

Butz Stephen M  
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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 \*  
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)  
9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP and CFO

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	02/28/2012		A	88,206 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	149,036	D
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share	02/28/2012		A	49,724 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	198,760	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 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Butz Stephen M 9 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2200 HOUSTON, TX 77046			Sr. VP and CFO	

## Signatures

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

03/01/2012

\_\_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) These shares of performance-based restricted stock were awarded on March 6, 2011. The amount of the award was based upon the achievement of certain performance objectives for fiscal year 2011, which was determined on February 28, 2012. As such, the shares were granted on February 28, 2012. The shares will vest in three equal installments on each of March 6, 2012, March 6, 2013 and March 6, 2014.
- (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, 2013.

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