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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) September 2, 2008

Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-28258 (Commission File Number) 65-0427966 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

16313 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 100, Tampa,

FI

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33618

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 961-0944

Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 1.03 Bankruptcy or Receivership

On September 2, 2008, Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc (the "Company") filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") (Case Nos. 8:08-bk-13440-cpm). The Company will continue to manage and operate its businesses as "debtor-in-possession" under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 3, 2008 SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Marc Bernstein
Name: Marc Bernstein

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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