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ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 of 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 3, 2006

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Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc.

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Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter

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| Nevada  | 1-31895                   | 84-1018684                            |
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| State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation | Commission File<br>Number | IRS Employer Identification<br>Number |

5215 West Laurel Street, Tampa, Florida 33069  
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Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code

(813) 876-1776  
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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

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(17 CFR 230.425)
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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the  
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the  
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF

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DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On January 3, 2006, the Board of Directors of Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Jay A. Nudi to serve as the Principal Accounting Officer of the Company. Mr. Nudi has been with the Company since May 2005 as Corporate Controller and has over 15 years of accounting and management experience. Mr. Nudi is a certified public accountant. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Nudi served as Controller for Axis Group in Atlanta where he began in 2003. From 2001 to 2003, he served as a consultant to various companies on specific value added tasks. From 2000 to 2001, Mr. Nudi was Director of Financial Reporting for OneSource, Inc., a leading provider of facilities management. He is 42 years old.

Mr. Nudi does not have an employment agreement with the Company. He currently receives a base annual salary of \$105,000.

As a result of Mr. Nudi's appointment, David Morris will no longer serve as the Principal Accounting Officer, but will retain his duties as Corporate Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

### 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, hereunto duly authorized.

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.

Dated: January 5, 2006

By: /s/ Michael J. Holmes  
Michael J. Holmes, Chief Financial  
Officer