

Rynd John T
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Rynd John T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.
 [HERO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2012

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

HOUSTON, TX 77046

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 02/28/2012 | | A | | 169,682 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 512,477 D |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 02/28/2012 | | A | | 147,009 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 659,486 D |

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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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rynd John T 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TX 77046 | X | | CEO & President | |

Signatures

/s/ James W. Noe,
attorney-in-fact

03/01/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These shares of restricted stock will vest in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning February 28, 2013.

(2) These shares of performance-based restricted stock were awarded on March 6, 2011. The amount of the award was based upon the achievement of certain performance objectives for fiscal year 2011, which was determined on February 28, 2012. As such, the shares were granted on February 28, 2012. The shares will vest in three equal installments on each of March 6, 2012, March 6, 2013 and March 6, 2014.

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