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Shipping Watch: BW LPG's courtship of Dorian at standstill

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BW LPG has been trying for months to buy competitor Dorian. But even a higher second offer was met with nothing but silence. "We're sitting here hoping for a response," BW LPG Chief Executive Martin Ackerman tells ShippingWatch.

First an offer and a clear response: No thanks. Then another, improved offer and still no response.

BW LPG's management has waited since July 9 for a response to increased acquisition offer the company submitted to competitor Dorian LPG.

"It's been quiet now for eight weeks from the other side, and we're sitting here hoping that a response will come at some point," CEO Martin Ackermann of BW LPG tells ShippingWatch.

In his view, the idea of making Dorian LPG a part of BW LPG makes obvious sense, but it is not certain that this view is shared by the other side of the table.

At any rate, Dorian LPG has at no time in the past four months, since BW LPG publicly showed an interest in acquiring the company, responded directly to the offers, beyond a simple and very unambiguous 'no thanks' in June this year. BW LPG has since then nominated three directors to Dorian LPG's board, and the company is now waiting for this proposal to be addressed at a general assembly at Dorian, which has yet to be scheduled.

Ackermann still hopes for a 'yes please' from Dorian LPG. But he declines to offer a concrete assessment of the possibility that Dorian will agree to become part of BW Group.

"When I look at data and facts for Dorian and BW LPG, and that's without talking gut feeling, a combination makes a lot of sense for Dorian's shareholders. And when judging by this and in terms of odds, I think the sense and thus the odds are very strong," says Ackermann:

"We're hoping for this, as we feel we have many things in common, and that they operate a very strong company."

BW LPG's fleet currently consists of 46 VLGC vessels and two newbuilds underway, and with the acquisition of Dorian the aggregate fleet could reach a total of 73 gas tanker vessels, creating what Ackermann describes as "a powerhouse in LPG shipping."

#### **Mutual willingness necessary**

The merger is high on the wish list, says Ackermann. But it is not the only wish.

"The Dorian acquisition is not something we have to do. If the shareholders aren't willing to see this as a good idea, we won't be pursuing it. When we target growth, it has to make sense, and we can do that organically as well as inorganically," explains Ackermann.

BW LPG frequently buys and sells ships in its fleet, which has an average age of around seven years. A couple of years ago BW LPG acquired competitor Aurora after a protracted process of bidding for the company, which

competitor Avance Gas was also eager to buy.

### Strained by weak rates

BW LPG published its interim report Thursday last week, which showed a bigger deficit in the second quarter compared to the same period 2017.

The gas tanker shipping company's revenue came to USD 61 million, achieved in daily TCE rates of USD 14,800. Revenue in the second quarter 2017 was significantly higher, at USD 91 million.

The company booked a deficit of USD 27.1 million in the second quarter this year, more than three times worse than the deficit of USD 7 million in the same period last year.

"The result is not impressive, and it's not satisfactory to us. It's also not surprising, as the rates have been so low," says Ackermann, noting that BW LPG clocked in at the higher end in terms of results among the LPG shipping companies that have published results so far.

The rates do not look set to improve anytime soon, but Ackermann is optimistic, not least due to the shipping company's volume – though he is cautiously optimistic.

### New eco-design ships

Another reason for the optimism is BW LPG's opportunities to invest going forward.

Specifically, the company announced Thursday last week that it will retrofit four of its VLGC's to be able to sail on LPG with a dual-fuel engine. This makes the company better prepared to handle the upcoming environmental regulations.

BW Group owns 45 percent of the LPG carrier, and BW Group also owns 14.2 percent of Dorian LPG.

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shareholders of Dorian. Investors and security holders are able to obtain copies of the BW LPG Preliminary Proxy Statement and will be able to obtain copies of the BW LPG Definitive Proxy Statement (if and when available), without charge, at the SEC's website, http://www.sec.gov.

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