# 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: September 1, 2005 (Date of earliest event reported)

# Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-32108 (Commission File Number)

72-1375844 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

103 Northpark Boulevard, Suite 300 Covington, LA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

70433 (Zip Code)

(985) 727-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 7.01 – Regulation FD Disclosure

In accordance with Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and according to general instruction B.2. thereunder, the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.

On September 2, 2005, the Company announced that Todd M. Hornbeck, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and James O. Harp, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will participate in Lehman Brothers CEO Energy/Power Conference in New York City on September 7, 2005. The Company will provide a brief company overview at the conference in the form of a 4 page fact sheet and Powerpoint presentation. This fact sheet and Powerpoint presentation will be posted on the Company's website prior to the conference and can be accessed at the "IR Home" page under the "Investors" section of such website. Additional information is included in the Company's press release and fact sheet, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively.

#### Item 8.01 - Other Events

On September 1, 2005, Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it had filed a \$350 million universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3, which also provides certain named shareholders the ability to sell 2,250,000 shares of common stock subject to certain conditions, and a \$150 million acquisition shelf registration statement on Form S-4. The shelf registration statements have not been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. A press release with additional information is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

#### Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits.

- 99.1 Press Release, dated September 2, 2005
- 99.2 Company Fact Sheet, dated September 2005
- 99.3 Press Release, dated September 1, 2005

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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.

Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc.

Date: September 6, 2005

By: /s/ James O. Harp, Jr.

James O. Harp, Jr. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Description

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Exhibit No.

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For Immediate Release

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## Hornbeck Offshore to Present at Lehman Brothers CEO Energy / Power Conference on September 7<sup>th</sup>

September 2, 2005—The Woodlands, Texas — Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. (NYSE: HOS) announced today that Todd M. Hornbeck, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and James O. Harp, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will be participating in the Lehman Brothers CEO Energy / Power Conference at the Waldorf=Astoria in New York City, to be held September 6-8, 2005.

The Company's presentation at the conference will be webcast live with an accompanying slideshow on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 4:25 p.m. Eastern Time. To listen to the live audio webcast and view Hornbeck's slideshow, visit the Company's website at http://www.hornbeckoffshore.com. A replay of this webcast and slideshow will be available on the Company's website shortly after the presentation is concluded and will be archived for replay on the website for a period of 30 days.

Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. is a leading provider of technologically advanced, new generation offshore supply vessels primarily in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and select international markets, and is a leading transporter of petroleum products through its fleet of ocean-going tugs and tank barges primarily in the northeastern U.S. and in Puerto Rico. Hornbeck Offshore currently owns and operates a fleet of over 50 U.S.-flagged vessels serving the energy industry.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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#### HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, INC. NYSE: HOS

#### Leading the New Generation

leading margins and returns on capital

currently range from \$13,000 to \$20,000+

\$0.25-\$0.35 accretive to full-year EPS.

is operating at pre-storm levels of 100% utilization.

barge newbuild program and OSV growth initiative.

exposed to the spot market.

company-wide fixed charges.



\$36.15

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#### Price (September 1, 2005)

#### Stock Data

Fiscal Year-End:	December
Symbol / Exchange:	HOS /NYSE
52-Week Range:	\$11.95-\$36.15
Diluted Common Shares O/S:	21.3 mm
Market Capitalization:	\$770 mm
Total Enterprise Value <sup>1)</sup> :	\$999 mm
Average Daily Volume (L3M):	213,176
Insider Ownership <sup>2)</sup> :	6.2%
Closely-Held Ownership <sup>3)</sup> :	27.5%
13F Institutional Ownership:	50.4%

Financial Data (Data as of 6/30/05, unaudited)

