Quintero Alan Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

HOUSTON, TX 77084

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

Quintero Alan Issuer Symbol ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE 12/03/2009 below) below) Senior Vice President - Operat

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 12/03/2009 A 6,655 Α (1) 46,171 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	e Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (A) ed of		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 35.69	12/03/2009		A	16,069	(2)	12/02/2019	Common Stock	16,06

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Quintero Alan			Senior Vice			
15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE			President -			
HOUSTON, TX 77084			Operat			

Signatures

Alan Quintero 12/04/2009

**Signature of 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).
- These shares of common stock were granted as Restricted Stock Awards under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. One hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock awards at the end of three (3) years.
- These Nonqualified Stock Options were granted under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Twenty-five percent (2) (25%) of such options become exercisable at the end of one year, two years, three years and four years, respectively from the date of grant.

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