

Transocean Ltd.
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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): December 18, 2008

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-53533
(Commission File Number)

98-0599916
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip code)

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(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

On December 18, 2008, pursuant to the terms of the agreement and plan of merger, dated as of October 9, 2008 (as amended, the Merger Agreement), among Transocean Inc., a Cayman Islands company (Transocean-Cayman), Transocean Ltd., a Swiss corporation (Transocean-Switzerland), and Transocean Cayman Ltd., a Cayman Islands company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Transocean-Switzerland (Transocean-Acquisition), Transocean-Cayman merged by way of schemes of arrangement under Cayman Islands law (the Schemes of Arrangement) with Transocean-Acquisition, with Transocean-Cayman as the surviving company (the Transaction).

Under the terms of the Schemes of Arrangement, each holder of Transocean-Cayman ordinary shares outstanding immediately before the Transaction received one registered share of Transocean-Switzerland, par value 15.00 Swiss francs per share (the Transocean-Switzerland Registered Shares), in exchange for each outstanding ordinary share of Transocean-Cayman.

In connection with the Transaction, Transocean-Switzerland issued a total of 319,228,632 Transocean-Switzerland Registered Shares to the holders of ordinary shares of Transocean-Cayman immediately prior to the effective time of the Transaction. The issuance was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), by virtue of Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act. Transocean-Switzerland also issued 16 million Transocean-Switzerland Registered Shares to Transocean-Cayman. The issuance was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act by virtue of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

Date: December 22, 2008

By: /s/ Chipman Earle
Chipman Earle
Associate General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary