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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

À Miller Jeffrey Allen

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/19/2013

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

15835 PARK TEN PLACE **DRIVE**

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

X Director Officer

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

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

HOUSTON, TXÂ 77084

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

1

(Instr. 5)

Restricted Stock Units $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{Common}{Stock} 3,003 \qquad \$ \stackrel{(2)}{=} \qquad D \qquad \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Officer Oth

Director Owner Officer Other

Miller Jeffrey Allen 15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE Â X Â Â

Signatures

HOUSTON. TXÂ 77084

/s/ Jeffrey A. Miller, Walter A. Baker By Power of Attorney 03/21/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - These shares of common stock were granted as a Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan. One-hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock unit award vests thirteen months after the date of award unless an election is made to defer vesting to a later date under the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Nonemployee Directors Elective Deferred Compensation
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the unit.

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