

Ocean Rig UDW Inc.
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2011

Commission File Number 333-175940

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

10 Skopa Street, Tribune House
2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075
Nicosia, Cyprus
(Address of principal executive offices)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 1 is the Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and proxy statement of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. ("the Company") in connection with the Company's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on December 23, 2011 (the "Annual Meeting").

Attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 2 is the proxy card relating to the Annual Meeting, which was mailed to shareholders of the Company on or around November 21, 2011.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

Dated: November 21, 2011

By: /s/ George Economou
George Economou
Chief Executive Officer

November 21, 2011

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF OCEAN RIG UDW INC.:

Enclosed is a Notice of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. (the "Company"), which will be held at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus on December 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. local time, and related materials. The Notice of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and related materials can also be found at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/ASM2011.html>.

At the Meeting, shareholders of the Company will consider and vote upon proposals:

1. To elect one Class A Director to serve until the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal One");
2. To approve the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 ("Proposal Two");
3. In connection with the expected commencement of trading of the Company's common shares on the Oslo Bors or, alternatively, the Oslo Axess, to approve the delisting of the Company's common shares from the Oslo Bors or, alternatively, the Oslo Axess, as applicable, if, and only if, such delisting should be determined by the Company's board of directors to be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, and to authorize the Company's board of directors, in its discretion, to apply for and effect such delisting at any time on or prior to the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal Three"); and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Adoption of Proposal One requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of shares of stock entitled to vote thereon. Adoption of Proposal Two requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of shares of stock entitled to vote thereon. Pursuant to Section 15.1(4) of the Oslo Bors Continuing Obligations, adoption of Proposal Three requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote at the Meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the Meeting in person. All shareholders must present a form of personal photo identification in order to be admitted to the Meeting. In addition, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to attend the Meeting, you must bring an account statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee indicating that you were the owner of the shares on November 7, 2011.

If you attend the Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VOTE OF EVERY SHAREHOLDER IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR COOPERATION IN RETURNING YOUR EXECUTED PROXY PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ANY SIGNED PROXY RETURNED AND NOT COMPLETED WILL BE VOTED BY MANAGEMENT IN FAVOR OF ALL PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT.

Very truly yours,

George Economou
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus on December 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. local time, for the following purposes, of which items 1, 2 and 3 are more completely set forth in the accompanying Proxy Statement:

1. To elect one Class A Director to serve until the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal One");
2. To approve the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 ("Proposal Two");
3. In connection with the expected commencement of trading of the Company's common shares on the Oslo Bors or, alternatively, the Oslo Axess, to approve the delisting of the Company's common shares from the Oslo Bors or, alternatively, the Oslo Axess, as applicable, if, and only if, such delisting should be determined by the Company's board of directors to be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, and to authorize the Company's board of directors, in its discretion, to apply for and effect such delisting at any time on or prior to the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal Three"); and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The board of directors has fixed the close of business on November 7, 2011 as the record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

You are cordially invited to attend the Meeting in person. All shareholders must present a form of personal photo identification in order to be admitted to the Meeting. In addition, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to attend the Meeting, you must bring an account statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee indicating that you were the owner of the shares on November 7, 2011.

If you attend the Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VOTE OF EVERY SHAREHOLDER IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR COOPERATION IN RETURNING YOUR EXECUTED PROXY PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ANY SIGNED PROXY RETURNED AND NOT COMPLETED WILL BE VOTED BY MANAGEMENT IN FAVOR OF ALL PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT.

This Notice of the Meeting, the Proxy Statement and related materials are available at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/ASM2011.html>.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ioannis Cleanthous
Secretary

November 21, 2011
Nicosia, Cyprus

PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2011

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

GENERAL

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the board of directors of Ocean Rig UDW Inc., a Marshall Islands corporation (the "Company"), for use at the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on December 23, 2011 at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus at 1:00 p.m. local time, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof (the "Meeting"), for the purposes set forth herein and in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are expected to be mailed to shareholders of the Company entitled to vote at the Meeting on or about November 21, 2011. These materials can also be found at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/ASM2011.html>.

