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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November 2003

A/S STEAMSHIP COMPANY TORM
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Set forth herein as Exhibit 1 is a copy of a Statement No. 13 - 2003 issued by A/S STEAMSHIP COMPANY TORM to The Copenhagen Stock Exchange on November 21, 2003.

Exhibit 1

ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 13 - 2003
TO THE COPENHAGEN STOCK EXCHANGE

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21 November 2003

TORM - Interim report for the first nine months of 2003 - maintains expectations for 2003

- o Net profit for the first nine months of 2003 was DKK 468 mill. including unrealized gain on shares.
- o Net profit for the third quarter 2003 itself was DKK 232 mill. including unrealized gain on shares.

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- o The results are very satisfactory and exceed significantly the original forecast at the beginning of the year.
- o As expected, freight rates in the product tanker segment fell towards the end of the third quarter 2003. Freight rates in the bulk segment increased considerably, but the effect has been countered by hedging contracts, which have been closed in the fourth quarter of 2003.
- o Profit before depreciation was DKK 413 mill. for the first nine months of 2003.
- o Profit before financial items was DKK 284 mill. for the first nine months of 2003.
- o As stated in announcement no. 11 to the Copenhagen Stock Exchange, dated 27 October 2003, expectations for the full year net profit are maintained at DKK 320 - 345 mill., before any unrealized gain on the investment in Dampskibsselskabet "NORDEN" A/S. Including the unrealized gain on NORDEN the net profit is expected to be DKK 685-710 mill. subject to the end year share price of NORDEN.
- o In October 2003, new EU regulations came into force barring single-hulled tankers from carrying heavy fuel oil cargoes to and from Europe and banning single-hulled vessels more than 23 years old from European waters. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nation's agency responsible for shipping, will meet in December 2003 to discuss the adoption of similar measures to speed up an phase-out of older tankers.

A conference call to discuss the results of the first nine months of 2003 is scheduled for Monday 24 November 2003 at 17.00 CET (Copenhagen time). The conference call will also be accessible via the Internet (www.torm.dk). To participate in the call, please call 10 minutes before the start on tel.: +45 32 71 46 11 (from Europe) or + 1 334 323 6203 (from the US).

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KEY FIGURES FOR THE GROUP

| DKK mill. | Q1-Q3 2003 | Q1-Q3 2002* | Change Q1-Q3 2002-3 | Full year 2002* |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
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| INCOME STATEMENT | | | | |
| Net revenue | 1,458 | 1,132 | 29% | 1,539 |
| Time Charter Equivalent earnings | 966 | 715 | 35% | 983 |
| Gross profit | 479 | 205 | 134% | 303 |
| Profit before depreciation | 413 | 236 | 75% | 368 |
| Profit before financial items | 284 | 120 | 137% | 210 |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | 468 | 145 | 223% | 197 |
| Net profit | 468 | 505 | -7% | 557 |
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| BALANCE SHEET | | | | |
| Total assets | 4,405 | 3,810 | 16% | 4,013 |
| Shareholders' equity | 1,956 | 1,614 | 21% | 1,624 |
| Debt | 2,449 | 2,196 | 12% | 2,389 |
| Invested capital | 3,083 | 2,834 | 9% | 2,846 |
| Net interest bearing debt | 1,616 | 1,520 | 6% | 1,511 |
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| CASH FLOW | |
| From operating activities | 387 |
| From investing activities | -676 |
| thereof investment in tangible fixed assets | -790 |
| From financing activities | 298 |
| | --- |
| Net cash flow | 9 |

| KEY FIGURES | % -point | | | |
|---|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ----- | | | |
| Gross margin | 32.9% | 18.1% | 14.7% | 19.7% |
| Profit before depreciation/Net revenue | 28.3% | 20.8% | 7.5% | 23.9% |
| Profit before financial items/Net revenue | 19.5% | 10.6% | 8.9% | 13.6% |
| RoE (p.a.) | 34.9% | | | |
| RoIC (p.a.) | 12.8% | | | |
| Equity ratio | 44.4% | 42.4% | 2.0% | 40.5% |
| | | | ----- | |
| Share price, end of period (DKK) | 129.6 | 49.6 | 161% | 56.4 |
| Number of shares, end of period (mill.) | 18.2 | 18.2 | 0% | 18.2 |
| Earnings per share (DKK) | 25.7 | 27.7 | -7% | 30.6 |
| Exchange rate USD/DKK, end of period | 6.37 | 7.53 | -15% | 7.08 |
| Exchange rate USD/DKK, average | 6.69 | 8.04 | -17% | 7.89 |

