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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): July 1, 2008

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-51582 (Commission File Number) 56-2542838 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2200 Houston, Texas 77046 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 350-5100

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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 1, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Hercules Offshore, Inc. (the Company) approved an increase in the annual base salaries of Ms. Lisa W. Rodriguez, the Company s Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. James W. Noe, the Company s Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary. Effective July 1, 2008, Ms. Rodriguez annual base salary was increased from \$350,000 to \$400,000, and Mr. Noe s annual base salary was increased from \$300,000 to \$375,000. These new salaries will be fixed through at least the end of fiscal year 2009.

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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.

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Date: July 8, 2008 By: /s/ John T. Rynd

John T. Rynd

President and Chief Executive Officer