

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2009

**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): November 19, 2009**

**ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Nevada**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-31895**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**84-1018684**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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5215 West Laurel Street

Tampa, Florida 33607

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 876-1776

Not Applicable

(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 November 19, 2009, Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. ( Odyssey ) entered into a Subscription Agreement pursuant to which Odyssey purchased five member units of SMM Project, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company ( SMM ), for an aggregate purchase price of \$500,000. SMM was formed for the purpose of investigating, financing and participating in the business of subsea mineral exploration and mining. SMM's business and affairs are managed by or under the direction of a board of governors consisting of three individuals. In connection with Odyssey's subscription, David A. Morris, the Treasurer and Secretary of Odyssey, was appointed to SMM's board of governors.

**Item 8.01. *Other Events.***

On November 20, 2009, Odyssey issued a press release announcing its purchase of an interest in SMM. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. *Financial Statements and Exhibits.***

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*

Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release issued by Odyssey on November 20, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.**

Dated: November 20, 2009

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

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by Odyssey on November 20, 2009.