 * Restated, continuing operations, please see section "Accounting Principles".

RESULT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2003

Net profit for the first nine months of 2003 was DKK 468 mill. including an unrealized gain on the investment in NORDEN of DKK 197 mill.

Gross profit for the first nine months of 2003 was DKK 479 mill. (against DKK 205 mill. for first nine months of 2002). The increase was primarily attributable to better freight rates in both the tanker and bulk segments, as well as an increase of about 30% in available earning days compared to the first nine months of 2002.

Profit before depreciation was DKK 413 mill. (DKK 236 mill.).

Depreciation was DKK 129 mill. (DKK 116 mill.). The increase in depreciation was the result of the Company's fleet expansion through the delivery of seven product tanker newbuildings and one second hand bulk vessel during 2002-3.

Net financial items were an income of DKK 185 mill. (DKK 25 mill.) This includes net gains on securities - primarily the NORDEN shares - of DKK 197 mill., net interest charges of DKK 32 mill. and other financial items of plus DKK 20 mill.

Profit before tax was DKK 468 mill. (DKK 145 mill.).

Net profit was DKK 468 mill. (DKK 505 mill., including a reversal of a provision for deferred tax of DKK 360 mill. in connection with the introduction of the tonnage tax system in Denmark).

The Tanker division's net profit was DKK 242 mill., and the Bulk division contributed DKK 27 mill. Other activities (Unallocated financial items and Offshore and Liner activities) showed a net profit of DKK 199 mill.

Cash flow from operating activities was positive by DKK 387 mill. in the first

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nine months of 2003, mainly consisting of cash earnings.

Cash flow from investment activities was negative by DKK 676 mill. and consists of investment in vessels of DKK 790 mill. - particularly in connection with the newbuilding program - less payments received of DKK 114 mill., primarily related to the sale of TORM GYDA.

Cash flow from financing activities was DKK 298 mill. in the first nine months of 2003. This amount consists principally of loan draw-downs of DKK 525 mill. in connection with the newbuildings, less repayments of mortgage debt of DKK 192 mill. including debt repayment related to the sale of TORM GYDA, along with the payment of dividends on the Company's shares amounting to DKK 35 mill.

Hence, total liquidity generated during the period was positive in the amount of DKK 9 mill. The Company's cash and bond holdings (cash equivalents) increased to DKK 531 mill. as against DKK 522 mill. at the end of 2002.

Total assets increased during the period from DKK 4,013 mill. to DKK 4,405 mill. mainly as a result of fixed assets increasing during the period from DKK 3,187 mill. to DKK 3,620 mill. This was positively impacted mainly by the effect of the delivery of three newbuildings and one second hand vessel and the increase in the value of the NORDEN stake, but offset by the sale of TORM GYDA, depreciation during the period and the fall of the USD/DKK exchange rate. The NORDEN holding is valued at DKK 640 per share, the closing price on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange on 30 September 2003.

The Company's net interest bearing debt increased during the first nine months of 2003 from DKK 1,511 mill. to DKK 1,616 mill. The increase is mainly attributable to net loan draw-downs in connection with the delivery of the newbuildings, offset by the sale of TORM GYDA and positive operating cash flow achieved during the period.

During the first nine months of 2003 shareholders' equity increased from DKK 1,624 mill. to DKK 1,956 mill., mainly as a result of earnings less payment of dividends. Shareholders' equity as a proportion of total assets increased from 40.5% at 31 December 2002 to 44.4% at 30 September 2003.

