

Jimenez Luis  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol         |  |
| Â Jimenez Luis                            |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]                                  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
|   |         | 12/13/2010                           |  |  |
| 15835 PARK TEN PLACE                      |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                                     |  |
| DRIVE,Â P.O. BOX 218350                   |         |                                      | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner                             |  |
| (77418)                                   |         |                                      | __X__ Officer _____ Other                                  |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)                         |  |
|   |         |                                      | Vice President, Human Resource                             |  |
| HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77084                       |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | __X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person                   |  |
|   |         |                                      | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person           |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 12,383   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                            | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Nonqualified Stock Options | Â (1)            | 12/06/2017      | Common Stock | 4,672                      | \$ 44.75 | D                                     | Â |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | Â (1)            | 12/04/2018      | Common Stock | 5,250                      | \$ 14.65 | D                                     | Â |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | Â (1)            | 12/03/2019      | Common Stock | 10,279                     | \$ 35.69 | D                                     | Â |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | Â (1)            | 12/09/2020      | Common Stock | 11,012                     | \$ 37.41 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Jimenez Luis<br>15835 PARK TEN PLACE DRIVE<br>P.O. BOX 218350 (77418)<br>HOUSTON, TX 77084 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President, Human Resource | Â     |

## Signatures

Luis Jimenez                      12/17/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These options were granted for a term of ten (10) years (pursuant to Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Plan), with twenty-five (25%) of such options becoming exercisable at each of one (1) year, two (2) years, three (3) years and four (4) years respectively, from the date of grant.

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