

TIDEWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
July 12, 2012

**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): July 12, 2012

**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)

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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***

The Company has previously disclosed that it has been in ongoing negotiations with its joint venture partner, Sonangol Holdings, Lda., regarding a new long-term joint venture agreement pursuant to which Sonatide, its Angola joint venture, would be operated. Sonangol and the Company have now agreed to extend the term of the current joint venture agreement to December 31, 2012, to allow for these discussions to continue. The Company remains hopeful that a new joint venture agreement will be agreed between the parties that will put the joint venture on a more secure and permanent footing. As there are significant issues on which the parties have yet to reach an agreement, no assurance can be given that such an outcome will be achieved.

**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: July 12, 2012