

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
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 \*  
Taylor Leslie K

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice President Human Resources

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/05/2006

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	09/05/2006		M			6,000	\$ 20	6,000	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>			100	\$ 34.36	5,900	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>			100	\$ 34.35	5,800	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>			100	\$ 34.34	5,700	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>			400	\$ 34.33	5,300	D	

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Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.31	5,200	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.29	5,100	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.27	5,000	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.26	4,900	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	500	D	\$ 34.25	4,400	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.22	4,300	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.21	4,200	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 34.17	4,000	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 34.11	3,800	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.06	3,700	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 34.05	3,500	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	500	D	\$ 34.04	3,000	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 34.02	2,900	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	400	D	\$ 34.01	2,500	D
Common Stock	09/05/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	2,500	D	\$ 34	0	D

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20	09/05/2006	M	6,000	<u>(2)</u>	11/01/2015	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taylor Leslie K 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950 HOUSTON, TX 77046			Vice President Human Resources	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Steven A. Manz,  
attorney-in-fact  
Date: 09/07/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a trading plan adopted by the reporting person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable in four equal amounts on the date of grant and on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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