

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

June 03, 2008

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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): June 2, 2008**

**MARINER ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-32747**

(Commission  
File Number)

**86-0460233**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One BriarLake Plaza, Suite 2000**

**2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South**

**Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**77042**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 954-5500**

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Mariner Energy, Inc. ( Mariner ) entered into Master Assignment, Agreement and Amendment No. 6, dated as of June 2, 2008, among Mariner and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as borrowers, the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement described below), and Union Bank of California, N.A., as administrative agent and as issuing lender for such Lenders (the Amendment ), which further amends the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among the same parties (as so amended, the Credit Agreement ). The Credit Agreement provides for a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$1 billion, including up to \$50 million in letters of credit, subject to a borrowing base which is redetermined periodically. The Amendment accommodates an increased borrowing base of \$850 million as of June 2, 2008 resulting from a regular borrowing base redetermination, an increase of \$100 million since the last redetermination in January 2008 when the facility s maximum credit availability was increased.

A copy of the Amendment is attached as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The above description of the Credit Agreement is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the complete text of the Amendment and the Credit Agreement which previously was filed.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

In May 2008, Mariner agreed to a settlement with its insurers and underwriters for certain excess coverage claims related to property damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which struck the Gulf Coast in 2005. Agreed net proceeds to Mariner are approximately \$48.5 million. The settled excess coverage claims encompass assets on the continental shelf acquired from Forest Oil Corporation in 2006, including properties located in the South Pass, Grand Isle, Garden Banks, Main Pass, South Timbalier, and Eugene Island lease areas. Settled claims include those for costs associated with physical impairment, debris removal, seepage and pollution clean up, and well control, as well as increased costs associated with plugging and abandonment of wells and facilities at those fields.

The settled excess coverage claims are independent of Mariner s pending claims made through its primary insurance coverage provider, OIL Insurance, Ltd., an energy industry insurance cooperative.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

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4.1	Master Assignment, Agreement and Amendment No. 6, dated as of June 2, 2008, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders (as defined in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto from time to time, as Lenders, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Issuing Lender, as amended), and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders.
4.2*	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto from time to time, as Lenders, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Issuing Lender (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner s Form 8-K filed on March 3, 2006).
4.3*	Amendment No. 1 and Consent, dated as of April 7, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner s Form 8-K filed on April 13, 2006).

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4.5*	Amendment No. 3 and Consent, dated as of April 23, 2007, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on April 24, 2007).
4.6*	Amendment No. 4, dated as of August 24, 2007, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on August 27, 2007).
4.7*	Amendment No. 5 and Agreement, dated as of January 31, 2008, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on February 5, 2008).

\* Incorporated by reference as indicated.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

MARINER ENERGY, INC.

Date: June 2, 2008

By: /s/ John H. Karnes  
John H. Karnes,  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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