

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
Form 8-K  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): July 9, 2007

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**HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation

**0-51582**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-2542838**  
(IRS Employer

or organization)

Identification No.)

**11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77046**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 979-9300

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 9, 2007, Hercules Offshore, Inc. ( Hercules ) and TODCO ( TODCO ) issued a joint press release announcing that based on the preliminary results of elections made by TODCO stockholders, prior to the July 5, 2007 deadline, as to the form of merger consideration to be received in the proposed merger of Hercules and TODCO, neither the stock component nor the cash component of the merger consideration is over-subscribed. Accordingly, it is expected that all stockholders who made valid merger consideration elections by the election deadline will receive the form of merger consideration that they elected to receive. However, the exact allocation of the merger consideration will not be known until the final results of the election process are determined at the end of the guaranteed delivery period which is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 10, 2007.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the text of the press release, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

***Forward-Looking Statements***

**Forward-looking statements:** Certain statements made herein, including regarding the allocation of the merger consideration and completion of the proposed merger, are forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on the current expectations and estimates of the management of Hercules and TODCO and are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. Although Hercules and TODCO believe that such expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, they cannot give assurances that such expectations will prove to be correct. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, Hercules and TODCO undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Risks of the merger:** Risks with respect to the combination of Hercules and TODCO include the risk that Hercules and TODCO will not be able to close the transaction, as well as difficulties in the integration of the operations and personnel of TODCO and diversion of management s attention away from other business concerns. Hercules and TODCO expect to incur substantial transaction and merger related costs associated with completing the merger, obtaining regulatory approvals, combining the operations of the two companies and achieving desired synergies. Additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration of the businesses of Hercules and TODCO. Expected benefits of the merger may not be achieved in the near term, or at all. Hercules will have a significant amount of additional debt as a result of the merger. This debt will require Hercules to use cash flow to repay indebtedness, may have a material adverse effect on Hercules financial health, and may limit Hercules future operations and ability to borrow additional funds.

**Business risks:** Other risks and uncertainties that may affect actual results of Hercules and TODCO and the combined company after the merger include, among other things, oil and natural gas prices and industry expectations about future prices; demand for offshore and inland water rigs and liftboats; Hercules and TODCO s ability to enter into and the terms of future contracts; the impact of governmental laws and regulations; increases in operating expenses; uncertainties relating to the level of activity in offshore oil and natural gas exploration, development and production; the availability of skilled personnel; extended delivery time for material and equipment; labor relations and work stoppages; operating hazards such as severe weather and seas, fires, cratering, blowouts, war, terrorism and inadequate insurance coverage; compliance with or breach of environmental laws; the impact of newly built rigs; the effect of litigation and contingencies; international political and economic uncertainties; adverse political and economic conditions in Venezuela and Nigeria; and the inability of Hercules or TODCO to achieve their plans or carry out their strategies. Other risks and uncertainties that may affect actual results are described in Hercules and TODCO s most recent periodic reports and other documents filed with the SEC, which are available free of charge at the SEC s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

***Additional Information and Where to Find It***

In connection with the proposed merger, Hercules has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a joint proxy statement of Hercules and TODCO and that also constitutes a prospectus of Hercules. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE

JOINT PROXY/PROSPECTUS THAT IS A PART OF THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING HERCULES, TODCO AND THE MERGER.

Investors and security holders of Hercules and TODCO may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents containing information about Hercules and TODCO (when they become available), free of charge, at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus may also be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Hercules by contacting its investor relations department at 713-979-9832 or by accessing its website at <http://www.herculesoffshore.com> or TODCO by contacting its investor relations department at 713-278-6014 or by accessing its website at <http://www.theoffshoredrillingcompany.com>.

Hercules, TODCO and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Hercules and TODCO in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Hercules and TODCO and their ownership of Hercules' common stock is set forth in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Hercules with the SEC on April 24, 2007. Information about the directors and executive officers of TODCO and their ownership of TODCO common stock is set forth in Form 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1) which was filed with the SEC on April 24, 2007. Investors may obtain free copies of these documents from Hercules and TODCO using the contact information above. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the Registration Statement on Form S-4.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 99.1                  | Joint Press Release dated July 9, 2007. |

**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.

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Date: July 9, 2007

By: /s/ James W. Noe  
James W. Noe  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief

Compliance Officer and Secretary

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