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**Standard & Poor's assigns A ratings to all listed bonds issued by  
Danmarks Skibskredit A/S ("Danish Ship Finance").**

Standard & Poor's ("S&P") today announced ratings of all listed bonds issued by Danish Ship Finance. The company's bonds were assigned an A rating, stable outlook. S&P applied its criteria for rating covered bonds.

S&P also announced an Issuer Credit Rating of Danish Ship Finance, assigning a rating of BBB+, stable outlook.

The rating is based on Danish Ship Finance's current bond issuance practice. As a result, the structure of the company's operations and the collateral underlying the bond issuance will continue in their present form.

Yours sincerely

Danish Ship Finance



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**Attached:**

Detailed fact sheet

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- Standard & Poors ("S&P") has assigned an Issuer Credit Rating of BBB+, stable outlook to Danish Ship Finance ("DSF"). S&P's criteria for assigning Issuer Credit Ratings are generally applied and well-known in the market.
- On the basis of the Issuer Credit Rating assigned, DSF has requested S&P to rate bonds issued by DSF. The rating was determined, among other things, pursuant to S&P's "Covered Bonds Criteria" dated 9 December 2014 and "Assessments For Jurisdictional Support According To Our Covered Bonds Criteria" dated 22 December 2015.
- Against this background, S&P has assigned a covered bond rating of A.
- The rating covers all listed bonds issued by DSF.
- The bond rating is two notches higher than the issuer rating. The two notches cover one notch because DSF is exempt from the BRRD regulation, and one notch because the jurisdictional support is assessed to be moderate.
- S&P still has no specific method for rating of covered bonds secured by ship mortgages in the same way as for mortgage bonds. Thus, there are no requirements for a cover pool, overcollateralization relative to statutory requirements or other aspects concerning the company's structure. For example, no independent capital centres will be established as a result of the new rating. In other words, all of the company's loans still serve as collateral for all issued bonds.
- It remains to be seen whether S&P at some point will establish a method for rating ship mortgage bonds in line the method applied for rating mortgage bonds.