

BENNETT JOSEPH M
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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 *
BENNETT JOSEPH M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601
 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	03/05/2008		A		3,361	A	11
Common Stock					2,517.1353	I	

By Trustee
(2)

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.71	03/05/2008		A	10,446	03/05/2009 ⁽³⁾ 03/05/2018	Common Stock 10,446

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENNETT JOSEPH M C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Joseph Bennett, by: Bruce D. Lundstrom - Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 03/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person
Date

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).
 - (1) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of 25% per year if the change in Economic Value Added (EVA) meets or exceeds annual targeted improvement. EVA equals after tax operating profits less a charge for debt and equity capital. Capital is charged at a rate equal to the weighted average cost of debt and equity. If a restriction does not lapse in a given year because the performance threshold was not met, the restricted shares roll to the next year and the cumulative net performance threshold must be met for the restriction to lapse. Shares will not be forfeited until the end of the four year award period if the performance threshold is not met.
 - (2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through February 29, 2008.
 - (3) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 5, 2009.

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