

Hall Ronald Lee
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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 *
 Hall Ronald Lee

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2010

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President - Operations

HOUSTON, TX 77084

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M		5,100	A	\$ 24.985	26,526	D
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	S		5,100	D	\$ 37.702	21,426	D
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M		4,450	A	\$ 14.65	25,876	D
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	S		4,450	D	\$ 37.6952	21,426	D
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M		3,594	A	\$ 35.69	25,020	D

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Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	S	3,594	D	\$ 37.6964	21,426	D
Common Stock	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	S	1,318	D	\$ 37.6929	20,108 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 24.985	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M	5,100	⁽²⁾ 12/07/2016	Common Stock	5,100	
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 14.65	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M	4,450	⁽³⁾ 12/04/2018	Common Stock	4,450	
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 35.69	12/07/2010	12/07/2010	M	3,594	⁽⁴⁾ 12/03/2019	Common Stock	3,594	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hall Ronald Lee 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084			Vice President - Operations	

Signatures

Ronald Lee Hall

12/08/2010

**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) Represents the total number of shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person subsequent to the transactions reported hereby.
- (2) These options were granted on December 7, 2006 and vest 25% per year commencing at the end of year one, with full vesting on December 7, 2010.
- (3) These options were granted on December 4, 2008 and vest 25% per year commencing at the end of year one, with full vesting on December 4, 2012.
- (4) These options were granted on December 3, 2009 and vest 25% per year commencing at the end of year one, with full vesting on December 3, 2013.
- (5) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price and expiration date subsequent to the transaction reported hereby

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