

TIDEWATER INC
Form 8-K
November 15, 2013

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): November 14, 2013

TIDEWATER INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-6311
(Commission

File Number)

72-0487776
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

601 Poydras Street, Suite 1900

70130

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New Orleans, Louisiana

(Address of principal executive offices)

(504) 568-1010

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

The Company has previously disclosed that it has been in ongoing negotiations with its joint venture partner, Sonangol Holdings, Lda., regarding a new joint venture agreement pursuant to which Sonatide, the Angola joint venture between the Company and Sonangol Holdings, Lda., would be operated. The joint venture has been operating under a joint venture agreement, extended on prior occasions, that was last extended through March 31, 2013. Sonangol Holdings, Lda. and the Company have successfully negotiated and executed a new definitive joint venture agreement, which will have a two year term once an Angolan entity, which is intended to be one of the Sonatide group of companies, has been incorporated. The formation of that entity is expected to be complete by early 2014, and if that timing is met, the term of the new joint venture agreement would expire, unless extended, in early 2016.

SIGNATURE

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.

TIDEWATER INC.

By: /s/ Bruce D. Lundstrom
Bruce D. Lundstrom
Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

Date: November 15, 2013