

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
December 28, 2011

**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): December 27, 2011

**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.)

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**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

(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***

In a Form 8-K filed on July 28, 2011, Tidewater disclosed that Tidewater and its joint venture partner, Sonangol, had agreed to extend the date of the joint venture agreement relating to Sonatide from July 31, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

As of December 27, 2011, Tidewater and Sonangol agreed to further extend the date of the joint venture agreement until March 31, 2012. Tidewater expects that it will be able to reach agreement with Sonangol regarding a long-term joint venture agreement. As agreed between the parties in the past, if the term of the joint venture agreement is not further extended beyond March 31, 2012, the Sonatide joint venture will continue for such time as is necessary to fulfill charter agreements with expiration dates beyond March 31, 2012.

**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: December 27, 2011