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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: November 16, 2004

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

Internal Revenue Service - Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

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ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT 99.1 PRESS RELEASE DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2004
- EXHIBIT 99.2 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003
- EXHIBIT 99.3 ANALYSIS OF CONTRACT REVENUES AND DRILLING COSTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004
- EXHIBIT 99.4 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
- EXHIBIT 99.5 CONTRACT STATUS SUMMARY AT NOVEMBER 16, 2004

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On November 16, 2004, the Company announced its earnings for the Fiscal Year and Fourth Quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release summarizing these earnings is filed with this Form 8-K as exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The ATWOOD FALCON continues to work under its drilling contract with Sarawak Shell Berhad ("Shell"). This contract is expected to extend into February 2005. Immediately upon completion of the Shell contract, the rig will be moved to Japan to commence a drilling program for Japan Energy Development Co., Ltd. ("Japan") which now includes two firm wells after Japan exercised its one option well. The Japan drilling program could take until approximately August 2005 to complete.

The ATWOOD HUNTER continues to work under its drilling contract with Burullus Gas Co., ("Burullus"). The initial contract with Burullus included the drilling of ten (10) firm wells and options to drill six additional wells. Burullus has now exercised options to drill all six of these additional wells. The dayrate for all wells drilled will be \$62,400. This contract is expected to extend into approximately September 2005.

The SEAHAWK has completed its minor modifications and equipment change-out at the Kemanan Supply Base, Malaysia and has commenced its two well drilling program for Sarawak Shell Berhad ("Shell"). This drilling program is expected to extend into late January 2005. Additional work, following the Shell contract, is being pursued in Southeast Asia as well as other areas of the world.

Additional information with respect to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months and year ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, an analysis of Contract Revenues and Drilling Costs for the three months and year ended September 30, 2004, Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2004 and 2003 and Contract Status Summary at November 16, 2004 are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.2, 99.3, 99.4 and 99.5, respectively, which are being furnished in accordance with rule 101 (e) (1) under Regulation FD and should not be deemed to be filed.

Statements contained in this report with respect to the future are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable

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judgment with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors; the Company's dependence on the oil and gas industry; the risks involved the construction of a rig; competition; operating risks; risks involved in foreign operations; risks associated with possible disruption in operations due to terrorism; risks associated with a possible disruption in operations due to a war with Iraq; and governmental regulations and environmental matters. A list of additional risk factors can be found in the Company' annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2003, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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/ James M. Holland
James M. Holland
Senior Vice President

DATE: November 16, 2004

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99.1	Press Release dated November 16, 2004
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99.4	Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003
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EXHIBIT 99.1

Houston, Texas
16 November 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Houston-based International Drilling Contractor, announced today that the Company earned net income of \$3,344,000 or \$.24 per diluted share, on revenues of \$42,933,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, compared to a net loss of (\$14,257,000) or (\$1.03) per diluted share on revenues of \$38,004,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. For the twelve months ended September 30, 2004, the Company earned net income of \$7,587,000 or \$.54 per diluted share, on revenues of \$163,454,000 compared to a net loss of (\$12,802,000) or (\$.92) per diluted share, on revenues of \$144,765,000 for the twelve months ended September 30, 2003.

	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	(unaudited)	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
	-----		-----
Contract Revenues	\$42,933,000		\$ 38,004,000
	=====		=====
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	1,642,000		(4,373,000)
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(1,702,000)		9,884,000
	-----		-----
Net Income (Loss)	3,344,000		(14,257,000)
	=====		=====
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share -			
Basic	.24		(1.03)
Diluted	.24		(1.03)
Weighted Average Shares			
Outstanding -			
Basic	13,869,000		13,848,000
Diluted	14,139,000		13,848,000
	FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	(unaudited)	FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
	-----		-----
Contract Revenues	\$163,454,000		\$144,765,000
	=====		=====
Income before Income Taxes	12,402,000		1,636,000
Provision for Income Taxes	4,815,000		(14,438,000)
	-----		-----
Net Income (Loss)	7,587,000		(12,802,000)
	=====		=====
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share -			
Basic	.55		(.92)
Diluted	.54		(.92)
Weighted Average Shares			
Outstanding -			
Basic	13,859,000		13,846,000
Diluted	14,032,000		13,846,000

