

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2016

**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 Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 21, 2016**

**ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Texas**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**1-13167**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**74-1611874**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas**

**77094**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 749-7800**

**N/A**

**(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On March 21, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing program changes for its Australia rigs. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise be subject to the liabilities of that section and such information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) EXHIBITS

The exhibits to this report furnished pursuant to item 7.01 are as follows:

99.1 Press Release dated March 21, 2016, regarding the Australia rig program changes

**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.

Date: March 21, 2016

**ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.**  
(Registrant)

/s/ Mark W. Smith  
Mark W. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>EXHIBIT NO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 21, 2016, regarding the Australia rig program changes