

BATES THOMAS R JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BATES THOMAS R JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
[HERO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE  
2200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77046

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	03/14/2011		P		25,000	A	\$ 5.8443 40,000
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	03/14/2011		M		5,000	A	\$ 1.28 45,000
	03/14/2011		M		5,000	A	\$ 3.89 50,000

Common  
Stock, Par  
Value  
\$0.01 Per  
Share

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.28	03/14/2011		M	5,000	12/31/2009 03/02/2019	Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.89	03/14/2011		M	5,000	12/31/2010 02/24/2020	Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATES THOMAS R JR 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TX 77046		X		

## Signatures

/s/ James W. Noe,  
attorney-in-fact

03/16/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

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