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EXHIBIT 99.2
 ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
REVENUES:				
Contract drilling	\$40,553	\$38,004	\$161,074	\$161,074
Business interruption proceeds	2,380	0	2,380	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$42,933	\$38,004	\$163,454	\$161,074
	-----	-----	-----	-----
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Contract drilling	28,417	27,406	98,936	98,936
Depreciation	7,995	7,733	31,582	31,582
General and administrative	2,706	5,193	11,389	11,389
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	39,118	40,332	141,907	141,907
	-----	-----	-----	-----
OPERATING INCOME	3,815	(2,328)	21,547	21,547
	-----	-----	-----	-----
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest expense	(2,204)	(2,064)	(9,202)	(9,202)
Interest income	31	19	57	57
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(2,173)	(2,045)	(9,145)	(9,145)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,642	(4,373)	12,402	12,402
	-----	-----	-----	-----
PROVISION (BENEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES	(1,702)	9,884	4,815	4,815
	-----	-----	-----	-----
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,344	(\$14,257)	\$7,587	(\$11,713)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE				
Basic	\$0.24	(\$1.03)	\$0.55	(\$1.03)
Diluted	\$0.24	(\$1.03)	\$0.54	(\$1.03)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING				
Basic	13,869	13,848	13,859	13,848
Diluted	14,139	13,848	14,032	13,848

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EXHIBIT 99.3

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
ANALYSIS OF CONTRACT REVENUES
AND DRILLING COSTS
(Unaudited)

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

	CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUES		CONTRACT DRILLING COSTS
	-----		-----
		(In Millions)	
ATWOOD BEACON	\$5.5		\$3.4
ATWOOD EAGLE	10.5		6.6
ATWOOD FALCON	4.4		5.3
ATWOOD HUNTER	5.3		3.0
ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS	3.4		2.7
RICHMOND	2.6		2.0
SEAHAWK	4.6		2.7
VICKSBURG	6.1		1.8
OTHER	0.5		0.9
	-----		-----
	\$42.9		\$28.4
	=====		=====

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

	CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUES		CONTRACT DRILLING COSTS
	-----		-----
		(In Millions)	
ATWOOD BEACON	\$20.7		\$10.2
ATWOOD EAGLE	30.4		20.7
ATWOOD FALCON	26.0		15.1
ATWOOD HUNTER	19.4		12.0
ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS	12.5		12.3
RICHMOND	9.6		7.9
SEAHAWK	18.6		9.0
VICKSBURG	24.3		8.3
OTHER	2.0		3.4
	-----		-----
	\$163.5		\$98.9
	=====		=====

EXHIBIT 99.4

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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(In thousands)

	Sep. 30, 2004	SEP. 30, 2004
	-----	-----
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$16,416	
Accounts receivable	32,475	
Insurance receivable	25,433	
Income tax receivable	0	
Inventories of materials and supplies at lower of average cost or market	12,648	
Deferred tax assets	290	
Prepaid expenses and other	5,704	
	-----	-----
Total Current Assets	92,966	
	-----	-----
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:		
Drilling vessels, equipment and drill pipe	618,824	
Other	7,635	
	-----	-----
	626,459	
Less-accumulated depreciation	225,318	
	-----	-----
Net Property and Equipment	401,141	
	-----	-----
DEFERRED COSTS AND OTHER ASSETS		
	4,829	
	-----	-----
	\$498,936	
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current maturities of notes payable	\$36,000	
Accounts payable	9,398	
Accrued liabilities	13,822	
Deferred credits	833	
	-----	-----
Total Current Liabilities	60,053	
	-----	-----
LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE, net of current maturities:	145,000	
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	145,000	
	-----	-----
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES		

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Deferred income taxes	18,930
Deferred credits and other	3,364
	22,294

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Preferred stock, no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding	0
Common stock, \$1 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized with 13,883,000 issued and outstanding	13,883
Paid-in capital	57,907
Retained earnings	199,799

Total Shareholders' Equity	271,589
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	\$498,936
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EXHIBIT 99.5
ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONTRACT STATUS SUMMARY
AT NOVEMBER 16, 2004

