

TRANSOCEAN INC
Form 8-K
November 24, 2008

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): November 19, 2008

TRANSOCEAN INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-75899
(Commission File Number)

66-0582307
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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4 Greenway Plaza

Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77046
(Zip code)

70 Harbour Drive

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
(Address of principal executive offices)

KY1-1003
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 232-7500

(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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On November 19, 2008, Kristian Siem notified Transocean Inc. (the Company) of his intention to resign from the board of directors, contingent upon and immediately prior to the completion of the proposed change of the place of incorporation of the Company's group holding company from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland (the Transaction). Upon completion of the Transaction, Mr. Siem would not be able to serve as a director without adverse personal tax consequences resulting from particular circumstances relating to his Swiss residency permit. Mr. Siem is a Class II director, whose term expires at the 2010 annual meeting. In order to more evenly allocate the numbers of directors in the several classes, the board of directors will consider reappointing a current Class I director as a Class II director effective upon Mr. Siem's resignation.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements made herein and regarding expected plans and the consummation of the Transaction, benefits, timing and effects of the Transaction, and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including but not limited to, an inability to realize expected benefits from the Transaction or the occurrence of difficulties in connection with the Transaction, an inability to obtain waivers from our lenders in connection with the Transaction, any unanticipated costs in connection with the Transaction, worldwide demand for oil and gas, oil and gas prices, the level of activity in offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production, exploration success by producers, competition and market conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, the ability to enter into and the terms of future drilling contracts, risks of international operations and compliance with foreign laws, political and other uncertainties inherent in non-U.S. operations, including exchange and currency fluctuations, the impact of governmental laws and regulations, the adequacy of sources of liquidity, changes in the tax laws, the effect of litigation and contingencies, fluctuations in the value of the Company's shares and other factors discussed in the Company's definitive proxy statement dated October 31, 2008, Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008, and in the Company's other filings with the SEC, which are available free of charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Important Additional Information Regarding the Transaction Has Been Filed with the SEC

In connection with the proposed Transaction, the Company has filed with the SEC a definitive proxy statement dated October 31, 2008. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION AND THE COMPANY. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents filed with the SEC from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Security holders and other interested parties may also obtain, without charge, a copy of the definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents by directing a request by mail or telephone to Investor Relations, Transocean Inc., 4 Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046, telephone 713-232-7694.

The Company and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from its shareholders with respect to the Transaction. Information about these persons is set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC and dated October 31, 2008. Shareholders and investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such persons, which may be different than those of the Company's shareholders generally, by reading the definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the Transaction that will be filed with the SEC.

SIGNATURES

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

TRANSOCEAN INC.

Date: November 24, 2008

By: /s/ Chipman Earle
Chipman Earle
Associate General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

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