

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): March 1, 2009

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

Louisiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-22303
(Commission
File Number)

72-1147390
(IRS Employer
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)

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 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 (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 3, 2009, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Frank Smith has joined Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. as the President and CEO of Gulf Marine Fabricators, the Company's South Texas facility. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 3, 2009

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/ Robin A. Seibert
Robin A. Seibert
Vice President – Finance,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer
and Duly Authorized Officer)

Dated: March 3, 2009

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Announces New Subsidiary President for Gulf Marine Fabricators

HOUMA, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 3, 2009--Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIF1), announced today that effective February 27, 2009, Johannes Ikdal has stepped down as President and CEO of Gulf Marine Fabricators, the Company's South Texas facility.

Effective March 1, 2009, Frank Smith has joined Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. as President and CEO of Gulf Marine Fabricators. Mr. Smith has over 30 years of marine fabrication experience with a majority of that time with McDermott, Inc. and J. Ray McDermott in various management capacities overseeing marine fabrication for the oil & gas industry.

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; brown water tow boats; tanks and barges. 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; piping insulation services and steel warehousing and sales.

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