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SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2004

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2004.

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):  
April 12, 2004

Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-28258	65-0427966
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS employer identification No.)

16313 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Ste 100, Tampa, FL 33618  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant

The Company has been notified that on April 12, 2004, Frederick R. Adler purchased the \$1,000,000 promissory note issued by the Company to Banyon Investments, LLC ("Banyon") on January 31, 2002 as part of the Company's \$2,000,000 financing; and that the note was purchased with the personal funds of Mr. Adler.

In January 2002, we raised \$2,000,000 in a private financing transaction, consisting of secured promissory notes and warrants to purchase Common Stock. The two investors in the financing transaction were Shells Investment Partners, L.L.C. ("SIP") and Banyon. Banyon is an entity associated with Philip R. Chapman, Chairman of our Board of Directors, and certain family members of Frederick R. Adler, a greater than 10% stockholder.

In January 2002, in connection with the \$2 million financing transaction, we issued to each of SIP and Banyon (i) a \$1 million secured promissory note due January 31, 2005 which bears interest at 15% per annum, of which 8% is payable monthly in arrears and 7% is deferred and payable when the principal is payable in full, and (ii) a warrant to purchase 4,454,015 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.16 per share. The warrants are exercisable through January 31, 2005. Banyon has retained the rights with

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respect to these warrants. Based on filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mr. Adler beneficially owns 25.8% of our common stock, excluding the warrant to purchase 4,454,015 shares held by Banyon. Mr. Adler's wife is a co-managing member of Banyon. The Company has 10,757,000 shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis and 9,092,000 shares outstanding assuming conversion of only the warrant to Banyon.

In January 2002, in connection with the \$2 million financing transaction, we entered into an Investor Rights Agreement with SIP, Banyon and certain other stockholders. The Investor Rights Agreement fixes the composition of the Board at seven members, subject to certain requirements, and provided each of Banyon and SIP with the right to nominate three individuals to serve on the Board. Banyon's right to nominate three individuals to serve on the Board has been transferred to Mr. Adler in conjunction with the purchase by Mr. Adler of the \$1,000,000 note on April 12, 2004. The Company has not been notified of any plans by Mr. Adler to change any board nominee.

### Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits

- 10.01 Secured Senior Note in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 issued to Frederick R. Adler dated April 12, 2004

#### 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.

Dated: April 26, 2004      SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Warren R. Nelson  
Warren R. Nelson  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer