

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
Form 6-K  
April 21, 2016  
FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 2016  
Commission File Number: 001-32458

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
Pendelis 16, 175 64 Palaio Faliro, Athens, Greece  
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

This Report on Form 6-K is being furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) to report that on April 18, 2016, the Company received a letter from BNP Paribas, as agent for the lenders under the Company's US\$165 million loan agreement dated as of July 22, 2015 (the Loan Agreement), advising the Company that it was not in compliance with the loan to value covenant contained in Section 16.1(b)(i) of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement was filed as Exhibit 4.23 to the Company's annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission on March 28, 2016.

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-205491) filed with the Commission with an effective date of July 21, 2015.

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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.

DIANA SHIPPING INC.  
(registrant)

Dated: April 21, 2016 By: /s/ Anastassis Margaronis  
Anastassis Margaronis  
President

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