

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Form 8-K

January 22, 2015

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): January 22, 2015

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-51582

(Commission File Number)

56-2542838

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2200

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 350-5100

77046

(Zip Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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

Fleet Status

On January 22, 2015, Hercules Offshore, Inc. (the “Company”) posted on its website at www.herculesoffshore.com a report entitled “Hercules Offshore Fleet Status Report” (the “Fleet Status Report”). The Fleet Status Report includes the Hercules Offshore Rig Fleet Status (as of January 22, 2015), which contains information for each of the Company’s drilling rigs, including contract dayrate and duration. The Fleet Status Report also includes the Hercules Offshore Liftboat Fleet Status Report, which contains information by liftboat class for December 2014, including revenue per day and operating days. The Fleet Status Report can be found under the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website.

Asset Impairments

The Company made the decision to remove the Hercules 120, Hercules 200, Hercules 214, Hercules 251 and Hercules 253 from its marketable assets into its non-marketable assets as the Company does not reasonably expect to market these rigs in the foreseeable future. The Company expects to record a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$117 million during the fourth quarter of 2014 to write the rigs down to fair value based on a third party estimate.

The information and statements made in the Fleet Status Report and in this Form 8-K that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements include statements concerning estimated contract expiration dates, dayrates, estimated dates for completion of repairs and upgrades and commencement dates of new contracts, estimated impairments, as well as information that may be affected by delays in obtaining drilling permits in the Gulf of Mexico. Such statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including without limitation, early termination by the customer pursuant to the contract or otherwise, cancellation or completion of certain contracts earlier than expected, our ability to renew or extend contracts, or enter into new contracts, when such contracts expire, the potential inability of our customers to obtain drilling permits that would cover the entire duration of our contracts in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico or otherwise satisfy regulatory requirements that may be then in effect, operational difficulties, shipyard, immigration and other delays, government and regulatory actions and other factors described in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K and its most recent periodic reports and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available free of charge at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov or the company’s website at www.herculesoffshore.com. The Company cautions you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected or implied in these statements.

SIGNATURE

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.

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Date: January 22, 2015

By: /s/ Beau M. Thompson
Beau M. Thompson
General Counsel and Secretary
