SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. Form 8-K December 13, 2016

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): December 13, 2016

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 001-35883 27-1220297 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9205 South Park Center Loop, Suite 400Orlando, Florida32819(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (407) 226-5011

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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On December 13, 2016, SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company" or "SeaWorld") and Miral Asset Management LLC issued a joint press release announcing its partnership to develop SeaWorld Abu Dhabi, a first-of-its-kind marine life themed park on Yas Island. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 13, 2016.

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.

SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Date: December 13, 2016 By: /s/ G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor Name: G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor Title: Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary