

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 2, 2006

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Louisiana<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 0-22303<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 72-1147390<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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583 Thompson Road  
Houma, Louisiana 70363  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not applicable  
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 2, 2006, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing the declaration of a common stock dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description                          |
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| 99.2        | Press Release dated February 2, 2006 |

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.

/s/ Joseph P. Gallagher, III

By: -----  
Joseph P. Gallagher, III  
Vice President - Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer  
and Duly Authorized Officer)

Dated: February 2, 2006

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Declares Dividend on Common Stock

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 2, 2006--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ:GIFI), announced today that its board of directors declared a dividend of \$0.075 per share on Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.'s approximately 13.9 million shares of common stock outstanding.

The dividend was declared during a regular meeting of the board held on February 1, 2006 and is payable February 24, 2006, to shareholders of record on February 14, 2006.

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc., based in Houma, Louisiana, 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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