

TIDEWATER INC
Form 8-K
December 17, 2013

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 26, 2013

TIDEWATER INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-6311
(Commission

File Number)

72-0487776
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

601 Poydras Street, Suite 1500

New Orleans, Louisiana
(Address of principal executive offices)

70130
(Zip Code)

(504) 568-1010

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

The Company has previously disclosed that as a result of an internal investigation into Foreign Corrupt Practice Act (FCPA) matters, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) with the United States Department of Justice (the DOJ) to resolve the matters reported by special counsel engaged by the Company's Audit Committee. Pursuant to the DPA, the DOJ deferred criminal charges for a period of three years and seven days from the date of judicial approval of the DPA in return for the satisfaction of a number of conditions. Those conditions were disclosed by the Company in previous public filings.

The DPA expired on November 11, 2013. On November 25, 2013, the DOJ filed a Motion to Dismiss the underlying criminal charges based on its determination that the Company had complied with all of its obligations under the DPA. On November 26, 2013, a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas signed and subsequently entered an Order dismissing (with prejudice) the criminal charges.

SIGNATURE

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.

TIDEWATER INC.

By: /s/ Bruce D. Lundstrom
Bruce D. Lundstrom
Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary
Date: December 17, 2013