Financial Data (Data as of 6/3)	0/05, unaudited)						
		\$12 mm					
		Total Debt:	\$241 mm				
	\$197 mm						
Net De	53.7%						
Results & Guidance	2004A	2005E	2006E				
EBITDA (\$mm) <sup>4)</sup> :	\$ 59.5	\$85-\$90	\$100-\$110				
EPS <sup>5)</sup> :	\$ 0.62	\$1.34-\$1.49	\$1.60-\$1.89				
Trading Multiples <sup>6)</sup>							
TEV / EBITDA <sup>4)</sup> :	16.8x	11.4x	9.5x				
P / E <sup>5)</sup> :	58.3x	25.5x	20.7x				
Segment Data							
	2004A	2005E <sup>6)</sup>	2006E <sup>6)</sup>				
EBITDA Mix							
OSV:	67%	75%	67%				
Tug & Tank Barge:	33%	25%	33%				
Current Fleet in Service <sup>7)</sup>							

No. of New Generation OSVs:

No. of Tugs / Tank Barges:

Earnings Growth Visibility. Between 1998 and 2004, Hornbeck has achieved compound annual growth in EBITDA<sup>4)</sup> of 71%. Moreover, with its current funded initiatives, Hornbeck believes EBITDA<sup>4)</sup> can continue to grow at a compound average rate of at least 30% per annum over the next two years based on current market conditions.

Industry Leading Returns. Hornbeck's younger, more advanced fleet of *new* generation offshore supply vessels (OSVs) allow for premium pricing at lower operating

costs. As a result, Hornbeck's OSV segment has consistently delivered industry

high, with utilization at 97%. Comparatively, new generation OSV spot dayrates

Raising the Bar in OSV Industry. Hornbeck recently launched an OSV growth initiative to convert two molters ulfur tankers into 370 foot multi-purpose supply vessels (MPSVs). These MPSVs would be the world's largest OSVs, and would give HOS about 17% domestic market share by deadweight tons. With expected delivery in early 2007, the total project cost is estimated to be \$55-\$65mm, and is expected to be

No Vessel Impact from Katrina. Hornbeck experienced no damage to any of its vessels as a result of Hurricane Katrina, including those under construction or conversion. The storm had no impact on Hornbeck's vessel charters, and its OSV fleet

Stable Cash Flow Base. The Tug & Tank Barge segment provides a stable base of cash flow, a competitive advantage particularly during soft OSV cycles. After delivery of five new tank barges by year-end 2005, this segment is expected to cover 100% of *all* 

Improving Balance Sheet & Liquidity. The recent refinancing of Hornbeck's \$175mm, 10.625% senior unsecured notes due 2008 (11% yield) with \$225mm, 6.125%, senior unsecured notes due 2014 (issued at par), along with projected cash flow and revolving credit facility, provides adequate liquidity to fund HOS's remaining

OSV Fundamentals Expected to Remain Strong. Robust OSV market conditions,

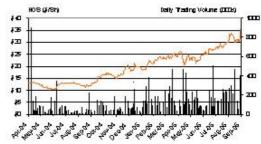
characterized by limited availability of OSVs to support the expansive offshore drilling

activity, are expected to persist through at least 2006, allowing for further increases in dayrates. Current average fleet OSV dayrates of approximately \$13,000 is a company

OSV Contracting Strategy to Optimize Market Strength. Hornbeck has kept its OSV fleet contracted short to benefit from further anticipated dayrate expansion. Approximately 40% of second half 2005 and 70% of 2006 OSV vessel days are still

## Barges under Construction/ OSVs under Conversion:

#### Stock Price (Mar 2004 IPO - Present)



Total Enterprise Value (TEV) is defined as Market Capitalization plus Total Debt less 1)

Total Cash. 2) Represents executive officers and directors as disclosed in the latest Proxy Statement on file with the SEC

Represents beneficial ownership of SCF IV, LP and the William Herbert Hunt Trust Estate as disclosed in the latest SEC filings. EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure; see page 4 for GAAP reconciliation. 3)

EPS results for 2004 and EPS guidance for 2005E exclude a \$0.75 and \$0.05 per diluted share GAAP charge, respectively, for early retirement of debt. Adjusted EPS 5)

(non-GAAP) are used in P/E ratios. Based on mid-point of reported Company guidance. Excludes one fast supply vessel and includes two recently announced tugs with

expected late 2005 in-service dates.

