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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): December 15, 2017

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Switzerland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 000-53533 (Commission File Number) | 98-0599916 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| Turmstrasse 30 6300 Zug Switzerland (Address of principal executive offices) | CH-6300 (zip code) |
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amendment to Transaction Agreement and Pre-acceptances

As previously disclosed, on August 13, 2017, Transocean Ltd., a Swiss corporation (“Transocean”), Transocean Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company and wholly owned subsidiary of Transocean (“TINC”), and Songa Offshore SE, a European public company limited by shares (or *societas Europaea*) existing under the laws of Cyprus (“Songa Offshore”), entered into a transaction agreement, which was subsequently amended on September 15, 2017 (as amended, the “Transaction Agreement”), pursuant to which Transocean will, subject to certain conditions, offer to acquire (the “Offer”) all of the outstanding shares of Songa Offshore (the “Transaction”). As previously disclosed, in connection with the execution of the Transaction Agreement, each of Perestroika AS, Asia Research & Capital Management Ltd., York Capital Management and Songa’s directors executed an irrevocable pre-acceptance agreement, which were subsequently amended on September 15, 2017 (collectively, and as amended, the “Pre-acceptances”), pursuant to which such parties unconditionally agreed to exchange all of their respective shares of Songa Offshore in the public voluntary exchange offer contemplated by the Transaction Agreement. On December 19, 2017, based on discussions between the parties to the Transaction Agreement, Transocean entered into an amendment to the Transaction Agreement (the “Transaction Agreement Amendment”) and each of the Pre-acceptances (collectively, the “Amendments to the Pre-acceptances”) to extend the “Long Stop Date” in the Transaction Agreement and the Pre-acceptances from January 31, 2018 to February 15, 2018.

The Transaction Agreement and the Pre-acceptances, as amended, remain in full force and effect. The foregoing description of the Transaction Agreement Amendment and the Amendments to the Pre-acceptances are only a summary, do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Transaction Agreement Amendment and the form of Amendment to the Pre-acceptances, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and Exhibit 10.1, respectively, and incorporated in their entirety herein by reference. The Transaction Agreement Amendment and the form of Amendment to the Pre-acceptances have been included to provide investors with information regarding their terms. They are not intended to provide any other factual information about Transocean or Songa Offshore or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates or to modify or supplement any factual disclosures about Transocean in its public reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or in Songa’s reports made publicly available.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

On December 15, 2017, TINC entered into private exchange agreements to issue approximately USD 273.5 million aggregate principal amount of 0.5% Exchangeable Senior Bonds due 2023, which are exchangeable into an aggregate of approximately 26.6 million shares of Transocean, par value CHF 0.10 per share (the “Exchangeable Bonds”), in exchange for certain outstanding indebtedness previously issued by Songa Offshore. In particular, TINC agreed to purchase an aggregate of approximately NOK 1.206 billion of Songa Offshore’s outstanding SONG04 Bonds from three bondholders at a price of 103.5% per bond (plus accrued and unpaid interest) and an aggregate of approximately NOK 587.0 million of Songa Offshore’s outstanding SONG05 Bonds from two bondholders at a price of 101% per bond (plus accrued and unpaid interest). TINC has also agreed to purchase from Perestroika its USD 50 million loan to Songa Offshore for Exchangeable Bonds at a price of 100% of the principal amount of the loan (plus accrued and unpaid interest). These transactions are collectively referred to as the “Private Exchange Offers.” All of the Private Exchange Offer purchases are conditioned on and will close at approximately the same time as the settlement of the Offer. Transocean intends to call all remaining SONG04 Bonds and SONG05 Bonds for cash following the completion of the Transaction.

The approximate aggregate principal amount of Exchangeable Bonds and approximate number of Transocean shares issued in exchange therefor is estimated based on (i) a NOK/USD exchange rate of 8.3179, which was the closing price at 4:00 p.m. CET as determined by Norges Bank on December 13, 2017, (ii) settlement of the exchange on or about January 30, 2018 and (iii) an initial exchange rate of approximately 97.29756 Transocean shares per USD 1,000 principal amount of Exchangeable Bonds. The actual amount of Exchangeable Bonds to be issued in connection with the Private Exchange Offers, however, will depend on the amount of accrued and unpaid interest on such indebtedness as of the time the purchase occurs. As a result, TINC may issue more Exchangeable Bonds than the approximate value listed above. In addition, the actual amount of Exchangeable Bonds to be issued in the Private Exchange Offers will depend on the NOK/USD closing price, as determined by Norges Bank on the trading day immediately prior to the settlement of the purchase. As a result, TINC may issue more Exchangeable Bonds than the approximate value listed above to the extent the NOK/USD closing price used to complete the purchase varies from the NOK/USD exchange rate of 8.3719.

The exchange rate of the Exchangeable Bonds can also be adjusted upon the occurrence of certain anti-dilution events, tax event or certain fundamental changes such as a change in control of TINC or Transocean. As a result of these terms, Transocean may be required to issue more Transocean shares than the approximate number listed above.