TORM owned 881,368 own shares at 30 September 2003, equivalent to 4.8% of the Company's share capital. The number of own shares was unchanged from 31 December 2002.

RESULT FOR THIRD QUARTER 2003

Third quarter 2003 showed a gross profit of DKK 179 mill. and profit before depreciation of DKK 154 mill., of which the tanker division contributed DKK 121 mill. Net profit for the period was DKK 232 mill. including an unrealized gain on the NORDEN shares of DKK 142 mill.

Segment information (DKK mill.)

| | Q1-Q3 2003 | | | Total | Q3 2003 | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Tanker division | Bulk division | Unallo-cated(1) | | Tanker division | Bulk division |
| Net revenue | 859 | 582 | 17 | 1,458 | 281 | 232 |
| Port expenses and bunker | -243 | -255 | 6 | -492 | -80 | -9 |

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|---|------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| Time charter equivalent earnings | 616 | 327 | 23 | 966 | 201 | 14 |
| Charter hire | -65 | -234 | -9 | -308 | -21 | -9 |
| Operating expenses | -141 | -30 | -8 | -179 | -45 | -1 |
| Gross Profit | 410 | 63 | 6 | 479 | 135 | 3 |
| Administrative expenses | -73 | -26 | -6 | -105 | -26 | -1 |
| Other Operating income | 38 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 12 | |
| Profit before depreciation | 375 | 38 | 0 | 413 | 121 | 2 |
| Depreciation | -113 | -15 | -1 | -129 | -38 | - |
| Profit before financial items | 262 | 23 | -1 | 284 | 83 | 2 |
| Net gain/(loss) from other investments and securities | 0 | 0 | 197 | 197 | 0 | |
| Other financial items | -20 | 4 | 3 | -13 | -18 | - |
| Profit/(Loss) before tax | 242 | 27 | 199 | 468 | 65 | 2 |
| Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Net profit for the period | 242 | 27 | 199 | 468 | 65 | 2 |

(1) Contains unallocated financial items and the Company's discontinued operations, i.e. offshore and liner activities.

TANKER DIVISION

In the first nine months of 2003, net profit was DKK 242 mill. in the Tanker division.

Freight rates in the product tanker segments were at a high level in the period, especially in the first two quarters of the year, whereas - as expected - a weakening was seen towards the end of the third quarter.

TORM benefited from its spot market strategy during the first nine months of 2003.

During the first nine months of 2003, the Company's focus in the product tanker segment - to operate the vessels in pools in cooperation with other owners with quality tonnage - was further emphasized through the delivery of a number of newbuildings and the contracting of additional tonnage for delivery to the three pools.

On 21 October 2003 new EU regulations came into force barring single-hulled tankers from carrying heavy fuel oil cargoes to and from Europe and banning single-hulled vessels, including product tankers, more than 23 years old from European waters. In December 2003, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nation's agency responsible for shipping, will meet to discuss the adoption of similar measures to speed up the phase-out of older tankers. TORM sees the introduction of these additional environmental safety requirements as a positive development, but emphasizes the need for a global uniform standard.

The banning of vessels older than 23 years from Europe means that charterers of these vessels will lose trading flexibility, leading to less cargoes for these vessels, and eventually move forward the scrapping date. TORM believes that these regulations will further accelerate the trend towards a two-tier market, where double-hulled tonnage approved by oil majors will have preference.

New security regulations related to terror against ships imposed by IMO and

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individual countries including USA are demanding and costly for shipowners' vessels and organizations. However, TORM will comply with these regulations.

Rates achieved in the third quarter 2003 in the Company's three pools, of which the LR2 pool is co-managed with A.P. Møller - Maersk, were substantially in excess of those of the corresponding period last year. Specifically, rates were 19%, 25% and 22% higher in the LR2, LR1 and MR pools, respectively, in the third quarter 2003 compared to the third quarter 2002.

