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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Knowlton John Stokes	 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ensco plc [ESV]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	07/01/2010	4. Relationship of Reporti Person(s) to Issuer	ng 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
500 N. AKARD STREET, SUITE 4300		(Check all applicabl	e)		
(Street)		XOfficer Oth (give title below) (specify b	elow) _X_Form filed by One Reporting		
DALLAS, TX 75201-3331		Vice President - Engineering			
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securi	ties Beneficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
American Depositary Shares	54,959 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â		
American Depositary Shares	155.1	I	Ensco Savings and Retirement Plans		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/01/2006 <u>(2)</u>	06/01/2012	American Depositary Shares	3,000 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 33.545	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/03/2007(4)	07/03/2013	American Depositary Shares	24,000 (5)	\$ 46.36	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Knowlton John Stokes 500 N. AKARD STREET SUITE 4300 DALLAS, TX 75201-3331 Signatures	Â	Â	Vice President - Engineering	Â	

/s/ Cary A. Moomjian, Jr., by 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).
- Amount includes an Employee Restricted American Depositary Shares Grant of 11,665, which was granted effective July 1, 2010. The
 (1) Employee Restricted American Depositary Shares Grant vest at a rate of 20% per annum on the anniversary date of the grant and is fully vested in five (5) years.

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- (2) The Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) was granted June 1, 2005 and is fully vested.
- (3) Amount is representative of the number of unexercised options remaining out of a total grant of 12,000.
- (4) The Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) was granted July 3, 2006 and is fully vested.
- (5) Amount is representative of the number of unexercised options remaining out of a total grant of 32,000.

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