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93.60% TAKE UP OF RIGHTS OFFERING EXMAR – LAUNCH OF SCRIP PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Antwerp, 7 December 2009. EXMAR NV announces that, in connection with its 2 for 3 rights offering of 23,800,000 new shares at an offer price of EUR 4.20 per share, it has received subscriptions for 22,277,680 new shares through the exercise of preferential rights. This represents a take up of approximately 93.60% of the offering size of EUR 99,960,000.

Saverex NV has exercised its preferential rights in order to subscribe to new shares for an amount of EUR 50 million and has sold its remaining preferential rights. Sofina NV has exercised all its preferential rights in order to subscribe to new shares for an amount of EUR 1.34 million. EXMAR NV has sold all the preferential rights attached to its treasury shares.

The subscription period for the preferential rights ended on Thursday 3 December 2009. The 2,283,480 preferential rights which have not been exercised during the subscription period for the preferential rights will be offered for sale as scrips in the context of a private placement reserved for institutional investors taking place today, 7 December 2009.

Investors purchasing scrips will irrevocably undertake to exercise the scrips and subscribe to 2 new shares per 3 scrips at the subscription price of EUR 4.20 per share.

At the request of the Issuer, the trading of the shares of EXMAR NV on Euronext Brussels will be temporarily suspended during the scrip private placement. Trading in the shares will resume after the results of the placement are announced.

The results of the scrip private placement will in principle be announced via a press release later today, Monday 7 December 2009. The final results of the public offering for subscription will be announced via a press release and will be published in the financial press on Wednesday 9 December 2009.

The payment of the subscription price, the realization of the capital increase and the listing of the new shares and VVPR strips on Euronext Brussels are expected to take place on 10 December 2009.

EXMAR NV is a diversified and independent shipping group serving the international gas and oil industry. Apart from providing the ships for the transportation of these products, it also performs studies and undertakes the management of commercial, technical and administrative activities for the industry. EXMAR NV strives to create shareholder value over the long term by balancing long- and short-term agreements to counteract volatility in the freight market, combined with providing services that are tailored to the needs of the customer.

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