As expected, during the third quarter 2003 freight rates decreased from earlier in 2003, as several factors in this period showed a weakening effect, including the now ended strike in Venezuela and uncertainties in connection with the war in Iraq. However, the emphasis on quality tonnage following the sinking of the "Prestige" in November 2002 has remained in focus throughout the third quarter 2003 as well as continued relatively low inventories of refined oil products, leading to better rates compared to third quarter 2002.

Depending on the freight rate environment and outlook, part of the risk exposure related to freight rate levels in the Company's Tanker division is countered through the use of various hedging instruments, including Forward Freight Agreements (FFA). As of 30 September 2003, net revenue contains adjustments to FFAs to the market value as of 30 September 2003. This impacted net revenue and profits negatively by DKK 3 mill. in the first nine months of 2003 as freight rates at the end of the first nine months of 2003 were slightly higher than the average rates of the FFAs.

Earnings data for the Tanker division

| | 2002 | | 2003 | | Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | |
| ----- | | | | | |
| LR2/Aframax vessels | | | | | |
| ----- | | | | | |
| Available earning days | 268 | 270 | 272 | 281 | 5% |
| Average number of vessels | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 5% |
| TCE per earning days *) | 22,656 | 31,237 | 32,804 | 27,008 | 19% |
| OPEX per earning days **) | -6,454 | -5,651 | -5,816 | -5,660 | -12% |
| Operating C/F per earning days ***) | 7,104 | 16,931 | 18,479 | 12,997 | 83% |
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LR1/Panamax vessels

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| ----- | | | | | |
| Available earning days | 251 | 210 | 194 | 220 | -12% |
| Average number of vessels | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.4 | -15% |
| TCE per earning days *) | 15,731 | 23,630 | 26,507 | 19,670 | 25% |
| OPEX per earning days **) | -7,677 | -5,691 | -7,070 | -4,966 | -35% |
| Operating C/F per earning days ***) | 6,273 | 17,939 | 19,436 | 14,704 | 134% |
| ----- | | | | | |

MR vessels

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| ----- | | | | | |
| Available earning days | 690 | 1,004 | 1,000 | 1,001 | 45% |
| Average number of vessels | 7.6 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 43% |
| TCE per earning days *) | 12,754 | 18,355 | 19,369 | 15,523 | 22% |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| OPEX per earning days **) | -5,023 | -5,701 | -4,575 | -5,030 | 0% |
| Operating C/F per earning days ***) | 7,731 | 12,653 | 14,794 | 10,493 | 36% |

- *) TCE = Time Charter Equivalent Earnings = Gross freight income less bunker, commissions and port expenses (USD/day)
- ***) Operating expenses for own vessels (USD/day).
- ***) TCE earnings less operating expenses and charter hire (USD/day).

As a result of the addition of four MR-newbuildings since 30 September 2002, TORM had more available earning days in the MR segment during the third quarter of 2003 compared with the third quarter of 2002. The number of operating days in the LR1 segment was lower due to the re-delivery of chartered-in tonnage.

Operating costs in the LR2 and LR1 segments were 12% and 35% lower respectively in the third quarter of 2003 compared to the third quarter of 2002. However, these numbers are likely to fluctuate somewhat between the quarters due to certain purchases of larger items.

BULK DIVISION

The Bulk division achieved a profit of DKK 27 mill. for the first nine months of 2003.

This was a reflection of freight rates, which increased substantially, especially in the third quarter 2003. Freight rates achieved by the Panamax and Handysize vessels were 85% and 47% higher in the third quarter 2003 than in the third quarter 2002, respectively. The higher rates were a result of limited growth in the world dry bulk fleet coupled with very strong demand from especially Chinese import of iron ore and the shut down of nuclear power stations in Japan, resulting in an increased import of coal.

In connection with taking on a significant number of time chartered-in vessels in late 2002, TORM hedged a significant part of the exposure to freight rate fluctuations for 2003 through the use of various instruments, including Forward Freight Agreements and Contracts of Affreightment (FFAs and COAs). With the very strong increases in bulk freight rates especially in the third quarter of 2003, the hedge has impacted the result for the first nine months of 2003 for the Panamax segment negatively.

