

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKER SHIPPING LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 12, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of: January 2009

Commission File Number: 001-13944

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKER SHIPPING LIMITED  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

LOM Building, 27 Reid Street, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda  
(Address of principal executive office)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is the Underwriting Agreement dated January 8, 2009 by and among Nordic American Tanker Shipping Limited (the “Company”) and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated relating to the offering of common shares by the Company.

This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company’s Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to its Registration Statement on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-137598) filed on May 12, 2008, of which the preliminary prospectus supplement dated January 7, 2009 to the prospectus dated May 12, 2008 relating to the offering of common shares, and the final prospectus supplement dated January 8, 2009 to the prospectus dated May 12, 2008 relating to the offering of common shares, form a part.

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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.

NORDIC AMERICAN TANKER SHIPPING LIMITED  
(registrant)

Dated: January 12, 2009

By: /s/ Herbjørn Hansson

Herbjørn Hansson

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and  
President

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