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***PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT Subject to Completion, Dated February 3, 2011
(To Prospectus dated June 5, 2009)***

8,600,000 Shares

Teekay Tankers Ltd.

CLASS A COMMON STOCK

We are selling 8,600,000 shares of our Class A common stock.

Our shares of Class A common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TNK. The last reported sale price of our shares of Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 2, 2011 was \$12.03 per share.

Investing in our shares of Class A common stock involves risks. Please read Risk Factors beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement and page 3 of the accompanying prospectus before you make an investment in our shares of Class A common stock.

| | <i>Per Share</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Public Offering Price | \$ | \$ |
| Underwriting Discount | \$ | \$ |
| Proceeds to Teekay Tankers Ltd. (before expenses) | \$ | \$ |

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,290,000 additional shares of our Class A common stock to cover any over-allotments.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of Class A common stock on or about February , 2011.

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February , 2011

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering of shares of our Class A common stock. The second part is the prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts combined. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information** on page S-23. If information varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any free writing prospectus we may authorize to be delivered to you. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or any free writing prospectus we may authorize to be delivered to you, as well as the information we previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (or SEC) that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, is accurate as of any date other than its respective date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.

We are offering to sell shares of our Class A common stock and are seeking offers to buy shares of our Class A common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus and the offering of shares of our Class A common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to this offering of shares of our Class A common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus are forward-looking statements. In addition, we and our representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements that are also forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, business prospects, changes and trends in our business, and the markets in which we operate. In some cases, you can identify the forward-looking statements by the use of words such as *may*, *will*, *could*, *should*, *would*, *expect*, *plan*, *anticipate*, *intend*, *forecast*, *believe*, *estimate*, *predict*, *propose*, *potential*, of these terms or other comparable terminology.

Forward-looking statements in this prospectus or incorporated by reference herein include, among others, statements about the following matters:

our ability to pay dividends on our common stock;

our future financial condition and results of operations and future revenues and expenses;

general market conditions and shipping market trends, including charter rates and factors affecting supply and demand;

future supply of, and demand for, oil;

future oil prices, production and refinery capacity;

the effectiveness of our chartering strategy in capturing upside opportunities and reducing downside risk;

the sufficiency of working capital for short-term liquidity requirements;

expansion of our business and additions to our fleet;

planned capital expenditures and the ability to fund capital expenditures;

the need to establish reserves that would reduce dividends on our common stock;

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economic conditions and volatility in the global financial markets, including disruptions in the global credit and stock markets and potential negative effects on our customers' ability to charter our vessels and pay for our services;

the ability to leverage Teekay Corporation's relationships and reputation in the shipping industry;

expected benefits of participation in vessel pooling arrangements;

the ability to enter into spot or fixed-rate time charters with customers;

the ability to maximize the use of vessels, including the redeployment or disposition of vessels no longer under time charters;

operating expenses, availability of crew and crewing costs, number of off-hire days, drydocking requirements and insurance costs;

the expected cost of, and our ability to comply with, governmental regulations and maritime self-regulatory organization standards applicable to our business;

the anticipated impact of future regulatory changes or environmental liabilities;

the anticipated taxation of our company and of distributions to our stockholders;

the future valuation of goodwill;

the expected lifespan of our vessels;

construction and delivery delays in the tanker industry generally;

customers' increasing emphasis on environmental and safety concerns;

anticipated funds for liquidity needs and the sufficiency of cash flows;

our use of interest rate swaps to reduce interest rate exposure;

the expected effect of off-balance sheet arrangements;

expected compliance with financing agreements and the expected effect of restrictive covenants in such agreements;

the impact of any default in the repayment of the term loans we made during 2010;

our hedging activities relating to foreign exchange, interest rate and spot market risks;

the ability of counterparties to our derivative contracts to fulfill their contractual obligations; and

our business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations.

These and other forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those risks discussed in Risk Factors set forth in this prospectus and those risks discussed in other reports we file with the SEC and that are incorporated into this prospectus by reference, including, without limitation, our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended. The risks, uncertainties and assumptions involve known and unknown risks and are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon management's current plans, expectations, estimates, assumptions and beliefs concerning future events affecting us and, therefore, involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including those risks discussed in Risk Factors and otherwise incorporated into this prospectus. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of these factors. In addition, we cannot assess the effect of each such factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to be materially different from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

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SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and does not contain all the information you will need in making your investment decision. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the Risk Factors section, and the documents incorporated by reference herein. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the information presented in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters have not exercised their over-allotment option.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus to Teekay Tankers Ltd., we, us and our and similar terms refer to Teekay Tankers Ltd. and/or one or more of its subsidiaries, except that those terms, when used in this prospectus in connection with the common stock described herein, shall mean specifically Teekay Tankers Ltd. References in this prospectus to Teekay Corporation refer to Teekay Corporation and/or any one or more of its subsidiaries. References to our Manager are to Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd., a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation, which provides to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services.

Overview

Our business is to own oil tankers and we employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the tanker spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. As of February 1, 2011, we owned nine Aframax-class crude oil tankers and six Suezmax-class oil tankers. We were formed by Teekay Corporation (NYSE: TK) a leading provider of marine services to the global oil and gas industries and the world's largest operator of medium-sized oil tankers to acquire from it a fleet of nine double-hull oil tankers in connection with our initial public offering in December 2007. Our growth strategy focuses on expanding our fleet through accretive acquisitions and seeking to tactically manage our mix of spot and time-charter contracts to maximize dividends on a per-share basis. Through the participation of some of our vessels in pooling arrangements (or *pools*) managed by certain subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation and in which certain of its tankers participate, we expect to benefit from Teekay Corporation's reputation and the scope of Teekay Corporation's operations in increasing our cash flow. We also expect to benefit from Teekay Corporation's expertise, relationships and reputation in operating our fleet and pursuing growth opportunities. Teekay Corporation currently holds a majority of the voting power of our common stock.

We distribute to our stockholders on a quarterly basis all of our Cash Available for Distribution, subject to any reserves our board of directors may from time to time determine are required for the prudent conduct of our business. Cash Available for Distribution represents our net income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization, unrealized losses from derivatives, non-cash items and any write-offs or other non-recurring items less unrealized gains from derivatives and net income attributable to us for accounting purposes from vessels we acquire from Teekay Corporation in respect of periods before we acquire the vessels but while they and we are under common control with Teekay Corporation. We paid total dividends of \$1.28 per share in respect of the last four quarters ended September 30, 2010. Since inception, we have paid dividends with respect to 12 consecutive fiscal quarters totaling \$5.93 per share on a cumulative basis. Please read Our Dividend Policy and Restrictions on Dividends on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.

Our Fleet

As of February 1, 2011, we owned nine Aframax tankers and six Suezmax tankers. As of that date, six of our Aframax tankers and three of our Suezmax tankers operated under fixed-rate, time-charter contracts with our customers, of

which four charter contracts are scheduled to expire in 2011 and five are scheduled to expire in 2012. As of February 1, 2011, our remaining three Aframax tankers and three Suezmax tankers participated in an Aframax pool and a Suezmax pool, respectively, each operated by a Teekay Corporation subsidiary and which included 16 and 49 total vessels, respectively.

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The following table provides additional information about our fleet as of February 1, 2011.

| Vessel | Capacity | | Employment | Daily Rate (\$) | Expiration of Charter |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (dwt) ⁽¹⁾ | Built | | | |
| <i>Aframax Tankers:</i> | | | | | |
| Erik Spirit | 115,500 | 2005 | Pool | | |
| Helga Spirit | 115,500 | 2005 | Pool | | |
| Matterhorn Spirit | 114,800 | 2005 | Time charter | 21,375 | Nov. 2012 |
| Esther Spirit | 115,400 | 2004 | Time charter | 18,200 ⁽²⁾ | July 2012 |
| Everest Spirit | 115,000 | 2004 | Time charter | 17,400 | Feb. 2011 |
| Kanata Spirit | 113,000 | 1999 | Pool | | |
| Kareela Spirit | 113,100 | 1999 | Time charter | 29,000 | Nov. 2011 |
| Kyeema Spirit | 113,300 | 1999 | Time charter | 31,000 | Nov. 2011 |
| Nassau Spirit | 107,100 | 1998 | Time charter | 18,500 | Oct. 2011 |
| <i>Suezmax Tankers:</i> | | | | | |
| Kaveri Spirit | 159,200 | 2004 | Pool | | |
| Ashkini Spirit | 165,200 | 2003 | Pool | | |
| Iskmati Spirit | 165,300 | 2003 | Pool | | |
| Narmada Spirit | 159,200 | 2003 | Time charter | 21,000 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Jan. 2012 |
| Ganges Spirit | 159,500 | 2002 | Time charter | 30,500 ⁽²⁾ | May 2012 |
| Yamuna Spirit | 159,400 | 2002 | Time charter | 30,500 ⁽²⁾ | May 2012 |
| Total capacity | 1,990,500 | | | | |

(1) Deadweight tonnes.

(2) The time charter also includes a profit share component. For the *Narmada Spirit*, the charter contract entitles us to 50 percent of the revenue the vessel generates in the Suezmax pool beyond the \$21,000 daily rate, with the amount of the payment calculated and paid monthly. For the *Ganges Spirit* and the *Yamuna Spirit*, the charter contracts entitle us to the first \$3,000 per day plus 50 percent thereafter of revenue that the vessel generates in the Suezmax pool beyond the \$30,500 daily rate, with the amount of the payment calculated and paid in the second quarter of each year. For the *Esther Spirit*, the charter contract entitles us to 49 percent of the revenue the vessel would generate based on a spot market index average beyond a daily rate of \$18,700 during the period from December 1 to March 20, annually.

(3) Beginning January 29, 2012 through the scheduled expiration of the charter contract on December 31, 2012, the daily rate will be \$22,000.

Business Strategies

Our primary business objective is to increase dividends per share by executing the following strategies:

Expand our Fleet Through Accretive Acquisitions. We intend to acquire additional oil tankers in a manner that will increase our dividends on a per-share basis. Since our initial public offering in December 2007, we have acquired six Suezmax tankers and two Aframax tankers from Teekay Corporation and sold two older tankers. We also anticipate further growing our fleet through acquisitions of tankers from third parties and additional tankers that Teekay Corporation may offer us from time to time. These acquisitions may include crude oil

tankers and product tankers.

Tactically Manage our Mix of Spot and Charter Contracts. We employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. We believe that our Manager's experience operating through cycles in the tanker spot market will assist us in employing this strategy and seeking to maximize our dividends on a per-share basis. Approximately 52 percent of our anticipated total operating days for 2011 are under fixed-rate time-charter contracts at an average time-charter-equivalent (or *TCE*) rate of approximately \$24,580 per day.

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Increase Cash Flow by Participating in Tanker Pools. Through the participation of a significant number of our vessels in tanker pools operated by Teekay Corporation subsidiaries, we believe we benefit from Teekay Corporation's reputation and the scope of Teekay Corporation's operations. We believe that the cash flow we derive over time from operating some of our vessels in these pools exceeds the amount we would otherwise derive by operating these vessels outside of the pools due to higher vessel utilization and daily revenues.

Provide Superior Customer Service by Maintaining High Reliability, Safety, Environmental and Quality Standards. We believe that energy companies seek transportation partners that have a reputation for high reliability, safety, environmental and quality standards. We seek to leverage Teekay Corporation's operational expertise and customer base to further expand these relationships with consistent delivery of superior customer service through our Manager.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that we possess a number of competitive strengths that will allow us to capitalize on growth opportunities in the oil tanker market, including the following:

Our Manager has Extensive Experience in Fleet Expansion. Since 1998, Teekay Corporation, of which our Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary, has expanded its fleet from 50 to over 150 vessels. We believe that this fleet expansion experience, to which we have access through our Manager, will continue to prove valuable as we seek to expand our fleet and integrate new assets into our operations.