Net revenue for the bulk division contains adjustments to FFAs to the market value as of 30 September 2003. This impacted net revenue and profits negatively by DKK 27 mill. in the first nine months of 2003.

In the period after 30 September 2003, TORM has closed the FFA hedges at a cost of app. DKK 3 mill. and has started chartering out a part of the Company's Panamax bulk fleet for 2004 to increase coverage at historically high levels.

During the second half of 2002, TORM chartered in a number of Panamax bulk vessels, whereby the third quarter of 2003 compared to the third quarter of 2002 saw a 59% increase in the number of operating days in the Panamax segment while the number of operating days in the Handysize segment fell marginally due to the redelivery of chartered-in tonnage.

Earnings data for the Bulk division

| USD/Day | 2002 | | 2003 | | Change |
|-----------------|------|----|------|----|--------|
| | Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q3-Q3 |
| Panamax vessels | | | | | |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Available earning days | 864 | 1,161 | 1,286 | 1,375 | 59% |
| Average number of vessels | 9.4 | 12.9 | 14.1 | 14.9 | 59% |
| TCE per earning days *) | 7,008 | 9,166 | 11,905 | 12,965 | 85% |
| OPEX per earning days **) | -4,970 | -5,208 | -4,592 | -5,496 | 11% |
| Operating C/F per earning days ***) | -869 | 606 | 3,331 | 4,171 | -580% |

Handysize vessels

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| Available earning days | 291 | 356 | 351 | 276 | -5% |
| Average number of vessels | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.0 | -5% |
| TCE per earning days *) | 5,713 | 7,526 | 7,781 | 8,419 | 47% |
| OPEX per earning days **) | -2,654 | -3,442 | -3,180 | -2,811 | 6% |
| Operating C/F per earning days ***) | 933 | 2,664 | 3,392 | 4,099 | 339% |

*) TCE = Time Charter Equivalent Earnings = Gross freight income less bunker, commissions and port expenses (USD/day).

***) Operating expenses for own vessels (USD/day).

****) TCE earnings less operating expenses and charter hire (USD/day).

UNALLOCATED ITEMS

Unallocated items contain an amount of DKK 200 mill. representing unallocated financial items, including a DKK 197 mill. unrealized gain on the NORDEN shares. Unallocated items also include one chartered-in offshore supply vessel, due to be redelivered in December 2003, and various smaller items related to regulations of the Liner activity, which was sold in 2002. The closing of these activities is almost completed and proceeds according to plan.

FLEET DEVELOPMENT

TORM's strategy is to own and operate in cooperation with its partners a modern product tanker fleet market. As a part of the strategy of renewing and expanding the fleet, TORM took delivery of two MR product tankers (TORM THYRA and TORM FREYA) in January 2003, one LR2 product tanker (TORM VALBORG) in September 2003 and one LR2 product tanker (TORM INGEBORG) in November 2003 and sold a 1992-built product tanker (TORM GYDA) in January 2003.

Furthermore, in September 2003, a second hand Panamax bulk carrier (TORM HERDIS - formerly "Santa Teresa") was delivered to TORM.

Following the delivery of TORM INGEBORG less than two weeks ago, the Company's order book contains six newbuildings with a total value of more than USD 200 mill., namely two LR1 product tankers delivering in 2004 and four LR2 vessels due for delivery in 2006 and 2007.

TORM has decided to exercise an option to purchase the chartered-in Panamax bulkcarriers TORM MARTA and TORM MARLENE at prices significantly below the current market. These vessels will be delivered around year-end 2003 and early 2004.

PRODUCT TANKER POOLS

The 12 partners in TORM's three product tanker pools had a total of 58 ships participating in the pools as at 30 September 2003. During the first nine months of 2003, the pools' fleet had a net growth of four vessels. During the period, Pacific Carriers Limited resigned from the MR Pool and withdrew three vessels (of which one remained in the MR pool until October 2003). Based on contracted vessels being delivered, the three pools will contain 61 vessels by the end of 2003.

