

MORRIS DAVID A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MORRIS DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Secretary/Treasurer

TAMPA, FL 33607

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/31/2008		M	8,667	A \$ 0	321,950	D
Common Stock	12/31/2008		F ⁽¹⁾	2,726	D \$ 3.085	319,224	D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/31/2008		M		8,667	(3) (3)	Common Stock	17,264
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.52	01/02/2009		A		107,000	(4) 12/31/2013	Common Stock	107,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRIS DAVID A 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET TAMPA, FL 33607			Secretary/Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/David A.
Morris

01/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 1. Shares delivered to the Issuer to satisfy tax liability obligations related to vesting of restricted stock in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- (2) 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (3) 3. The restricted stock units vest in annual installments beginning December 31, 2008.
- (4) 4. Vesting one-third on December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Remarks:

Note: The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 26,264 shares of OMEX common stock owned by

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