

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2015

**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 Earliest Event Reported: April 17, 2015**

**ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**TEXAS**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)**

**Commission File Number: 1-13167**  
**IRS Employer Identification No.: 74-1611874**

**15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800**

**Houston, Texas, 77094**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(281) 749-7800**  
**(Registrant's Telephone Number,**  
**Including Area Code)**

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):

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 17, 2015, Atwood Oceanics, Inc. entered into an amendment to its contract for its semisubmersible drilling unit, the *Atwood Osprey*. As previously disclosed, the *Atwood Osprey* parted several mooring lines and drifted approximately three nautical miles from its original position during Cyclone Olwyn, which impacted the northwest coast of Australia on March 12, 2015. The duration of the force majeure event and resultant repairs necessitated by the damage incurred from the cyclone have triggered termination rights in relation to which the parties have agreed to a reduction in the term of the contract by one year with contractual rates remaining unchanged. It is expected that repairs for damage sustained by the rig and required regulatory approvals will be completed by April 30, 2015.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 17, 2015

**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.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

By: /s/ Mark L. Mey  
Mark L. Mey  
Executive Vice President

Date: April 17, 2015

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>EXHIBIT NO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press Release dated April 17, 2015