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**DIANA SHIPPING INC. SCHEDULES FIRST QUARTER 2007 EARNINGS  
RELEASE, DIVIDEND DECLARATION AND CONFERENCE CALL**

ATHENS, GREECE, April 26, 2007 – Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX), a global shipping transportation company specializing in dry bulk cargoes, today announced that its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007 are scheduled to be released prior to the opening of the U.S. financial markets on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

The declaration of the Company's cash dividend for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 also will be announced at that time.

The Company's management will conduct a conference call and simultaneous Internet webcast to review these results at 10:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

Investors may access the webcast by visiting the Company's website at [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com), and clicking on the webcast link. The webcast also is accessible at [www.viavid.net](http://www.viavid.net), by clicking on the Diana Shipping link under "Events". The conference call also may be accessed by telephone by dialing 1-866-406-5369 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-973-582-2847 (for international callers).

A replay of the webcast will be available soon after the completion of the call and will be accessible on both [www.dianashippinginc.com](http://www.dianashippinginc.com) and [www.viavid.net](http://www.viavid.net). A telephone replay will be available by dialing 1-877-519-4471 (for U.S.-based callers) or 1-973-341-3080 (for international callers); callers must use the PIN number 8740128.

**About the Company**

Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX) is a global provider of shipping transportation services. The Company specializes in transporting dry bulk cargoes, including such commodities as iron ore, coal, grain and other materials along worldwide shipping routes.

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