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June 16, 2005

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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: June 16, 2005

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

Internal Revenue Service - Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Additional information with respect to the Company's Contract Status Summary at June 16, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibits 99.2, which is being furnished in accordance with rule 101 (e) (1) under Regulation FD and should not be deemed to be filed.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On June 16, 2005, the Company announced that the SEAHAWK, owned and operated by its wholly owned subsidiary Atwood Oceanics Pacific Limited, will undergo certain life enhancing upgrades upon completion of its current contractual commitment offshore Malaysia, which is currently estimated to be in March 2006. These upgrades will be performed at a shipyard in or around Singapore and will include deck expansion and strengthening, refurbishment of accommodations, additions of hull spousons, steel replacement and certain other structural improvements. These various life enhancing upgrades are estimated to cost around \$15 million and are being planned to utilize the time that will be available while preparing the rig for its two-year firm contract offshore Equatorial Guinea, which, after mobilization from Southeast Asia, is estimated to commence in August 2006.

The ATWOOD EAGLE is currently drilling the fourth (4) well of a now ten-well (10) program for Woodside Energy, Ltd., after Woodside exercised its option to drill three (3) additional wells. The drilling of the original seven-well program is expected to extend into September 2005. The drilling of the three (3) addition wells could occur before or after BHP Billiton Petroleum drills its first commitment of one to two wells, with each well taking approximately 30 days to complete. The dayrate for the original seven-well program range from \$89,000 to \$109,000 depending upon water depth of each well; while, the dayrate for the three additional wells will range from \$160,000 to \$180,000 depending upon water depth of each well.

The ATWOOD BEACON continues to work under its drilling program for Hoang Long in Vietnam which now includes the drilling of four (4) firm wells, after the exercise of the first of three option wells. The drilling of the now four (4) firm wells is expected to take until October/November 2005 to complete. If the two (2) remaining option wells are drilled, the contract could extend into January/February 2006. The dayrate, net of tax reimbursement, for the first three wells is \$62,000, with the fourth well and any other option wells drilled having a net dayrate of \$77,000.

The ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS has completed its contract with Daewoo offshore Myanmar and is being demobilized to Singapore to prepare for its relocation to the Mediterranean Sea for its next drilling program of three (3) firm wells plus one (1) option well.

A copy of the press release announcing the SEAHAWK upgrade, the options exercised under the ATWOOD EAGLE and ATWOOD BEACON contracts and the current status of the ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS work is filed with the Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 9.01 EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NO.

EX-99.1 Press Release dated June 16, 2005

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EX-99.2 Contract Status Summary at June 16, 2005

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: the Company's dependence on the oil and gas industry; the risks involved in the construction and repair 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 war; 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, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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: June 16, 2005

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EXHIBIT EX. - 99.1

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ATWOOD OCEANICS ANNOUNCES UPGRADE OF SEAHAWK AND EXERCISE OF OPTIONS ON ATWOOD EAGLE AND ATWOOD BEACON CONTRACTS

Houston, Texas
16 June 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (Houston based International Offshore Drilling Contractor - NYSE ATW) announced today that the SEAHAWK, owned and operated by its wholly owned subsidiary Atwood Oceanics Pacific Limited, will undergo certain life enhancing upgrades upon completion of its current contractual commitment offshore Malaysia, which is currently estimated to be in March 2006. These upgrades will be performed at a shipyard in or around Singapore and will include deck expansion and strengthening, refurbishment of accommodations, additions of hull sponsons, steel replacement and certain other structural improvements. These various life enhancing upgrades are estimated to cost around \$15 million and are being planned to utilize the time that will be available while preparing the rig for its two-year firm contract offshore Equatorial Guinea, which, after mobilization from Southeast Asia, is estimated to commence in August 2006.

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ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONTRACT STATUS SUMMARY
AT JUNE 16, 2005

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NAME OF RIG -----	LOCATION -----	CUSTOMER -----	CONTRACT STATUS -----
SEMISUBMERSIBLES - -----			
ATWOOD FALCON	JAPAN	JAPAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.	The rig is currently work program for Japan Energy drilling of these two wel September/October 2005 to completion of the Japan E return to Malaysia to dri options for six (6) addit Shell. The drilling of t expected to take approxim complete, and if all opti contract could extend ano
ATWOOD HUNTER	EGYPT	BURULLUS GAS CO. ("BURULLUS")	The rig continues to work drilling program for Buru take until September 2005 upon completion of the cu rig will commence an esti upgrade period to enable

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ATWOOD	EAGLE	AUSTRALIA	WOODSIDE ENERGY, LTD. ("WOODSIDE")	capability of drilling hi P.S.I.). Upon completion commence drilling two (2) the cost of Egypt, which to complete.
				The rig is currently drill ten-well (10) program, af option to drill three (3) drilling of Woodside orig expected to take until Se The drilling of the three occur before or after BHP its first commitment of o well taking approximately first BHP drilling progra (expected to take 30 days to drill one (1) addition awarded a second contract firm wells with options f off the Northwest coast o the eight (8) firm wells approximately ten (10) mo four (4) option wells are extend an additional thre all of the option wells a Woodside and BHP drilling 2007.
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SEAHAWK		MALAYSIA	SARAWAK SHELL BERHAD / SABAH SHELL PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED ("SHELL")	The rig is currently work Shell under a contract th rig commences preparation in 2006 for Amerada Hess ("Hess"). The Hess contr 730 days with four option
ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS		ENROUTE TO SINGAPORE TO PREPARE FOR RELOCATION TO MEDITERRAN-EAN SEA	BG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ISRAMCO ENI SpA AGIP EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION DIVISION	The rig has completed its currently being demobiliz for its relocation to the is expected to arrive in in August 2005 and will d International Limited and to take 75 to 90 days to the drilling of these two shipyard for approximatel inspections, Italian cert upgrades prior to drillin AGIP Exploration Producti with ENI having an option
SEASCOUT		UNITED STATES GULF OF MEXICO		The SEASCOUT was purchase conversion to a tender-as SEAHAWK. There are curre

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CANTILEVER JACK-UPS -

 VICKSBURG MALAYSIA EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION MALAYSIA INC. ("EMEPMI") rig is currently coldstack
 In October 2004, the rig commenced a seventeen month program for the completion of its right to terminate the contract with 30 days notice.

ATWOOD BEACON VIETNAM HOANG LONG AND HOAN VU JOINT OPERATING COMPANIES ("HOANG LONG")
 The rig is currently working for Hoang Long which now has 3 (4) firm wells after the completion of three option wells. The completion of the firm wells is expected to be completed in 2005 to complete and if the option wells are drilled, the completion is expected in January/February 2006.

SUBMERSIBLE -

 RICHMOND UNITED STATES GULF OF MEXICO HELIS OIL & GAS COMPANY ("HELIS")
 The rig is currently drilling under the Helis contract. Upon completion of the contract, the rig will have two (2) firm wells with Helis having one (1) option well and (4) additional wells. The completion of the firm wells is expected to be completed in 2005 to complete and if the option wells are drilled, the completion is expected in January/February 2006.

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MODULAR PLATFORMS -

 GOODWYN 'A' /NORTH AUSTRALIA WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD. RANKIN 'A'
 These are client-owned rigs which are presently being refurbished. The completion of the refurbishment is approximately one-year duration and is expected to commence around March 2005. The completion of the indefinite planned break-in program is expected to be completed in 2005 to complete and if the option wells are drilled, the completion is expected in January/February 2006.

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