

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 4  
March 31, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
**MORRISSEY WILLIAM J**

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)  
**15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/28/2008**

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

**HOUSTON, TX 77084**

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	03/28/2008	03/28/2008	M	1,000 A	\$ 19.35	3,508 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	03/28/2008	03/28/2008	M	2,000 A	\$ 33.76	3,508 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	03/28/2009	03/28/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	M	3,000 D	\$ 90.64	3,508	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)
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 19.55	03/28/2008	03/28/2008	M	1,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/04/2014	Common Stock 1,000
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 33.76	03/28/2008	03/28/2008	M	2,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 03/03/2015	Common Stock 2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRISSEY WILLIAM J 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084			X	

## Signatures

William J. Morrissey 03/31/2008

\*\*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 March 04, 2004 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on March 03, 2008.
- (4) These options were granted on March 03, 2005 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on March 02, 2009.

**Remarks:**

Mr. Morrissey retired as a director of the Company effective February 14, 2008.

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