

TORM A/S
Form SC 13D
November 14, 2012

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

TORM A/S

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, par value 0.01 Danish Kroner per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

891072100**

(CUSIP Number)

**CUSIP number of American Depositary Shares listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market.

The Common Shares are not publicly traded in the United States.

Ong Yaw Hwee

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

21 Collyer Quay, #10-02 HSBC Building

Singapore 049320

Tel: +65 6658 7723

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 5, 2012

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 891072100 (ADSs)

1. Name of Reporting Person

The Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation Limited

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a
Member of a Group

(a) x

(b) "

3. SEC Use Only

Source of Funds

4.

OO

Check if Disclosure of Legal

5. Proceedings Is Required

Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) "

Citizenship or Place of

Organization

The Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation Limited
6. is organized under the laws of
the government of the Hong
Kong special administrative
region, People's Republic of
China.

Sole Voting Power

Number

of 24,682,669

Shares Shared Voting Power

Beneficially

Owned 655,200,000

by Sole Dispositive Power

Each

Reporting 24,682,669

Person Shared Dispositive Power

With

24,682,669

Aggregate Amount

Beneficially Owned by Each

11. Reporting Person

655,200,000

Check if the Aggregate

12. Amount in Row (11) Excludes

Certain Shares "

Percent of Class Represented
by Amount in Row (11)
13.

90.0%

Type of Reporting Person
14.

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CUSIP No. 891072100 (ADSs)

1. Name of Reporting Person

HSBC Holdings plc

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a

Member of a Group

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

Source of Funds

4.

OO

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Citizenship or Place of

Organization

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HSBC Holdings plc is
incorporated in England with
limited liability.

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

The name of the issuer is Torm A/S, a Danish company with company registration number CVR 22460218 and registered address at Tuborg Havnevej 18, DK 2900 Hellerup, Denmark (the “Issuer”). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is Tuborg Havnevej 18, DK-2900 Hellerup, Denmark. This Schedule 13D relates to the Issuer’s common shares, par value 0.01 Danish Kroner (“DKK”) per share (the “Common Shares”). The Common Shares do not trade on a national securities exchange, but are registered under Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by American Depositary Receipts) (“ADSs”), pursuant to the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For the purpose of calculating beneficial ownership of Common Shares as reported herein, ADSs, each representing one Common Share, are considered the same class of equity security as the Common Shares.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

This Schedule 13D is being jointly filed on behalf of each of (i) The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (“HSBC”) and (ii) HSBC Holdings plc (“HSBC Holdings”) and, together with HSBC, the “Reporting Persons”). The agreement among the Reporting Persons to file this Schedule 13D jointly in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) of the Exchange Act is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

HSBC is a corporation organized under the laws of the government of the Hong Kong special administrative region, People’s Republic of China, principally engaged in corporate and private banking. It is the founding member of the HSBC Group and since 1990 is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings. The Singapore branch of HSBC is a Qualifying Full Bank and offers a range of financial services including commercial banking, investment and private banking, insurance, trustee services and securities and capital markets services. The address of the principal place of business of HSBC in Singapore is 21 Collyer Quay #10-02, HSBC Building, Singapore 049320.

HSBC Holdings incorporated in England with limited liability and primarily listed on the London Stock Exchange with additional listing on the New York Stock Exchange, Euronext, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Bermuda Stock Exchange. It is one of the world’s largest multinational banking and financial services companies and the parent holding company of HSBC. The address of the principal place of business of HSBC Holdings is 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom.

On October 2, 2012, HSBC, amongst others, entered into a Restructuring Agreement with the Issuer, Torm Singapore Pte. Ltd., Danske Bank A/S as Co-ordinator and Nordea Bank Danmark A/S as proposed Security Agent and the companies and the other parties named therein (the “Restructuring Agreement”). The summary of the Restructuring

Agreement below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Restructuring Agreement itself, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. All capitalized terms not herein defined are defined therein. The Restructuring Agreement is the result of negotiations between the Issuer, Torm Singapore Pte. Ltd and their financial creditors regarding the terms of the financial restructuring of the Issuer and its subsidiaries and sets out the basis upon which the Issuer's secured lenders have agreed to amend the terms of their existing loan documentation and the manner in which the Issuer's unsecured time charter and bareboat contract counterparts have agreed to amend their existing contracts (the "Restructuring").

Pursuant to the Restructuring, among other things, the terms governing substantially all of the Issuer's outstanding indebtedness (including any indebtedness held or acquired by HSBC) were amended by the entry into a Framework Agreement. In consideration for its participation in the Restructuring, HSBC is entitled to its *pro rata* share of the total Common Shares of the Issuer in exchange for (i) a restructuring fee; and (ii) forgoing certain agreed claims against the Issuer, to which HSBC would otherwise be entitled. HSBC acquired 24,682,669 Common Shares of the Issuer on November 5, 2012 which represent 3.4% of the outstanding Common Shares of the Issuer. Common Shares issued pursuant to the restructuring agreement on a private basis and subject to Danish listing requirements will represent approximately 90.0% of the Issuer's outstanding equity on a post-Restructuring basis.

