

Diamond Offshore Announces First Quarter 2014 Results

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HOUSTON, April 24, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE: DO) today reported net income for the first quarter of 2014 of \$146 million, or \$1.05 per share, compared with net income of \$176 million, or \$1.27 per share, in the same period a year earlier. Results for the quarter benefited from a \$17 million, or \$0.12 per share, credit to tax expense related to a settlement of certain disputes with Egyptian tax authorities. Revenues in the first quarter of 2014 were \$709 million, compared with revenues of \$730 million in the prior-year quarter.



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"I am pleased to begin my tenure at Diamond Offshore with very solid first quarter results," said Marc Edwards, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Diamond Offshore has added new capacity and upgraded its fleet while maintaining the highest credit rating and strongest balance sheet amongst its peers. This places us in a strong position to navigate through any downturn, and take advantage of strategic opportunities that may materialize. We remain focused on delivering superior financial performance and providing sector-leading shareholder returns."

At March 31, 2014, Diamond Offshore had 137,170,137 shares of common stock outstanding. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company purchased 1,865,311 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$86.4 million. From April 1, 2014 to April 23, 2014 the Company repurchased an additional 30,250 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1.4 million.

CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call to discuss Diamond Offshore's earnings results has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. CDT today. A live webcast of the call will be available online on the Company's website, www.diamondoffshore.com. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial 800-247-9979 or 973-321-1100, for international callers. The conference ID number is 25367618. An online replay will also be available on www.diamondoffshore.com following the call.

ABOUT DIAMOND OFFSHORE

Diamond Offshore is a leader in offshore drilling, providing contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe with a total fleet of 45 offshore drilling rigs, including five rigs under construction. Diamond Offshore's fleet consists of 33 semisubmersibles, two of which are under construction, five dynamically positioned drillships, three of which are under construction, and seven jack-ups. Additional information about the Company and access to the Company's SEC filings are available at www.diamondoffshore.com. Diamond Offshore is owned 51% by Loews Corporation (NYSE: L).

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this press release that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning strategic opportunities and future performance, shareholder returns, financial performance and market conditions. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or expected by management of the Company. A discussion of the important risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and readers of this press release are urged to

review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. Copies of these reports are available through the Company's website at www.diamondoffshore.com. These factors include, among others, general economic and business conditions, contract cancellations, customer bankruptcy, operating risks, casualty losses, industry fleet capacity, changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration and production activity, competition, changes in foreign, political, social and economic conditions, regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, customer preferences and various other matters, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Given these risk factors, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this press release. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2014	2013		
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Revenues:	•	005 000	•	000 070	
Contract drilling	\$	685,308	\$	699,973	
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses		24,116		29,768	
Total revenues		709,424		729,741	
Operating expenses:					
Contract drilling, excluding depreciation		369,790		375,094	
Reimbursable expenses		23,666		29,289	
Depreciation		107,011		96,821	
General and administrative		22,827		16,815	
Gain on disposition of assets		(147)		(2,004)	
Total operating expenses		523,147		516,015	
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Operating income		186,277		213,726	
Other income (expense):					
Interest income		408		617	
Interest expense		(18,155)		(8,069)	
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)		(1,178)		159	
Other, net		327		(254)	
Income before income tax expense		167,679		206,179	
Income tax expense		(21,869)		(30,190)	
Net income	\$	145,810	\$	175,989	
Income per share	\$	1.05	\$	1.27	
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Weighted average shares outstanding:					
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Shares of common stock		138,469		139,032	
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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

		Three Months Ended					
		Mar 31, Dec 31,			Mar 31,		
	•	2014		2013		2013	
REVENUES							
Floaters:							
Ultra-Deepwater	\$	205,794	\$	236,842	\$	191,357	
Deepwater		146,559		121,222		164,420	

Mid-Water		285,979		306,485		305,221
Total Floaters		638,332		664,549		660,998
Jack-ups		46,976		43,423		38,975
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$	685,308	\$	707,972	\$	699,973
Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses	\$	24,116	\$	18,525	\$	29,768
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE						
Floaters:						
Ultra-Deepwater	\$	123,530	\$	135,153	\$	135,776
Deepwater		71,949		76,649		56,436
Mid-Water		134,046		156,075		143,647
Total Floaters		329,525		367,877		335,859
Jack-ups		28,029		29,349		29,667
Other		12,236		11,681		9,568
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$	369,790	\$	408,907	\$	375,094
Reimbursable Expenses	\$	23,666	\$	17,969	\$	29,289
OPERATING INCOME						
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Mid-Water		151,933		150,410		161,574
Total Floaters		308.807		296.672		325.139
Jack-ups		18,947		14,074		9,308
Other		(12,236)		(11,681)		(9,568)
Reimbursable expenses, net		450		556		479
Depreciation		(107,011)		(96,985)		(96,821)
General and administrative expense		(22,827)		(16,298)		(16,815)
Bad debt recovery				50		
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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 420,140	\$ 347,011
Marketable securities	1,175,135	1,750,053
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts	416,177	469,355
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	146,510	143,997
Assets held for sale	7,694	7,694
Total current assets	2,165,656	2,718,110
Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,954,496	5,467,227
Other assets	207,835	206,097
Total assets	\$ 8,327,987	\$ 8,391,434
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 249,973	\$ 249,954
Other current liabilities	504,487	495,628

Long-term debt	2,244,262	2,244,189
Deferred tax liability	531,988	525,541
Other liabilities	219,186	238,864
Stockholders' equity	4,578,091	4,637,258
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 8,327,987 \$	8,391,434

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES AVERAGE DAYRATES AND UTILIZATION

(Dayrate in thousands)

	First Quarter 2014			Quarter (a) 013	First Quarter 2013		
	Dayrate	Utilization	Dayrate	Utilization	Dayrate	Utilization	
Ultra-Deepwater Floaters	\$387	66%	\$350	91%	\$360	73%	
Deepwater Floaters	\$418	64%	\$402	65%	\$389	94%	
Mid-Water Floaters	\$276	64%	\$277	66%	\$262	64%	
Jack-Ups	\$93	79%	\$87	76%	\$85	71%	

(a) Dayrate and utilization calculations include revenue earning days for which revenue was not recognized pursuant to GAAP. By rig category, these are 82 days in Q4 for ultra-deepwater floaters and 42 days in Q4 for mid-water floaters.

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