

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 8, 2016

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Switzerland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 000-53533 (Commission File Number) | 98-0599916 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 10 Chemin de Blandonnet 1214 Vernier, Geneva Switzerland (Address of principal executive offices) | CH-1214 (zip code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +41 (22) 930-9000

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 8, 2016, in connection with the closing of the previously-announced offering by Transocean Proteus Limited (the “Issuer”), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Transocean Ltd., of U.S. \$625 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.25% senior secured notes due 2024 (the “Notes”), the Issuer entered into an indenture (the “Indenture”) with Transocean Ltd., Transocean Inc. and Triton Capital I GmbH (collectively, the “Guarantors”) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”).

The Notes are secured by a lien on the Deepwater Proteus and certain other assets related to the rig. The Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by the Guarantors on a senior basis (the “Guarantees”). The Notes have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or under any state securities laws, and were offered only to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A under the Securities Act and outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The terms of the Notes are governed by the Indenture, which contains covenants that, among other things, (i) limit the activities of the Issuer, the collateral rig owner and the collateral rig operator, (ii) limit the ability of Transocean Inc. and its subsidiaries to incur liens and engage in certain sale and lease-back transactions, (iii) limit the ability of Transocean Inc.’s subsidiaries to incur indebtedness, and (iv) limit the ability of the Issuer and the Guarantors to consolidate, merge or enter into a scheme of arrangement qualifying as an amalgamation. The Indenture also contains customary events of default. Indebtedness under the Notes may be accelerated in certain circumstances upon an event of default as set forth in the Indenture.

The description above does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the Indenture filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 8, 2016, Transocean Ltd. announced that the Issuer has closed its previously-announced offering of the Notes pursuant to Rule 144A/Regulation S under the Securities Act to eligible purchasers. The net proceeds of approximately \$609 million from the Notes will be used primarily for the purpose of partially financing the construction of the Deepwater Proteus.

A copy of the press release announcing the closing of the offering is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

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Indenture, dated December 8, 2016, by and among Transocean Proteus Limited, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

99.1 Press Release regarding the closing of the Notes offering, dated December 8, 2016

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.

TRANSOCEAN LTD.

Date: December 8, 2016 By: /s/ Daniel Ro-Trock
Daniel Ro-Trock
Authorized Person

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