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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 EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: March 2, 2005

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

Internal Revenue Service - Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The ATWOOD FALCON is expected to complete its current drilling program for Sarawak Shell Berhad ("Shell") by mid-March 2005. Immediately upon completion of

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the Shell contract, the rig will be moved to Japan to commence a two well program for Japan Energy Development Co., Ltd. The drilling of these two wells could take until September 2005 to complete. The dayrate for the Japan work will be \$88,300 for all wells drilled, with a mobilization and demobilization fee of approximately \$1.9 million, respectively.

The ATWOOD EAGLE has commenced working under its drilling contract for Woodside Energy, Ltd. ("Woodside") which includes the drilling of four (4) firm wells with options to drill three (3) additional wells off the coast of Australia. Upon completion of the Woodside drilling program, the rig will return to work for BHP Billiton Petroleum ("BHP") to drill one (1) firm well with an option to drill one (1) additional well. If all of the option wells are drilled, the combined drilling programs could extend into November 2005. The dayrate for the Woodside work ranges from \$89,000 to \$109,000 depending on water depths of wells drilled. The dayrate for the BHP work is approximately \$150,000.

The ATWOOD HUNTER continues to work under its sixteen (16) wells drilling program for Burullus Gas Co. ("Burullus"). This drilling program is expected to take until September 2005 to complete. Immediately upon completion of the current drilling program, the rig will commence an estimated 30 days equipment upgrade to enable the rig to have the capability of drilling high pressure wells (15,000 P.S.I.). Upon completion of the upgrade, the rig will commence drilling two (2) firm wells for Burullus off the coast of Egypt, which is estimated to take 270 days to complete. The current dayrate is \$62,400 which will apply during the 30-day upgrade plus Burullus will pay a lump sum fee of \$1.5 million for the upgrade. After the equipment upgrade, the dayrate will increase to \$125,000 during the drilling of the two firm wells.

The SEAHAWK has completed its drilling commitment with Sarawak Shell Berhad. The rig is in the process of preparing to move to a dockside location in Malaysia and is expected to be off dayrate from mid-March 2005 through April 2005. The rig is expected to return to work in Malaysia in May 2005 at a dayrate of \$50,000 for a contract that should extend until the rig commences preparation for its contract commitment in 2006 for Amerada Hess Equatorial Guinea, Inc. ("Hess") off the coast of Equatorial Guinea. The Hess contract is for a firm period of 730 days with four options of 180 days each. The contract provides for a base operating dayrate of \$68,430.

The ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS continues to work under its contract with Daewoo International Corporation ("Daewoo"), which now includes the drilling of three (3) firm wells after Daewoo exercised its option. This drilling program is expected to take until May/June 2005 to complete. This contract provides for a dayrate of \$35,000 for the first two wells and \$40,000 for the last well. Additional work, following the Daewoo contract is being pursued in Southeast Asia and the Mediterranean as well as other areas of the world.

The RICHMOND is currently drilling the sixth well under its contract with Helis Oil & Gas Company ("Helis"), which now includes ten (10) firm wells after Helis exercised its most recent option. Helis has also been granted four additional option wells. The dayrate for the sixth well is \$30,000, with the dayrate for wells 7 and 8 being \$32,500 and wells 9 and 10 being \$39,500. The dayrate for the four option wells is \$45,000. The drilling of the current 10-wells firm program is expected to take until July 2005 to complete and if the option wells are drilled, the drilling program could extend into November 2005.

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Additional information with respect to the Company's Contract Status Summary at March 2, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is being furnished in accordance with rule 101(e)(1) under Regulation FD and should not be deemed to be filed.

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ITEM 9.01 EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NO.99.1

EX-99.1 Contract Status Summary at March 2, 2005

Statements contained in this report with respect to the future are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable judgment with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors; the Company's dependence on the oil and gas industry; the risks involved the construction of a rig; competition; operating risks; risks involved in foreign operations; risks associated with possible disruption in operations due to terrorism; risks associated with a possible disruption in operations due to a war with Iraq; and governmental regulations and environmental matters. A list of additional risk factors can be found in the Company' annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ James M. Holland
James M. Holland
Senior Vice President

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program is expected to be complete. Additional work contract is being pursued in the Mediterranean as well as

SEASCOUT

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The SEASCOUT was purchased and converted to a tender-rig SEAHAWK. There are currently no other rig is currently coldstacked.

CANTILEVER JACK-UPS -

VICKSBURG

MALAYSIA

EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION &
PRODUCTION MALAYSIA INC.
("EMEPMI")

In October 2004, the rig was placed on a seventeen month program for the purpose of its right to terminate the contract with 30 days notice.

ATWOOD BEACON

VIETNAM

HOANG LONG AND HOAN VU
JOINT OPERATING COMPANIES
("HOANG LONG")

The rig is currently working for Hoang Long which includes (3) firm wells with options for additional wells. The combined expected duration of the option wells are drilled, another 200 days.

SUBMERSIBLE -

RICHMOND

UNITED STATES
GULF OF MEXICO

HELIS OIL & GAS COMPANY
("HELIS")

The rig is currently drilling under the Helis contract. Upon completion will have four (4) firm wells and Helis having an option to drill additional wells. The drilling of the option wells is expected to take until June 2005. The option wells are drilled and will extend to November 2005.

MODULAR PLATFORMS -

GOODWYN 'A' /NORTH
RANKIN 'A'

AUSTRALIA

WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD.

There is currently an independent drilling activity for the Rankin 'A' managed by the Company. The rig is currently in maintenance of the two rig programs.