NAME OF RIG -----	LOCATION -----	CUSTOMER -----	CONTRACT STATUS -----
SEMISUBMERSIBLES -			
ATWOOD FALCON	MALAYSIA	SARAWAK SHELL BERHAD ("SHELL")	The rig continues to work with the rig currently drilling firm wells after Shell exercises options provided under the contract. Currently anticipated to be completed in early 2005. One option remains under contract. Immediately upon completion of the current contract, the rig will be moved to Japan for the program for Japan Energy for the drilling of these two wells. Completion is expected approximately August 2005.
ATWOOD HUNTER	EGYPT	BURULLUS GAS CO. ("BURULLUS")	On December 31, 2003, the rig was moved to the program for Burullus which includes six options will be a drilling of sixteen wells. The drilling is expected to take until approximately August 2005 complete.
ATWOOD EAGLE	AUSTRALIA	WOODSIDE ENERGY, LTD. ("WOODSIDE")	The rig has commenced drilling firm wells for Woodside.

drilling program is expected to commence in November 2004 to complete the program by November 2005. BHP Pty. ("BHP"), the rig's primary contractor, has granted three option wells to the rig. The rig is subject to the completion of the Woodlark program subject to mutual agreement between the rig and BHP. BHP has exercised one of their three option wells. The drilling of this well to date has taken the completion of the Woodlark program to take approximately 30 months. BHP retains the right to drill up to two additional wells on the rig. The rig has been awarded a contract with its current contract with BHP to drill up to two wells with option to drill up to two additional wells on the coast of Australia. The rig's current drilling program is expected to complete, and if all the rig's current drilling program could extend to two additional wells. BHP are expected to be completed by February 2005. The additional work on the rig is expected to commence until February 2005.

SEAHAWK MALAYSIA SARAWAK SHELL BERHAD ("SHELL")

The rig has completed its current drilling program and has change-out at the Kemanan field. The rig has commenced its two well drilling program with Shell. The drilling program is expected to complete into late January 2005. The rig's current contract, is being extended to February 2005 as well as other areas of the rig.

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ATWOOD SOUTHERN CROSS MALAYSIA MURPHY SARAWAK OIL COMPANY, LTD. ("MURPHY")

The rig continues to work on the Kemanan field with the rig currently drilling up to two firm wells with Murphy reworking. This contract is currently being extended to December 2004. The rig has been awarded a contract with Daewoo International Corp to drill up to two firm wells plus an option well offshore Myanmar. The rig is expected to complete immediately after completion of the Myanmar well. The rig is expected to take 90 days to complete the Myanmar well.

SEASCOUT UNITED STATES GULF OF MEXICO

The SEASCOUT was purchased by Atwood Oceanics and converted to a tender-assessment rig. There are currently no wells being drilled on the rig. The rig is currently coldstacked.

CANTILEVER JACK-UPS -

VICKSBURG

MALAYSIA EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION MALAYSIA INC. ("EMEPMI")

In May 2004, the rig's current drilling program was suspended and the rig moved to the coast of Malaysia. The rig's current drilling program for Chevron Limited. This program has been suspended. The rig has been relocated back to the coast of Malaysia. The contract was reinstated. The rig's current contract includes the five months of the rig's current drilling program suspended plus an extension of twelve months. The total of seventeen months of the rig's current drilling program. EMEPMI retains its right to drill up to two additional wells providing 120 days notice.

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ATWOOD BEACON

UNDER REPAIR AT
A SINGAPORE
SHIPYARD

The process of repairing ATWOOD BEACON on July 25, 2005. The rig is expected to be repaired by HOANG LONG and HOAN VU to drill three firm wells, with additional wells, offshore. The wells have a combined expected life of 200 days and if all option wells are drilled, the program must commence by April 15, 2005.

SUBMERSIBLE -

RICHMOND

UNITED STATES
GULF OF MEXICO

APPLIED DRILLING
TECHNOLOGY INC. ("ADTI")

The rig is currently drilling which was assigned from Helis ("Helis"). Upon completion, the rig will have three firm wells to drill, retaining one option to drill. The drilling of the three firm wells is expected to take until February and if the option wells are drilled, the program could extend to June/July.

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MODULAR PLATFORMS -

GOODWYN 'A' /NORTH
RANKIN 'A'

AUSTRALIA

WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD.

There is currently an independent drilling activity for the platforms managed by the Company. The maintenance of the two rig programs.

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