



## **UAE-based investor offers to acquire stake in Maridive & Oil Services Co. worth USD 37 million**

*Proposed transaction underscores the confidence in Maridive's ongoing turnaround and unique position in MENA's offshore services and construction sectors*

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Mr. Najjad Zeenni, the UAE-based investor and business leader, has today declared his intention to own a stake in leading MENA offshore marine and oil support services provider Maridive & Oil Services Co. ("Maridive"), a company whose shares trade on the Egyptian Exchange (EGX).

The proposed transaction would see Mr. Zeenni personally subscribe to a capital increase valued at USD 37 million at a subscription price of USD 0.61 per share. The offer represents a significant premium to Maridive's 7 May 2019 closing share price of USD 0.363 per share.

The transaction is contingent on Maridive shareholders agreeing to use the full proceeds of the transaction to fully subscribe to an equivalent value of newly issued shares in Valentine Maritime. Mr. Zeenni personally holds 25% of Valentine's shares, while the remaining 75% is held by Maridive. Mr. Zeenni would not participate in the subsequent capital increase in Valentine and would undertake to sell to Maridive the remainder of his stake in Valentine at a price of USD 1 per share after completion of the capital increase.

Upon completion, the net effect of the transaction would see Mr. Zeenni hold 60 655 000 SHARES in Maridive, with all of his shares being subject to a Three Months lockup agreement. Valentine, in turn, would become a 100% owned subsidiary of Maridive.

Underscoring his belief in the outstanding combined prospects of Maridive and Valentine, Mr. Zeenni has also announced he intends to request a seat on Maridive's board of directors.



**Commenting on the transaction, Mr. Zeenni, who is also Chairman and CEO of Valentine, said:**

"I am honoured to have had Maridive as my partner at Valentine since 1990. Together, we have built Valentine from a concept into a powerhouse that counts among its clients regional giants, including ADNOC, and that has recently concluded an exclusive pipe-laying agreement with a major contractor shortlisted on Saudi Aramco's long-term agreements bidders list.

"Today, I am excited not just by the outlook for Valentine and for our sister company, MOP, but for Maridive as a whole. Third-party research points to a recovery in global offshore exploration and production spending, including a steady increase in offshore capital and operational expenditure in the coming period. The MENA region's low extraction and breakeven points — alongside Egypt's positioning itself as a regional energy hub — will drive new demand for offshore services and construction in Maridive's home waters across our region. Against this backdrop, Valentine and MOS have young and versatile fleets and experienced crews that are ideal to cater to the demands of both national and global oil companies.

"With this transaction, my intention is to inject excess personal liquidity in a manner that would give me exposure to the larger Maridive growth story while optimizing the capital structure of Valentine and allowing an alignment of interests in the management of both Valentine and MOP," Najjad concluded.

The proposed transaction is subject to acceptance by Maridive management, to approval by Maridive shareholders, and to applicable legal procedures and laws of the Arab Republic of Egypt. It is also subject to the satisfactory completion of certain conditions precedent.

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