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 5, 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):
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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 March 5, 2009, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. issued a press release announcing fourth quarter 2008 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. Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 5, 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 5, 2009

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter Earnings

HOUMA, La.-(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 5, 2009—Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIF1) today reported net income of \$874,000 (\$.06 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$86.2 million for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008, compared to net income of \$8.9 million (\$6.2 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$100.9 million for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2007. Net income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 was \$29.0 million (\$2.03 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$420.5 million, compared to net income of \$31.2 million (\$2.18 diluted EPS) on revenue of \$472.7 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007.

The company had a revenue backlog of \$360.2 million and a labor backlog of approximately 3.9 million man-hours remaining to work, which consist of work remaining at December 31, 2008 and commitments received through March 5, 2009. Included in our backlog are approximately \$150.4 million and 1.6 million man-hours remaining on the MinDOC II project in which the customer has announced will be postponed and will be utilized at another of their locations sometime in the future.

SELECTED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

(in thousands)

	2008			2007		
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$	13,839	\$	24,640		
Total current assets		136,380		135,747		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost,net		204,695		188,766		
Total assets		350,890		325,213		
Total current liabilities		74,940		78,363		
Debt		0		0		
Shareholders' equity		254,207		228,913		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		350,890		325,213		

The management of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. will hold a conference call on Friday March 6, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (10:00 a.m. Eastern Time) to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter ended and year ended December 31, 2008. The call is accessible by webcast www.gulfisland.com), through CCBN and by dialing 1.888.747.4664, participant passcode 5342961. A digital rebroadcast of the call is available two hours after the call and ending March 13, 2009 by dialing 1.888.203.1112, replay passcode: 5342961.

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, MinDOCs); piles; wellhead protectors; subsea templates; 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 of 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.

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

	Т	Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
	2008		2007	2008		2007				
Revenue Cost of revenue		,198 \$,465	\$ 100,894 84,705	\$	420,507 368,211	\$	472,739 415,901			
Gross profit	2	,733	16,189		52,296		56,838			
General and administrative expenses	2	,112	2,471		9,451		10,359			
Operating income		621	13,718		42,845		46,479			
Other income (expense):										
Interest expense		(10)	(17)		(41)		(50)			
Interest income		26	91		213		434			
Other			-		(97)		(10)			
	-	16	74		75		374			
Income before income taxes		637	13,792		42,920		46,853			
Income taxes		(237)	4,941		13,898		15,686			
Net income	\$	874 \$	\$ 8,851	\$	29,022	\$	31,167			
Per share data:										
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.06 \$	\$ 0.62	\$	2.04	\$	2.20			
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.06	\$ 0.62	\$	2.03	\$	2.18			
Weighted-average shares	14	,282	14,195		14,258		14,161			
Effect of dilutive securities: employee stock options		3	70		49		109			
Adjusted weighted-average shares	14	,285	14,265		14,307		14,270			
Depreciation and amortization included in expense above	\$ 4	,444 \$	3,665	\$	17,489	\$	14,121			
Cash dividend declared per common share	\$ 0	.100 \$	0.100	\$	0.400	\$	0.400			

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