Pitre Renee M Form 4 November 03, 2006

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

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1(b).

per share Common Stock, par

value \$0.01 per share Common

Stock, par value \$0.01 11/01/2006

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address o Pitre Renee M	f Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Symbol HERCULES OFI [HERO]			5. Relationship of Issuer (Checl	Reporting Pers	
(Last) (Fir 11 GREENWAY P 2950	, , ,	3. Date of Earliest Tr (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2006	ansaction		Director _X Officer (give below) VP Finance		
(Stre	eet)	4. If Amendment, Da Filed(Month/Day/Year	Č		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C	One Reporting Per	rson
HOUSTON, TX 77					Form filed by M Person	•	
(City) (Sta	te) (Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative Securit	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
Security (Month (Instr. 3)	saction Date 2A. Deer h/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/I		4. Securities Accor(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D)	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	/2006	M	3,203 A	\$ 20	3,303	D	

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200

3,003

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\$ 36

3,103

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per share

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20	11/01/2006		M	3,203	(2)	11/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,203	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pitre Renee M VP Finance, 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 2950 Hercules HOUSTON, TX 77046 Liftboat

## **Signatures**

By: /s/ James Noe, attorney-in-fact

11/03/2006

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a trading plan adopted by the reporting person in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.

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The stock option will become exercisable in four equal amounts on the date of grant and on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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