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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 27, 2005 (JUNE 20, 2005)

TORCH OFFSHORE, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE

000-32855

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION)

(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

(IRS EMPLOYER I

401 WHITNEY AVENUE, SUITE 400 GRETNA, LOUISIANA

70056-259

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(ZIP CODE

(504) 367-7030

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA 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 2.04 TRIGGERING EVENTS THAT ACCELERATE OR INCREASE A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.

Effective June 20, 2005 Torch Offshore, Inc. (the "Company") terminated Bridge Associates LLC as chief restructuring advisor to the Company. The termination of Bridge Associates LLC is an event of default under the Company's Debtor in Possession ("DIP") financing with Regions Bank and Export Development Canada. The Company is negotiating with Regions Bank and Export Development Canada to cure this default. In the event that the default is not cured, the bank can withdraw the financing which will result in the Company having insufficient funding to continue to operate. The Company is in the process of rescinding its decision to terminate Bridge Associates L.L.C. as chief restructuring advisor.

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Effective June 20, 2005 Richard J. Shopf resigned from the board of directors of the Company. Mr. Shopf's resignation was in response to disagreement with other members of the Board of Directors regarding the termination of bankruptcy counsel, restructuring advisors and investment bankers. Mr. Shopf's letter of resignation is filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Shopf was also the chairman of the Audit Committee. With the resignation of Mr. Shopf, the Company no longer has an Audit Committee, nor sufficient independent Board members to reconstitute the Audit Committee.

The Company has provided Mr. Shopf with a copy of the disclosures set forth above.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

99.1 - Richard J. Shopf letter of Resignation

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf

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by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TORCH OFFSHORE, INC.

DATE: June 27, 2005

By: /S/ Robert E. Fulton

Robert E. Fulton
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
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