

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 06, 2012

**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): November 5, 2012

**ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-13167  
(Commission  
File Number)

74-1611874  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**15835 Park Ten Place Drive**

**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 749-7800**

**77084**  
(Zip Code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

Effective as of the close of business on November 5, 2012, the Rights Agreement dated effective October 18, 2002 between Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent, expired in accordance with its terms. The rights agreement provided Atwood common stockholders with the right to purchase shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the rights agreement. As a result, the stock purchase rights under the rights agreement have been terminated and are no longer effective.

**SIGNATURE**

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  
Senior Vice President

Date: November 6, 2012