

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC
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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 *
HOLLAND JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/24/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2006 | 03/24/2006 | M | | 9,900 | A | \$ 48.75 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2006 | 03/24/2006 | M | | 2,100 | A | \$ 30.7 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2006 | 03/24/2006 | M | | 12,000 | D | \$ 97.85 |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 48.75 | 03/24/2006 | 03/24/2006 | M | 9,900 | (3) 12/03/2007 | Common Stock | 9,900 |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 30.7 | 03/24/2006 | 03/24/2006 | M | 2,100 | (4) 12/08/2010 | Common Stock | 2,100 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOLLAND JAMES M | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

James M
Holland 03/27/2006

**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) 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 4, 1997 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of the year two, with full vesting on December 3, 2007.
- (4)

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These options were granted on December 7, 2000 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on December 6, 2010.

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