Knowlton John Stokes Form 4 August 23, 2012

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Knowlton	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ensco plc [ESV]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
5847 SAN	(Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2012					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President - Technical						
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON, TX 77057								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Aco	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)			
Class A Ordinary Shares	08/21/2012			M	8,497	A	\$ 46.36	67,793	D			
Class A Ordinary Shares	08/21/2012			S	8,497	D	\$ 57.4	59,296	D			
Class A Ordinary Shares								163	I	Ensco Savings and Retirement		

Plans

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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)

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)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Class A Ordinary Shares	\$ 46.36	08/21/2012		M	8,497	<u>(1)</u>	07/03/2013	Class A Ordinary Shares	8,497	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knowlton John Stokes 5847 SAN FELIPE SUITE 3300 HOUSTON, TX 77057

Sr. Vice President - Technical

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Wright 08/23/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 options became exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on July 3, 2007.

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