

Saltiel Robert J.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Saltiel Robert J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/29/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

President & CEO

15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77084

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
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|  | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |            | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
|  |                                    |                  |            | Code   | V          |                     |                    |       |
| Performance-Based<br>Restricted Stock<br>Units | (1)                                | 12/29/2011       | A          | 35,327   | 03/15/2015 | 03/15/2015          | Common<br>Stock    |       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Saltiel Robert J.<br>15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE<br>HOUSTON, TX 77084 |               |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Robert Saltiel, Walter A. Baker By Power of<br>Attorney | 12/30/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person                             | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The performance-based restricted stock units vest after a three-year period in an amount ranging from 0-200% of the units awarded based (1) upon company total shareholder return compared with the total shareholder return of a designated peer group over the vesting period. The units provide for payment of all earned shares in common stock following the end of the three-year period.

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