VOTING RIGHTS AND OUTSTANDING SHARES

On November 7, 2011 (the "Record Date"), the Company had outstanding 131,696,928 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Shares"). Each shareholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date is entitled to one vote for each Common Share then held. One or more shareholders representing at least one-third of the Common Shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Meeting, whether represented in person or by proxy, shall be a quorum for the purposes of the Meeting. The Common Shares represented by any proxy in the enclosed form will be voted in accordance with the instructions given on the proxy if the proxy is properly executed and is received by the Company prior to the close of voting at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Any proxies returned without instructions will be voted FOR the proposals set forth on the Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting or, even if a quorum is so present, in the event that sufficient votes in favor of the positions recommended by the board of directors on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement are not timely received, the majority of shares present at the Meeting in person or by proxy shall have the power to adjourn the Meeting until a quorum shall be present or sufficient votes in favor of the positions recommended by the board of directors are received. If the Meeting is adjourned for reasons other than a lack of quorum, no further notice of the adjourned Meeting will be required other than announcement at the Meeting of the time and place to which the Meeting is adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies.

The Common Shares are listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ORIG" and are also eligible to trade on the Norwegian OTC market under the symbol "OCRG". In addition, the board of directors of the Oslo Bors approved the secondary listing of the Company's Common Shares for trading on the Oslo Bors, or alternatively, the Oslo Axess, subject to the Company's compliance with certain listing conditions prior to the first day of listing. The board of directors of the Oslo Bors authorized the Chief Executive Officer of the Oslo Bors to decide whether the Company should be listed on the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess, and to fix the date of the first day of listing, which is to be no later than December 16, 2011.

REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES

A shareholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. A proxy may be revoked by filing with the Secretary of the Company at the Company's principal executive office, 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus, a written notice of revocation by a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Meeting and voting in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company has five directors on the board of directors, which is divided into three classes. As provided in the Company's Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, each director is elected to serve for a three-year term and until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his death, resignation, removal or earlier termination of his term of office. The term of our Class A Director expires at the Meeting. Accordingly, the board of directors has nominated George Economou, a current Class A Director, for election as a Class A Director whose term would expire at the Company's 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Unless the proxy is marked to indicate that such authorization is expressly withheld, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote the shares authorized thereby FOR the election of the following nominee. It is expected that the nominee will be able to serve, but if such nominee is unavailable, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote for the election of such substitute nominee as the current board of directors may recommend.

Nominee for Election to the Company's Board of Directors

Information concerning the nominee for director of the Company is set forth below:

| Name | Age | Position |
|-----------------|-----|------------------|
| George Economou | 58 | Class A Director |

Certain biographical information about the nominee is set forth below.

George Economou was appointed as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer on September 2, 2010, and Chairman and director in December 2010. Mr. Economou has over 25 years of experience in the maritime industry. He has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of DryShips Inc. ("DryShips") since January 2005. He successfully took DryShips public in February 2005, on the NASDAQ Global Market under the trading symbol "DRYS." Mr. Economou has overseen the growth of DryShips into one of the largest U.S.-listed dry bulk companies in fleet size and revenue and one of the largest Panamax owners in the world. Mr. Economou began his career in 1976 when he commenced working as a Superintendent Engineer in Thenamaris Ship Management in Greece. From 1981 to 1986, Mr. Economou held the position of General Manager of Oceania Maritime Agency in New York. Between 1986 and 1991, he invested and participated in the formation of numerous individual shipping companies and in 1991 he founded Cardiff Marine Inc., Group of Companies. Mr. Economou is a member of ABS Council, Intertanko Hellenic Shipping Forum, and Lloyds Register Hellenic Advisory Committee. Mr. Economou is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Master of Science in Shipping and Shipbuilding Management.

Required Vote. Approval of Proposal One will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of the Common Shares entitled to vote thereon.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED DIRECTOR. UNLESS REVOKED AS PROVIDED ABOVE, PROXIES RECEIVED BY MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED DIRECTOR UNLESS A CONTRARY VOTE IS SPECIFIED.

PROPOSAL TWO

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The board of directors is submitting for approval at the Meeting the selection of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. ("Ernst & Young"), as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Ernst & Young has advised the Company that the firm does not have any direct or indirect financial interest in the Company, nor has such firm had any such interest in connection with the Company during the past three fiscal years other than in its capacity as the Company's independent auditors.

All services rendered by the independent auditors are subject to review by the Audit Committee.

