

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC
Form 8-K
October 08, 2013

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: October 8, 2013

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

Internal Revenue Service – Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

15835 Park Ten Place Drive
Houston, Texas, 77084
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 3, 2013, Alpha Vicksburg Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (the “Company”), entered into a definitive agreement (the “Contract”) for the sale of its standard jackup drilling unit, the Vicksburg, to Gulf Drilling International Ltd (Q.S.C.) for a sales price of \$55.4 million. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in early 2014 following the completion of the unit’s contract with its current customer, CEC International, Ltd. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclaimer

On October 8, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the entry into of the Contract. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise be subject to the liabilities of that section and such information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 8, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated October 8, 2013 |

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
(Registrant)

/s/ Mark L. Mey
Mark L. Mey
Senior Vice President

DATE: October 8, 2013