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#### COMPANY OVERVIEW

Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. (Hornbeck), a diversified marine service company headquartered in Covington, Louisiana, is a leading provider of technologically advanced, new generation offshore supply vessels primarily in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico (GoM) and select international markets, and is a leading transporter of petroleum products through its fleet of ocean-going tugs and tank barges primarily in the northeastern U.S. and in Puerto Rico. Hornbeck currently owns and operates a fleet of over 50 U.S.-flagged vessels serving the energy industry.

#### **OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSELS (UPSTREAM)**

**Increasing Market Presence**. Since its inception in 1997, Hornbeck has completed three separate newbuild programs utilizing proprietary designs developed by its in-house team of naval architects and engineers to build 17 new generation OSVs. Combined with the purchase of six new generation vessels in mid-2003 and its first two foreign-flagged new generation OSVs in early 2005, Hornbeck has assembled one of the youngest, and second largest modern, OSV fleets in the GoM.

All OSVs are Not Created Equal. The OSV market is bifurcated between aging, conventional 180' boats originally designed and constructed to service the shallow coastal shelf waters and a "new generation" of 200'+ vessels that service the larger and increasingly complex demands of the frontier deepwater, ultra-deepwater and deep-shelf projects. Over the last six years, utilization rates for new generation OSVs have averaged 93% versus conventional 180' vessels that have averaged less than 50%. Reflecting the bifurcated market's different supply and demand fundamentals, average dayrates for new generation OSVs are typically at least double those of their 180' forerunners.

Increasing Long-Term Demand. Deepwater activity has become a cornerstone of domestic GoM oil production, rising from less than 4% in 1990 to over 64% in 2004, per MMS. A global trend, deepwater spending worldwide over the next 5 years is projected by industry sources to rise 83% over the prior 5–year spending level, mainly reflecting that only 22% of the 341 deepwater fields discovered to-date have been developed.

"Super-Sizing" the OSV Segment. Hornbeck recently launched an OSV growth initiative to convert two molten sulfur carriers into 370 foot MPSVs. These next generation vessels would be the world's largest, with wide-ranging "Swiss Army Knife" capabilities beyond those of a typical OSV. As one 370' has the equivalent liquid mud capacity of three 265' class OSVs or eight 200' class OSVs, HOS' deepwater customers will benefit from significant economies of scale. With expected delivery in early 2007, the total project cost is estimated to be \$55-\$65mm, and is expected to contribute \$0.25-\$0.35 of incremental full-year EPS.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Hornbeck's mission is to be recognized as the energy industry's marine transportation and service company of choice for its customers, employees and investors through innovative, high quality, value-added business solutions delivered with enthusiasm, integrity and professionalism and with the utmost regard for the safety of individuals and the protection of the environment.

#### TUGS & TANK BARGES (DOWNSTREAM)

Complementing its OSV business, Hornbeck also owns and operates a fleet of 15 oceangoing tugs, 15 ocean-going tank barges to transport petroleum products, primarily within the northeastern U.S. and Puerto Rico. The Tug & Tank Barge segment not only takes advantage of Hornbeck's considerable marine expertise, it provides geographic and revenue-source diversification while providing an additional value-added service to its core customers.

Improving Supply / Demand Fundamentals. Due to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA'90) and its mandated vessel retirement schedule, an estimated 33% of the current U.S. single-hulled tank barge supply was recently removed from service, with an additional 17% to be removed by 2010. Conversely, tanker demand, as measured by consumer demand for petroleum products, is projected to increase by 2.5% annually through 2025. While industry newbuild and retrofit programs are underway, Hornbeck believes that operational barriers to entry, limited access to capital by privately held competitors and high steel prices will likely keep this lost capacity from being fully replaced.

