

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD
Form 8-K
January 18, 2007

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): January 18, 2007

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Republic of Liberia

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11884

98-0081645

(Commission File Number)

1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, Florida

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

33132

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **305-539-6000**

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

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

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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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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On January 18, 2007, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (the Company) priced an offering of its 1,000,000,000 5.625% Senior Notes due 2014 (the Senior Notes). The offering is expected to close on January 25, 2007, at which time the Company will issue the Senior Notes under an indenture to be dated and entered into as of that date.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering in order to refinance short-term debt incurred in connection with its recent acquisition of all of the capital stock of Pullmantur S.A. and the repayment of Pullmantur's debt, and the balance for general corporate purposes.

Principal and interest on the Senior Notes will be payable in euros. Interest on the Senior Notes will be payable annually in arrears. If the Company experiences a Change of Control Triggering Event, as defined in the indenture, it will be required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. Generally, a Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred upon certain events constituting a change of control of the Company, if associated therewith a specified decline occurs in the rating assigned to the Senior Notes by one or more specified internationally recognized securities rating agencies. If an Event of Default, as defined in the indenture, occurs and continues, then the trustee or certain holders may declare all unpaid principal, interest and certain other amounts on all of the Senior Notes to be immediately due and payable. The Company is entitled to call the Senior Notes for redemption at par plus accrued and unpaid interest in the event of certain changes in Liberian tax law.

The Senior Notes will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.

Date: January 18, 2007

By: /s/ Bradley H. Stein

Name: Bradley H. Stein

Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary