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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gordon Mark

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director

(First) 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2016

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TAMPA, FL 33607

(City)

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

Person

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquired action(A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(msu. 3, 4	(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/20/2016		A	50,104	A	\$0	83,246 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2016		F	13,703	D	\$ 3.47	69,543 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. 3. Transaction Day Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	12/20/2016		M	2,560	(3)	12/20/2016	Common Stock	2,560
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	12/20/2016		M	3,825	<u>(4)</u>	12/20/2017	Common Stock	3,825
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	<u>(2)</u>	12/20/2016		M	43,719	<u>(5)</u>	12/20/2018	Common Stock	43,719

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Treporting O Whor I want of I want on	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Gordon Mark							
5215 WEST LAUREL STREET	X		CEO & President				
TAMPA, FL 33607							

Signatures

/s/ Mark D.
Gordon

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 number of shares shown gives effect to reverse stock splits that became effective on February 19, 2016.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments on December 20, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments on December 20, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
- (5) Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments on December 20, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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