We have Access to Teekay Corporation's Extensive Experience in and Knowledge of the Medium-Sized Oil Tanker Market. With over 35 years in the oil tanker business and with worldwide operations, Teekay Corporation has operated successfully through the inherent cyclicity in the spot market. We believe that our participation in the tanker pools operated by Teekay Corporation subsidiaries and our relationship with our Manager allow us to benefit from Teekay Corporation's market knowledge and experience in obtaining competitive spot and time-charter rates and in managing our mix of spot and time-charter contracts to maximize our cash flow.

We Believe that our Relationship with Teekay Corporation, with its Prominence and Customer Relationships in the Shipping Industry, Significantly Enhances our Growth Opportunities. Teekay Corporation has developed an extensive network of long-standing relationships and a strong reputation in the shipping industry. We believe that our relationship with Teekay Corporation significantly enhances the growth of our business through acquisition opportunities (both from Teekay Corporation and third parties) and the pursuit of our chartering strategy.

We have Access to Teekay Corporation's Expertise in Various Functions Critical to our Vessel Operations. Our Manager and the other Teekay Corporation subsidiaries that provide services to us have significant technical, financial and commercial capabilities relating to vessel operations and other business matters applicable to our operations. We believe that these services provide strict quality and cost controls to our business and effective safety monitoring of our vessels.

We have Financial Flexibility to Pursue Acquisitions and Other Strategic Transactions. We believe that our cash balances and availability under our revolving credit facility, in addition to our potential ability to obtain other bank financings and raise equity capital, provide us with financial flexibility to pursue acquisition opportunities and other transactions that benefit us. As of December 31, 2010, we had a cash balance of approximately \$12.5 million and undrawn availability under our revolving credit facility of approximately

\$174.2 million, for total liquidity of approximately \$186.6 million. We used our financial flexibility in July 2010 to make two three-year term loans totaling \$115 million to a shipowner based in Asia, with the loans secured by first priority mortgages on two 2010-built Very Large Crude Carriers (or *VLCCs*). The term loans earn an annual interest rate of 9.0 percent and include a repayment premium feature that provides us with a total yield of 10 percent per annum. We financed the loans using a portion of our undrawn revolving credit facility, which bears interest at a rate of London Interbank Offered Rate (or *LIBOR*) plus 0.60 percent, and subsequently fixed the rate on most of such borrowing at 1.60 percent (including the margin) through swap agreements. Our financial flexibility also permitted us to acquire from Teekay

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Corporation two Suezmax tankers and one Aframax tanker in April 2010, and one Suezmax tanker and one Aframax tanker in November 2010, which we financed through a combination of working capital, borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility and issuances of shares of our Class A common stock.

Our Manager

Our Manager currently provides all of our staff, including our executive officers. Our board of directors has the authority to hire any staff for us as it deems necessary.

Our Manager manages our business pursuant to a long-term management agreement (or the *Management Agreement*), under which it provides to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services, other than commercial services provided by other Teekay Corporation subsidiaries that operate tanker pooling arrangements in which some of our vessels participate. Commercial services primarily involve vessel chartering; technical services primarily include vessel maintenance and crewing; administrative services primarily include accounting, legal and financial services; strategic services primarily include providing advice on acquisitions, strategic planning and general management of our business. We pay our Manager a market-based fee for these services that includes reimbursement of the reasonable direct or indirect expenses it incurs in providing us with these services.

In order to provide our Manager with an incentive to increase our Cash Available for Distribution, under certain circumstances our Manager is entitled to a performance fee in addition to the basic fee provided in the Management Agreement. If Gross Cash Available for Distribution for a given fiscal year exceeds \$3.20 per share of our common stock (or the *Incentive Threshold*), our Manager generally will be entitled to payment of a performance fee equal to 20 percent of all Gross Cash Available for Distribution for such year in excess of the Incentive Threshold. *Gross Cash Available for Distribution* represents Cash Available for Distribution without giving effect to any deductions for performance fees and reduced by the amount of any reserves our board of directors may have taken during the applicable fiscal period that have not already reduced Cash Available for Distribution. Commencing January 1, 2008, we have maintained an internal account (or the *Cumulative Dividend Account*) that reflects, on an aggregate basis, the amount by which our dividends for a fiscal year are greater or less than \$2.65 per share. The Cumulative Dividend Account is intended to ensure that our stockholders receive at least \$2.65 per share in annualized dividends before any performance fee is paid. We paid our Manager a performance fee of \$1.4 million for 2008, but no performance fee was paid for 2009 as dividends per share in respect of the year totaled \$1.40. We will not be required to pay a performance fee to our Manager for 2010.

Recent Developments

Acquisition of Vessels in November 2010

On November 8, 2010, we acquired from Teekay Corporation its subsidiaries Esther Spirit L.L.C., which owns an Aframax tanker, the *Esther Spirit*, and Iskmati Spirit L.L.C., which owns a Suezmax tanker, the *Iskmati Spirit*, for a total of \$107.5 million. The *Esther Spirit* is currently operating under a fixed-rate time-charter (with a profit share component) through July 2012 and the *Iskmati Spirit* is trading in the spot market as part of Teekay Corporation's Gemini Suezmax tanker pool. We financed these acquisitions through a combination of working capital and borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility. As a result of the purchase of these two vessels, the undrawn availability under our revolving credit facility increased by approximately \$100 million as of November 8, 2010.

Charter Arrangements

In November 2010, the time-charter contract for one of our Suezmax vessels, the *Narmada Spirit*, was extended for a period of 23 months, commencing January 29, 2011. In October 2010, one of our Aframax vessels, the *Matterhorn*

Spirit, entered into a two-year time-charter agreement with a third party. Prior to this transaction, the *Matterhorn Spirit* was trading in the Aframax Pool. In October and December 2010, the time charter contracts expired for our Aframax vessels the *Helga Spirit* and the *Erik Spirit*, respectively. These vessels currently trade on the spot market as part of an Aframax pool of tankers.

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Joint Venture Arrangement to Construct VLCC Newbuilding

On September 30, 2010, we entered into a 50/50 joint venture arrangement with Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings Limited, a Cayman Islands corporation to have a VLCC newbuilding constructed, managed and chartered to third parties.

The VLCC tanker has an estimated purchase price of approximately \$98 million and an expected delivery date during the second quarter of 2013. A third party has agreed to charter the vessel for a term of five years. The time-charter includes a fixed floor rate, coupled with a profit-sharing component.

Executive Officers Change in Management

On September 28, 2010, we announced that our President and Chief Executive Officer, Bjorn Moller, plans to retire from both positions in the spring of 2011. Mr. Moller also intends to retire from his positions as President and CEO of our controlling shareholder, Teekay Corporation, in the spring of 2011. Mr. Moller has served as our CEO since we were formed in 2007 and as CEO of Teekay Corporation since 1998, and plans to remain on the board of directors of both us and Teekay Corporation. Bruce Chan, age 38, is our CEO-elect to succeed Mr. Moller. Mr. Chan joined Teekay Corporation in 1995 and was appointed to his current role as President of Teekay Tanker Services in April 2008. Teekay Tanker Services is the Strategic Business Unit of Teekay Corporation that manages the conventional crude oil and product tanker fleets within the Teekay Corporation group of companies, including the Aframax and Suezmax pooling arrangements in which our spot tankers are employed. Mr. Chan will continue in his role with Teekay Tanker Services when he assumes the role as our CEO. Prior to Mr. Chan's appointment as President of Teekay Tanker Services, Mr. Chan held a number of finance and accounting positions with Teekay Corporation, including Vice President, Strategic Development from February 2004 until his promotion to the position of Senior Vice President, Corporate Resources in September 2005. Prior to joining Teekay Corporation, Mr. Chan worked as a Chartered Accountant in the Vancouver, Canada office of Ernst & Young.

Tanker Market

Average crude tanker spot freight rates were weaker during the third and fourth quarters of 2010. An oversupply of vessels relative to tanker demand was the main factor which weighed upon tanker rates. The oversupply is attributed to a relatively high number of new tanker deliveries over the course of 2010 coupled with the return to the fleet of vessels that were previously being used for floating storage. Some strength in spot tanker rates was seen towards the end of the year when cold winter weather in Europe and North America led to an increase in both oil demand and weather-related transit delays. Rates subsequently weakened, however, in January 2011 upon easing of weather-related seasonal factors.

Cash Dividend for Third Quarter

On November 4, 2010, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.31 per share for the third quarter of 2010, representing a total cash dividend of \$16.1 million. This dividend was paid on November 30, 2010 to all stockholders of record as of November 16, 2010.

Unaudited Preliminary Fourth Quarter 2010 Results

During the quarter ended September 30, 2010, our spot-trading Aframax tankers and spot-trading Suezmax tankers generated average TCE pool-adjusted rates of \$14,806 per day and \$18,445 per day, respectively. For the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we estimate that our spot-trading Aframax tankers and spot-trading Suezmax tankers generated average TCE pool-adjusted rates of approximately \$13,600 per day and \$16,100 per day, respectively,

which include the impact of the spot-trading Suezmax tanker Iskmati Spirit for the period following our acquisition of the vessel from Teekay Corporation on November 8, 2010.

We have not completed our financial statements for the quarter ended December 31, 2010. However, based on our internal accounting records for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we believe that our total revenues were between \$29.7 million and \$30.7 million and our income from operations was between \$4.6 million and \$5.6 million

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compared to total revenues of \$33.7 million and income from operations of \$7.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. Although we acquired the *Esther Spirit* and *Iskmati Spirit* on November 8, 2010, in accordance with GAAP, our preliminary unaudited results for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 include, and our actual unaudited results for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 have been recast to reflect, the results of operations for the *Esther Spirit* and *Iskmati Spirit* for the entire fiscal periods, including the portion of the fourth quarter and the entire third quarter prior to their acquisition by us, when these vessels were owned and operated by Teekay Corporation. The decrease in our total revenues and income from operations primarily relates to the reduction in average realized spot tanker rates during the quarter ended December 31, 2010 compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2010. As a result, we also expect earnings per share, excluding the impact of the change in fair value of interest rate swaps, to decrease in the quarter ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

We have not yet declared a dividend for the fourth quarter of 2010, and any dividend will be subject to the discretion of our board of directors. However, based on our preliminary unaudited results and subject to board approval, we believe that we would be in a position to pay a dividend in the range of \$0.21 to \$0.23 per share for the fourth quarter of 2010. Historically, we have declared dividends relating to the fourth quarter in February. Stockholders who purchase shares of our Class A common stock in this offering and remain stockholders as of the record date will be entitled to any dividend declared and paid for the fourth quarter of 2010.

The foregoing results of operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 are preliminary and have not been audited or reviewed by our independent registered public accounting firm. Our reported results may differ from our unaudited preliminary results.

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The Offering

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| Issuer | Teekay Tankers Ltd. |
| Class A Common stock offered | 8,600,000 shares. 9,890,000 shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full. |
| Shares outstanding immediately after this Offering | 48,086,744 shares of Class A common stock (49,376,744 shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full) and 12,500,000 shares of Class B common stock. |
| Use of proceeds | We will use the net proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of our outstanding debt under our revolving credit facility. Please read Use of Proceeds on page S-11 of this prospectus supplement. |
| Cash dividends | <p>We paid a cash dividend of \$0.31 per share of common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, and have paid total dividends of \$1.28 per share in respect of the four quarters ended September 30, 2010. We have not yet declared a dividend for the fourth quarter of 2010, and any dividend will be subject to the discretion of our board of directors. Historically, we have declared dividends relating to the fourth quarter in February. Stockholders who purchase shares of our Class A common stock in this offering and remain stockholders as of the record date will be entitled to any dividend declared and paid for the fourth quarter of 2010.</p> <p>We pay a variable cash dividend each quarter on our Class A and Class B common stock of all our Cash Available for Distribution, subject to any reserves our board of directors may from time to time determine are required for the prudent conduct of our business. There is no guarantee that we will pay any dividends on our shares of common stock in any quarter. For additional information, please read Our Dividend Policy and Restrictions on Dividends beginning on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.</p> |
| Performance fee | <p>If Gross Cash Available for Distribution for a given fiscal year exceeds the Incentive Threshold, our Manager, Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd., under certain circumstances is entitled to payment of a performance fee under the Management Agreement equal to 20 percent of all Gross Cash Available for Distribution for such year in excess of the Incentive Threshold. The performance fee is in addition to the basic fee provided in the Management Agreement. Although the performance fee is payable on an annual basis, we accrue any amounts expected to be payable in respect of the performance fee on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, dividends to our stockholders in any quarter may be reduced due to the performance fee. For additional information, please read Our Dividend Policy and Restrictions on Dividends beginning on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.</p> |

Class B common stock

Teekay Corporation owns indirectly all of our outstanding shares of Class B common stock, in addition to shares of our Class A common stock. The principal difference between our Class A common stock and our Class B common stock is that each share of Class B common stock entitles the holder thereof to five votes on matters presented to

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our stockholders, while each share of Class A common stock entitles the holder thereof to only one vote on such matters. However, the voting power of the Class B common stock is limited such that the aggregate voting power of all shares of outstanding Class B common stock can at no time exceed 49 percent of the voting power of our outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. The holder of shares of Class B common stock may elect at any time to have such shares converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. Please read *Description of Capital Stock* on page 8 of the accompanying prospectus for a description of other events triggering a conversion of shares of Class B common stock into shares of Class A common stock.

