

Noe James William  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Noe James William

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)  
 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/25/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, General Counsel, CCO, Sec.

HOUSTON, TX 77046

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)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006		M	6,250	A \$ 20	6,250	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 36.28	6,150	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	10/25/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	700	D \$ 36.24	5,450	D

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per share							
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 36.22	5,350	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 36.21	5,150	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 36.18	5,050	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 36.17	4,950	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 36.13	4,850	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 36.07	4,350	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 36.06	4,050	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	676	D	\$ 36.05	3,374	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	24	D	\$ 36.04	3,350	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 36.03	3,250	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 36.02	2,750	D

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	800	D	\$ 36.01	1,950	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/25/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	1,950	D	\$ 36	0	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)	8. F Der Sec (In	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20	10/25/2006		M	6,250	<u>(2)</u> 11/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,250	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Noe James William 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950 HOUSTON, TX 77046			VP, General Counsel, CCO, Sec.	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Steven A. Manz,  
attorney-in-fact

10/26/2006

\_\_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 sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a trading plan adopted by the reporting person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable in four equal amounts on the date of grant and on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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