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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October 2014

Commission File Number 001-35298

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

10 Skopa Street, Tribune House
2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075
Nicosia, Cyprus
(Address of principal executive offices)

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1 is the notice of the Annual General Meeting, the Proxy Statement and the Proxy Card for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Ocean Rig UDW Inc., which will be held on December 1, 2014.

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.

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

Dated: October 6, 2014 By: /s/ George Economou
George Economou
Chief Executive
Officer

Exhibit 99.1

October 6, 2014

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF OCEAN RIG UDW INC.:

Enclosed is a Notice of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. (the "Company"), which will be held at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus on December 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. local time, and related materials. The Notice of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and related materials can also be found at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/NEW.ASM2014.html>.

At the Meeting, shareholders of the Company will consider and vote upon proposals:

1. To elect one Class A Director to serve until the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal One");
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 ("Proposal Two"); and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Adoption of Proposal One requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of shares of stock entitled to vote thereon. Adoption of Proposal Two requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of shares of stock entitled to vote thereon.

You are cordially invited to attend the Meeting in person. All shareholders must present a form of personal photo identification in order to be admitted to the Meeting. In addition, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to attend the Meeting, you must bring an account statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee indicating that you were the owner of the shares on October 2, 2014.

If you attend the Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VOTE OF EVERY SHAREHOLDER IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR COOPERATION IN RETURNING YOUR EXECUTED PROXY PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ANY SIGNED PROXY RETURNED AND NOT COMPLETED WILL BE VOTED BY MANAGEMENT IN FAVOR OF ALL PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT.

The Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 20-F (the "Annual Report"), which contains the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, is available on the Company's website at www.ocean-rig.com and can also be found at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/NEW.ASM2014.html>. Any shareholder may receive a hard copy of the Company's 2013 Annual Report, free of charge upon request.

Very truly yours,

George Economou

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus on December 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. local time, for the following purposes, of which items 1 and 2 are more completely set forth in the accompanying Proxy Statement:

1. To elect one Class A Director to serve until the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("Proposal One");

2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A., as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 ("Proposal Two"); and

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The board of directors has fixed the close of business on October 2, 2014 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of the shareholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. You are cordially invited to attend the Meeting in person. All shareholders must present a form of personal photo identification in order to be admitted to the Meeting. In addition, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to attend the Meeting, you must bring an account statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee indicating that you were the owner of the shares as of the Record Date.

If you attend the Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VOTE OF EVERY SHAREHOLDER IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR COOPERATION IN RETURNING YOUR EXECUTED PROXY PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. ANY SIGNED PROXY RETURNED AND NOT COMPLETED WILL BE VOTED BY MANAGEMENT IN FAVOR OF ALL PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT.

The Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 20-F (the "2013 Annual Report"), which contains the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, is available on the Company's website at www.ocean-rig.com. Any shareholder may receive a hard copy of the Company's 2013 Annual Report, free of charge upon request. This Notice of the Meeting, the Proxy Statement and related materials, including the Company's 2013 Annual Report, are available at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/NEW.ASM2014.html>.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ioannis Cleanthous

Secretary

October 6, 2014

Nicosia, Cyprus

PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2014

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING
GENERAL

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the board of directors of Ocean Rig UDW Inc., a Marshall Islands corporation (the "Company"), for use at the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") to be held on December 1, 2014 at the Company's offices located at 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus at 1:00 p.m. local time, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth herein and in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are expected to be mailed to shareholders of the Company entitled to vote at the Meeting on or about October 6, 2014. These materials, along with the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 20-F, which contains the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, can also be found at <http://ocean-rig.agmdocuments.com/NEW.ASM2014.html>.

VOTING RIGHTS AND OUTSTANDING SHARES

On October 2, 2014 (the "Record Date"), the Company had outstanding 132,017,178 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Shares"). Each shareholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date is entitled to one vote for each Common Share then held. One or more shareholders representing at least one-third of the Common Shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Meeting, whether represented in person or by proxy, shall be a quorum for the purposes of the Meeting. The Common Shares represented by any proxy in the enclosed form will be voted in accordance with the instructions given on the proxy if the proxy is properly executed and is received by the Company prior to the close of voting at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Any proxies returned without instructions will be voted FOR the proposals set forth on the Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting or, even if a quorum is so present, in the event that sufficient votes in favor of the positions recommended by the board of directors on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement are not timely received, the majority of shares present at the Meeting in person or by proxy shall have the power to adjourn the Meeting until a quorum shall be present or sufficient votes in favor of the positions recommended by the board of directors are received. If the Meeting is adjourned for reasons other than a lack of quorum, no further notice of the adjourned Meeting will be required other than announcement at the Meeting of the time and place to which the Meeting is adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies.