Conflict of Interest

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness owed by us to affiliates of certain of the underwriters that are lenders under our revolving credit facility. Please read *Use of Proceeds*. Because this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (or *FINRA*), a qualified independent underwriter is not required.

Tax considerations

We believe that under current U.S. federal income tax law, some portion of the distributions you receive from us will constitute dividends, and if you are an individual citizen or resident of the United States or a U.S. estate or trust and meet certain holding period requirements, such dividends are expected to be taxable as *qualified dividend income* subject to a maximum 15 percent U.S. federal income tax rate (currently through December 31, 2012). The remaining portions of the distributions will be treated first as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of your tax basis in your Class A common stock and, thereafter, as capital gain. Please read *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations* beginning on page S-14 of this prospectus supplement.

NYSE listing

Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol *TNK*.

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RISK FACTORS

Before investing in our shares of Class A common stock, you should carefully consider all of the information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. When evaluating an investment in our shares of Class A common stock, you should carefully consider those risks discussed under the caption Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as the discussion of risk factors beginning on page 7 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows could be materially adversely affected. In that case, our ability to pay dividends on shares of our Class A common stock may be reduced, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. In addition, we are subject to the following risks and uncertainties:

Any default in the repayment of the loans we made to a shipowner in 2010, or our foreclosing on the underlying vessels and operating the vessels during a period of low spot-charter rates, could harm our operating results and financial position.

In July 2010, we made two three-year term loans totaling \$115 million to a shipowner based in Asia, with the loans secured by first priority mortgages on two 2010-built VLCCs, which we believe currently trade in the spot market. The term loans earn an annual interest rate of 9.0 percent and include a repayment premium feature that provides us with a total yield of 10 percent per annum. Any failure by the shipowner to make interest or principal payments could harm our operating results and financial position. In addition, if, as a result of a default on the loans, we were to acquire the VLCCs upon foreclosure and operated them in a period of low spot-charter rates, our operating results and financial position could be harmed.

U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a passive foreign investment company, which could have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. holders.

A foreign entity taxed as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be treated as a passive foreign investment company (or PFIC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes if at least 75.0 percent of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of passive income, or at least 50.0 percent of the average value of the entity's assets produce or are held for the production of those types of passive income. For purposes of these tests, passive income includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties, other than rents and royalties that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. By contrast, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income.

There are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from our time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services, including the decision in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009), which held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a foreign sales corporation provision of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the Code). However, the IRS stated in an Action on Decision (AOD 2010-01) that it disagrees with, and will not acquiesce to, the way that the rental versus services framework was applied to the facts in the *Tidewater* decision, and in its discussion stated that the time charters at issue in *Tidewater* would be treated as producing services income for PFIC purposes. The IRS's statement with respect to *Tidewater* cannot be relied upon or otherwise cited as precedent by taxpayers. Consequently, in the absence of any binding legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court would not follow the *Tidewater* decision in interpreting the PFIC provisions of the Code.

Nevertheless, based on our current assets and operations, we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC, and our counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, is of the opinion that it is more likely than not we are not a PFIC based on representations we have made to them regarding the composition of our assets, the source of our income and the nature of our activities and other operations following this offering. No assurance can be given, however, that the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP would be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS, or that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our assets, income or operations.

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If the IRS were to determine that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, U.S. holders of our common stock will face adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless those U.S. holders timely make certain elections available under the Code, such holders would be liable to pay tax at ordinary income tax rates plus interest upon certain distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our common stock, as if such distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the U.S. holder's holding period. Please read **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification** beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement.

The preferential tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income are temporary, and the absence of legislation extending the term would cause our dividends to be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates.

Certain of our distributions may be treated as qualified dividend income eligible for preferential rates of U.S. federal income tax to U.S. individual stockholders (and certain other U.S. stockholders). In the absence of legislation extending the term for these preferential tax rates or providing for some other treatment, all dividends received by such U.S. taxpayers in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012 will be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates. Please read **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders Distributions** on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement.

We may be subject to taxes, which reduces our Cash Available for Distribution.

We or some of our subsidiaries may be subject to tax in the jurisdictions in which we or our subsidiaries are organized or operate, reducing the amount of our Cash Available for Distribution. In computing our tax obligation in these jurisdictions, we are required to take various tax accounting and reporting positions on matters that are not entirely free from doubt and for which we have not received rulings from the governing authorities. We cannot assure you that upon review of these positions the applicable authorities will agree with our positions. A successful challenge by a tax authority could result in additional tax imposed on us or our subsidiaries in jurisdictions in which operations are conducted. For example, if Teekay Tankers Ltd was not able to meet the criteria specified by Section 883 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, our U.S. source income may become subject to taxation. Please read Item 4.E

Information on the Company, Taxation of the Company beginning on page 27 of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We expect to receive net proceeds of approximately \$98.8 million from the sale of 8,600,000 shares of our Class A common stock, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated expenses payable by us. We base this amount on an assumed public offering price of \$12.03 per share, the last reported sale price of our Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 2, 2011. Based on the same assumed public offering price, we expect to receive net proceeds of approximately \$113.7 million if the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option to purchase additional shares.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of our outstanding debt under our revolving credit facility, which has a fluctuating interest rate based on the LIBOR plus 0.60 percent and which matures in November 2017. We borrow under this facility from time to time primarily for working capital and general corporate purposes. We anticipate being able to redraw on the credit facility in the future to fund acquisitions and for general corporate purposes.

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The following table sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2010 on (a) an actual basis and (b) an as-adjusted basis to give effect as of such date to (i) this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds, (ii) our follow-on public offering of 8.6 million shares of our Class A common stock in October 2010 from which we received net proceeds of approximately \$99.9 million and (iii) our acquisition of the *Esther Spirit* and the *Iskmati Spirit* in November 2010 for a total of \$107.5 million, which we financed with working capital and by drawing on our existing revolving credit facility.

The historical data in the table is derived from and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including accompanying notes, and the section entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which are incorporated by reference herein from our Report on Form 6-K for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010.

| | As of September 30, 2010 | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Actual | As Adjusted⁽¹⁾ |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | \$ 11,244 | \$ 11,244 |
| Long-term debt, including current portion: | \$ 419,528 | \$ 328,456 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock and additional paid-in capital | 381,673 | 613,517 |
| Accumulated deficit | (37,175) | (37,175) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 344,498 | 576,342 |
| Total capitalization | \$ 764,026 | \$ 904,799 |

(1) Estimated net offering proceeds used to calculate the As Adjusted amounts are based on the issuance in this offering of 8,600,000 shares of our Class A common stock at an assumed public offering price of \$12.03 per share, the last reported sales price of our Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 2, 2011. If the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option to purchase up to 1,290,000 additional shares, we intend to use the resulting approximately \$14.9 million of additional net proceeds to repay a portion of our outstanding debt under our revolving credit facility. Does not give effect to the payment made on November 30, 2010 of a dividend of \$0.31 per share, or \$16.1 million, in respect of the third quarter of 2010.

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The authorized capital stock of Teekay Tankers Ltd. as of the date of this prospectus is 200,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, 100,000,000 shares of Class B common stock and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, each with a par value of \$0.01 per share. The shares of Class A common stock entitle the holder to one vote per share, while the shares of Class B common stock entitle the holder to five votes per share, subject to a 49 percent aggregate Class B common stock voting power maximum. As of the date of this prospectus (and excluding shares offered hereby), we have 39,486,744 shares of Class A common stock, 12,500,000 shares of Class B common stock and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. Shares of our Class A common stock were first offered on the New York Stock Exchange on December 12, 2007 at an initial price of \$19.50 per share. Our Class A common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **TNK**.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for shares of our Class A common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, and quarterly cash distributions declared per share. The closing sale price of our Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 2, 2011 was \$12.03 per share.

| | Price Ranges | | Quarterly Cash Dividend Per Share ⁽¹⁾ |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| | High | Low | |
| Years Ended | | | |
| December 31, 2010 | \$ 13.96 | \$ 8.50 | |
| December 31, 2009 | 14.55 | 7.59 | |
| December 31, 2008 | 26.14 | 4.82 | |
| Quarters Ended | | | |
| March 31, 2011 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 12.99 | \$ 11.11 | |
| December 31, 2010 | 12.75 | 11.77 | |
| September 30, 2010 | 13.96 | 10.57 | \$ 0.31 |
| June 30, 2010 | 13.24 | 9.87 | 0.34 |
| March 31, 2010 | 12.57 | 8.50 | 0.37 |
| December 31, 2009 | 9.02 | 7.85 | 0.26 |
| September 30, 2009 | 9.84 | 7.70 | 0.15 |
| June 30, 2009 | 13.99 | 8.64 | 0.40 |
| March 31, 2009 | 14.55 | 7.59 | 0.59 |
| Months Ended | | | |
| February 28, 2011 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 12.05 | \$ 11.86 | |
| January 31, 2011 | 12.99 | 11.11 | |
| December 31, 2010 | 12.35 | 11.81 | |
| November 30, 2010 | 12.75 | 11.77 | |
| October 31, 2010 | 12.45 | 11.84 | |
| September 30, 2010 | 13.30 | 11.54 | |
| August 31, 2010 | 13.96 | 11.41 | |

- (1) Dividends are shown for the quarter with respect to which they were declared.
- (2) Period ending February 2, 2011.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to prospective stockholders and, unless otherwise noted in the following discussion, is the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP, our U.S. counsel, insofar as it relates to matters of U.S. federal income tax law and legal conclusions with respect to those matters. The opinion of our counsel is dependent on the accuracy of representations made by us to them, including descriptions of our operations contained herein.

This discussion is based upon provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the *Code*), existing final and temporary regulations thereunder (or *Treasury Regulations*), and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all as in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, and which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to we, our or us are references to Teekay Tankers Ltd.

This discussion is limited to stockholders who hold their common stock as capital assets for tax purposes. This discussion does not address all tax considerations that may be important to a particular stockholder in light of the stockholder's circumstances, or to certain categories of stockholders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as:

dealers in securities or currencies,

traders in securities that have elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities,

persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar,

persons holding our common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, conversion or other synthetic security or integrated transaction,

certain U.S. expatriates,

financial institutions,

insurance companies,

persons subject to the alternative minimum tax,

persons that actually or under applicable constructive ownership rules own 10 percent or more of our common stock, and

entities that are tax-exempt for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership holding our common stock, you should consult your own tax advisor about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the common stock.

No ruling has been or will be requested from the IRS regarding any matter affecting us or our stockholders. Instead, we will rely on the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP. Unlike a ruling, an opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's legal judgment and does not bind the IRS or the courts. Accordingly, the opinions and statements made herein may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS.

This discussion does not address any U.S. estate tax considerations or tax considerations arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. jurisdiction. Each stockholder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and other tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of our common stock.

