

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*): January 12, 2009

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.

(*Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter*)

Louisiana
(*State of incorporation*)

0-22303
(*Commission File Number*)

72-1147390
(*IRS Employer Identification No.*)

583 Thompson Road, Houma, Louisiana
(*Address of principal executive offices*)

70363
(*Zip Code*)

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

N/A
(*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))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b and c) On January 12, 2009, the Board of Directors of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Kirk J. Meche President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Meche has served as the Company's Executive Vice President of Operations since February 2001. Mr. Meche, age 46, previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Marine Fabricators, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, from February 2006 to October 2006, and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Island, L.L.C., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, from February 2001 until January 2006. Kerry J. Chauvin will continue to serve as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. There are no transactions in which Mr. Meche has an interest that require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 12, 2009

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 hereunto duly authorized.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC.

By: _____
/s/ Robin A. Seibert
Robin A. Seibert
Vice President – Finance,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Dated: January 12, 2009

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Announces Executive Promotion

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--January 12, 2009--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIF1), today announced that effective immediately, Kirk J. Meche, currently Executive Vice President, is promoted to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Kerry J. Chauvin will continue to serve as Gulf Island's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

Kerry J. Chauvin stated, "Kirk is an outstanding individual with excellent leadership skills. In addition to his proven talents guiding the operations of the Company, in his new role he will also undertake increased management responsibilities."

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc., based in Houma, Louisiana, is a leading fabricator of offshore drilling and production platforms, hull and/or deck sections of floating production platforms and other specialized structures used in the development and production of offshore oil and gas reserves. These structures include jackets and deck sections of fixed production platforms; hull and/or deck sections of floating production platforms (such as tension leg platforms ("TLPs")), SPARs, FPSOs and MinDOCs, piles, wellhead protectors, subsea templates and various production, compressor and utility modules, offshore living quarters, tanks, barges and marine vessel fabrication. The Company also provides offshore interconnect pipe hook-up, inshore marine construction, manufacture and repair of pressure vessels, heavy lifts such as ship integration and TLP module integration, loading and offloading jack-up drilling rigs, semi-submersible drilling rigs, TLPs, SPARs or other similar cargo onshore, and offshore scaffolding and piping insulation services and steel warehousing and sales.

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