The Exchangeable Bonds will be issued a private placement exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. A complete description of the terms of the Exchangeable Bonds, including the terms regarding the exchange of Exchangeable Bonds for Transocean shares, can be found at and is incorporated by reference to the section "Description of Transocean Exchangeable Bonds" in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-220791) filed by Transocean and TINC.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 2.1 | <u>Amendment No. 2 to Transaction Agreement, dated December 19, 2017, among Transocean Ltd., Transocean Inc. and Songa Offshore SE.</u> |
| 10.1 | <u>Form of Amendment No. 2 to Pre-acceptance among Transocean Ltd. and certain shareholders of Songa Offshore SE.</u> |

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the Transaction, Transocean has filed with the SEC the Proxy Statement and Transocean and TINC (collectively referred to as the “Offeror”) have filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the “Registration Statement”) containing a prospectus with respect to the consideration shares and exchangeable bonds to be issued in the Transaction (the “Prospectus”). Transocean has mailed the Proxy Statement to its shareholders in connection with the vote to approve certain matters in connection with the Transaction and the Offeror will distribute the Prospectus to certain securityholders of Songa in the United States in connection with the transaction and related Offer contemplated by the Transaction Agreement. Transocean Ltd. and TINC are also expected to file an offer document with the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (the “Norwegian FSA”).

INVESTORS AND SECURITYHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND/OR PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE TRANSACTION IN ITS/THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) OR ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT OR PROSPECTUS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION. You may obtain, free of charge, copies of the definitive Proxy Statement, Prospectus and Registration Statement, when available, and other relevant documents filed by Transocean with the SEC, at the SEC’s website at: www.sec.gov. In addition, shareholders may obtain free copies of the Proxy Statement and Prospectus and other relevant documents filed by Transocean and TINC with the SEC from Transocean’s website at: www.deepwater.com.

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or exchange, or the solicitation of an offer to sell or exchange, any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, sale or exchange would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. This communication is not a substitute for any prospectus, proxy statement or any other document that Transocean and TINC may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. The final terms and further provisions regarding the Offer will be disclosed in the offer document after the publication has been approved by the Norwegian FSA and in documents that will be filed by Transocean and TINC with the SEC. No money, securities or other consideration is being solicited, and, if sent in response to the information contained herein, will not be accepted.

No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any applicable European and Norwegian regulations. The transaction and distribution of this document may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions and persons into whose possession any document or other information referred to herein should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with these restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities will be made directly or indirectly, in or into any jurisdiction where to do so would be inconsistent with the laws of such jurisdiction.

Participants in the Solicitation

Each of Transocean, TINC, and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Transocean's shareholders with respect to the approvals required to complete the Transaction and the solicitation of acceptances for the exchange offer. More detailed information regarding the identity of these potential participants, and any direct or indirect interests they may have in the proposed transaction, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the Proxy Statement and Prospectus when they are filed with the SEC. Information regarding Transocean's directors and executive officers is set forth in the definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed by Transocean with the SEC on March 16, 2017, and in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by Transocean with the SEC on March 7, 2017. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the extraordinary general meeting and the exchange offer will be included in the proxy statement to be filed with the SEC. These documents are available to shareholders free of charge from the SEC's website at: www.sec.gov and from the investor relations section of Transocean's website at: www.deepwater.com.

Cautionary Statement About Forward Looking Statements

The statements described in this Form 8-K 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. These statements contain words such as "possible," "intend," "will," "if," "expect" or other similar expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding benefits of the Transaction, integration plans and expected synergies, and anticipated future growth, financial and operating performance and results. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results could differ materially from

those indicated in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: estimated duration of customer contracts; contract dayrate amounts; future contract commencement dates and locations; planned shipyard projects; timing of Transocean's newbuild deliveries; operating hazards and delays; risks associated with international operations; actions by customers and other third parties; the future prices of oil and gas; the intention to scrap certain drilling rigs; the expected timing and likelihood of the completion of the contemplated transaction, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the contemplated transaction that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the transaction; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Transaction Agreement; the ability to successfully complete the Transaction, including the related exchange offers; regulatory or other limitations imposed as a result of the Transaction; the success of the business following completion of the Transaction; the ability to successfully integrate the Transocean and Songa businesses; the possibility that Transocean's shareholders may not approve certain matters that are conditions to the Transaction or that the requisite number of Songa shares may not be exchanged in the public offer; the risk that the parties may not be able to satisfy the conditions to closing of the Transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed business combination; the risk that the announcement or completion of the Transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of Transocean's or

Songa's shares or the ability of Transocean or Songa to retain customers, retain or hire key personnel, maintain relationships with their respective suppliers and customers, and on their operating results and businesses generally; the risk that Transocean may be unable to achieve expected synergies or that it may take longer or be more costly than expected to achieve those synergies; and other factors, including those and other risks discussed in Transocean's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and in Transocean's other filings with the SEC, which are available free of charge on the SEC's website at: www.sec.gov, and in Songa's annual and quarterly financial reports made publicly available. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize (or the other consequences of such a development worsen), or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated or expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Transocean or to persons acting on Transocean's behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by reference to these risks and uncertainties. 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 each of Transocean and Songa undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur, or which either Transocean or Songa become aware of, after the date hereof, except as otherwise may be required by law.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

Date: December 20, 2017 By: /s/ Daniel Ro-Trock
Name: Daniel Ro-Trock
Title: Authorized Person