Required Vote. Approval of Proposal Two will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of Common Shares entitled to vote thereon.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011. UNLESS REVOKED AS PROVIDED ABOVE, PROXIES RECEIVED BY MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF SUCH APPROVAL UNLESS A CONTRARY VOTE IS SPECIFIED.

PROPOSAL THREE

APPROVAL OF DELISTING FROM OSLO BORS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, OSLO AXESS

The Company maintains the primary listing of its Common Shares on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ORIG". On November 2, 2011, the board of directors of the Oslo Bors approved the secondary listing of the Company's Common Shares for trading on the Oslo Bors, or alternatively, the Oslo Axess, subject to the Company's compliance with certain listing conditions prior to the first day of listing. The board of directors of the Oslo Bors authorized the Chief Executive Officer of the Oslo Bors to decide whether the Company should be listed on the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess, and to fix the date of the first day of listing, which is to be no later than December 16, 2011. Pursuant to the requirements of each of the above markets, the Company is required to obtain shareholder approval in order to apply for delisting of the Company's Common Shares from the relevant market, such approval to be obtained from the holders of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares entitled to vote at the Meeting.

The board of directors is submitting for approval a proposal to approve the delisting of the Company's Common Shares from the Oslo Bors or, alternatively, the Oslo Axess, as applicable, if, and only if, such delisting should be determined by the Company's board of directors to be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, and to authorize the Company's board of directors, in its discretion, to apply for and effect such delisting at any time on or prior to the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. A vote FOR Proposal Three will grant the board of directors the authority to determine whether to apply for delisting of the Company's Common Shares from the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess, as applicable. If the shareholders approve Proposal Three, the board of directors will have the authority, but not the obligation, in its sole discretion, and without further action on the part of the shareholders, to apply for delisting of the Company's Common Shares from the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess at any time on or prior to the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. If the delisting, if any, has not been applied for by the date of the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the board of directors expects to seek shareholder approval prior to applying for and effecting any such delisting.

The board of directors believes that it is in the best interests of the Company's shareholders to approve the delisting, subject to the discretion of the board of directors, if the board of directors shall determine that a delisting is necessary or desirable to reduce the administrative burden and compliance costs of maintaining the secondary listing of the Company's Common Shares. In connection with any determination to apply for and effect the delisting, the board of directors will consider the shareholders' interest in continued listing as well as the benefits of maintaining a secondary trading market for the Company's Common Shares, including increased liquidity, which may in turn support the trading price of the Company's Common Shares, against the administrative burden and compliance costs of maintaining such secondary listing. These determinations will be made by the board of directors with the intention to maintain an active liquid and trading market for the Company's Common Shares while balancing associated costs and will be based upon prevailing market conditions at that time.

By voting in favor of the proposal, the shareholders give the board of directors the discretion to choose to apply for and effect the delisting of the Company from the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess. The board of directors reserves its right to elect not to apply for and effect a delisting of the Company's Common Shares from the Oslo Bors or Oslo Axess, as applicable, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that implementing this proposal is not in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Required Vote. Pursuant to Section 15.1(4) of the Oslo Bors Continuing Obligations, approval of Proposal Three will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares entitled to vote at the Meeting.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE DELISTING OF THE COMPANY'S COMMON SHARES FROM THE OSLO BORS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, THE OSLO AXESS, AS APPLICABLE, IF, AND ONLY IF, SUCH DELISTING SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS SHAREHOLDERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO APPLY FOR AND EFFECT SUCH DELISTING AT ANY TIME ON OR PRIOR TO THE COMPANY'S 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS. UNLESS REVOKED AS PROVIDED ABOVE, PROXIES RECEIVED BY MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF SUCH APPROVAL UNLESS A CONTRARY VOTE IS SPECIFIED.

SOLICITATION

The cost of preparing and soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. Solicitation will be made primarily by mail, but shareholders may be solicited by telephone, e-mail, or personal contact.

EFFECT OF ABSTENTIONS

Abstentions will not be counted in determining whether Proposals One and Two have been adopted. Abstentions will have the effect of voting AGAINST Proposal Three.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters are expected to be presented for action at the Meeting. Should any additional matter come before the Meeting, it is intended that proxies in the accompanying form will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the person or persons named in the proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ioannis Cleanthous
Secretary

November 21, 2011
Nicosia, Cyprus