United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

As used herein, the term *U.S. Holder* means a beneficial owner of our common stock that is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien, a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that

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was created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust that either is subject to the supervision of a court within the United States and has one or more U.S. persons with authority to control all of its substantial decisions or has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion of passive foreign investment companies (or *PFICs*) below, any distributions made by us with respect to our common stock to a U.S. Holder generally will constitute dividends, which may be taxable as ordinary income or qualified dividend income as described in more detail below, to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its common stock and thereafter as capital gain. U.S. Holders that are corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes generally will not be entitled to claim a dividends received deduction with respect to any distributions they receive from us. Dividends paid with respect to our common stock generally will be treated as passive category income or, in the case of certain types of U.S. Holders, general category income for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Dividends paid on our common stock to a U.S. Holder who is an individual, trust or estate (or a *U.S. Individual Holder*) will be treated as qualified dividend income that currently is taxable to such U.S. Individual Holder at preferential capital gain tax rates provided that: (i) our common stock is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as the New York Stock Exchange, on which our common stock is traded); (ii) we are not a PFIC for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC, as discussed below); (iii) the U.S. Individual Holder has owned the common stock for more than 60 days in the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which the common stock becomes ex-dividend; (iv) the U.S. Individual Holder is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property; and (v) certain other conditions are met. There is no assurance that any dividends paid on our common stock will be eligible for these preferential rates in the hands of a U.S. Individual Holder. Any dividends paid on our common stock not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates. In the absence of legislation extending the term of the preferential tax rates for qualified dividend income, all dividends received by a taxpayer in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012 will be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates.

Special rules may apply to any extraordinary dividend paid by us. An extraordinary dividend is, generally, a dividend with respect to a share of stock if the amount of the dividend is equal to or in excess of 10.0 percent of a stockholder's adjusted basis (or fair market value in certain circumstances) in such stock. If we pay an extraordinary dividend on our common stock that is treated as qualified dividend income, then any loss derived by a U.S. Individual Holder from the sale or exchange of such common stock will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of such dividend.

Certain U.S. Holders who are individuals, estates or trusts will be subject to a 3.8 percent tax on, among other things, dividends for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this tax on their ownership of our common stock.

Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification

A non-U.S. entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be a PFIC in any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to a look through rule, either: (i) at least 75.0 percent of its gross income is passive income; or (ii) at least 50.0 percent of the

average value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. For purposes of these tests, passive income includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties, other than rents and royalties that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income.

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There are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from our time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services, including the decision in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009), which held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a foreign sales corporation provision of the Code. However, the IRS stated in an Action on Decision (AOD 2010-01) that it disagrees with, and will not acquiesce to, the way that the rental versus services framework was applied to the facts in the *Tidewater* decision, and in its discussion stated that the time charters at issue in *Tidewater* would be treated as producing services income for PFIC purposes. The IRS's statement with respect to *Tidewater* cannot be relied upon or otherwise cited as precedent by taxpayers. Consequently, in the absence of any binding legal authority specifically relating to the statutory provisions governing PFICs, there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court would not follow the *Tidewater* decision in interpreting the PFIC provisions of the Code. Nevertheless, based on our current assets and operations, we intend to take the position that we are not now and have never been a PFIC, and our counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, is of the opinion that it is more likely than not that we are not a PFIC based on applicable law, including the Code, legislative history, published revenue rulings and court decisions, and representations we have made to them regarding the composition of our assets, the source of our income and the nature of our activities and other operations following this offering, including:

the income derived from our participation in pooling arrangements and from our other time and voyage charters will be greater than 25.0 percent of our total gross income at all relevant times; and

the gross value of our vessels participating in pooling arrangements and servicing our other time and voyage charters will exceed the gross value of all other assets we own at all relevant times.

An opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's best legal judgment and does not bind the IRS or the courts. Accordingly, the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS. Further, no assurance can be given that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our assets, income or operations.

Current law provides that dividends received by a U.S. Individual Holder from a qualified foreign corporation are subject to U.S. federal income tax at preferential rates through 2012. However, if we are classified as a PFIC for a taxable year in which we pay a dividend or the immediately preceding taxable year, we would not be considered a qualified foreign corporation, and a U.S. Individual Holder receiving such dividends would not be eligible for the reduced rate of U.S. federal income tax.

Additionally, as discussed more fully below, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder would be subject to different taxation rules depending on whether the U.S. Holder makes a timely and effective election to treat us as a Qualified Electing Fund (a *QEF election*). As an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder should be able to make a mark-to-market election with respect to our common stock, as discussed below. In addition, U.S. Holders of PFICs may be subject to additional reporting requirements.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a Timely QEF Election. If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election (an *Electing Holder*), the Electing Holder must report each taxable year for U.S. federal income tax purposes the Electing Holder's pro rata share of our ordinary earnings and net capital gain, if any, for our taxable year that ends with or within the Electing Holder's taxable year, regardless of whether or not the Electing Holder received distributions from us in that year. Such income inclusions would not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income. The Electing Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock will be increased to reflect taxed but undistributed earnings and profits. Distributions of earnings and profits that were previously taxed will result in a corresponding reduction in the Electing Holder's adjusted tax basis in common stock and will not be taxed again once distributed. An Electing Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition

of our common stock. A U.S. Holder makes a QEF election with respect to any year that we are a PFIC by filing IRS Form 8621 with the holder's timely filed U.S. federal income tax return (including extensions).

If a U.S. Holder has not made a timely QEF election with respect to the first year in the holder's holding period of our common stock during which we qualified as a PFIC, the holder may be treated as having made a timely QEF election by filing a QEF election with the holder's timely filed U.S. federal income tax return (including extensions)

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and, under the rules of Section 1291 of the Code, a deemed sale election to include in income as an excess distribution (described below) the amount of any gain that the holder would otherwise recognize if the holder sold the holder's common stock on the qualification date. The qualification date is the first day of our taxable year in which we qualified as a qualified electing fund with respect to such U.S. Holder. In addition to the above rules, under very limited circumstances, a U.S. Holder may make a retroactive QEF election if the holder failed to file the QEF election documents in a timely manner. If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election for one of our taxable years, but did not make such election with respect to the first year in the holder's holding period of our common stock during which we qualified as a PFIC and the holder did not make the deemed sale election described above, the holder also will be subject to the more adverse rules described below.

A U.S. Holder's QEF election will not be effective unless we annually provide the holder with certain information concerning our income and gain, calculated in accordance with the Code, to be included with the holder's U.S. federal income tax return. We have not provided our U.S. Holders with such information in prior taxable years and do not intend to provide such information in the current taxable year. Accordingly, you will not be able to make an effective QEF election at this time. If, contrary to our expectations, we determine that we are or will be a PFIC for any taxable year, we will provide U.S. Holders with the information necessary to make an effective QEF election with respect to our common stock.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a Mark-to-Market Election. If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and, as we anticipate, our stock were treated as marketable stock, then, as an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder would be allowed to make a mark-to-market election with respect to our common stock, provided the U.S. Holder completes and files IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the relevant instructions and related Treasury Regulations. If that election is made for the first year a U.S. Holder holds or is deemed to hold our common stock and for which we are a PFIC, the U.S. Holder generally would include as ordinary income in each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's common stock at the end of the taxable year over the holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock. The U.S. Holder also would be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock over the fair market value thereof at the end of the taxable year that we are a PFIC, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in the holder's common stock would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss recognized. Gain recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock in taxable years that we are a PFIC would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the common stock in taxable years that we are a PFIC would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent that such loss does not exceed the net mark-to-market gains previously included in income by the U.S. Holder. Because the mark-to-market election only applies to marketable stock, however, it would not apply to a U.S. Holder's indirect interest in any of our subsidiaries that were also determined to be PFICs.

If a U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election for one of our taxable years and we were a PFIC for a prior taxable year during which such holder held our common stock and for which (i) we were not a QEF with respect to such holder and (ii) such holder did not make a timely mark-to-market election, such holder would also be subject to the more adverse rules described below in the first taxable year for which the mark-to-market election is in effect and also to the extent the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's common stock exceeds the holder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock at the end of the first taxable year for which the mark-to-market election is in effect.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Not Making a Timely QEF or Mark-to-Market Election. If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder who does not make either a QEF election or a mark-to-market election for that year (a *Non-Electing Holder*) would be subject to special rules resulting in increased tax liability with respect to (1) any excess distribution (*i.e.*, the portion of any distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder on our common stock in a taxable year in excess of 125.0 percent of the average annual distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the Non-Electing Holder's holding period for the common

stock), and (2) any gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the stock. Under these special rules:

the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the Non-Electing Holder's aggregate holding period for the common stock;

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the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable year prior to the taxable year we were first treated as a PFIC with respect to the Non-Electing Holder would be taxed as ordinary income in the current taxable year;

the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayers for that year; and

an interest charge for the deemed deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

If we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and a Non-Electing Holder who is an individual dies while owning our common stock, such holder's successor generally would not receive a step-up in tax basis with respect to such stock. In addition, if we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year after 2010, a U.S. Holder would be required to file an annual report with the IRS for that year with respect to the U.S. holder's common stock.

U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the applicability, availability and advisability of, and procedure for, making QEF, Mark-to-Market Elections and other available elections with respect to us, and the U.S. federal income tax consequences of making such elections.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Stock

Assuming we do not constitute a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in such stock. Subject to the discussion of extraordinary dividends above, such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition, and subject to preferential capital gain tax rates. Such capital gain or loss generally will be treated as U.S.-source gain or loss, as applicable, for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. A U.S. Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

Certain U.S. Holders who are individuals, estates or trusts will be subject to a 3.8 percent tax on, among other things, capital gains from the sale or other disposition of stock for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of this tax on their disposition of our common stock.

U.S. Return Disclosure Requirements for U.S. Individual Holders

U.S. Individual Holders that hold certain specified foreign financial assets, including stock in a foreign corporation that is not held in an account maintained by a financial institution, will be subject to additional U.S. return disclosure obligations if the aggregate value of all such assets exceeds \$50,000 (and related penalties for failure to disclose). Investors are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of this disclosure requirement to their investment in our common stock.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

A beneficial owner of our common stock (other than a partnership, including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder is a Non-U.S. Holder.

Distributions

Distributions we make to a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. If the Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a U.S. trade or business, distributions we make will be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent those distributions constitute income effectively connected with that Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. trade or business. However, distributions made to a Non-U.S. Holder that is engaged in a trade or business may be exempt from taxation under an income tax treaty if the income represented thereby is not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder.

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Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Common Stock

The U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders on any gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock generally is the same as described above regarding distributions. However, an individual Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to tax on gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock if the holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which such disposition occurs and meets certain other requirements.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, payments of distributions or the proceeds of a disposition of common stock to a non-corporate U.S. Holder will be subject to information reporting requirements. These payments to a non-corporate U.S. Holder also may be subject to backup withholding if the non-corporate U.S. Holder:

fails to timely provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;

is notified by the IRS that it has failed to report all interest or distributions required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax returns; or

in certain circumstances, fails to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding on payments within the United States by certifying their status on IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8ECI or W-8IMY, as applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, a stockholder generally may obtain a credit for any amount withheld against its liability for U.S. federal income tax (and a refund of any amounts withheld in excess of such liability) by accurately completing and timely filing a return with the IRS.

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Under the terms and subject to the conditions in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus, the underwriters named below, for whom Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC are acting as joint book-running managers and as representatives, have severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to them, the number of shares of our Class A common stock indicated below:

| Name | Number of Shares |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated | |
| Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. | |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC | |
| Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC | |
| Total | 8,600,000 |

The underwriters and the representatives are collectively referred to as the underwriters and the representatives, respectively. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the shares of our Class A common stock offered by this prospectus are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by their counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to take and pay for all of the shares of our Class A common stock offered by this prospectus if any such shares are taken. However, the underwriters are not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriters over-allotment option described below.

The underwriters initially propose to offer part of the shares of our Class A common stock directly to the public at the offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus and part to certain dealers. After the initial offering of the shares of our Class A common stock, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the representatives.

