ATWOOD OCEANICS INC

Form 8-K

February 18, 2003

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: February 18, 2003

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

TEXAS 74-1611874

incorporation or organization)

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation of organization)

15835 Park Ten Place Drive Houston, Texas

77084

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 99.1 CONTRACT STATUS SUMMARY AT FEBRUARY 18, 2003

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The ATWOOD EAGLE has completed its tow to Angola and is currently making final preparations to commence drilling operations for ESSO Exploration Angola (Block 15) Limited ("ESSO"). The contract with ESSO has been formalized and will provide for a dayrate of around \$86,000 which will also include approximately \$3.1 million in payment for mobilization and incidental expenses. The rig should commence dayrate revenue around late February or early March 2003.

Additional information with respect to the Company's Contract Status Summary at February 18, 2003 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101 (e)(1) under Regulation FD and should not be deemed to be filed.

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 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' annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2002, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: February 18, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.

DESCRIPTION

99.1

Contract Status Summary at February 18, 2003

EXHIBIT 99.1
ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONTRACT STATUS SUMMARY
AT FEBRUARY 18, 2003

NAME OF RIG	LOCATION	CUSTOMER	CONTRACT STATUS
SEMISUBMERSIBLES - ATWOOD FALCON	AUSTRALIA	WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD. ("WOODSIDE")	The rig is drilling its f contract with Woodside on Billiton. Woodside has ex option well (the fifth we which should extend the r Australia until March/Apr current contract contains well option.
ATWOOD HUNTER	EGYPT	APACHE MEDITERRANEAN CORPORATION LDC ("APACHE")	The rig finished drilling Oil on February 6, 2003 a commenced one well for Ap take 60 to 75 days to comportunities for additio completion of the Apache pursued in the Mediterran
ATWOOD EAGLE	ANGOLA	ESSO EXPLORATION ANGOLA (BLOCK 15) LIMITED ("ESSO")	The Company has executed for the use of the rig to wells, plus options for f wells, off the coast of A arrived Angola on Februar should commence dayrate r February or early March 2 program could extend 6 to on the number of options
SEAHAWK	MALAYSIA	EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION MALAYSIA INC.	The rig's current contract December 2003, with an op Operator to extend.
ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS	MEDITERRANEAN SEA	ENI S.P.A AGIP DIVISION ("AGIP")	The rig commenced a two-w AGIP in Italy in early De the work expected to take months to complete.
SEASCOUT	UNITED STATES GULF OF MEXICO		The SEASCOUT was purchase for future conversion to unit, similar to the SEAH acceptable contract oppor
CANTILEVER JACK-UPS -			acceptable contract oppor
VICKSBURG	MALAYSIA	EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION MALAYSIA INC. ("EMEPMI")	In early October 2002, th two-year drilling program EMEPMI for one additional having the right to termi program after one year at days notice period.
ATWOOD BEACON	UNDER CONSTRUCTION		The Company expects the cultra-premium jack-up dricompleted by May/June 200
SUBMERSIBLE - RICHMOND	UNITED STATES GULF OF MEXICO	BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY ("BURLINGTON")	The rig is currently dril Burlington, with an estim in February/March 2003. completion of its current

will commence a three-fir four-option wells contract Inc. The three firm wel duration of 90 to 120 day contains a 30-day early t

MODULAR PLATFORMS -GOODWYN 'A' /NORTH AUSTRALIA WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD. RANKIN 'A'

There is currently an ind break in drilling activit client-owned rigs managed The Company is involved i two rigs for future drill