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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TIDEWATER INC [TDW] **Â** Demarest Craig (Month/Day/Year) 06/02/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601 (Check all applicable) POYDRAS ST., STE. 1900 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Principal Accounting Officer Person NEW ORLEANS, LAÂ 70130 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 14,512 Common Stock 339.3248 (3) I Through 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Options (right to buy)	03/29/2006(1)	03/29/2016	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 55.76	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	03/21/2008	03/21/2017	Common Stock	4,167	\$ 57.65	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	03/05/2009(2)	03/05/2018	Common Stock	7,732	\$ 56.71	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Demarest Craig				
C/O TIDEWATER INC.	â	Â	Principal Accounting Officer	â
601 POYDRAS ST., STE. 1900	A	А	A Principal Accounting Officer	
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130				

Signatures

/s/ D. Clayton Cambre on behalf of Craig J. Demarest pursuant to a 06/04/2008 power of attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 29, 2006.
- (2) The options vest 1/3 per year beginning March 5, 2009.
- (3) Based on plan statement as of May 30, 2008.

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