While average dayrates for Hornbeck's tank barges have steadily risen from about \$8,500 in 1999 to over \$12,600 for the second quarter 2005, there are reasons to believe long-term dayrates could continue to move higher still, as upward pressure is exerted from declining supply, stable demand and the premium necessary to attract new capital to build incremental double-hulled capacity.

**Growth Initiative.** Five new double-hulled tank barges (four of which are already committed to customers) are scheduled to be delivered throughout 2005. The first, the *Energy 13501*, was placed into service in March, followed by the *Energy 11103* in July. By year-end 2005, Hornbeck's fleet capacity (net of three OPA'90 retirements) is expected to grow 28% to 1.48 MMbbls, with 46% of its fleet comprised of higher-margin double-hulled vessels, up from 7% at year-end 2004.

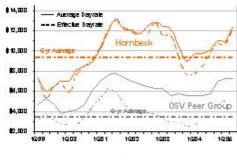
Stable Cash Flow. The Tug & Tank Barge segment provides significant financial support, particularly during soft OSV cycles. When the five new tank barges are in service for a full year, annualized downstream EBITDA is expected to potentially double, generating sufficient annual cash flow that should cover 100% of *all* company-wide fixed charges, including interest expense and drydocking expenditures.

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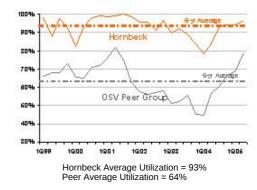


## AN INDUSTRY LEADING POSITION ...

### Premium OSV Fleet Dayrates 1)

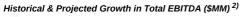


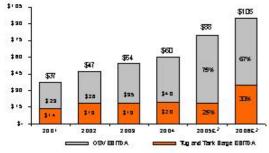
Higher OSV Fleet Utilization 1)



Average Dayrate Premium = \$4,465, or 76% above peers Effective Dayrate Premium = \$5,579, or 149% above peers

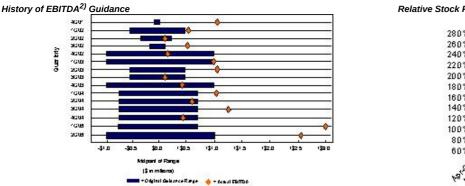
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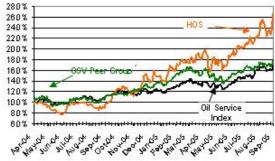


#### Operating Margin <sup>3)</sup> Operating Margin L 70% 5-year Average: 60% HOS = 34% OSV Peer = 14% 50% TTB Peer = 14% 40% -30% 20% 10% 0% 200 2001 202 2003 2014

## MANAGEMENT EXECUTION TRANSLATES TO STRONG STOCK PERFORMANCE



Relative Stock Price Performance (IPO-Present) 4)



Source: Selected company filings from domestic OSV public peer group which includes TDW, CKH, SBLK and TRMA.

<sup>1)</sup> 2) 3) EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure; see page 4 for GAAP reconciliation and assumptions for forward projections. Operating margin is defined as GAAP operating income divided by period revenues. OSV Peer group includes GMRK, SBLK, CKH, TDW and TRMA. Tug & Tank Barge (TTB) Peer

group includes KSP and TUG. OSV Peer Group Relative Stock Price Performance average includes TDW, GMRK CKH, and SBLK. SBLK was excluded following its acquisition by CKH in June 2005.

