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## **EURONAV LAUNCHES OFFER TO EXCHANGE OUTSTANDING 6.50% CONVERTIBLE BONDS FOR NEW CONVERTIBLE BONDS WITH EXTENDED MATURITY**

Antwerp, Belgium, 31 January 2013 - Euronav NV ("Euronav") announced today the launch of an invitation to current bondholders to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") any and all outstanding 6.50% convertible bonds due in January 2015 (the "Existing Convertible Bonds") for new 6.50% convertible bonds due in January 2018 (the "New Convertible Bonds").

Through the Exchange Offer the company wishes to extend the medium term debt repayment obligations by extending the maturity date by 3 years in return for a more attractive conversion price. The conversion price will be EUR 5.65. At the time of the early voluntary conversion an additional number of shares will be made available at the same price as the conversion price to compensate for the unpaid coupons of the first 4 years. This feature as well as other terms can be consulted on the company's website [www.euronav.com](http://www.euronav.com).

The Exchange Offer is being conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an exchange offer memorandum dated 31 January 2013 (the "Exchange Offer Memorandum"). The Exchange Offer is only made, and copies of the offering documents will only be made available (subject to applicable offer restrictions), to holders of Existing Convertible Bonds in Belgium and to holders of Existing Convertible Bonds who qualify as qualified investors in the European Economic Area, Switzerland and Monaco.

The Exchange Offer will expire at 5.00 P.M. CET on 5 February 2013, unless otherwise extended, re-opened or terminated as provided in the Exchange Offer Memorandum. The final results will be announced afterwards in a separate press release. The documents in connection with the Exchange Offer are available from the information and exchange agent **BNP Paribas Securities Services**, Luxembourg Branch, which can be contacted at the following number +352 2696 62301 and email address [LU\\_BP2S\\_OFFER@bnpparibas.com](mailto:LU_BP2S_OFFER@bnpparibas.com), as well as from Euronav's website [www.euronav.com](http://www.euronav.com). Euronav has engaged Lazard and Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Limited to provide financial advisory services in connection with the Exchange Offer.

Upon the request of the company and after consultations with the FSMA, the trading of the shares listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels under the ticker EURN shall be suspended during the Exchange Offer.

Application is intended to be made for the admission of the New Convertible Bonds to the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and for the admission of the New Convertible Bonds to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF Market.

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**Final year results 2012: Thursday, 21 March 2013**  
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**Announcement first quarter results 2013: Tuesday, 16 April 2013**

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**About Euronav:** Euronav is one of the world's leading independent tanker companies engaged in the ocean transportation and storage of crude oil and petroleum products. The company is headquartered in Antwerp, Belgium, and has offices throughout Europe and Asia. Euronav is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels under the symbol EURN. Euronav employs its fleet both on the spot and period market. VLCCs on the spot market are traded in the Tankers International pool of which Euronav is one of the major partners. Euronav's owned fleet, consists of 37 double hulled vessels being 1 V-Plus, 2 FSO vessels (both owned in 50%-50% joint venture), 11 VLCCs (of which 2 in joint venture), 22 Suezmaxes (of which 4 in joint venture) and 1 Suezmax under construction. Euronav vessels mainly fly Belgian, Greek and French flag. More detailed information can be found on the company's website: [www.euronav.com](http://www.euronav.com).

*Regulated information within the meaning of the Royal Decree of 14 November 2007.*

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The distribution of this announcement and the Exchange Offer Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement or the Exchange Offer Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer and the Information and Exchange Agent to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

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Each holder participating in the Exchange Offer will represent that it is not located in the United States and is not participating in the Exchange Offer from the United States, that it is participating in the Exchange Offer in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act and that it is not a US person or it is acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal located outside the United States that is not giving an order to participate in the Exchange Offer from the United States and is not a US person.

As used herein and elsewhere in this announcement, "**United States**" means United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia and "**US person**" has the meaning given to such term in Regulation S under the Securities Act.

## United Kingdom

The communication of this announcement and the Exchange Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offer is not being made and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons in the United Kingdom falling within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "**Financial Promotion Order**") or within Article 43 of the Financial Promotion Order or any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order.

## France

The Exchange Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Republic of France ("**France**"). None of this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other document or material relating to the Exchange Offer has been or shall be distributed to the public in France and only (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*) and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) other than individuals, in each case acting on their own account and all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French *Code Monétaire et Financier* are eligible to participate in the Exchange Offer. None of this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other such offering material has been or will be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*.

## Italy

None of this announcement, the Exchange Offer, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offer have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ("**CONSOB**"). The Exchange Offer is being carried out in the Republic of Italy ("**Italy**") as an exempted offer pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "**Financial Services Act**") and article 35-bis, paragraph 3, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("**CONSOB Regulation**"). Accordingly, the Exchange Offer, this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offer are only addressed to holders of Existing Convertible Bonds located in the Republic of Italy who are "qualified investors" (*investitori qualificati*) as defined pursuant to and within the meaning of Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation. Holders located in Italy can offer Existing Convertible Bonds through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties vis-à-vis its clients in connection with the Existing Convertible Bonds or this Exchange Offer.

## Kingdom of Belgium

This announcement and the Exchange Offer Memorandum have been prepared on the basis that the Exchange Offer will not constitute a public offering of securities in Belgium pursuant to article 6, §3,3° of the law of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids and article 3, §2(d) of the law of 16 June 2006 on public offerings of investment instruments and the admission of investment instruments to trading on a regulated market.

## Monaco

The Exchange Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Principality of Monaco ("**Monaco**"). None of this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other document or material relating to the Exchange Offer has been or shall be distributed to the public in Monaco nor investment advice be provided in Monaco in respect thereof, other than by an intermediary duly authorised under Monaco law 1.338 dated 7 September 2007 on financial activities.

This announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum and any other document or material relating to the Exchange Offer are reserved to the addressee only and cannot be passed on to third parties.

## Switzerland

Neither this announcement nor the Exchange Offer Memorandum is intended to constitute a solicitation or an offer to participate in the Exchange Offer described herein. The Exchange Offer may not be publicly made, directly or indirectly, in, into or from Switzerland. None of this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other offering or marketing material relating to the Exchange Offer constitutes a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or a listing prospectus within the meaning of the listing rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange or any other regulated trading facility in Switzerland, and none of this announcement, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other offering or marketing material relating to the Exchange Offer may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

## European Union

This announcement and the Exchange Offer Memorandum have been prepared on the basis that the Exchange Offer in any Member State (other than the Kingdom of Belgium) of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will only be made to persons who are "qualified investors" for the purposes of Article 3(2)(a) of the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in the Relevant Member State.

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