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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 *
 Newman Steven L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BUILDING F, 7TH FLOOR, CHEMIN DE BLANDONNET 2

(Street)

VERNIER, V8 1214

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Transocean Ltd. [RIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2009

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)
 President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 02/12/2009 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 514 D <u>11</u> | 29,769 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | 474 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Issuer Employee Stock Purchase Plan |

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 60.19 | 02/12/2009 | | A | 56,000 | 02/12/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/11/2019 | Ordinary Shares | 56,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Newman Steven L BUILDING F, 7TH FLOOR CHEMIN DE BLANDONNET 2 VERNIER, V8 1214 | | | President and COO | |

Signatures

Chipman Earle by Power of Attorney
Date: 02/17/2009

__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) Shares automatically withheld upon vesting to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
On December 19, 2008, Transocean Ltd., a Swiss corporation, became the successor of Transocean Inc., a Cayman Islands company, pursuant to a merger by way of schemes of arrangement under Cayman Islands law (the "Transaction") in which each holder of Transocean Inc. ordinary shares outstanding immediately prior to the Transaction received one registered share of Transocean Ltd. in exchange for each outstanding ordinary share of Transocean Inc. The Transaction had the effect of changing the place of incorporation of Transocean's group holding company from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland but did not alter the proportionate interests of security holders.
 - (3) Shares owned under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Reflects 172 shares acquired under the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the reporting person's last ownership report.
 - (4) On February 12, 2009, the reporting person was awarded 56,000 stock options which vest as follows: 18,666 on February 12, 2010; 18,667 on February 12, 2011; and 18,667 on February 12, 2012.

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