HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC. Form 8-K October 05, 2009

# 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): October 5, 2009

#### HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation or organization) 0-51582 (Commission File Number) 56-2542838 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77046 (Zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 350-5100 (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 5, 2009, we issued a press release announcing our intention, subject to market conditions, to offer up to \$300 million principal amount of senior secured notes due 2017 through a private placement. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release shall not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any of the notes described therein, nor shall there be any sale of these notes in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state. The notes to be offered have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ) or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. The notes will be offered inside the United States only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Date: October 5, 2009 By: /s/ James W. Noe

James W. Noe

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary

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