

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC

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| Telephone | (813) 876-1776 |
| CIK | 0000798528 |
| Symbol | OMEX |
| SIC Code | 4400 - Water transportation |
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| Sector | Industrials |
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**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): January 30, 2017

O DYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-31895
(Commission
File Number)

84-1018684
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**5215 West Laurel Street
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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 30, 2017, Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its receipt of a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) indicating that the Company is in compliance with all applicable listing standards for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market, including the \$35 million market value of listed securities requirement. As a result, the Company’s securities will continue to be listed on Nasdaq, and the hearing before the Nasdaq Hearings Panel has been cancelled by Nasdaq. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) *Financial Statements of Business Acquired*
Not applicable
- (b) *Pro Forma Financial Information*
Not applicable
- (c) *Shell Company Transaction*
Not applicable
- (d) *Exhibits*

99.1 The exhibit listed in the following Exhibit Index is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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.

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Dated: January 31, 2017

By: /s/ Jay A. Nudi

Jay A. Nudi

Interim Chief Financial Officer



PRESS RELEASE

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TAMPA, Fla., January 30, 2017 — Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (Nasdaq: OMEX), a pioneer in the field of deep-ocean exploration, announced today that on January 30, 2017, the Company received a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) indicating that the Company is in compliance with all applicable listing standards for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market, including the \$35 million market value of listed securities requirement. As a result, the Company’s securities will continue to be listed on Nasdaq, and the hearing before the Nasdaq Hearings Panel has been cancelled by Nasdaq.

About Odyssey Marine Exploration

Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (Nasdaq:OMEX) is engaged in deep-ocean exploration using innovative methods and state-of-the-art technology. The company has numerous projects in various stages of development around the world from both our own portfolio as well as through third-party contracts. For additional details, please visit www.odysseymarine.com.

Forward Looking Information

Odyssey Marine Exploration believes the information set forth in this Press Release may include “forward looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934. Certain factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements are set forth in “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2016.