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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): April 6, 2006 **ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) **Republic of Liberia**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11884

(Commission File Number)

1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, Florida

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 305-539-6000 Not Applicable

(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))

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

98-0081645

33132

(Zip Code)

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On April 6, 2006, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (the Company) entered into a Credit Agreement with various financial institutions and Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent. The agreement provides for the making of an unsecured loan of up to US\$570,000,000 to the Company due through 2013 at a current interest rate of 3.77% per annum. The Corporation intends to use the proceeds of the loan towards the purchase of its new cruise vessel Freedom of the Seas. A copy of the Credit Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 US\$570,000,000 Credit Agreement dated as of April 6, 2006 among Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. and various financial institutions and Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent.

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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.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.

Date: April 18, 2006

By: /s/ LUIS E. LEON Name: Luis E. Leon Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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