

WHITMIRE JOHN L
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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 *
WHITMIRE JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4 GREENWAY PLAZA
(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77046
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Transocean Ltd. [RIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2009

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)

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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Ordinary Shares	01/16/2009		M		2,117	A		\$ 18.1533
					7,931	(1)	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)

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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...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.1533	01/16/2009		M	2,117	<u>(2)</u>	02/23/2009	Ordinary Shares	2,117

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITMIRE JOHN L 4 GREENWAY PLAZA HOUSTON, TX 77046		X		

Signatures

Chipman Earle by Power of Attorney
 Date: 01/20/2009
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) On December 19, 2008, Transocean Ltd., a Swiss corporation, became the successor of Transocean Inc., a Cayman Islands company, pursuant to a merger by way of schemes of arrangement under Cayman Islands law (the "Transaction") in which each holder of Transocean Inc. ordinary shares outstanding immediately prior to the Transaction received one registered share of Transocean Ltd. in exchange for each outstanding ordinary share of Transocean Inc. The Transaction had the effect of changing the place of incorporation of Transocean's group holding company from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland but did not alter the proportionate interests of security holders.
- (2) The options are fully vested and exercisable.

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