

HOLLAND JAMES M  
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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 \*  
HOLLAND JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 218350  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77218  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	9,000 A \$ 37.75	5,134 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	9,000 A \$ 17.5	5,134 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	2,000 A \$ 27	5,134 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	20,000 D \$ 80.09	5,134 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 17.5	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	9,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 09/02/2008	Common Stock	9,000
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 37.75	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	9,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/01/2009	Common Stock	9,000
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 27	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	M	2,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/03/2013	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLLAND JAMES M P.O. BOX 218350 HOUSTON, TX 77218			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

James M  
Holland

12/20/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) Represents the total number of shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person subsequent to the transactions reported hereby
- (2) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price, exercised date, and expiration date, subsequent to the transaction reported hereby.
- (3) These options were granted on September 3, 1988 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on December 1, 2004.
- (4) These options were granted on December 2, 1999 and vested 25% per year, commencing at the end of year two, with full vesting on December 1, 2004.
- (5) These options were granted on December 4, 2003 and vested 25% per year, with 10,000 vested and 10,000 not vested at December 3, 2005 of which 2,000 shares were exercised and sold on December 19, 2005.

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