

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 15, 2014

**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 Earliest Event Reported: September 15, 2014**

**ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**TEXAS**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)**

**Commission File Number: 1-13167**  
**IRS Employer Identification No.: 74-1611874**

**15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800**  
**Houston, Texas, 77094**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(281) 749-7800**  
**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 15, 2014, Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it is initiating a quarterly dividend for the Company s first quarter of fiscal year 2015, which ends on December 31, 2014. The board of directors has declared the first quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock, payable on January 13, 2015 to shareholders of record as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 6, 2015.

**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.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

By: /s/ Mark L. Mey  
Mark L. Mey  
Senior Vice President

Date: September 15, 2014