

Butz Stephen M
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FORM 4

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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 *
Butz Stephen M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

C/O HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC., 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200

(Street)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77046

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 02/28/2013 | | A | | 51,658 (1) | \$ 0 | 237,718 D |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share | 02/28/2013 | | A | | 49,779 (2) | \$ 0 | 287,497 D |

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Common
 Stock, Par
 Value 02/28/2013 F 9,866 D \$ 277,631 D
 (3) 6.775
 \$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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Butz Stephen M C/O HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC. 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TX 77046 | | | EVP & CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Beau M. Thompson,
 attorney-in-fact 03/04/2013
 **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).
- (1)

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These shares of performance-based restricted stock were awarded on February 28, 2012. The amount of the award was based upon the achievement of certain performance objectives for fiscal year 2012, which was determined on February 28, 2013. The shares will vest in three equal installments on each of February 28, 2013, February 28, 2014 and February 28, 2015.

- (2) These shares of restricted stock will vest in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, beginning February 28, 2014.

- (3) The reporting person disposed of these shares directly to the issuer upon the vesting of previously awarded restricted stock. The purpose of the disposition was to enable the reporting person to satisfy tax withholding obligations that arose upon such vesting, which will be paid by the issuer to the Internal Revenue Service in cash.

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