HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC. Form 8-K February 15, 2008

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): February 15, 2008

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 (Address of principal executive offices)

77046 (Zip code)

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))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 15, 2008, Hercules Offshore, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Transocean Inc. to purchase three jackup drilling rigs and related equipment for \$320 million.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated February 15, 2008.

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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: February 15, 2008

By: /s/ James W. Noe James W. Noe Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary

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99.1 Press Release dated February 15, 2008.