Platt Jeffrey
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Platt Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER, INC., 601 POYDRAS ST. #1900

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/03/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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	03/03/2010		A		14,341	A	(1)	62,143	D	
Common Stock								708	I	Through Previous Employer's 401(k) Plan
Common Stock								999.6623	I	By Trustee (2)

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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to buy)	$ 45.75	03/03/2010		A		35,864		03/03/2011(3)	03/03/2020	Common Stock	35,864

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Platt Jeffrey C/O TIDEWATER, INC. 601 POYDRAS ST. #1900 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130			COO	

Signatures

/s/ Margaret F. Murphy as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey Platt	03/08/2010
**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) 9,561 of the shares of restricted stock granted vest 25% per year over four years. 4,780 shares of restricted stock granted will vest after four years depending upon Tidewater's return on capital employed.

(2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for the account through January 31, 2010.

(3) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 3, 2011.

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