

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC

Form 8-K

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: April 7, 2009

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

Internal Revenue Service – Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (the "Company") announced today that during a meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, with analysts, John R. Irwin, the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company was advised of a rumor in the market that the Company was the target in a potential merger or acquisition situation, as well as unusual activity in the market for the Company's common stock. Mr. Irwin subsequently advised the analysts, and others making inquiry of James M. Holland, Senior Vice President of the Company, were advised that, to their knowledge and to date, the rumor was unfounded. The Company is otherwise unaware of any corporate activities that would account for unusual market activity for the Company's common stock.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and such information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act unless specifically stated.

Statements contained in this report with respect to the future are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable judgment with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors including; the Company's dependence on the oil and gas industry; the risks involved the construction of a rig; competition; operating risks; risks involved in foreign operations; risks associated with possible disruption in operations due to terrorism; risks associated with a possible disruption in operations due to a war with Iraq; and governmental regulations and environmental matters. A list of additional risk factors can be found in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXHIBITS

(c) 99.1 Press Release dated April 7, 2009

SIGNATURES

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

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ James M. Holland
James M. Holland
Senior Vice President
DATE: April 7, 2009