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to 1,290,000 additional shares of our Class A common stock at the public offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with the offering of the shares of our Class A common stock offered by this prospectus. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter will become obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase about the same percentage of the additional shares of our Class A common stock as the number listed next to the underwriter's name in the preceding table bears to the total number of shares of our Class A common stock listed next to the names of all underwriters in the preceding table.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 1,290,000 shares of our Class A common stock.

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| Paid by Teekay Tankers Ltd. | |
| No Exercise | Full Exercise |

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|-------------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Per Share | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$ | \$ | |
| Percentage of Total Public Offering Price | | % | % |

The estimated offering expenses payable by us, exclusive of the underwriting discounts and commissions, are approximately \$500,000.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol TNK.

We and each of our officers and directors have agreed that, for a period of 60 days from the date of this prospectus, we and they will not, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, dispose of or hedge any shares of our Class A common stock

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or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for our Class A common stock, subject to certain exceptions. Teekay Corporation has agreed to a similar lock-up period for the shares of our Class A common stock and our Class B common stock held by it or its subsidiaries other than us that will extend for 60 days from the date of this prospectus. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, in their sole discretion, may release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements at any time without notice. The representatives have no present intent or arrangement to release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements. The release of any lock-up is considered on a case-by-case basis. Factors in deciding whether to release common stock may include the length of time before the lock-up period expires, the number of shares of common stock involved, the reason for the requested release, market conditions, the trading price of our Class A common stock, historical trading volume of our Class A common stock and whether the person seeking the release is an officer, director or affiliate of us.

The restricted period described in the preceding paragraph will be extended if:

during the last 17 days of the restricted period we issue an earnings release or announce material news or a material event; or

prior to the expiration of the restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the restricted period,

in which case the restrictions described in the preceding paragraph will continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the announcement of the material news or event.

In order to facilitate the offering of the shares of our Class A common stock, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our Class A common stock. Specifically, the underwriters may sell more shares than they are obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a short position. A short sale is covered if the short position is no greater than the number of shares available for purchase by the underwriters under the over-allotment option. The underwriters can close out a covered short sale by exercising the over-allotment option or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out a covered short sale, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the open market price of shares compared to the price available under the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also sell shares in excess of the over-allotment option, creating a naked short position. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our Class A common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. As an additional means of facilitating this offering, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, shares of our Class A common stock in the open market to stabilize the price of our Class A common stock. These activities may raise or maintain the market price of our Class A common stock above independent market levels or prevent or retard a decline in the market price of our Class A common stock. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

We and the underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on websites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in this offering. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of shares of our Class A common stock to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (as defined below), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Member State, an offer of shares of our Class A common stock may not be made to the public in

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that Member State, except, with effect from and including such date, an offer of shares of our Class A common stock to the public in that Member State may be made:

at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or

at any time in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of the above, the expression an offer of shares of our Class A common stock to the public in relation to any shares of our Class A common stock in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares of our Class A common stock to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the shares of our Class A common stock, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression *Prospectus Directive* means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in that Member State.

United Kingdom

This offering memorandum and any other material in relation to the shares of our Class A common stock described herein is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospective Directive (*qualified investors*) that also (i) have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended, or the Order, (ii) who fall within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order or (iii) to whom it may otherwise lawfully be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as *relevant persons*). The shares of our Class A common stock are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to purchase or otherwise acquire such shares of our Class A common stock will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. This offering memorandum and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other person in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this offering memorandum or any of its contents.

Conflict of Interest

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our revolving credit facility. As described under Use of Proceeds, we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility, and, therefore, the underwriters that are affiliates of lenders under our revolving credit agreement will receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. Any underwriter, along with its affiliates, that will receive at least 5 percent of the total net proceeds (not including underwriting compensation) from this offering is considered by FINRA to have a conflict of interest with us in regard to this offering. Accordingly, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. have a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. Because this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121, a qualified independent underwriter is not required.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates from time to time have performed investment banking, commercial banking and advisory services for our affiliates Teekay Corporation, Teekay LNG Partners L.P. and Teekay Offshore Partners L.P., for which they have received customary fees and expenses. The underwriters and their affiliates may from time to time perform investment banking and advisory services for us and our affiliates, including Teekay Corporation, and in the ordinary course of business for which they may in the future receive customary fees and expenses.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of our Class A common stock offered hereby and certain other legal matters with respect to the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands will be passed upon for us by our counsel as to Marshall Islands law, Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon for us by Perkins Coie LLP, Portland, Oregon, who may rely upon the opinion of Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP, for all matters of Marshall Islands law. The underwriters are being represented in connection with this offering by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Teekay Tankers Ltd. included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended, and the effectiveness of Teekay Tankers Ltd.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The carve-out financial statements of *Esther Spirit* as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, and the carve-out financial statements of *Iskmati Spirit* as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (Successor), and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (Successor), and for the five months ended December 31, 2007 (Successor), the two months ended July 31, 2007 (Predecessor) and the five months ended May 31, 2007 (Predecessor), all appearing in the Report on Form 6-K furnished by Teekay Tankers Ltd. on February 3, 2011, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such carve-out financial statements are incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements, given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The carve-out financial statements of *Helga Spirit* as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, and the combined carve-out financial statements of *Yamuna Spirit* and *Kaveri Spirit* as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (Successors), and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (Successors), for the five months ended December 31, 2007 (Successors), the two months ended July 31, 2007 (Predecessors), and the five months ended May 31, 2007 (Predecessors), all appearing in the Report on Form 6-K furnished by Teekay Tankers Ltd. on September 30, 2010 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such carve-out and combined carve-out financial statements are incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements, given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-3 regarding the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information found in the registration statement. For further information regarding us and the securities offered in this prospectus, you may wish to review the full registration statement, including its exhibits. The registration statement, including the exhibits, may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of this material can also be obtained upon written request from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E.,

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Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates or from the SEC's website on the Internet at www.sec.gov free of charge. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on public reference rooms. Our registration statement can also be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (or the *Exchange Act*) from, among other things, certain rules prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit

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recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act, including the filing of quarterly reports or current reports on Form 8-K. However, we intend to make available quarterly reports containing our unaudited interim financial information for the first three quarters of each fiscal year.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus information that we file with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed to be filed with the SEC, automatically will update information previously filed with the SEC, and may replace information in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below:

our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended;

our Reports on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on June 1, 2010, September 10, 2010, September 30, 2010 (with respect to financial statements of *Helga Spirit*, *Yamura Spirit* and *Kaveri Spirit*), November 30, 2010 and February 3, 2011 (with respect to financial statements of *Esther Spirit* and *Iskmati Spirit*), respectively;

all Reports on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC after the date of this prospectus but prior to the termination of this offering that we identify in such Reports as being incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part; and

the description of each class of our capital stock as described in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on December 3, 2007, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through its public reference facilities or its website at the addresses provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated herein by reference in this prospectus (excluding any exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our website at www.teekaytankers.com, or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Teekay Tankers Ltd.
4th Floor, Belvedere Building,
69 Pitts Bay Road
Hamilton HM 08, Bermuda Attn: Corporate Secretary
(441) 298-2530

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with any information. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of each document. The information contained in our website is not part of this

prospectus.

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EXPENSES

The following table sets forth estimated costs and expenses, other than any underwriting discounts and commissions, we expect to incur in connection with the issuance and distribution of the shares covered by this prospectus supplement.

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Legal fees and expenses | \$ 300,000 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 165,000 |
| Printing costs | 25,000 |
| Transfer agent fees | 10,000 |
| Total | \$ 500,000 |

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PROSPECTUS

\$400,000,000

Teekay Tankers Ltd.

Class A Common Stock

We may offer from time to time shares of Class A common stock of Teekay Tankers Ltd. The Class A common stock offered by this prospectus will have an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000.

We may offer these securities directly or to or through underwriters, dealers or other agents. The names of any underwriters or dealers will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Our Class A common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **TNK**.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer to sell securities we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about those securities and the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may be used to offer and sell securities only if accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. You should also read the documents we refer to in the **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Incorporation of Documents by Reference** sections of this prospectus for information about us and our financial statements.

Investing in our securities involves risk. You should carefully consider each of the factors described or referred to under **Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of this prospectus before you make an investment in our securities.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to give you different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not offering these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, as well as the information we previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (or *SEC*) that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, is accurate as of any date other than its respective date. We will disclose material changes in our affairs in an amendment to this prospectus, a prospectus supplement or a future filing with the SEC incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form F-3 that we have filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell shares of Class A common stock described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to an aggregate offering price of \$400,000,000. This prospectus generally describes us and the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities with this prospectus, we will provide this prospectus and a prospectus supplement that will describe, among other things, the specific amounts and prices of the securities being offered and the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information in this prospectus. If information varies between this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus to Teekay Tankers Ltd., we, us and our and similar terms refer to Teekay Tankers Ltd. and/or one or more of its subsidiaries, except that those terms, when used in this prospectus in connection with the common stock described herein, shall mean specifically Teekay Tankers Ltd. References in this prospectus to Teekay Corporation refer to Teekay Corporation and/or any one or more of its subsidiaries. References to our Manager are to Teekay Tankers Management Services Ltd., a subsidiary of Teekay Corporation.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this prospectus to dollars and \$ are to, and amounts are presented in, U.S. Dollars, and financial information presented in this prospectus is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (or *GAAP*).

You should read carefully this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and the additional information described below under the headings Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplements are forward-looking statements. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, business prospects, changes and trends in our business, and the markets in which we operate. In some cases, you can identify the forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, will, could, should, would, expect, plan, anticipate, intend, forecast, believe, estimate, predict, propose, or negative of these terms or other comparable terminology.

These and other forward-looking statements are subject to the risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those risks discussed in Risk Factors set forth in this prospectus and those risks discussed in other reports we file with the SEC and that are incorporated into this prospectus by reference, including, without limitation, our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The risks, uncertainties and assumptions involve known and unknown risks and are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon management's current plans, expectations, estimates, assumptions and beliefs concerning future events affecting us and, therefore, involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including those risks discussed in Risk Factors and otherwise incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of these factors. Further, we cannot assess the effect of each such factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to be materially different from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

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TEEKAY TANKERS LTD.

Our business is to own oil tankers and we employ a chartering strategy that seeks to capture upside opportunities in the tanker spot market while using fixed-rate time charters to reduce downside risks. We were formed by Teekay Corporation (NYSE: TK) a leading provider of marine services to the global oil and gas industries and the world's largest operator of medium-sized oil tankers to acquire from it a fleet of double-hull oil tankers in connection with our initial public offering in December 2007. As of the date of this prospectus our fleet includes nine Aframax-class tankers and two Suezmax-class tankers. Our growth strategy focuses on expanding our fleet through accretive acquisitions and seeking to tactically manage our mix of spot and time-charter contracts to maximize dividends on a per-share basis. Through the participation of a significant number of our vessels in pooling arrangements managed by subsidiaries of Teekay Corporation and in which certain of its tankers participate, we expect to benefit from Teekay Corporation's reputation and the scope of Teekay Corporation's operations in increasing our cash flow. We also expect to benefit from Teekay Corporation's expertise, relationships and reputation in operating our fleet and pursuing growth opportunities. Teekay Corporation currently holds a majority of the voting power of our common stock.

We distribute to our stockholders on a quarterly basis all of our Cash Available for Distribution, subject to any reserves our board of directors may from time to time determine are required for the prudent conduct of our business. *Cash Available for Distribution* represents our net income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization, unrealized losses from derivatives, non-cash items and any write-offs or other non-recurring items less unrealized gains from derivatives.