The Common Shares are listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ORIG".

REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES

A shareholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. A proxy may be revoked by filing with the Secretary of the Company at the Company's principal executive office, 10 Skopa Street, Tribune House, 2nd Floor, Office 202, CY 1075, Nicosia, Cyprus, a written notice of revocation by a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Meeting and voting in person. If your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you must present a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee in order to vote. Shareholders should speak to their brokers, banks or other nominees in whose custody their shares are held for additional information.

PROPOSAL ONE
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company has five directors on the board of directors, which is divided into three classes. As provided in the Company's Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, each director is elected to serve for a three-year term and until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his death, resignation, removal or earlier termination of his term of office. The term of our Class A Director expires at the Meeting. Accordingly, the board of directors has nominated George Economou, the current Class A Director, for election as Class A Director whose term would expire at the Company's 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Unless the proxy is marked to indicate that such authorization is expressly withheld, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote the shares authorized thereby FOR the election of the following nominee. It is expected that the nominee will be able to serve, but if such nominee is unavailable, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote for the election of such substitute nominee as the current board of directors may recommend.

Nominee for Election to the Company's Board of Directors

Information concerning the nominee for director of the Company is set forth below:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| George Economou | 61 | Class A Director |

Certain biographical information about the nominee is set forth below.

George Economou was appointed as our President and Chief Executive Officer on September 2, 2010, and Chairman and director in December 2010. Mr. Economou has over 25 years of experience in the maritime industry. He has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of DryShips Inc. since January 2005. He successfully took DryShips public in February 2005, on NASDAQ under the trading symbol "DRYS". Mr. Economou has overseen the growth of DryShips into one of the largest US-listed dry bulk companies in fleet size and revenue and one of the largest Panamax owners in the world. Mr. Economou has also served as a director of Danaos Corporation and a director and President of AllShips Inc. since 2010. Mr. Economou began his career in 1976 when he commenced working as a Superintendent Engineer in Thenamaris Ship Management in Greece. From 1981-1986 he held the position of General Manager of Oceania Maritime Agency in New York. Between 1986 and 1991 he invested and participated in the formation of numerous individual shipping companies and in 1991 he founded Cardiff Marine Inc., Group of Companies. Mr. Economou is a member of ABS Council, Intertanko Hellenic Shipping Forum, and Lloyds Register Hellenic Advisory Committee. Mr. Economou is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Master of Science in Shipping and Shipbuilding Management.

Required Vote. Approval of Proposal One will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of the Common Shares entitled to vote thereon.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED DIRECTOR. UNLESS REVOKED AS PROVIDED ABOVE, PROXIES RECEIVED BY MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED DIRECTOR UNLESS A CONTRARY VOTE IS SPECIFIED.

**PROPOSAL TWO
RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The board of directors is submitting for ratification at the Meeting the appointment of Ernst & Young (Hellas) Certified Auditors Accountants S.A. ("Ernst & Young"), as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Ernst & Young has advised the Company that the firm does not have any direct or indirect financial interest in the Company, nor has such firm had any such interest in connection with the Company during the past three fiscal years other than in its capacity as the Company's independent auditors.

All services rendered by the independent auditors are subject to review by the audit committee of the Company's board of directors.

Required Vote. Approval of Proposal Two will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting by the holders of Common Shares entitled to vote thereon.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. UNLESS REVOKED AS PROVIDED ABOVE, PROXIES RECEIVED BY MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF SUCH RATIFICATION UNLESS A CONTRARY VOTE IS SPECIFIED.

SOLICITATION

The cost of preparing and soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. Solicitation will be made primarily by mail, but shareholders may be solicited by telephone, e-mail, or personal contact.

EFFECT OF ABSTENTIONS

Abstentions will not be counted in determining whether Proposals One and Two have been adopted.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters are expected to be presented for action at the Meeting. Should any additional matter come before the Meeting, it is intended that proxies in the accompanying form will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the person or persons named in the proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ioannis Cleanthous

Secretary

October 6, 2014

Nicosia, Cyprus