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There are ongoing discussions with potential partners seeking to enter the pools.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2003

As expected and due to seasonality, the freight rates in the product tanker segment have fallen in the third quarter of the year but have increased slightly in the beginning of fourth quarter.

Freight rates in the bulk segment have increased substantially, and as the hedging in terms of FFAs has been closed, the Company benefits from the surge in freight rates in the remainder of 2003. TORM has chartered out a part of the Company's Panamax bulk fleet for 2004 to increase coverage at historically high levels.

As stated in announcement no. 11 to the Copenhagen Stock Exchange, dated 27 October 2003, expectations for the full year net profit are maintained at DKK 320 - 345 mill. before any unrealized gain on the investment in Dampskibsselskabet "NORDEN" A/S.

Including the unrealized gain on NORDEN, the net profit is expected to be DKK 685-710 mill. subject to the year end share price of NORDEN.

SAFE HARBOUR STATEMENT - FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains forward-looking statements as the term is defined in the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements provide current expectations or forecast of events. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and inaccurate assumptions, which may cause results to differ materially from expectations.

Factors that may affect future results include statements regarding: Spot and TCE rates in the near and long term, operating days, tanker and bulker supply and demand, supply and demand for oil and refined products, expectations about the Company's future capital requirements and capital expenditures, the Company's growth strategy and how it is implemented, the number of partners and the number of vessels the partners have in the pools, environmental changes in regulation, cost savings and other benefits.

Risks and uncertainties are further described in reports filed by TORM with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the Company's form 20-F. Please also refer to the section "Managing Risk and Exposure" in the 2002 annual report.

TORM is under no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements or to conform such statements to actual results, unless required by law.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The report for the first nine months of 2003 has been prepared using the same accounting policies as in the interim reports for the first quarter and first half of 2003, which were changed, however, from the 2002 annual report.

Accounting policies are described in more detail in the 2002 annual report and in the first quarter 2003 report, where the change in accounting policies in the first quarter 2003 is described as well.

Almost 100% of TORM's revenues, more than 90% of the costs and the large majority of the Company's assets and liabilities are USD denominated. Hence, the main impact of movements of the USD/DKK exchange rate on the results for the first nine months has been a matter of translating USD-based net earnings and

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balance sheet items to DKK.

The comparative figures are restated to reflect current accounting policies and are for continuing operations. Full year 2002 and Q1-Q3 2002 comparative figures reflect continuing operations for Net revenue, Port costs and bunker, Time Charter Equivalent Earnings, Charter hire, Technical operating costs and Gross profit, but include discontinued operations in other items.

The report for the first nine months of 2003 is unaudited, in line with standard practice.

CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

TORM invites financial analysts and investors to a conference call Monday, 24 August 2003 at 17.00 CET (Copenhagen time). The conference call will be conducted in English and hosted by Klaus Kjaerulff, CEO and Klaus Nyborg, CFO. To participate in the call, please call 10 minutes before the start of the conference call on tel.: +45 32 71 46 11 (from Europe) or +1 334 323 6203 (from the US).

It will also be possible to access the conference call via the Internet on www.torm.dk, where presentation slides for the conference call can also be found.

Income statement

1 January - 30 September 2003

| | GROUP | | |
|---|------------|-------------|-------|
| | Q1-Q3 2003 | Q1-Q3 2002* | 2002* |
| DKK mill | | | |
| Net revenue | 1,458 | 1,132 | 1,539 |
| Port costs and bunker | -492 | -417 | -556 |
| <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> | | | |
| Time Charter Equivalent Earnings | 966 | 715 | 983 |
| Charter hire | -308 | -348 | -463 |
| Technical operating costs | -179 | -162 | -217 |
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| Gross profit | 479 | 205 | 303 |
| Profit from discontinued activities | 0 | 69 | 95 |
| Profit on sale of vessels and interests | 0 | 9 | 17 |
| Administrative expenses | -105 | -80 | -102 |
| Other operating income | 39 | 33 | 55 |
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| Profit before depreciation | 413 | 236 | 368 |
| Depreciation | -129 | -116 | -158 |
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| Profit before financial items | 284 | 120 | 210 |

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| Net gain/(loss) from other investments and securities | 197 | 23 | 15 |
| Other financial items | -13 | 2 | -28 |
| ----- | | | |
| Profit before tax | 468 | 145 | 197 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 0 | 360 | 360 |
| ----- | | | |
| Net profit | 468 | 505 | 557 |
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* Restated, continuing operations, please see section "Accounting Principles".

