

MacConnel Melinda Joy
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MacConnel Melinda Joy (Last) (First) (Middle) 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET, 2ND FLOOR (Street) TAMPA, FL 33607 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President & General Couns	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock	15,072	D	^
common stock	49,928	I	By Husband

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ \hat{A} ⁽²⁾		12/26/2013	Common stock	19,297	\$ 0	D	\hat{A}
Stock options (Right to Buy)	\hat{A} ⁽³⁾	12/26/2016	Common Stock	41,634	\$ 0	D	\hat{A}
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ \hat{A} ⁽⁴⁾		12/26/2012	Common Stock	7,032	\$ 0	D	\hat{A}
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 5	D	\hat{A}
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/31/2011	12/31/2013	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 3.51	D	\hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MacConnel Melinda Joy 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET 2ND FLOOR TAMPA, FL 33607	\hat{A}	\hat{A}	\hat{A} Vice President & General Couns	\hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Melinda Joy
MacConnel

03/09/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of OMEX common stock.
- (2) RSA vests in two annual installments on 12/26/2012 and 12/26/2013.
- (3) Stock options vest in three annual installments on 12/26/12, 12/26/13 and 12/26/14.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest in one installment on 12/26/2012.

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