#### ATWOOD OCEANICS INC

Form 4

December 08, 2008

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMERICH HANS			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(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			
HOUSTON, TX 77084				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)	Reported			
				(A)	Transaction(s)			
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/04/2008		A	2,000 А 🕮	7,416 <u>(2)</u>	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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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

**HELMERICH HANS** 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE X HOUSTON, TX 77084

## **Signatures**

Hans Helmerich 12/08/2008 \*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

## **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).
- These shares of common stock were granted as Restricted Stock Awards under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive (1) Plan. One hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock awards vest thirteen months after the date of award unless an election is made to defer vesting to a later date under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Nonemployee Directors' Elective Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Total reflects increase adjustment of 2,708 shares for 100% stock dividend declared in June 2008.

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