

Superior Offshore International Inc.

Form 8-K

January 14, 2008

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**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): January 8, 2008
SUPERIOR OFFSHORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-33412
(Commission
File Number)

72-1264943
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3150
Houston, Texas 77002**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(713) 910-1875

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 8, 2007, Superior Offshore International, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) with Hornbeck Offshore Services LLC (Hornbeck) pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell the *Superior Achiever*, a DP-III deepwater construction and dive support vessel that is under construction and is expected to be delivered in late 2008.

Under the Agreement, the Company will receive approximately \$70.0 million in cash, representing its approximate investment to date in the *Superior Achiever*. The Company will use the proceeds from the sale to repay all of the \$55.0 million outstanding under its senior secured term loan with Fortis Capital Corp. The Company intends to use the remaining proceeds to pay outstanding borrowings under its senior secured credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Following the completion of the sale and the application of the proceeds therefrom, the Company will have no outstanding term debt. The Agreement also provides that in the event certain construction costs for the *Superior Achiever* exceed \$120 million, the Company will reimburse Hornbeck the amount of such excess, up to \$8 million. The Company will not be responsible for increased costs arising from modifications or change orders requested by Hornbeck after the closing. The Company currently expects that such construction costs will not exceed \$120 million.

In addition, in connection with the Agreement the parties have agreed to a five-year time charter for the *Superior Achiever* or, under certain circumstances, the *HOS Iron Horse*. The charter agreement for the *Superior Achiever* will provide for charter hire of \$100,000 per day beginning on October 1, 2008. The Company will have the option to terminate the charter by giving 90 days advance notice and paying a termination fee prior to the end of each six-month period within the term. The charter hire payments include captain and crewing of the vessel. If Hornbeck obtains a term charter for the *Superior Achiever* prior to the Company obtaining an acceptable agreement with one of its customers for the use of the vessel, Hornbeck may substitute the *HOS Iron Horse*, which is presently under construction and is expected to be delivered in late 2009, subject to the identical terms of the charter with such changes as are necessary to reflect the later delivery of the vessel.

The Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants. The transaction is scheduled to close on or before January 21, 2008 and is subject to customary conditions, including, among others, the following: (1) the accuracy of the representations and warranties of each party and (2) the receipt of certain consents and approvals. The Agreement contains customary termination rights.

This report contains only a summary of certain provisions of the Agreement. The summary does not purport to be a complete summary of the Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, which is filed as an exhibit hereto. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Agreement were made only for purposes of that agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to that agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed by the contracting parties, including being qualified by disclosures exchanged between the parties in connection with the execution of the agreement. The representations and warranties may have been made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Accordingly, they should not be relied upon by investors as statements of factual information.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include the Company's expectations concerning the expected construction costs of the *Superior Achiever*, the expected uses of proceeds from the sale of the *Superior Achiever*, the expected terms of any charter of the *HOS Iron Horse* or a comparable vessel, the expected completion and delivery of the *Superior Achiever* or the *HOS Iron Horse* and the expected closing date of the sale of the *Superior Achiever*. Although the Company currently expects to close the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, there can be no assurance that the sale will be consummated as the closing conditions included in the Agreement may not be satisfied. For a further discussion of risks facing the Company, please read the factors described under the caption Risk Factors in the Company's Prospectus, dated April 19, 2007 and filed with the SEC on April 20, 2007, and the Company's other filings with the SEC.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

- 10.1 Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 8, 2008 by and among Hornbeck Offshore Services LLC, as Buyer, and Superior Offshore International, Inc., as Seller.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SUPERIOR OFFSHORE
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: January 14, 2008

By: /s/ Roger D. Burks
Roger D. Burks
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial and Administrative
Officer

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