

LABORDE CLIFFE F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LABORDE CLIFFE F

(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)
03/30/2005

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)
Exec. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Sec

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 | 03/30/2005 | | A | (A) or (D) 8,000 (1) | (1) 28,935 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 631 (2) | I | Trust MAL |
| Common Stock | | | | | 631 (2) | I | Trust CCL |
| Common Stock | | | | | 631 (2) | I | Trust APL |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,296 (3) | I | By Trustee |

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes entry for Stock Option (Right to Buy) with price \$37.55, date 03/30/2005, and 6,000 shares of Common Stock.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Includes entry for LABORDE CLIFFE F, C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 1900, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130, with relationship as Exec. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Sec.

Signatures

Cliffe Laborde, by: Michael Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact, dated 04/01/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock award under the Tidewater Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. The Plan pursuant to which the restricted stock award was granted provides for tax withholding rights. The restricted stock award vests at the rate of 25% per year if Return on Total Capital (ROTC) for the year of determination exceeds the greater of 15% or the average of the prior four year's ROTC. Any unvested restricted stock will automatically vest on March 30, 2009.

(2)

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These shares are held in trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person is trustee. Beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed

- (3) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through March 31, 2005.
- (4) Stock option granted under 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 on March 30, 2005.

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