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): February 23, 2017

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-34279** (Commission

File Number)

72-1147390 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

16225 Park Ten Place, Suite 280

Houston, Texas 77084

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(713) 714-6100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2017, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing fourth quarter 2016 earnings. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated February 23, 2017

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.

By:

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

/s/ Kirk J. Meche Kirk J. Meche

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 23, 2017

NEWS RELEASE February 23, 2017

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GULF ISLAND FABRICATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS

HOUSTON, TX - Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIFI) today reported a net loss of \$3.6 million (\$0.24 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$55.5 million for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016, compared to a net loss of \$14.7 million (\$1.01 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$55.0 million for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company reported net income of \$3.5 million (\$0.24 diluted earnings per share) on revenue of \$286.3 million compared to a net loss of \$25.4 million (\$1.75 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$306.1 million, respectively.

The Company had a revenue backlog of \$133.0 million and a labor backlog of approximately 1.3 million hours at December 31, 2016, including commitments received through February 22, 2017, compared to a revenue backlog of \$181.2 million and a labor backlog of 1.6 million hours reported as of September 30, 2016. We expect to recognize revenue from our backlog of approximately \$130.4 million and \$2.6 million during the years 2017 and 2018, respectively.

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015
	(in tho	usands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,167	\$	34,828
Total current assets	113,360		115,869
Property, plant and equipment, net	206,222		200,384
Total assets	322,408		316,923
Total current liabilities	35,348		37,901
Total debt	—		—
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 263,032	\$	257,197

As of December 31, 2016, our balance sheet position remained stable with \$51.2 million in cash, no debt, and working capital of \$78.0 million. We will continue to monitor and maintain a conservative capital structure as we navigate through the current oil and gas downturn.

On February 23, 2017, our Board of Directors approved a recommendation of management to consolidate all of our fabrication operations in South Texas with our fabrication operations in Houma, Louisiana, and place our properties located in Aransas Pass and Ingleside, Texas, up for sale. These properties are currently underutilized and represent excess capacity within our fabrication division. We are working to wind down all fabrication activities at these locations and re-allocate remaining backlog and workforce to our Houma fabrication operations as necessary. We do not expect the sale of these properties to impact our ability to service our deepwater customers or operate our fabrication division.

The management of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. will hold a conference call on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. central time (10:00 a.m. eastern time) to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2016. The call is accessible by webcast (<u>www.gulfisland.com</u>) through CCBN and by dialing 1.888.264.8952. A digital rebroadcast of the call is available two hours after the call and ending March 3, 2017 by dialing 1.888.203.1112.

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Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. is a leading fabricator of complex steel structures and marine vessels used in energy extraction and production, petrochemical and industrial facilities, power generation and alternative energy projects and shipping and marine transportation operations. The Company also provides related installation, hookup, commissioning, repair and maintenance services with specialized crews and integrated project management capabilities. The Company is currently fabricating complex modules for the construction of a new petrochemical plant, completing newbuild construction of two technologically advanced offshore support and two multi-purpose service vessels and recently fabricated wind turbine pedestals for the first offshore wind power project in the United States. The Company also constructed one of the largest lift boats servicing the Gulf of Mexico ("GOM"), one of the deepest production jackets in the GOM and the first SPAR fabricated in the United States. The Company's customers include U.S. and, to a lesser extent, international energy producers, petrochemical, industrial, power and marine operators. Our corporate headquarters is located in Houston, Texas, with fabrication facilities located in Houma, Jennings and Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Aransas Pass and Ingleside, Texas.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (in thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended Twelve Months Ended December 31, December 31, September 30, December 31, December 31, 2016 2015 2016 2015 2016 Revenue \$ 55,461 55,018 \$ 286,326 306,120 \$ 65,384 \$ \$ Cost of revenue 55,633 72,590 60,125 261,473 321,276 Gross (loss) profit (172) (17,572) 5,259 24,853 (15,156) General and administrative expenses 5,037 4,439 5,086 19,670 16,256 Asset impairment 602 7,202 (22,613) Operating (loss) income (5,209)173 5,183 (38,614) Other income (expense): (84) (39) (110) (165) Interest expense (332) 4 5 12 24 26 Interest income Other income (expense) (358)599 681 20 (438) (34) 501 373 (119) (Loss) income before income taxes (5,647) (22,647) 674 5,556 (38,733) Income taxes (2,092)(7,980) 133 2,041 (13,369) Net (loss) income \$ (3,555) (14,667)541 3,515 (25,364) \$ \$ \$ \$ Per share data: Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share - common \$ (0.24)\$ (1.01) \$ 0.04 \$ 0.24 \$ (1.75)shareholders \$ Cash dividend declared per common share \$ \$ \$ 0.01 0.10 \$ 0.01 0.04 0.40

