

TIDEWATER INC
Form 8-K
October 01, 2008

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): September 30, 2008

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
New Orleans, Louisiana
(Address of principal executive offices)

(504) 568-1010

70130
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) and (c) On July 31, 2008, Tidewater Inc. ("Tidewater") announced that Quinn P. Fanning had joined Tidewater as Executive Vice President and that upon the retirement of J. Keith Lousteau, Mr. Fanning would also become Tidewater 's Chief Financial Officer. This announcement and Tidewater 's compensatory arrangements with Mr. Fanning were reported in a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2008. Mr. Lousteau has retired, and Mr. Fanning has assumed the position of Chief Financial Officer effective as of the close of business on September 30, 2008.

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: October 1, 2008