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FORM 20-F Amendment No. 1

[X] REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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| [] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 |
| For the fiscal year ended |
| OR |
| [] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 |
| For the transition period from to |
| OR |
| [] SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 |
| Date of event requiring this shell company report: |
| Commission file number: |
| SEADRILL LIMITED |
| (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) |
| (Translation of Registrant's name into English) |
| Bermuda |
| (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) |

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Common stock, \$2.0 value | 00 par New York Stock Exchange |
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| Title of class | Name of exchange on which registered |
| Securities registered or to be re | egistered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None |
| Securities for which there is a repor | ting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None |
| | ch of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of d covered by the annual report: |
| As of December 31, 2008, there were 398,4 | 15,416 shares of the Registrant's common stock, \$2.00 par value, outstanding. |
| Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a we | ll-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. |
| [] Yes | [X] No |
| | eport, indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file 3 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. |
| [] Yes | [] No |
| the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the | (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was a been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. |
| [] Yes | [X] No |
| any, every Interactive Data File required to be | has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during ne preceding 12 months |
| [] Yes | [] No |
| or a smaller reporting company. See the defi | is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, nitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): |
| Large accelerated filer [] | Accelerated filer [] |

| Non-accelerated filer [X] (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company [] |
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| Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the the financial statements included i | |
| [X] U.S. GAAP | |
| [] International Financial Reporting Standards a Accounting Standards Bo | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| [] Other | |
| If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous mark which financial statement item the Registrant has | |
| [] Item 17 | |
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| - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | ether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 Exchange Act). |
| [] Yes | [] No |
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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions.

This registration statement and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "may," "should," "expect" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this document are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

In addition to these important factors and matters discussed elsewhere in this registration statement, and in the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement, important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include factors related to the offshore drilling market, including supply and demand, utilization rates, dayrates, customer drilling programs, commodity prices, effects of new rigs on the market and effects of declines in commodity prices and downturn in global economy on market outlook for our various geographical operating sectors and classes of rigs, customer contracts, including contract backlog, contract commencements, contract terminations, contract option exercises, contract revenues, contract awards and rig mobilizations, newbuildings, upgrades, shipyard and other capital projects, including completion, delivery and commencement of operations dates, expected downtime and lost revenue, the level of expected capital expenditures and the timing and cost of completion of capital projects, liquidity and adequacy of cash flow for our obligations, including our ability and the expected timing to access certain investments in highly liquid instruments, our results of operations and cash flow from operations, including revenues and expenses, uses of excess cash, including debt retirement and share repurchases under our share repurchase program, timing and proceeds of asset sales, tax matters, including our effective tax rate, changes in tax laws, treaties and regulations, tax assessments and liabilities for tax issues, including those associated with our activities in Bermuda, Norway and the United States, legal and regulatory matters, including results and effects of legal proceedings and governmental audits and assessments, outcome and effects of internal and governmental investigations, customs and environmental matters, insurance matters, debt levels, including impacts of the financial and credit crisis, effects of accounting changes and adoption of accounting policies, investments in recruitment, retention and personnel development initiatives, pension plan and other postretirement benefit plan contributions, the timing of severance payments and benefit payments and other important factors described from time to time in the reports filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, and the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE. We caution readers of this registration statement not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

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PART 1.

As used in this registration statement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Seadrill Limited," the "Company," "we," "us," "Group," "our" and words of similar import refer to Seadrill Limited, its subsidiaries and its other consolidated entities. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "USD", "US\$" and "\$" in this report are to, and amounts are represented in, U.S. dollars.

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

A. DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers and directors, and also certain key officers of our subsidiaries, who are responsible for overseeing the management of our business:

| Name | Position | Business address |
|---------------------|---|--|
| John Fredriksen | Board of Directors and Officers of Seadri President, Director and Chairman of the Board | Sandy Beach Apartments, Block 3, Flat Y3431 61 Amathountos Avenue, 4532 Ayios Tychonas Area CY-3105 Limassol, Cyprus |
| Tor Olav Trøim | Vice President and Director | 15 Sloane Square, London, SW1W 8ER, UK |
| Kate Blankenship | Director and Audit Committee member | Domaine de Portoi, 11290 Arzens, France |
| Kjell E. Jacobsen | Director | Kongsgårdbakken 1, 4005 Stavanger, Norway |
| Kathrine Fredriksen | Director | 15 Sloane Square, London, SW1W 8ER, UK |
| Georgina Sousa | Company Secretary | Par-la-Ville Place, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, Bermuda |
| Alf C. Thorkildsen | Senior Management Chief Executive Officer and President, Seadrill Management AS | Løkkeveien 111, 4007 Stavanger, Norway |
| Trond Brandsrud * | Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President, Seadrill Management AS | Løkkeveien 111, 4007 Stavanger, Norway |
| Per Wullf | Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, Seadrill Management AS | Løkkeveien 111, 4007 Stavanger, Norway |
| Tim Juran | Executive Vice President Deepwater Western Hemisphere, employed by | 11210 Equity Drive, Suite 150 Houston, Texas 77041, USA |

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Management AS

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Jack-ups, employed by Seadrill Towers, Singapore 089315

Management (S) Pte Ltd

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employed by Seadrill Offshore Singapore Towers, Singapore 089315

Pte Ltd

Thorleif Egeli Chief Executive Officer, Seawell Løkkeveien 107, 4007 Stavanger,

Management AS Norway

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^{*} Trond Brandsrud has tendered notice of his resignation and is expected to terminate his employment before the end of April 2010.

B. ADVISERS

Our U.S. legal counsel is Seward & Kissel LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, New York, 10004. Our Bermuda legal counsel is Mello Jones & Martin, 4 Burnaby Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11.

C. AUDITORS

Our auditors are PricewaterhouseCoopers AS, Forus Atrium, Postboks 8017, NO-4068 Stavanger, Norway. PricewaterhouseCoopers AS is an independent registered public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

A. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial information should be read in conjunction with (i) our audited financial statements and related notes which are included elsewhere in this registration statement on Form 20-F and (ii) Item 5. "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects." The selected financial and other data in the table as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, and 2008, are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, and are derived from our unaudited financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this registration statement on Form 20-F. The selected statement of operations data of the Company with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006, and the selected balance sheet data of the Company with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008, and 2007, respectively, have been derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP appearing elsewhere in this registration statement on Form 20-F. The selected balance sheet data of the Company with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, and the selected statement of operations and balance sheet data with respect to the period from May 10, 2005, (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2005, has been derived from audited consolidated financial statements of the Company not included herein. The selected balance sheet data for all periods up to and including December 31, 2008, has been adjusted to reflect the implementation of SFAS No. 160 "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No.51" (currently Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810-10 Consolidation). The Company's accounts are maintained in U.S. dollars. We refer you to the notes to our consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the basis on which our consolidated financial statements are presented.

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| | Nine months ended September 30, | | Year | ended December | r 31, | Period from May 10, 2005 (inception) to December 31, |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|----------|----------------|----------|--|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | | Adjusted | Adjusted | Adjusted | Adjusted | Adjusted |
| | | * | * | * | * | * |
| | (in millions of U.S .dollars except common share and per share data) | | | | | a) |
| Statement of Operations Data: | | | | | | |
| Total operating revenues | 2,375 | 1,527 | 2,106 | 1,552 | 1,155 | 27 |
| Net operating income | 991 | | | | | |