

HELMERICH HANS
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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 *
HELMERICH HANS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77084

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

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

02/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
Common Stock	02/13/2012	02/13/2012	M	8,000 A	\$ 10.678	28,886 ⁽¹⁾	D

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 10.678	02/13/2012	02/13/2012	M	8,000	<u>(2)</u>	03/09/2012	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMERICH HANS 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084		X		

Signatures

\s\ Hans Helmerich, Walter A. Baker By Power of Attorney
 Date: 02/13/2012

__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).
- (1) Represents the total number of shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person subsequent to the transactions reported hereby.
- (2) These options were granted on March 9, 2002 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two will full vesting on March 9, 2007.
- (3) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price and expiration date subsequent to the transaction reported hereby.

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