

TIDEWATER INC
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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 *
TAYLOR DEAN E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601
POYDRAS ST., SUITE 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)
03/29/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | V | 3,506 D \$ 55.82 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | A | | 55,000 A (3) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,131 | I ⁽⁴⁾ | As Custodian for Children |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,618 | I ⁽⁵⁾ | By Trustee |

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vest on March 29, 2010.

- (4) As Custodian for Children
- (5) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of Tidewater 401(K) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through February 28, 2006.

- (6) Stock option granted pursuant to the Tidewater Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Plan pursuant to which the reported option was granted provides for tax withholding rights. The option vests in 3 equal annual installments on March 29, 2006, March 29, 2008, and March 29, 2009.

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