

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Form 8-K

March 31, 2011

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**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 report (date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2011**

**HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)**

**0-51582  
(Commission File Number)**

**56-2542838  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2200  
Houston, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)**

**77046  
(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 350-5100  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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):

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 30, 2011, we received notice of the early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, in connection with the previously announced planned acquisition by us and our wholly owned subsidiary, SD Drilling LLC, of 20 jackup rigs and related assets and enumerated liabilities from Seahawk Drilling, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries.

The transaction will be effectuated pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, and closing is subject to bankruptcy court approval as well as other conditions as provided in the asset purchase agreement. Assuming such conditions are achieved, we anticipate closing of this transaction to occur during the second quarter of 2011.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Date: March 31, 2011

By: /s/ James W. Noe  
James W. Noe  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Chief Compliance Officer

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