley.com.

About the Company

The Company is an international tanker company that owns 20 modern double-hull Suezmax tankers. In addition we have entered into a preliminary agreement to acquire a modern double-hull Suezmax tanker, the Nordic Future, which is expected to be delivered no later than May 2013.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Matters discussed in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

The Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with this safe harbor legislation. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "will," "may," "should," "expect," "pending" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include the strength of world economies and currencies, general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter rates and vessel values, changes in demand in the tanker market, as a result of changes in OPEC's petroleum production levels and world wide oil consumption and storage, changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs, the market for our vessels, availability of financing and refinancing, changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities, potential liability from pending or future litigation, general domestic and international political conditions, potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents or political events, vessel breakdowns and instances of off-hire, failure on the part of a seller to complete a sale of a vessel to us and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the prospectus and related prospectus supplement, our Annual Report on Form 20-F, and our reports on Form 6-K.

The Company has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement relating to this offering and other documents the Company has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Company and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the Company, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1 866 718 1649. You may also request a copy of these documents by sending an e-mail to ir@nat.bm.

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