Our operations are managed by our Manager, under the supervision of our executive officers and board of directors. We have entered into a long-term management agreement (the *Management Agreement*) pursuant to which our Manager and its affiliates provide to us commercial, technical, administrative and strategic services. We pay our Manager a market-based fee for these services. In order to provide our Manager with an incentive to increase our Cash Available for Distribution, we have agreed to pay a performance fee to our Manager under certain circumstances, in addition to the basic fee provided in the Management Agreement.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands as Teekay Tankers Ltd. Our principal executive offices are located at 4th Floor, Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton HM 08, Bermuda, and our phone number is (441) 298-2530. Our principal operating office is located at Suite 2000, Bentall 5, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2K2, and our telephone number at such address is (604) 683-3529. Our website address is www.teekaytankers.com. The information contained in our website is not part of this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

*An investment in our Class A common stock involves a high degree of risk. When evaluating an investment in our Class A common stock, you should carefully consider the following risk factors together with all other information included in this prospectus, including those risks discussed under the caption **Risk Factors** in our latest Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and information included in any applicable prospectus supplement.*

If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows could be materially adversely affected. In that case, our ability to pay dividends on shares of our Class A common stock may be reduced, the trading price of our Class A common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

If the stock price of our Class A common stock fluctuates after any offering related to this prospectus, you could lose a significant part of your investment.

The market price of our Class A common stock may be influenced by many factors, many of which are beyond our control, including those described under the caption **Risk Factors** in our latest Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC, and the following:

the failure of securities analysts to publish research about us after the offering, or analysts making changes in their financial estimates;

announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, acquisitions or capital commitments;

variations in quarterly operating results;

general economic or financial market conditions;

terrorist acts;

future sales of our Class A common stock or other securities; and

investors' perception of us and the seaborne oil transportation industry.

As a result of these factors, investors in our Class A common stock may not be able to resell their shares at or above the offering price. These broad market and industry factors may materially reduce the market price of our Class A common stock regardless of our operating performance.

Anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents could make it difficult for our stockholders to replace or remove our current board of directors or have the effect of discouraging, delaying or preventing a merger or acquisition, which may adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock.

Several provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws could make it difficult for our stockholders to change the composition of our board of directors, preventing them from changing the composition of management. In addition, the same provisions may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that our stockholders may consider favorable.

These provisions include:

a dual-class common stock structure that currently gives Teekay Corporation and its affiliates control over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and significant corporate transactions, such as a merger or other sale of our company or its assets;

authorizing our board of directors to issue blank check preferred shares without stockholder approval;

prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors;

authorizing the removal of directors, with or without cause, only by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock or by directors constituting at least two-thirds

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of the entire board of directors, unless Teekay Corporation and its affiliates no longer hold a majority of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock, in which case directors may only be removed for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock;

limiting the persons who may call special meetings of stockholders; and

establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at stockholder meetings.

These anti-takeover provisions could substantially impede the ability of our Class A common stockholders to benefit from a change in control and, as a result, may adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock and your ability to realize any potential change-in-control premium.

We may issue additional shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock or other securities without your approval, which would dilute your ownership interests and may depress the market price of the Class A common stock.

We may issue additional shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and other equity securities of equal or senior rank, without stockholder approval, in a number of circumstances.

The issuance by us of additional shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

our existing stockholders' proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;

the amount of cash available for dividends payable on our common stock may decrease;

the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding share may be diminished; and

the market price of our Class A common stock may decline.

U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a passive foreign investment company, which could have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. holders.

A foreign entity taxed as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be treated as a passive foreign investment company (or PFIC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes if at least 75.0% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of certain types of passive income, or at least 50.0% of the average value of the entity's assets produce or are held for the production of those types of passive income. For purposes of these tests, passive income includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income. While there are legal uncertainties involved in this determination, our counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, is of the opinion that it is more likely than not that we would not be treated as a PFIC based on certain representations that we have made to them regarding the composition of our assets, the source of our income, and the nature of our activities and other operations following this offering. In addition to these representations, the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP that it is more likely than not that we would not be a PFIC is based principally on the position that at least a majority, if not all, of the gross income we derive from our time and voyage charters (as a participant in one of our pooling arrangements or otherwise) is services income, rather than rental income.

There is, however, no direct legal authority under the PFIC rules addressing our method of operation and, therefore, no assurance can be given that the IRS will accept this position or that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our assets, income or operations. Moreover, a recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, No. 08-30268 (5th Cir. Apr. 13, 2009) held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income. However, the issues in this case arose under the foreign sales corporation rules of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the *Code*), and did not concern the PFIC rules. In addition, the court's ruling was contrary to the position of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (or *IRS*) that the time-charter income

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should be treated as services income. As a result, it is uncertain whether the principles of the Tidewater decision would be applicable to our operations. However, if the principles of the Tidewater decision were applicable to all of our operations, Perkins Coie LLP is of the opinion that we likely would be treated as a PFIC.

If the IRS were to find that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year, U.S. stockholders will face adverse tax consequences. Under the PFIC rules, unless those stockholders make certain elections available under the Code, such stockholders would be taxable at ordinary income tax rates rather than the special 15% tax rate on our dividends, and would be liable to pay U.S. federal income tax at the ordinary income tax rates plus interest upon certain distributions and upon any gain from the disposition of our common stock, as if such distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the stockholder's holding period. Please read Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations U.S. Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we specify otherwise in any prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from our sale of securities covered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things:

paying or refinancing all or a portion of our indebtedness outstanding at the time; and

funding working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions.

The actual application of proceeds from the sale of any particular offering of securities covered by this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offering.

OUR DIVIDEND POLICY AND RESTRICTIONS ON DIVIDENDS

You should read the following discussion of our dividend policy and restrictions on dividends in conjunction with specific assumptions included in this section. In addition, you should read Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors for information regarding statements that do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and certain risks inherent in our business.

Our Dividend Policy

Our dividend policy reflects a basic judgment that our stockholders will be better served by our distributing our Cash Available for Distribution rather than by our retaining it. We believe that we will generally finance any capital expenditures from external financing sources rather than cash flows from operations.

Our board of directors has adopted a dividend policy to pay a variable quarterly dividend equal to our Cash Available for Distribution during the previous quarter, subject to any reserves our board of directors may from time to time determine are required. If we declare a dividend in respect of a quarter in which an equity issuance has taken place, we may choose to calculate the dividend per share by dividing our Cash Available for Distribution for this quarter by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding over the quarter and, if required, borrow additional amounts to permit us to pay this dividend amount on each share outstanding at the end of the quarter. Dividends are paid equally on a per-share basis between our Class A common stock and our Class B common stock. *Cash Available for Distribution* represents our net income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization, unrealized losses from derivatives, non-cash items and any write-offs or other non-recurring items less unrealized gains from derivatives.

Limitations on Dividends and Our Ability to Change Our Dividend Policy

There is no guarantee that our stockholders will receive quarterly dividends from us. Our dividend policy may be changed at any time by our board of directors and is subject to certain restrictions, including:

Our stockholders have no contractual or other legal right to receive dividends.

Our board of directors has authority to establish reserves for the prudent conduct of our business, after giving effect to contingent liabilities, the terms of our credit facilities, our other cash needs and the requirements of Marshall Islands law. The establishment of these reserves could result in a reduction in dividends to you.

Our board of directors may modify or terminate our dividend policy at any time. Even if our dividend policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of dividends we pay under our dividend policy and the decision to pay any dividend is determined by our board of directors.

Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of a dividend when a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend or when the declaration or payment would be contrary to any restriction contained in the company's articles of incorporation. Dividends may be declared and paid out of surplus only, but if there is no surplus, dividends may be declared or paid out of the net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and for the preceding fiscal year.

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We may lack sufficient cash to pay dividends due to decreases in net voyage revenues or increases in operating expenses, principal and interest payments on outstanding debt, tax expenses, working capital requirements, capital expenditures or other anticipated or unanticipated cash needs.

Our dividend policy will be affected by restrictions on distributions under our credit facilities, which contain material financial tests and covenants that must be satisfied. If we are unable to satisfy these restrictions included in the credit facilities or if we are otherwise in default under the facilities, we would be prohibited from making cash distributions to you, notwithstanding our stated cash dividend policy.

While we intend that future acquisitions to expand our fleet will enhance our ability to pay dividends over time, acquisitions could limit our Cash Available for Distribution.

Our ability to make distributions to our stockholders will depend upon the performance of our ship-owning subsidiaries, which are our principal cash-generating assets, and their ability to distribute funds to us. The ability of our ship-owning or other subsidiaries to make distributions to us may be restricted by, among other things, the provisions of existing or future indebtedness, applicable corporate or limited liability company laws and other laws and regulations.

If Gross Cash Available for Distribution for a given fiscal year exceeds \$3.20 per share of our common stock (or the *Incentive Threshold*), our Manager generally will be entitled to payment of a performance fee under the Management Agreement equal to 20% of all Gross Cash Available for Distribution for such year in excess of the Incentive Threshold. *Gross Cash Available for Distribution* represents Cash Available for Distribution without giving effect to any deductions for performance fees and reduced by the amount of any reserves our board of directors may have taken during the applicable fiscal period that have not already reduced Cash Available for Distribution. Although the performance fee is payable on an annual basis, we accrue any amounts expected to be payable in respect of the performance fee on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, dividends to our stockholders in any quarter may be reduced due to the performance fee. Commencing January 1, 2008, we have maintained an internal account (or the *Cumulative Dividend Account*) that reflects, on an aggregate basis, the amount by which our dividends for a fiscal year are greater or less than \$2.65 per share (subject to adjustments for stock dividends, splits, combinations and similar events). The Cumulative Dividend Account is intended to ensure that our stockholders receive at least \$2.65 per share in annualized dividends before any performance fee is paid. We have a limited operating history upon which to rely with respect to whether we will have sufficient cash available to pay for dividends on our common stock. In addition, the tanker charter market is highly volatile, and we cannot accurately predict the amount of cash distributions, if any, that we may make in any period. The extent to which we employ our vessels in the spot market may increase the volatility of our dividends. Factors beyond our control may also affect the charter market for our vessels, our charterers' ability to satisfy their contractual obligations to us, and our voyage and operating expenses.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Authorized Capitalization

Our authorized capital stock consists of 400,000,000 shares, of which:

200,000,000 shares are designated as Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

100,000,000 shares are designated as Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; and

100,000,000 shares are designated as preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Common Stock

Voting Rights

Holders of our Class A and Class B common stock have identical rights, except that holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share and holders of our Class B common stock are entitled to five votes per share. However, the voting power of the Class B common stock is limited such that the aggregate voting power of all shares of outstanding Class B common stock can at no time exceed 49% of the voting power of our outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock, voting together as a single class. Except as otherwise provided by the Business Corporations Act of the Republic of The Marshall Islands (or the *Marshall Islands Act*), holders of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors.

Marshall Islands law generally provides that the holders of a class of stock are entitled to a separate class vote on any proposed amendment to our articles of incorporation that would change the aggregate number of authorized shares or the par value of that class of shares or alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of that class so as to affect it adversely.

Dividends

Subject to preferences that may apply to any shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock shall be entitled to share equally in any dividends that our board of directors may declare from time to time out of funds legally available for dividends. In the event a dividend is paid in the form of shares of common stock or rights to acquire shares of common stock, the holders of Class A common stock shall receive Class A common stock, or rights to acquire Class A common stock, as the case may be, and the holders of Class B common stock shall receive Class B common stock, or rights to acquire Class B common stock, as the case may be.

Marshall Islands law generally prohibits the payment of a dividend when a company is insolvent or would be rendered insolvent by the payment of such a dividend or when the declaration or payment would be contrary to any restrictions contained in the company's articles of incorporation. Dividends may be declared and paid out of surplus only, but if there is no surplus, dividends may be declared or paid out of the net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and for the preceding fiscal year.

Liquidation Rights

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock shall be entitled to receive the same amount per share of common stock of all our assets remaining after the payment of any liabilities and the satisfaction of any liquidation preferences on any outstanding preferred stock.

Conversion

Shares of our Class A common stock are not convertible into any other shares of our capital stock.

