UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of	report (Date of earliest event reported): JANUARY 18, 2005
	DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.
	(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)
DELAWARE	1-13926 76-0321760
	r Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer poration) Identification No.)
	15415 KATY FREEWAY HOUSTON, TEXAS 77094
	(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 492-5300	
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NOT APPLICABLE	
	(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 7.01 the summary report of the status, as of January 18, 2005, of the offshore drilling rigs of the Registrant attached as Exhibit 99.1, which is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101(e)(1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

Statements in this report that contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section $\dot{\text{27A}}$ of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the current term, start and end dates and comments concerning future contracts and availability and other aspects of the Registrant's drilling rigs. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or projected. A discussion of the risk factors that could impact these areas and the Registrant's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Registrant's reports and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These factors include, among others, general economic and business conditions, 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 Registrant's control. Given these concerns, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the rig status report, and the Registrant undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit number Description
99.1 Rig Status Report as of January 18, 2005

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.

By: /s/ William C. Long

William C. Long

Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Dated: January 18, 2005

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Description
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DIAMOND **OFFSHORE** DRILLING, INC. RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 18, 2005 RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR - ------------DOMESTIC **DEEPWATER** SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6) Ocean Quest 3,500' Victory Class GOM Contracted Pogo Ocean Star 5,500' Victory Class GOM Contracted Kerr-McGee Ocean America 5,500' Ocean Odyssey GOM Contracted Mariner Ocean Valiant 5,500' Ocean Odyssey **GOM** Contracted ENI Ocean Victory 5,500' Victory Class **GOM** Contracted Newfield Exploration 0cean Confidence 7,500' DP Aker H-3.2 Modified **GOM** Contracted BP DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD **GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES** (4) Ocean Voyager 2,000' Victory Class **GOM Contracted** Murphy Ocean Concord 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted Kerr-McGee Ocean Lexington 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted Walter Oil & Gas Ocean Saratoga 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted LLOG DAYRATE RIG NAME CURRENT TERM (000S) START DATE EST. END DATE FUTURE CONTRACT AND

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OTHER
INFORMATION - -
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  - DOMESTIC
   DEEPWATER
SEMISUBMERSIBLES
(6) Ocean Quest
 one well mid
70's early Dec.
2004 early Feb.
2005 LOI for
one well in low
100's beginning
early Feb. 2005
and ending late
  April 2005;
followed by LOI
for one well in
  high 110's
 beginning late
   April and
  ending late
   July 2005;
followed by LOI
  for 120 day
  term in mid
120's beginning
 late July and
  ending late
  Nov. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Star 220
 day extension
mid 70's early
 Dec. 2004 mid
 July 2005 90
    day term
 extension plus
  option with
 Kerr-McGee in
   low 140's
 beginning mid
 July 2005 and
 ending early
  Oct. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean America
    one well
 extension mid
 80's late Oct.
 2004 mid Feb.
 2005 One well
 extension plus
  option with
Mariner in mid
110's beginning
 mid Feb. 2005
and ending late
  Mar. 2005;
followed by two
  wells plus
  option with
Mariner in low
130's beginning
 late Mar. and
  ending late
  June 2005;
  followed by
   three well
extension with
Mariner/Pioneer
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in low 150's
 beginning late
June and ending
  late Sept.
     2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Valiant
 third of three
 high 50's late
 Dec. 2003 late
 Jan. 2005 One
well with Kerr-
 McGee in mid
  wells plus
  option 80's
beginning late
Jan. and ending
mid Mar. 2005;
followed by one
well with Kerr-
 McGee in high
 90's beginning
 mid Mar. 2005
and ending late
   May 2005,
followed by one
   well plus
 options with
 Kerr-McGee in
   low 130's
 beginning late
May and ending
late July 2005;
followed by 180
    day term
 extension with
 Kerr-McGee in
   low 150's
 beginning late
 July 2005 and
  ending late
  Jan. 2006.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Victory
 one well mid
 90's late Dec.
 2004 late Jan.
  2005 100 day
   term plus
  option with
 Shell in low
130's beginning
 late Jan. and
 ending mid May
     2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
     0cean
  Confidence
 five-year term
  170's early
Jan. 2001 early
   Jan. 2006
  Available;
    actively
   marketing.
    DOMESTIC
    2ND/3RD
  GENERATION
SEMISUBMERSIBLES
   (4) Ocean
  Voyager one
 well low 70's
late Dec. 2004
early Feb. 2005
 One well with
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Walter in mid 70's beginning early Feb. 2005 and ending early Mar. 2005; followed by one well with Walter in low 80's beginning early Mar. 2005 and ending early April 2005. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Concord one well plus mid 50's early Oct. 2004 late Jan. 2005 One well with ENI in mid 50's option beginning late Jan. 2005 and ending early
April 2005; followed by one well for Kerr-McGee in upper 50's beginning early April and ending early May 2005; followed by one well plus option with Kerr-McGee in mid 70's beginning early May and ending early July 2005. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Lexington one well high 40's early Sept. 2004 late Jan. 2005 Three wells with Walter beginning in late Jan. 2005 and ending late June 2005. Rate for first and second wells in mid 50s with third well in low 60s. Rig will go in for approximately 120-day Survey and maintenance between second and third well, beginning late Mar. and ending late May. Following third well, one additional well plus option with Walter in low 60's beginning late June and ending late July 2005;

Available;
actively
marketing.
Ocean Saratoga
one well mid
60's mid Dec.
2004 early
April 2005
Available;
actively
marketing.

