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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Wagner Geoffrey C.		(Month/Day/Year)	ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/01/2012	
15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HOUSTON, TX 77084			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			VP, Marketing & Bus. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Common Stock	11,540	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Nonqualified Stock Options	Â (1)	12/09/2020	Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Common Stock	4,752	\$ 37.41	D	Â
Nonqualified Stock Options	Â (1)	12/09/2021	Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Common Stock	4,476	\$ 41.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wagner Geoffrey C. 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084	Â	Â	Â VP, Marketing & Bus. Dev.	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Geoffrey Wagner, Walter A. Baker By Power of Attorney

10/02/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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These options were granted for a term of ten (10) years pursuant to the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Plan with twenty-five percent (25%) (1) of such options becoming exercisable at each of one (1) year, two (2) years, three (3) years and four (4) years respectively from the date of grant.

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