

BATES THOMAS R JR
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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 *
BATES THOMAS R JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.
[HERO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE
2200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2011

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

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77046

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 03/14/2011 | | P | 25,000 | A \$ 5.8443 | 40,000 | D |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 03/14/2011 | | M | 5,000 | A \$ 1.28 | 45,000 | D |
| | 03/14/2011 | | M | 5,000 | A \$ 3.89 | 50,000 | D |

Common
Stock, Par
Value
\$0.01 Per
Share

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.28 | 03/14/2011 | | M | 5,000 | 12/31/2009 03/02/2019 | Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.89 | 03/14/2011 | | M | 5,000 | 12/31/2010 02/24/2020 | Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BATES THOMAS R JR 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TX 77046 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ James W. Noe,
attorney-in-fact

03/16/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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