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## **Hornbeck Offshore Services**

#### **Fact Sheet**

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#### Reader Advisory and Forward Looking Statements

This Fact Sheet is presented as a brief company overview for the information of investors, analysts and other parties with an interest in the Company. Hornbeck's management hopes that this Fact Sheet will encourage analysts and investors to investigate more about the Company through its Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, press releases and other public materials. This Fact Sheet does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities of the Company. This Fact Sheet contains forward-looking statements, including, in particular, statements about Hornbeck's plans, strategies and prospects. These statements are based on the Company's current assumptions, expectations and projections about future events, which are subject to a wide range of business risks. The Company encourages investors to review the information regarding the risks inherent to Hornbeck and its industry, as described in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2004, copies of which are available free of charge over the Internet at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov and at the Company's website at www.hornbeckoffshore.com. This Fact Sheet does not purport to be all-inclusive or to contain all of the information that a reader may desire as to the structure or the affairs of the Company. Although the Company believes that the assumptions reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that these assumptions will prove to be correct or that financial or market forecasts, savings or other benefits anticipated in the forward-looking statements will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from those projected. The information contained in this Fact Sheet is only current as of September 1, 2005 and the Company undertakes no obligation to update this Fact Sheet.

#### **Regulation G EBITDA Reconciliation**

This Fact Sheet contains references to the non-GAAP financial measure of earnings (net income) before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization and loss on early extinguishment of debt, or EBITDA. We view EBITDA primarily as a liquidity measure and, as such, we believe that the GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to it is cash flows provided by operating activities. Reconciliations of EBITDA to cash flows provided by operating activities are provided in the table below. Management's opinion regarding the usefulness of such measure to investors and a description of the ways in which management uses such measure can be found in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Reconciliation of EBITDA to Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities (\$mm)

	Year Ended December 31,																	
Componenta of EBITDA:	1	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		003	2004		2005 E <sup>2</sup>		2006 E4-	
Nethcome (loss), as reported	\$	0.0	\$	(1.8)	\$	(4.5)	\$	7.0	\$	11.6	\$	11.2	\$	25	\$	30.3	\$	37.8
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Amortization	922	0.4	1	0.7	_	10	-	12	<u> </u>	1.9	-	32	-	5.7	-	6.9	<u></u>	7.4
EBITDA	\$	2.3	\$	9.1	\$	17.4	\$	38.7	\$	46.6	\$	54.0	\$	59.1	\$	87.5	\$	105.0
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EBITDA	\$	23	\$	9.1	\$	17.4	\$	38.7	\$	46.6	\$	54.0	\$	59.1	\$	87.5	\$	105.0
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<sup>1</sup> Results to 2001 were reported by a \$2.0 meter aller (as) \$0 / 9 per divised share) charge on early eding under and of debineting to a Auty 2001 debinet non-org. Results to 2004 were reported by a \$4.7 meter aller (a) \$0.7 per divised share) charge on early eding to 10 x 50 meters and of extremeng of our 10 x 20 x 5 meter Notes due 2000 . Results to 2005 were reported by a \$1.1 meters tended share) charge on early eding of all to 50 meters 2004 meters and of extremeng of our 10 x 20 x 5 meter Notes due 2000 . Results to 2005 were reported by a \$1.1 meters tended, bit 2005 per division of the transmission of the tran

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## Hornbeck Offshore Files Shelf Registration Statements

September 1, 2005, The Woodlands, Texas – Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. (NYSE: HOS) announced today that it has filed a universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 and an acquisition shelf registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Once declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the universal shelf on Form S-3 will enable the Company to sell from time to time, in one or more public offerings, up to \$350 million of its common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or any combination of such securities. In addition, the selling stockholders named in the Form S-3 may, subject to certain conditions, offer up to 2,250,000 shares of the Company's common stock in the future.

The acquisition shelf registration statement on Form S-4 will, once declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission, enable the Company to issue up to an additional \$150 million of its common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, or any combination of such securities, from time to time, in connection with acquisition transactions. These transactions may include the acquisition of assets, businesses or securities, whether by purchase, merger or any other form of business combination.

The registration statements relating to these securities have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but have not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold, nor may offers to buy be accepted, prior to the time the

103 Northpark Boulevard, Suite 300 Covington, Louisiana 70433 Phone: (985) 727-2000 Fax: (985) 727-2006 applicable registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities law of any such state. Any offer of these securities will be made solely by means of the prospectuses included in the registration statements and any prospectus supplements that may be issued with respect to such offerings.

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