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Each share of Class B common stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder thereof into one share of Class A common stock. In addition:

upon any transfer of shares of Class B common stock to a holder other than Teekay Corporation (or any of its affiliates or any successor to Teekay Corporation's business or to all or substantially all of its assets), such transferred shares of Class B common stock shall automatically convert into Class A common stock upon such transfer; and

all shares of our Class B common stock will automatically convert into shares of our Class A common stock if the aggregate number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock beneficially owned by Teekay Corporation and its affiliates falls below 15% of the aggregate number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

All such conversions will be effected on a one-for-one basis.

Once converted into Class A common stock, shares of Class B common stock shall not be reissued. No class of common stock may be subdivided or combined unless the other class of common stock concurrently is subdivided or combined in the same proportion and in the same manner.

Other Rights

Holders of our common stock do not have redemption or preemptive rights to subscribe for any of our securities. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of preferred stock that we may issue in the future.

Preferred Stock

Our articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of that series, including:

the designation of the series;

the number of shares of the series;

the preferences and relative, participating, option or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series; and

the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

Directors

Our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by stockholders entitled to vote. There is no provision for cumulative voting.

Our articles of incorporation provide that our board of directors must consist of at least three members. Stockholders may change the number of directors only by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the voting power of all outstanding shares of our capital stock. However, from and after the date that Teekay Corporation and its subsidiaries (other than us and our subsidiaries) cease to beneficially own shares representing a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock, stockholders may change the number of directors only by the affirmative vote of not

less than 80% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock. The board of directors may change the number of directors only by a majority vote of the entire board.

Stockholder Meetings

Under our bylaws, annual general meetings will be held at a time and place selected by our board of directors. The meetings may be held in or outside of the Marshall Islands. If we fail to hold an annual meeting within 90 days of the designated date, a special meeting in lieu of an annual meeting may be called by stockholders holding not less than 10% of the voting power of all outstanding shares entitled to vote at such meeting. Other than such a meeting in lieu of an annual meeting, special meetings of stockholders may be called only by the chairman of our board of

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directors or our chief executive officer, at the direction of our board of directors as set forth in a resolution stating the purpose or purposes thereof approved by a majority of the entire board of directors, or by Teekay Corporation so long as Teekay Corporation and its affiliates (other than us and our subsidiaries) beneficially own at least a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock. Our board of directors may set a record date between 15 and 60 days before the date of any meeting to determine the stockholders that will be eligible to receive notice of and vote at the meeting.

Dissenters Rights of Appraisal and Payment

Under the Marshall Islands Act, our stockholders have the right to dissent from various corporate actions, including any merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets, and receive payment of the fair value of their shares. In the event of any amendment of our articles of incorporation, a stockholder also has the right to dissent and receive payment for the stockholder's shares if the amendment alters certain rights in respect of those shares. The dissenting stockholder must follow the procedures set forth in the Marshall Islands Act to receive payment. If we and any dissenting stockholder fail to agree on a price for the shares, the Marshall Islands Act procedures involve, among other things, the institution of proceedings in any appropriate court in any jurisdiction in which our shares are primarily traded on a local or national securities exchange.

Stockholders Derivative Actions

Under the Marshall Islands Act, any of our stockholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the stockholder bringing the action is a holder of common stock both at the time the derivative action is commenced and at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

Limitations on Director Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Marshall Islands Act authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our articles of incorporation include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions taken as a director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Our articles of incorporation also provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers and to carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors and officers for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our articles of incorporation may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against our directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Our articles of incorporation also renounce in favor of Teekay Corporation business opportunities that may be attractive to both Teekay Corporation and us. This provision effectively limits the fiduciary duties we or our stockholders otherwise may be owed regarding these business opportunities by our directors and officers who also serve as directors or officers of Teekay Corporation or its other affiliates. If Teekay Corporation or its affiliates no longer beneficially own shares representing at least 20% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock, and

no person who is an officer or director of us is also an officer or director of Teekay Corporation or its other affiliates, then this business opportunity provision of our articles of incorporation will terminate.

There is currently no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is being sought.

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Anti-Takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Several provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws, which are summarized below, may have anti-takeover effects. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, lessen our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize stockholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these anti-takeover provisions, which are summarized below, could also discourage, delay or prevent (1) the merger or acquisition of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise that a stockholder may consider in its best interest and (2) the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

Dual-Class Structure

As discussed above, our Class B common stock has five votes per share, subject to a 49% aggregate Class B common stock voting power maximum, while our Class A common stock has one vote per share. Teekay Corporation controls all of our outstanding Class B common stock, representing 49% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock, in addition to shares of Class A common stock it controls. Because of our dual-class structure, Teekay Corporation will be able to continue to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval even if it and its affiliates come to own significantly less than 50% of the shares of our outstanding common stock. This concentrated control could discourage others from initiating any potential merger, takeover or other change of control transaction that other stockholders may view as beneficial.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our articles of incorporation, our board of directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our stockholders, to issue up to 100 million shares of blank check preferred stock. Our board could authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could dilute the voting power or rights of the holders of common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us or the removal of our management and might harm the market price of our Class A common stock. We have no current plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Election and Removal of Directors

Our articles of incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our bylaws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of directors. These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

Our bylaws provide that stockholders are required to give us advance notice of any person they wish to propose for election as a director at an annual general meeting if that person is not proposed by our board of directors. These advance notice provisions provide that the stockholder must have given written notice of such proposal not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual general meeting. In the event the annual general meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be given not later than 10 days following the earlier of the date on which notice of the annual general meeting was mailed to stockholders or the date on which public disclosure of the date of the annual general meeting was made.

Our stockholders may not call special meetings for the purpose of electing directors except in lieu of an annual meeting as discussed above or to replace a director being removed by the stockholders. Our articles of incorporation provide that any director or our entire board of directors may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock or by directors

constituting at least two-thirds of the entire board of directors. However, from and after the date that Teekay Corporation and its affiliates (other than us and our subsidiaries) cease to beneficially own shares representing a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock, directors may only be removed for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock.

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Limited Actions by Stockholders

Our bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders or by the unanimous written consent of our stockholders, provided that if the Marshall Islands Act in the future permits action to be taken by less than unanimous written consent of our stockholders, the holders of voting power sufficient to take such specified action may do so by written consent so long as Teekay Corporation and its affiliates (other than us and our subsidiaries) beneficially own shares representing a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock. Our bylaws provide that, subject to certain limited exceptions, only (a) our Chairman or Chief Executive Officer, at the direction of the board of directors, or (b) Teekay Corporation, so long as Teekay Corporation and its affiliates (other than us and our subsidiaries) beneficially own at least a majority of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock, may call special meetings of our stockholders, and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice. Accordingly, a stockholder may be prevented from calling a special meeting for stockholder consideration of a proposal over the opposition of our board of directors and stockholder consideration of a proposal may be delayed until the next annual general meeting.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to prospective stockholders and, unless otherwise noted in the following discussion, is the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP, our U.S. counsel, insofar as it relates to matters of U.S. federal income tax law and legal conclusions with respect to those matters. The opinion of our counsel is dependent on the accuracy of representations made by us to them as to factual matters only, including descriptions of our operations contained herein.

This discussion is based upon provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the *Code*) as in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, existing final and temporary regulations thereunder (or *Treasury Regulations*), and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to we, our or us are references to Teekay Tankers Ltd.

The following summary does not comment on all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation which may be important to particular stockholders in light of their individual circumstances, such as stockholders subject to special tax rules (*e.g.*, financial institutions, insurance companies, broker-dealers, tax-exempt organizations, or former citizens or long-term residents of the United States) or to persons that will hold the common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, constructive sale, or other integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, partnerships or their partners, or to persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar, all of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ significantly from those summarized below. If a partnership or other entity taxed as a pass-through entity holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner or owner thereof generally will depend upon the status of the partner or owner and upon the activities of the partnership or pass-through entity. If you are a partner in a partnership or owner of a pass-through entity holding our common stock, you should consult your tax advisor.

No ruling has been or will be requested from the Internal Revenue Service (or the *IRS*) regarding any matter affecting us or prospective stockholders. Instead, we will rely on the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP. Unlike a ruling, an opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's best legal judgment and does not bind the IRS or the courts. Accordingly, the opinions and statements made here may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS.

This summary does not discuss any U.S. state or local, estate or alternative minimum tax considerations regarding the ownership or disposition of common stock. This summary is written for stockholders that hold their common stock as a capital asset under the Code. Each stockholder is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and other tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of common stock.

United States Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

As used herein, the term *U.S. Holder* means a beneficial owner of our common stock that is a U.S. citizen or resident (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes), U.S. corporation or other U.S. entity taxable as a corporation, an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion of passive foreign investment companies (or *PFICs*) below, any distributions made by us with respect to our common stock to a U.S. Holder generally will constitute dividends, which may be taxable as ordinary income or qualified dividend income as described in more detail below, to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its common stock on a dollar-for-dollar basis and thereafter as capital gain. U.S. Holders that are corporations generally will not be entitled to claim a dividends received deduction with respect to any distributions they receive from us. Dividends paid with respect to our common stock generally will be treated as passive

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category income or, in the case of certain types of U.S. Holders, general category income for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Dividends paid on our common stock to a U.S. Holder who is an individual, trust or estate (or a *U.S. Individual Holder*) will be treated as qualified dividend income that currently is taxable to such U.S. Individual Holder at preferential capital gain tax rates provided that: (i) our common stock is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as the New York Stock Exchange on which we expect our common stock will be traded); (ii) we are not a PFIC for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (which we do not believe we are, have been or will be, as discussed below); (iii) the U.S. Individual Holder has owned the common stock for more than 60 days in the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which the common stock become ex-dividend; and (iv) the U.S. Individual Holder is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. There is no assurance that any dividends paid on our common stock will be eligible for these preferential rates in the hands of a U.S. Individual Holder. Any dividends paid on our common stock not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates. In the absence of legislation extending the term of the preferential tax rates for qualified dividend income, all dividends received by a taxpayer in tax years beginning on January 1, 2011 or later will be taxed at ordinary graduated tax rates.

Special rules may apply to any extraordinary dividend paid by us. An extraordinary dividend generally is a dividend with respect to a share of stock if the amount of the dividend equals or exceeds 10.0% of a stockholder's adjusted basis (or fair market value in certain circumstances) in such stock. If we pay an extraordinary dividend on our common stock that is treated as qualified dividend income, then any loss derived by a U.S. Individual Holder from the sale or exchange of such common stock will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of such dividend.

Consequences of Possible PFIC Classification

A non-U.S. entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be a PFIC in any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries pursuant to a look through rule, either: (i) at least 75.0% of its gross income is passive income; or (ii) at least 50.0% of the average value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income.

For purposes of these tests, passive income includes dividends, interest, and gains from the sale or exchange of investment property and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute passive income. While there are legal uncertainties involved in this determination, our counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, is of the opinion that it is more likely than not that we would not be treated as a PFIC based on certain representations that we have made to them regarding the composition of our assets, the source of our income, and the nature of our activities and other operations following this offering, including:

The income derived from our participation in pooling arrangements and from our other time and voyage charters will be greater than 25.0% of our total gross income at all relevant times; and

The gross value of our vessels participating in pooling arrangements and servicing our other time and voyage charters will exceed the gross value of all other assets we own at all relevant times.

In addition to these representations, the opinion of Perkins Coie LLP that it is more likely than not that we would not be a PFIC is based principally on the position that at least a majority, if not all, of the gross income we derive from our time and voyage charters (as a participant in one of our pooling arrangements or otherwise) is services income, rather than rental income. There is, however, no direct legal authority under the PFIC rules addressing our method of

operation and, therefore no assurance can be given that the IRS will accept this position or that we would not constitute a PFIC for any future taxable year if there were to be changes in our assets, income or operations. Moreover, a recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, No. 08-30268 (5th Cir. Apr. 13, 2009) held that income derived from certain time-chartering

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activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income. However, the issues in this case arose under the foreign sales corporation rules of the Code and did not concern the PFIC rules. In addition, the court's ruling was contrary to the position of the IRS that the time-charter income should be treated as services income. As a result, it is uncertain whether the principles of the Tidewater decision would be applicable to our operations. However, if the principles of the Tidewater decision were applicable to all of our operations, Perkins Coie LLP is of the opinion that we likely would be treated as a PFIC.

