

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC
Form 8-K
August 18, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 14, 2014

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-31895
(Commission
File Number)
5215 West Laurel Street

84-1018684
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Tampa, Florida 33607

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 876-1776

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. *Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.*

The disclosure set forth below under Item 2.03 (Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Item 2.03 *Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.*

On August 14, 2014, Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (Odyssey) entered into a loan agreement with a strategic marketing partner that provides for loans of up to an aggregate amount of \$10.0 million. At closing, Odyssey borrowed \$5.0 million, and Odyssey has the right to borrow the remainder in two tranches of \$2.5 million each upon the achievement of milestones set forth in the loan agreement. Advances under the loan agreement bear interest at a rate of 8.0% for the first year and 11.0% thereafter. The credit facility provides for monthly payments of interest only, with the principal amount and all accrued interest due and payable on August 14, 2016. As further consideration for the credit facility, Odyssey assigned to the lender a portion of the shares that Odyssey owns in an Odyssey subsidiary and granted the lender the right to convert the outstanding loan balance into shares of that subsidiary or to purchase additional shares of that subsidiary from Odyssey if the loan is repaid. Odyssey's obligations under the credit facility are secured by specified assets, including a portion of Odyssey's shares in the subsidiary. Odyssey's obligation to repay the principal and accrued interest may be accelerated at the option of the lender if an event of default, as specified in the loan agreement, occurs. Odyssey may prepay the outstanding loan balance before the maturity date.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.

Dated: August 15, 2014

By: /s/ Philip S. Devine
Philip S. Devine
Chief Financial Officer