

FREESEAS INC.
Form 6-K
January 09, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For January 6, 2012

Commission File Number: 000-51672

FreeSeas Inc.

10, Eleftheriou Venizelou Street (Panepistimiou Ave.)

106 71, Athens, Greece

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If ☒ Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- .

Nasdaq Bid Price Deficiency Letter

On January 6, 2012, FreeSeas Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has received a deficiency letter from NASDAQ stating that, because the Company has not maintained a minimum Market Value of Publicly Held Shares (the MVPHS) of \$5,000,000 for the last 30 consecutive business days, the Company is no longer in compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule Section 5450(b)(1)(C).

In order to regain compliance, the Company has until July 2, 2012 for the Company's MVPHS to meet or exceed \$5,000,000 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days. If the Company has not regained compliance by the expiration of the initial 180 calendar days, NASDAQ will then provide written notification to the Company that its common stock is subject to delisting. If at any time during this 180-day period the Company's MVPHS meets or exceeds \$5,000,000 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days, NASDAQ will provide written confirmation of compliance and matter will be closed.

The deficiency notification described above will have no immediate effect on the listing of the Company's common stock, pending the expiration of the relevant grace period stated above. The Company is currently considering its options in order to comply with the minimum MVPHS rule within the aforementioned grace period. The Company will seek to regain compliance within the grace period and is considering various measures to address compliance with the continued listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market. There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to satisfy the above described deficiency and that its common stock will not be delisted.

A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This report on Form 6-K and the exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference into the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form F-3, Registration Nos. 333-145098 and 333-149916.

SUBMITTED HERewith:

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 6, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 6-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

FreeSeas Inc.

Date: January 6, 2012

By: /s/ Ion G. Varouxakis
Name: Ion G. Varouxakis
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President