

Hall Ronald Lee  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 04/14/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	4,000 A	\$ 12.31	28,426 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	5,100 A	\$ 18.58	28,426 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	4,000 D	\$ 37.06	28,426 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	5,100 D	\$ 37	28,426 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	3,000 D	\$ 37.33	25,426 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock    04/14/2010    04/14/2010    M    4,000    D    \$ 37.39    21,426 <sup>(1)</sup>    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
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 12.31	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	4,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 12/01/2014	Common Stock	4,000
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 18.58	04/14/2010	04/14/2010	M	5,100	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/30/2015	Common Stock	5,100

## 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                      04/15/2010  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price, exercised date, and expiration date, subsequent to the transaction reported hereby.
- (3) These options were granted on December 2, 2004 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year one, with full vesting on December 1, 2008.
- (4) These options were granted on December 1, 2005 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year one, with full vesting on November 30, 2009.

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