



Diamond Offshore Declares Special Cash Dividend of \$0.75 per Share

October 23, 2014

Also Declares Regular Cash Dividend of \$0.125 per Share

HOUSTON, Oct. 23, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (**NYSE: DO**) announced today that the Company has declared a special quarterly cash dividend of \$0.75 per share of common stock and a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.125 per share of common stock. Both dividends are payable on December 1, 2014 to shareholders of record on November 5, 2014.

The Board reiterated its stated policy of considering paying special cash dividends, in amounts to be determined, on a quarterly basis. Any determination to declare a special dividend, as well as the amount of any special dividend that may be declared, will be based on the Board's consideration of the Company's financial position, earnings, earnings outlook, capital spending plans, outlook on current and future market conditions and other relevant factors at that time. The Company's dividend policy may change from time to time, and there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to declare any special cash dividends at all or in any particular amounts.

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 38 offshore drilling rigs, including five rigs under construction. Diamond Offshore's fleet consists of 27 semisubmersibles, two of which are under construction, five dynamically positioned drillships, three of which are under construction, and six 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 which 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 any determination to declare special dividends or the amount of any special dividend that may be declared; revenue, operating costs and performance; future liquidity, financial condition or position; earnings or earnings outlook; capital or other spending plans; market outlook; and other statements that are not of historical fact. 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 risk factors include, among others, risks associated with whether the Company will pay any special cash dividends at all or in any particular amounts in the future, general economic and business conditions, contract cancellations, customer or vendor bankruptcy, operations, litigation, 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 and sanction initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, customer preferences, obtaining necessary partner and third party approvals, timing of construction of new builds, collection of receivables, 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 statement is based.

Contact:
Darren Daugherty
Director, Investor Relations
(281) 492-5370



D I A M O N D

O F F S H O R E

Logo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20130725/NY53104/LOGO-b>

To view the original version on PR Newswire, visit: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/diamond-offshore-declares-special-cash-dividend-of-075-per-share-906807008.html>

SOURCE Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.