TIDEWATER INC Form 4

March 22, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Platt Jeffrey

> (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1500

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.21	03/21/2016		A		87,068		<u>(1)</u>	03/21/2026	Common Stock	87,068
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/21/2016		A		134,422		(1)	04/20/2019	Common Stock	134,42

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Platt Jeffrey C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1500 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130	X		President & CEO					

Signatures

Bruce D. Lundstrom as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey M. Platt 03/22/2016

**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) This award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 21, 2017.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of the Issuer's common stock in cash.

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