Under the Restructuring Agreement, within three months (or such longer period as may be agreed) after the date on which all documents, agreements and instruments required to implement and consummate the restructuring and the implementation plan have been signed and have become effective, and upon which Danske Bank A/S (acting as Co-ordinator) receives confirmation and thereafter gives written notice to each of the other parties: all conditions precedent to the restructuring documents have been satisfied or waived (the "Restructuring Effective Date"), the Issuer has undertaken to use its best efforts to ensure that the Common Shares issued in the Restructuring are listed and admitted to trading on the Nasdaq OMX Copenhagen A/S. The new shareholders have not undertaken any lock-up obligations with respect to the Issuer. However, the new shareholders are prohibited from depositing Common Shares in exchange for the ADSs governed by the Deposit Agreement between the Issuer and Bankers Trust Company, dated February 27, 2002, as amended, during the six month period commencing on the date the shares are issued, subject to extensions under limited circumstances.

As part of the Restructuring, the Issuer shall, no later than 30 days after the Restructuring Effective Date (or such longer period as may be agreed), convene an extraordinary general meeting to amend its Articles of Association to (i) include that unless adopted by at least 90% of the votes and share capital represented at the general meeting: (a) all shareholders of the Issuer will have pre-emptive (subscription) rights on a *pro rata* basis based on their shareholding with respect to any new share issuances, regardless of share class or other special rights attached to such new shares, by the Issuer after the Restructuring Effective Date; (b) no debt may be converted into equity of the Issuer; and (c) the foregoing provisions may not be amended without the approval of at least 90% of the votes and share capital represented at the general meeting; (2) pass a resolution to appoint new directors; and (3) amend the Issuer's Articles of Association to include a provision so that the ordinary election term for the Board is two years with the first ordinary re-election to occur at the ordinary general meeting in 2014. HSBC, along with the other parties receiving Common Shares pursuant to the Restructuring Agreement, has agreed as a party to the Restructuring Agreement to vote in favor of the resolutions described above.

It is not the intent of the Reporting Persons to act in concert to control the Issuer following the extraordinary general meeting. The Reporting Persons and each of the parties to the Restructuring Agreement have agreed that from the date on which they become, and to the extent they remain Restructuring Shareholders, until the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of the Issuer in 2014, each will use their respective influence as independent shareholders to achieve an independent board composition for the Board of Directors of the Issuer. The Reporting Persons are not party to any additional ongoing agreements with respect to the voting of Common Shares of the Issuer.

From the time when the Reporting Persons acquired the Common Shares until the time of the adoption of the amendment of the Articles of Association of the Issuer at the extraordinary general meeting to be held no later than 30 days after the Restructuring Effective Date (or such later date as may be agreed) as required by the Restructuring Agreement, the Reporting Persons expressly affirm group status.

The following table lists all the members of the group, which will receive shares pursuant to the Restructuring Agreement and which consists of the parties to the Restructuring Agreement and other undertaking agreements pursuant to which the Restructuring was effected:

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| Aktiebolaget Handel och Industri, Handelsbanken, (Nominated affiliate of Handelsbanken (Branch of Svenska Handelsbanken Ab (publ), Sweden)) | Majuro Ship Finance Co. Mitsubishi Ore Transport (Torm Atlantic) |
| Arctic Char Shipping, Inc. | Mitsubishi Ore Transport (Torm Ocean) |
| Arctic Flounder Shipping, Inc. | Mitsubishi Ore Transport (Torm Pacific) |
| Blue Lines Shipping (Nominated Affiliate of Heroic Taurus Inc., Heroic Regulus Inc., Heroic Elysion Inc. and Heroic Ursa Major) | MK Centennial Maritime B.V. MMSL Pte. Ltd. (Nominated Affiliate of Marubeni Corp.) |
| BW Euroholdings Limited (Nominated Affiliate of Rainwood Company S.A., Acland Company S.A. and Gifford Company S.A.) | MPC Global Maritime Opportunities S.A., SICAF (Nominated Affiliate of Rio Lillehammer Schifffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG and Rio Luxembourg Schifffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG) |
| CAF First Limited (Nominated affiliate of The Export Import Bank of China) | Nordea Bank Danmark A/S |
| Danish Ship Finance A/S (Danmarks Skibskredit A/S) | Orient Line Co. Ltd (Nominated affiliate of Polestar Ship Line S.A.) |
| Danske Bank A/S | Principal Finance Investments Holding B.V. (Nominated Affiliate of MCI Tankers VIII Pte. Ltd.) |
| DBS Bank Ltd. | Safemarine Corp. S.A. |
| Deutsche Bank AG (London Branch) | Shikishima Kisen K.K. (Nominated Affiliate of Ambitious Line, S.A.) |
| Deutsche Bank AG Filiale Deutschlandgeschäft | |
| FSL-25 Pte. Ltd. | Shoei Kisen Kaisha |
| FSL-26 Pte. Ltd. | Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) |
| HSH Nordbank AG | Solar Oceania Corp |
| Inverbeg Shipping Ltd. (Nominated Affiliate of BNP Paribas) | Sumitomo Corporation |
| Karei Shipping, Inc. | Sun Cordia Marine S.A. |
| Keymax Maritime Co. Ltd. (Nominated Affiliate of A-1 Shipholding S.A.) | T&T Marine S.A. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited |
| Kihada Shipping, Inc. | Triton Navigation, B.V. |
| Koi Shipping, Inc. | UniCredit Bank AG |