Backlog (in thousands)

	December 31, 2016			Septemb	er 30, 2016	June 30, 2016		
<u>Segment</u>	\$'s	Labor hours \$'s		\$'s	s's Labor hours		\$'s	Labor hours
Fabrication	\$ 65,444	707	\$	84,940	841	\$	41,126	431
Shipyards	59,771	457		78,886	582		93,912	629
Services	7,757	101		17,386	163		22,540	209
Intersegment Eliminations	—	—		_	—		(41)	_
Total Backlog	\$ 132,972	1,265	\$	181,212	1,586	\$	157,537	1,269

Results of Operations by Operating Segments (in thousands, except percentages)

Fabrication Division	,	Three Months Ei	nded De	ecember 31,	Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
		2016		2015		2016		2015	
Revenue	\$	18,247	\$	14,145	\$	88,683	\$	151,576	
Gross profit (loss)		643		(23,486)		5,061		(37,541)	
Gross profit percentage		3.5%		(166.0)%		5.7%		(24.8)%	
General and administrative expenses		1,621		2,267		6,100		9,293	
Asset impairment				602		—		7,202	
Operating loss		(978)		(26,355)		(1,039)		(54,036)	

<u>Shipyards Division</u>	Three Months Ended December 31,					Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2016			2015	2016			2015	
Revenue	\$	22,949	\$	12,424	\$	109,502	\$	59,601	
Gross (loss) profit		(2,008)		2,643		7,587		8,665	
Gross profit percentage		(8.7)%		21.3%		6.9%		14.5%	
General and administrative expenses		1,875		449		7,750		1,692	
Operating (loss) income		(3,883)		2,194		(163)		6,973	

Services Division	Three Months Ended December 31, Twelve Months Ended D					ecember 31,		
		2016		2015		2016		2015
Revenue	\$	15,235	\$	29,444	\$	91,414	\$	100,431
Gross profit		1,193		3,277		12,205		13,726
Gross profit percentage		7.8%		11.1%		13.4%		13.7%
General and administrative expenses		1,518		1,170		5,637		4,178
Operating (loss) income		(325)		2,107		6,568		9,548

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

		Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016 2015			
		(in tho	usands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$	3,515	\$	(25,364)	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation		25,448		26,204	
Amortization of deferred revenue		(5,223)		_	
Asset impairment				7,202	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		493		448	
(Gain) loss on sale of asset		(757)		(10)	
Deferred income taxes		1,409		(14,061)	
Stock-based compensation expense		3,125		2,707	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Contracts receivable, net		28,067		31,740	
Contracts in progress		(13,984)		14,167	
Advance billings on contracts		(3,197)		(11,685)	
Accounts payable		(12,757)		(26,668)	
Prepaid expenses and other assets		230		1,092	
Inventory		6,501		931	
Accrued contract losses		(9,108)		8,678	
Deferred revenue		(11,656)		_	
Deferred compensation		305		—	
Accrued expenses		2,003		(5,381)	
Current income taxes		(63)		615	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	14,351	\$	10,615	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Cash received in acquisition		3,035		_	
Capital expenditures, net		(6,795)		(6,018)	
Proceeds from the sale of equipment		6,458		11	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		2,698		(6,007)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Payment of financing costs		(122)		_	
Payments of dividends on common stock		(588)		(5,865)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(710)		(5,865)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		16,339		(1,257)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		34,828		36,085	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	51,167	\$	34,828	
Supplemental cash flow information:	Ψ	51,107	Ψ	54,620	
**	¢	222	¢	175	
Interest paid	\$	332	\$	165	
Income taxes paid (refunds received), net		377	\$	(152)	
Schedule of noncash financing activit			¢	4.005	
Reclassification of property, plant and equipment to assets held for sale	\$		\$	4,805	
Reclassification of assets to held for sale to inventory	\$		\$	3,727	