If we were classified as a PFIC, for any year during which a U.S. Holder owns common stock, such U.S. Holder generally will be subject to special rules (regardless of whether we continue thereafter to be a PFIC) with respect to: (i) any excess distribution (generally, any distribution received by a stockholder in a taxable year that is greater than 125.0% of the average annual distributions received by the stockholder in the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, the stockholder's holding period for the shares), and (ii) any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of shares. Under these rules:

the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over the stockholder's holding period;

the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any year prior to the first year in which we were a PFIC will be taxed as ordinary income in the current year;

the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years in the stockholder's holding period will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the highest rate in effect for the applicable class of taxpayer for that year; and

an interest charge for the deemed deferral benefit will be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

Certain elections that would alter the tax consequences to a U.S. Holder, such as a qualified electing fund election or mark to market election, may be available to a U.S. Holder if we are classified as a PFIC. If we determine that we are or will be a PFIC, we will provide stockholders with information concerning the potential availability of such elections.

As described above, current law provides that dividends received by a U.S. Individual Holder from a qualified foreign corporation are subject to U.S. federal income tax at preferential rates through 2010. However, if we are classified as a PFIC for a taxable year in which we pay a dividend or the immediately preceding taxable year, we would not be considered a qualified foreign corporation, and a U.S. Individual Holder receiving such dividends would not be eligible for the reduced rate of U.S. federal income tax.

Consequences of Possible Controlled Foreign Corporation Classification

If more than 50.0% of either the total combined voting power of our outstanding stock entitled to vote or the total value of all of our outstanding stock were owned, directly, indirectly or constructively, by citizens or residents of the United States, U.S. partnerships or corporations, or U.S. estates or trusts (as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes), each of which owned, directly, indirectly or constructively, 10.0% or more of the total combined voting power of our outstanding stock entitled to vote (each, a *United States Stockholder*), we generally would be treated as a controlled foreign corporation (or *CFC*). United States Stockholders of a CFC are treated as receiving current distributions of their shares of certain income of the CFC (not including, under current law, certain undistributed earnings attributable to shipping income) without regard to any actual distributions and are subject to other burdensome U.S. federal income tax and administrative requirements but generally are not also subject to the requirements generally applicable to owners of a PFIC. Although we are not a CFC as of the date of this Annual Report, U.S. persons purchasing a substantial interest in us should consult their tax advisors about the potential

implications of being treated as a United States Stockholder in the event we were to become a CFC in the future.

Sale, Exchange or other Disposition of Common Stock

Assuming we do not constitute a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our common stock in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in such stock. Subject to the discussion of extraordinary dividends above, such gain or loss will be treated as long-

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term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition, and subject to preferential capital gain tax rates. Such capital gain or loss generally will be treated as U.S. source gain or loss, as applicable, for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. A U.S. Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations. A disposition or sale of shares by a stockholder who owns, or has owned, 10.0% or more of the total voting power of us may result in a different tax treatment under Section 1248 of the Code. U.S. Holder's purchasing a substantial interest in us should consult their tax advisors.

United States Federal Income Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

A beneficial owner of our common stock (other than a partnership, including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder is a *Non-U.S. Holder*.

Distributions

Distributions we pay to a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. If the Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a U.S. trade or business, distributions we pay will be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent those distributions constitute income effectively connected with that Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. trade or business. However, distributions paid to a Non-U.S. Holder who is engaged in a trade or business may be exempt from taxation under an income tax treaty if the income represented thereby is not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder.

Disposition of Common Stock

The U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders on any gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock generally is the same as described above regarding distributions. However, individual Non-U.S. Holders may be subject to tax on gain resulting from the disposition of our common stock if they are present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which those shares are disposed and meet certain other requirements.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, payments of distributions or the proceeds of a disposition of common stock to a non-corporate U.S. Holder will be subject to information reporting requirements. These payments to a non-corporate U.S. Holder also may be subject to backup withholding if the non-corporate U.S. Holder:

fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;

is notified by the IRS that it has failed to report all interest or distributions required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax returns; or

in certain circumstances, fails to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding on payments within the United States by certifying their status on IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8ECI or W-8IMY, as applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, a stockholder generally may obtain a credit for any amount withheld against its liability for U.S. federal income tax (and a refund of any amounts withheld in excess of such liability) by filing a return with the IRS.

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NON-UNITED STATES TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Marshall Islands Tax Considerations

The following discussion is based upon the opinion of Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP, our counsel as to matters of the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands, and the current laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands and is applicable only to persons who do not reside in, maintain offices in or engage in business in the Republic of The Marshall Islands.

Because we and our subsidiaries do not, and we do not expect that we or any of our subsidiaries will, conduct business or operations in the Republic of The Marshall Islands, and because we anticipate that all documentation related to any offerings pursuant to this prospectus will be executed outside of the Republic of The Marshall Islands, under current Marshall Islands law you will not be subject to Marshall Islands taxation or withholding on distributions. In addition, you will not be subject to Marshall Islands stamp, capital gains or other taxes on the purchase, ownership or disposition of shares of Class A common stock, and you will not be required by the Republic of The Marshall Islands to file a tax return relating to the shares of Class A common stock.

It is the responsibility of each stockholder to investigate the legal and tax consequences, under the laws of pertinent jurisdictions, including the Marshall Islands, of its investment in us. Accordingly, each stockholder is urged to consult its tax counsel or other advisor with regard to those matters. Further, it is the responsibility of each stockholder to file all state, local and non-U.S., as well as U.S. federal, tax returns that may be required of him.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplements:

through underwriters or dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers; or

through a combination of any such methods of sale.

If underwriters are used to sell securities, we will enter into an underwriting agreement or similar agreement with them at the time of the sale to them. In that connection, underwriters may receive compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from purchasers of the securities for whom they may act as agent. Any such underwriter, dealer or agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to the securities will set forth, among other things:

the offering terms, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;

the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us from such sale;

any underwriting discounts, concessions, commissions and other items constituting compensation to underwriters, dealers or agents;

any initial public offering price;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers; and

any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange:

at a fixed price or prices that may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of such firms. Unless otherwise set forth in an applicable prospectus

supplement, the obligations of underwriters or dealers to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters or dealers will be obligated to purchase all the securities if any are purchased. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers may be changed from time to time.

Securities may be sold directly by us or through agents designated by us from time to time, at prevailing market prices or otherwise. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus and a prospectus supplement is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by us to such agent will be set forth, in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers from certain specified institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. Such contracts will be subject to any conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus supplement will set forth the commissions payable for solicitation of such contracts. The underwriters

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and other persons soliciting such contracts will have no responsibility for the validity or performance of any such contracts.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to be indemnified by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, or to contribution by us to payments which they may be required to make. The terms and conditions of such indemnification will be described in an applicable prospectus supplement.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

Any underwriters to whom securities are sold by us for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any securities.

Certain persons participating in any offering of securities may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities offered. In connection with any such offering, the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, may purchase and sell securities in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities and syndicate short positions involve the sale by the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase from us in the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, whereby selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if such securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market, and if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. These activities will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Pursuant to a requirement by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (or *FINRA*), the maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker/dealer may not be greater than 8% of the gross proceeds received by us for the sale of any securities being offered by this prospectus.

In the event that more than 10% of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by FINRA members participating in the offering or affiliates or associated persons of such FINRA members, the offering will be conducted in accordance with FINRA Rule 5110(h).

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SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

Teekay Tankers Ltd. is incorporated under the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands as a corporation. The Republic of The Marshall Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and provides protections for investors to a significantly lesser extent.

Most of our directors and officers and those of our controlled affiliates are residents of countries other than the United States. Substantially all of our and our subsidiaries' assets and a substantial portion of the assets of our directors and officers are located outside of the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for United States investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or our subsidiaries or to realize against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. However, we have expressly submitted to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal and New York state courts sitting in the City of New York for the purpose of any suit, action or proceeding arising under the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States, and we have appointed Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP to accept service of process on our behalf in any such action.

Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP, our counsel as to Marshall Islands law, has advised us that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Republic of The Marshall Islands would (1) recognize or enforce against us or our directors and officers judgments of courts of the United States based on civil liability provisions of applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws or (2) impose liabilities against us or our directors and officers or those of our controlled affiliates in original actions brought in the Republic of The Marshall Islands, based on these laws.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the shares of Class A common stock offered and certain other legal matters with respect to the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands will be passed upon for us by our counsel as to Marshall Islands law, Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon for us by Perkins Coie LLP, Portland, Oregon, who may rely upon the opinion of Watson, Farley & Williams (New York) LLP, for all matters of Marshall Islands law. Any underwriter will be advised about other issues relating to any offering by its own legal counsel.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Teekay Tankers Ltd. included in its Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2008, and the effectiveness of Teekay Tankers Ltd.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements (to the extent covered by consents filed with the SEC) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined carve-out statements of income (loss), changes in owner's equity, and cash flows for the period from June 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007 (Successor), January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007 (Predecessor) and the year ended December 31, 2006 (Predecessor) of Adair Shipping L.L.C. and Delaware Shipping L.L.C. (or the *Combined Financial Statements*), included as an exhibit to Teekay Tankers Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2008, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP as set forth in their reports thereon included therein

and incorporated herein by reference. The Combined Financial Statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-3 regarding the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information found in the registration statement. For further information regarding us and the securities offered in this prospectus, you may wish to review the full registration statement, including its exhibits. The registration statement, including the exhibits, may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of this material can also be obtained upon written request from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates or from the SEC's website on the Internet at www.sec.gov free of charge. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on public reference rooms. Our registration statement can also be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt under the U.S. Securities Act of 1934 (or the *Exchange Act*) from, among other things, certain rules prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act, including the filing of quarterly reports or current reports on Form 8-K. However, we intend to make available quarterly reports containing our unaudited interim financial information for the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus information that we file with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed to be filed with the SEC, automatically will update information previously filed with the SEC, and may replace information in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below:

our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008;

all subsequent Annual Reports on Form 20-F filed prior to the termination of this offering;

all subsequent Reports on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC prior to the termination of this offering that we identify in such Reports as being incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part; and

the description of each class of our capital stock as described in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on December 3, 2007, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

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You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through its public reference facilities or its website at the addresses provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (excluding any exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our Internet website at www.teekaytankers.com, or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Teekay Tankers Ltd.
4th Floor, Belvedere Building,
69 Pitts Bay Road
Hamilton HM 08, Bermuda Attn: Corporate Secretary
(441) 298-2530

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You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with any information. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of each document. The information contained in our website is not part of this prospectus.

In reviewing any agreements included as exhibits to the registration statement relating to the securities covered by this prospectus or to other SEC filings incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, please be aware that these agreements are attached as exhibits to provide you with information regarding their terms and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about us or the other parties to the agreements. The agreements may contain representations and warranties by each of the parties to the applicable agreement, which representations and warranties may have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement and, as applicable:

should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;

have been qualified by disclosures that may have been made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreement;

may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material to you or other investors; and

were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement and are subject to more recent developments.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time and should not be relied upon by investors in considering whether to invest in our securities.

EXPENSES

The following table sets forth costs and expenses, other than any underwriting discounts and commissions, we expect to incur in connection with the issuance and distribution of the shares of Class A common stock covered by this prospectus. All amounts are estimated except the SEC registration and FINRA fees.

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | \$ 22,320 |
| FINRA filing fee | \$ 40,500 |
| Legal fees and expenses | * |
| Accounting fees and expenses | * |
| Printing costs | * |
| Transfer agent fees | * |
| Miscellaneous | * |
| Total | \$ * |

* To be provided in a prospectus supplement or in a Report on Form 6-K subsequently incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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8,600,000 Shares

CLASS A COMMON STOCK

Teekay Tankers Ltd.

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
February , 2011**

Joint Book-Running Managers

MORGAN STANLEY

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES

J.P. MORGAN

Co-Manager

CREDIT SUISSE