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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ODYSSEY MARINE EXPLORATION INC [OMEX] MacConnel Melinda Joy (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5215 WEST LAUREL (Check all applicable) STREET, 2ND FLOOR (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President & General Couns Person TAMPA, FLÂ 33607 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D 15,072 common stock 49,928 I By Husband common stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(2)	12/26/2013	Common stock	19,297	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock options (Right to Buy)	(3)	12/26/2016	Common Stock	41,634	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(4)	12/26/2012	Common Stock	7,032	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 5	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/31/2011	12/31/2013	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 3.51	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MacConnel Melinda Joy 5215 WEST LAUREL STREET 2ND FLOOR TAMPA, FL 33607	Â	Â	Vice President & General Couns	Â

### **Signatures**

/s/ Melinda Joy
MacConnel

\*\*Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) RSA vests in two annual installments on 12/26/2012 and 12/26/2013.
- (3) Stock opitons vest in three annual installments on 12/26/12, 12/26/13 and 12/26/14.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest in one installment on 12/26/2012.

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