

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC
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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 *
 Smith Barry Michael

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)
 15011 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/19/2015

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

Sr. VP - Technical Services

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77094

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	11/19/2015		A			22,438		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Atwood Oceanics Inc. Common Stock
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	11/19/2015		A			21,935		03/15/2019	03/15/2019	Atwood Oceanics Inc. Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Barry Michael 15011 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Sr. VP - Technical Services	

Signatures

/s/ Barry Smith, Walter A. Baker By Power of Attorney 11/23/2015

__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) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the unit.
- (2) These shares of common stock were granted as a Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan. One-hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock unit award vests at the end of three (3) years.
- (3) The performance-based restricted stock units vest after a three-year period in an amount ranging from 0-200% of the units awarded based upon company total shareholder return compared with the total shareholder return of a designated peer group over the vesting period. The units provide for payment of all earned shares in common stock following the end of the three-year period.

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