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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Holmes Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMR]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5215 WEST LAUREL STREET 01/02/2007

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

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Person

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

Issuer

below)

TAMPA, FL 33607

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3.

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount or Exercisable Date Number of Shares Stock Option Common (1) 01/02/2012 \$ 3.5 01/02/2007 A 100,000 100,000 Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Holmes Michael J 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET TAMPA, FL 33607

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.

Holmes 01/03/2007

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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) The options vest as to one-third of the options on each of December 31, 2007; December 31, 2008; and December 31, 2009.

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