

HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.

Form 8-K

October 14, 2008

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 14, 2008**

**HERCULES OFFSHORE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

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

**56-2542838  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2200  
Houston, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)**

**77046  
(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 350-5100**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 14, 2008, Hercules Offshore, Inc. ( Hercules ) issued a press release announcing preliminary estimates of its third quarter 2008 earnings and the impact on its financial results due to the hurricane activity in the U.S Gulf of Mexico. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by Hercules under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 14, 2008, Hercules issued a press release announcing preliminary estimates of its third quarter 2008 earnings and the impact on its financial results due to the hurricane activity in the U.S Gulf of Mexico. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by Hercules under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Hercules dated October 14, 2008

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SIGNATURE

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: October 14, 2008

By: /s/ Lisa W. Rodriguez  
Lisa W. Rodriguez  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by Hercules dated October 14, 2008