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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Holmes Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3604 SWANN AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

TAMPA, FL 33609  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 11,667  | A  | \$ 0 30,926                                | D |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2008                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 3,086   | D  | \$ 3.085 27,840                            | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 12/31/2008                           |  | M                              |   | (3) (3)  | Common Stock  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 3.51  | 01/02/2009                           |  | A                              | 144,000   | (4) 12/31/2013   | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Holmes Michael J<br>3604 SWANN AVENUE<br>TAMPA, FL 33609 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/Michael J.  
Holmes

01/05/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) 1. Shares delivered to the Issuer to satisfy tax liability obligations related to vesting of restricted stock in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- (2) 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (3) 3. The restricted stock units vest in annual installments beginning December 31, 2008.
- (4) 4. Vesting one-third on December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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