Link Stork Marina S.A.

Maguro Shipping, Inc.

Following the extraordinary general meeting to amend the Articles of Association of the Issuer, the Reporting Persons expect to disclaim group status.

The name, present principal occupation or employment (and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted) and citizenship of each director and executive officer, as applicable, of the Reporting Persons are provided in Exhibit 99.3, which is incorporated by reference herein.

During the last five years, neither the Reporting Persons nor, to the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, any of the persons listed in Exhibit 99.3 has (i) been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction such that, as a result of such proceeding, such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

On November 5, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Issuer resolved to increase the share capital of the Issuer pursuant to article 2.14 of the Articles of Association of the Issuer by no less than DKK nominal value 0.01 and no more than DKK nominal value 6,552,000 and to issue such shares pursuant to a conversion of debt. Pursuant to the terms of the Restructuring Agreement, HSBC acquired 24,682,669 Common Shares of the Issuer, which represent 3.4% of the outstanding Common Shares of the Issuer. The purchase price for the Common Shares was satisfied by HSBC converting (i) a restructuring fee; and (ii) certain agreed claims against the Issuer, to which HSBC would otherwise be entitled, into Common Shares of the Issuer.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Common Shares to which this statement relates were acquired by Reporting Persons as part of the Restructuring. As a result of such Restructuring, Reporting Persons will acquire 24,682,669 Common Shares of the Issuer, which represent 3.4% of the Common Shares of the Issuer.

Reporting Persons intend to review its investment in the Issuer on a regular basis and, as a result thereof, may at any time or from time to time determine, either alone or as part of a group, (i) to acquire additional securities of the Issuer, through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, (ii) to dispose of all or a portion of the securities of the Issuer owned by it in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, in one or more registered public offerings or otherwise, or (iii) to take any other available course of action, which could involve one or more of the types of transactions or have one or more of the results referenced in this Item 4.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, Reporting Persons specifically reserve the right to change its intention with respect to any or all of such matters. Other than as described in this statement, Reporting Persons nor, to Reporting Persons' best knowledge, any of the persons listed in Exhibit 99.3 hereto, has any present plan or proposal that would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a)-(j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

As of November 5, 2012, based solely on information provided by the Issuer, the total number of issued and (a) outstanding Common Shares is 728,000,000, including 655,200,000 Common Shares issued pursuant to the Restructuring Agreement.

(b)

HSBC

As of November 5, 2012, HSBC beneficially owns and has shared power to vote 655,200,000 Common Shares, representing 90.0% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. HSBC has the sole power to vote and dispose of, 24,682,669 Common Shares, representing 3.4% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, giving effect to the Restructuring described in Item 4 hereof. HSBC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings.

HSBC Holdings

As of November 5, 2012, HSBC Holdings beneficially owns and has shared power to vote 655,200,000 Common Shares, representing 90.0% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. HSBC Holdings has the sole power to vote and dispose of, 24,682,669 Common Shares, representing 3.4% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, giving effect to the Restructuring described in Item 4 hereof. HSBC Holdings is the parent holding company of HSBC.

Except as set forth in Item 3, the Reporting Persons, and to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, none of (c) the other persons named in response to Item 2 have effected any transactions in Common Shares during the past sixty days.

(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or any proceeds from the sale of, the Common Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

To the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, there are no other contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among the persons named in Item 2 with respect to any securities of the Issuer, except as described herein.

ITEM 7. MATERIALS TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit 99.2 Restructuring Agreement, dated October 2, 2012. (The Reporting Persons will furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or similar attachment to the SEC upon request.)

Exhibit 99.3 Directors and Executive Officers of the Reporting Persons

Exhibit 99.4 Power of Attorney

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 14, 2012

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation Limited

By: /s/ Donna Duke

Name: Donna Duke

Title: Head of Loan Management Asia Pacific

HSBC Holdings plc

By: /s/ Elaine Williams

Name: Elaine Williams

Title: Deputy Group Company Secretary