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 7, 2005

Louisiana 0-22303 72-1147390 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

583 Thompson Road Houma, Louisiana 70363 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(985) 872-2100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

 $\label{eq:Notapplicable} Not \ applicable \\ \mbox{(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)}$

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 7, 2005, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its wholly owned subsidiary Gulf Island, L.L.C. has executed a contract with Atlantia Offshore Limited to fabricate the topsides for the Neptune Platform. 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. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 7, 2005

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.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph P. Gallagher, III

Joseph P. Gallagher, III

Vice President - Finance,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer
and Duly Authorized Officer)

Dated: December 7, 2005

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Signs Agreement to Construct Topsides for Gulf of Mexico-Based Neptune Platform

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 7, 2005--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIFI), announces that its wholly owned subsidiary Gulf Island, L.L.C., has executed a contract with Atlantia Offshore Limited to fabricate the topsides for the Neptune Platform. The Neptune field is a joint venture operated by BHP Billiton Petroleum with partners Marathon Oil Corp., Woodside Energy (USA) Inc., a subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., and Maxus (US) Exploration, a subsidiary of Repsol YPF. The platform is located in approximately 4,300 feet of water in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

Gulf Island began fabrication during the 4th quarter of 2005 and expects to deliver the topsides in 2007. The company will use its existing facilities and labor in Houma to complete the project. The projected revenue and man-hours for this project were included in the backlog numbers released on Oct. 26, 2005. However, financial terms of this specific contract will not be disclosed.

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc., based in Houma, La., is a leading fabricator of offshore drilling and production platforms, offshore living quarters and other specialized structures used in the development and production of offshore oil and gas reserves. The company also offers offshore interconnect pipe hook-up, inshore marine construction, manufacture and repair of pressure vessels, and steel warehousing and sales.

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