

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PARKER F GARDNER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
 [HERO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE  
 2200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2010

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

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77046

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)          | (Instr. 3 and 4) |   |     |     |                  |                    |                                                      |                                        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                      |                                                   |                         |                    |                                                                                   |                           | Code             | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 3.89                                           | 02/24/2010              | A                  | 5,000                                                                             | 12/31/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> |                  |   |     |     | 02/24/2020       |                    | Common<br>Stock,<br>Par Value<br>\$0.01 Per<br>Share | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PARKER F GARDNER<br>9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200<br>HOUSTON, TX 77046 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James W. Noe,  
attorney-in-fact

02/26/2010

        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) The stock option becomes 100% exercisable on December 31, 2010

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