Balance sheet

| | GROUP | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 30 September 2003 | 31 December 2002* |
| ----- | | |
| DKK mill. | | |
| ----- | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| FIXED ASSETS | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | | |
| Leasehold improvements | 4 | 5 |
| Land and buildings | 2 | 2 |
| Vessels and capitalized dry-docking | 2,822 | 2,543 |
| Prepayment on vessels under construction | 286 | 330 |
| Other plant and operating equipment | 17 | 17 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 3,131 | 2,897 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Financial fixed assets | | |
| Other investments | 489 | 290 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 489 | 290 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | 3,620 | 3,187 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Inventories | | |
| Inventories of bunkers | 29 | 33 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Accounts receivables | | |
| Freight receivables, etc | 155 | 225 |
| Other receivables | 48 | 24 |
| Prepayments | 22 | 22 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 225 | 271 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Securities | | |
| Bonds | 329 | 354 |

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|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 202 | 168 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 785 | 826 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 4,405 | 4,013 |

* Restated, continuing operations, please see section "Accounting Principles".

Balance sheet

| | GROUP | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 30 September 2003 | 31 December 2002* |
| DKK mill. | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Common shares | 182 | 182 |
| Own shares | -52 | -52 |
| Retained earnings | 1,826 | 1,494 |
| Proposed dividend | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 1,956 | 1,624 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Mortgage debt and bank loans | 1,868 | 1,735 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Next year's instalments on mortgage debt and bank loans | 279 | 298 |
| Trade accounts payable | 96 | 164 |
| Other liabilities | 144 | 111 |
| Accruals | 62 | 81 |
| | 564 | 654 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 2,449 | 2,389 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 4,405 | 4,013 |

* Restated, continuing operations, please see section "Accounting Principles".

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Cash flow statement

| | GROUP |
|--|------------|
| | ----- |
| | Q1-Q3 2003 |
| | ----- |
| DKK mill. | |
| ----- | |
| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | |
| Profit before financial items | 284 |
| Interest received | 22 |
| Interest paid | -54 |
| | ----- |
| | 252 |
| Adjustments: | |
| Reversal of depreciation | 129 |
| Reversal of other non-cash movements | 11 |
| Change in inventories, accounts receivables and payables | -5 |
| | ----- |
| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 387 |
| | ----- |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | |
| Investment in tangible fixed assets | -790 |
| Investment in equity interests and securities | 0 |
| Sale of fixed assets | 114 |
| including profit on sale of vessels | 0 |
| | ----- |
| NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | -676 |
| | ----- |
| CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | |
| Borrowing, mortgage debt | 525 |
| Repayment/redemption, mortgage debt | -163 |
| Repayment/redemption, lease liabilities | -29 |
| Dividends paid | -35 |
| | ----- |
| CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 298 |
| | ----- |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 9 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, INCLUDING BONDS, AT 1 JANUARY | 522 |
| | ----- |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, INCLUDING BONDS, AT 30 SEPTEMBER | 531 |
| ----- | |
| Shareholders' equity | |
| | ----- |
| | GROUP |
| | ----- |

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| DKK mill. | Q1-Q3 2003 |
|---|------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2003 | 1,719 |
| Transitional adjustment* | -95 |
| Adjusted balance at 1 January 2003 | 1,624 |
| Exchange rate adjustment of shareholders' equity in subsidiaries and associated companies | -53 |
| Exchange rate adjustment of loans to subsidiaries and associated entities | -53 |
| Adjustment of value of derivatives | -1 |
| Exchange rate adjustment of loans | 5 |
| Dividends paid | -36 |
| Dividends on own shares | 2 |
| Net profit from profit and loss statement | 468 |
| Balance at 30 september 2003 | 1,956 |

* Transitional adjustment arising from the change in accounting principles to using USD as functional currency. Please see section "Accounting Policies".

