Longley John D Jr Form 4 December 22, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Longley John D Jr | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner Other (specify | | | |
| 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET | | | 12/20/2017 | below) below) Chief Operating Officer | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| TAMPA, FL 33607 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| TAMFA, FL 33007 | | | | Person | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-------------|--|--|---|-------------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2017 | | A | 20,317 | A | \$0 | 38,231 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2017 | | F | 5,555 | D | \$ 3.85 | 32,676 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Uni (RSU) | | 12/20/2017 | | M | | 1,725 | (2) | 12/20/2017 | Common stock | 1,725 |
| Restricted Stock Uni (RSU) | | 12/20/2017 | | M | | 18,592 | (3) | 12/20/2018 | Common stock | 18,592 |

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Longley John D Jr

5215 WEST LAUREL STREET Chief Operating Officer

TAMPA, FL 33607

Signatures

Jay A. Nudi as attorney-in-fact for John D
Longley Jr.

12/22/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments on December 20, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments on December 20, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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