

# ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC

Reported by  
**ABBOTT JOHN**

## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>Abbott John</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>101 20TH ST, APT 2706</b>  (Street)  <b>MIAMI, FL 33139</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [ OMEX ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span> _____ Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>12/30/2016</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/30/2016		A	(1)	1473	A	\$0	9514	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$3.42	12/30/2016		A		1686		12/30/2016 (3)	12/30/2016	Common Stock	1686	\$0	1686	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) On December 30, 2016, the Reporting Person was granted Restricted Stock Units under the Issuer's 2015 Stock Incentive Plan which vested immediately.
- (2) Each Stock Option represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (3) On December 30, 2016, the Reporting Person was granted Stock Options under the Issuer's 2015 Stock Incentive Plan which vested immediately.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Abbott John</b> <b>101 20TH ST</b> <b>APT 2706</b> <b>MIAMI, FL 33139</b>	<b>X</b>			

**Signatures**

/s/ Jay A. Nudi as attorney-in-fact for John Abbott

1/4/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Jay Nudi and Laura Barton, signing singly, the undersigned true and lawful attorney-in-fact, to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned capacity as an officer and/or director of Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (the Company), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 and 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this power of attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact discretion. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this power of attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of August 2016. Name: John Abbott

*/s/ John C. Abbott*

*Signature*

*STATE OF FLORIDA*

*COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH*

*The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of August, 2016 by John C. Abbott who is personally known to me.*

*[SEAL]*

*/s/ Robert A. Deknes, Jr.*

*Notary Public*

*My Commission #FF 114395*

*Expires July 7, 2018*