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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: SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Internal Revenue Service - Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION TO DISCLOSURE

Thus far, during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007, the following zero rate days have been incurred:

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VICKSBURG	Two (2) zero rate days for regulatory inspections - One(1) zero rate day due to equipment related issues
ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS	Eight (8) zero rate days for regulatory inspections
ATWOOD HUNTER	One (1) zero rate day due to equipment related issues
SEAHAWK	Six (6) zero rate days due to equipment related issues

All of the above zero rate days have reduced revenue for the fourth quarter by approximately \$3.4 million or \$0.10 per diluted share.

Additional information with respect to the Company's Fleet Status Report at September 11, 2007 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. Such information is being furnished under Regulation FD and should not be deemed to be filed under Section 19 of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

The RICHMOND continues to work for Helis Oil & Gas ("Helis") in the Gulf of Mexico at a dayrate of \$80,000. Upon completion of the drilling of the current well (estimated late September 2007), Helis has a commitment to drill one more well (estimated to take 25 days to complete). The drilling of this last well will be deferred until sometime during the first half of fiscal year 2008. Immediately upon completion of the drilling of its current well, the rig will be moved to a shipyard to undergo a \$14 million to \$15 million life enhancement upgrade estimated to take around 60 days to complete, which will extend the depreciable life of the rig seven years from January 2008. Additional work for the rig immediately following the upgrade period is currently being pursued.

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 including; 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's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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ITEM 9.01 EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 99.1 Press Release dated September 11, 2007

EXHIBIT 99.2 Fleet Status Report at September 11, 2007

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release dated September 11, 2007
99.2	Fleet Status Report at September 11, 2007

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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

DATE: September 11, 2007

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