

TRANSOCEAN INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

WHITMIRE JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4 GREENWAY PLAZA

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77046

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TRANSOCEAN INC [RIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Code	V	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)				
Deferred Units	\$ 0	(1)	05/16/2008	A		1,701	(1)	(1)	Ordinary Shares	1,701

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITMIRE JOHN L 4 GREENWAY PLAZA HOUSTON, TX 77046			X	

## Signatures

Chipman Earle by Power of Attorney  
Date: 05/19/2008

Signature of Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Deferred Units, which are 1-for-1 ordinary share equivalents, acquired on May 16, 2008 pursuant to the issuer's long-term incentive plan. Deferred Units vest in equal installments on May 16, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Deferred Units are payable in ordinary shares of the issuer, at (1) the reporting person's election, either (a) upon the reporting person's death, disability or retirement from the Board or (b) upon the earliest of (i) annual vesting of the Deferred Units, (ii) change of control of the issuer or (iii) the reporting person's death, disability or retirement from the Board.

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