

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
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 \*  
**IRWIN JOHN R**

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)

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

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/24/2006                           | 03/24/2006   | M                              |   | 15,000 A \$ 48.75   | 7,200 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/24/2006                           | 03/24/2006   | M                              |   | 15,000 A \$ 17.5  | 7,200 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/24/2006                           | 03/24/2006   | M                              |   | 30,000 D \$ 97.85   | 7,200 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Nonqualified Stock Options                 | \$ 48.75   | 03/24/2006                           | 03/24/2006   | M                              | 15,000  | <u>(3)</u> 12/03/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000                     |
| Nonqualified Stock Options                 | \$ 17.5  | 03/24/2006                           | 03/24/2006   | M                              | 15,000  | <u>(4)</u> 09/02/2008                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| IRWIN JOHN R                   | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

John Irwin 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) These options were granted on September 3, 1998 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on September 2, 2008.

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