Income statement

1 January - 30 September 2003

| DKK mill. | GROUP | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Q1 2003 | Q2 2003 | Q3 2003 |
| Net revenue | 502 | 437 | 519 |
| Port costs and bunker | -185 | -142 | -165 |
| Time Charter Equivalent Earnings | 317 | 295 | 354 |
| Charter hire | -95 | -96 | -117 |
| Technical running costs | -69 | -52 | -58 |
| Gross profit | 153 | 147 | 179 |
| Administrative expenses | -27 | -40 | -38 |
| Other operating income | 13 | 13 | 13 |

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| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Profit before depreciation | 139 | 120 | 154 |
| Depreciation | -44 | -42 | -43 |
| ----- | | | |
| Profit before financial items | 95 | 78 | 111 |
| Net gain/(loss) from other investments and securities | 10 | 46 | 141 |
| Other financial items | -4 | 11 | -20 |
| ----- | | | |
| Profit before tax | 101 | 135 | 232 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ----- | | | |
| Net profit for the period | 101 | 135 | 232 |
| ===== | | | |

Quarter-by-quarter cash flow statement

| | GROUP | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| | Q1 2003 | Q2 2003 | Q3 2003 |
| ----- | | | |
| DKK mill. | | | |
| ----- | | | |
| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Profit before financial items (EBIT) | 95 | 78 | 111 |
| Interest received | 5 | 11 | 6 |
| Interest paid | -19 | -17 | -18 |
| | 81 | 72 | 99 |
| ----- | | | |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Reversal of depreciation | 44 | 42 | 43 |
| Reversal of other non-cash movements | -13 | 6 | 18 |
| Change in inventories, accounts receivables and payables | -24 | 26 | -7 |
| | 88 | 146 | 153 |
| ----- | | | |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 88 | 146 | 153 |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Investment in tangible fixed assets | -328 | -92 | -370 |
| Investment in equity interests and securities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sale of fixed assets | 110 | 4 | 0 |
| including profit on sale of vessels | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -218 | -88 | -370 |
| ----- | | | |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities | -218 | -88 | -370 |
| CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Borrowing, mortgage debt | 270 | 40 | 215 |
| Repayment/redemption, mortgage debt | -10 | -10 | -9 |
| Repayment/redemption, lease liabilities | -78 | -53 | -32 |

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| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Dividends paid | 0 | -35 | 0 |
| ----- | | | |
| Cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities | 182 | -58 | 174 |
| ----- | | | |
| Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 52 | 0 | -43 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning balance | 522 | 574 | 574 |
| ----- | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, ending balance | 574 | 574 | 531 |

Reconciliation to United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP), as of 30 September 2003:

| | Net Income | Shareholders' Equity |
|---|------------|----------------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| DKK mill. | | |
| Net Income/Shareholders' equity as reported under Danish GAAP | 468 | 1,956 |
| Dry dock costs | 2 | -40 |
| Reversal of write-down of vessels | 1 | -12 |
| Unrealized gain/losses on marketable securities | -200 | 0 |
| Derivative Financial Instruments | 10 | 0 |
| Share options | 5 | 5 |
| Deferred tax | -11 | -379 |
| ----- | | |
| Net Income/Shareholders' equity in accordance with US GAAP | 275 | 1,530 |

Average exchange rate for the first nine months of 2003 of 6.6946 DKK/USD and exchange rate as of 30 September 2003 of 6.3728 have been used in the translation. For a review of principles and methods used in the reconciliation, please see TORM's 2002 Annual Report.

SIGNATURES

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.

A/S STEAMSHIP COMPANY TORM
(registrant)

Dated: November 21, 2003

By: Klaus Nyborg

Klaus Nyborg

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Chief Financial Officer

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