DIAMOND **OFFSHORE** DRILLING, INC. RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 18, 2005 RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR - ----------- --------DOMESTIC JACKUPS (12) Ocean Crusader 200' Mat Cantilever GOM Contracted Walter Oil & Gas Ocean Drake 200' Mat Cantilever GOM Contracted Chevron/Texaco Ocean Champion 250' Mat Slot **GOM** Contracted Millennium Ocean Columbia 250' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Kerr-McGee Ocean Spartan 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted LLOG Ocean Spur 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Spinnaker Ocean King 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Houston **Exploration** Ocean Nugget 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted ADTI/Mission Ocean Summit 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted LLOG Ocean Warwick 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Shipyard DODI Ocean Titan 350' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Stone Energy

Ocean Tower

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350'
Independent Leg
Cantilever GOM
  Contracted
Chevron/Texaco
  DAYRATE RIG
 NAME CURRENT
  TERM (000S)
START DATE EST.
END DATE FUTURE
 CONTRACT AND
     OTHER
INFORMATION - -
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  - DOMESTIC
 JACKUPS (12)
Ocean Crusader
second of two
mid 30's early
Nov. 2004 late
 Jan. 2005 Two
well extension
plus wells plus
 option option
with Walter in
   high 30's
beginning late
 Jan. 2005 and
  ending mid
  April 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Drake 60
 day term low
40's early Nov.
2004 late Jan.
2005 Two wells
  plus option
with extension
  plus option
ADTI/Kerr-McGee
 in high 30's
beginning late
Jan. and ending
mid Mar. 2005;
followed by two
  wells plus
  option with
ADTI/CMI/Palace
  in low 40's
 beginning mid
Mar. and ending
late Mar. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Champion
 one well mid
  30's early
Sept. 2004 ĺate
 Jan. 2005 Two
  wells plus
  option with
  Hunt in low
40's beginning
late Jan. and
ending late May
     2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Columbia
Five wells mid
40's early Jan.
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2005 late April
2005 Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Spartan
   one well
 extension mid
40's early Dec.
 2004 mid Feb.
2005 Three well
extension with
 LLOG in high
40's beginning
 mid Feb. and
 ending early
  June 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Spur one
well mid 40's
mid Dec. 2004
early Feb. 2005
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean King two
wells mid 40s
late Aug. 2004
late Jan. 2005
One well plus
option with El
 Paso in low
50's beginning
late Jan. and
ending mid Feb.
     2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Nugget
 one well low
 40's mid Nov.
2004 late Jan.
 2005 One well
 plus option
     with
ADTI/Mission in
  high 40's
beginning late
Jan. and ending
mid Feb. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean Summit
  three wells
high 30's early
  Sept. 2004
early Feb. 2005
Two wells with
  LLOG in mid
 plus option
40's beginning
early Feb. and
 ending early
 April 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Warwick -
   - - - In
 shipyard for
  repair of
 damage due to
Hurricane Ivan.
  Estimated
  completion
  early Feb.
     2005.
  Available;
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actively marketing. Ocean Titan one well low 50's early Nov. 2004 late Jan. 2005 One well plus options plus option with BHP in mid 50's beginning late Jan. and ending late May 2005. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Tower one well mid 50's early Jan. 2005 mid June 2005 Available; actively marketing. plus option

DIAMOND **OFFSHORE** DRILLING, INC. RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 18, 2005 RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR - ------ --------INTERNATIONAL **SEMISUBMERSIBLES** (17) MEXICO 0cean Ambassador 1,100' Bethlehem SS-2000 GOM Contracted PEMEX Ocean Whittington 1,500' Aker H-3 **GOM** Contracted PEMEX Ocean Worker 3,500' F&G 9500 Enhanced Pacesetter GOM Contracted PEMEX Ocean Yorktown 2,850' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted PEMEX NORTH SEA Ocean Nomad 1,200' Aker H-3 North Sea --DODI Ocean Guardian 1,500' Earl & Wright Sedco 711 North Sea Contracted Shell Series Ocean Princess 1,500' Aker H-3 North Sea Contracted Talisman Ocean Vanguard 1,500' Bingo 3000 North Sea Contracted ENI AUSTRALASIA Ocean Bounty 1,500' Victory Class Australia Contracted OMV Ocean Patriot 1,500' Bingo 3000 Australia Contracted Apache Ocean Epoch 1,640' Korkut Australia Contracted Santos Ocean General 1,640' Korkut Korea Contracted KNOC Ocean Baroness

7,000' Victory Class Indonesia Contracted Unocal Ocean Rover 7,000' Victory Class Malaysia Contracted Murphy DAYRATE RIG NAME CURRENT TERM (000S) START DATE EST. END DATE FUTURE CONTRACT AND **OTHER** INFORMATION - ----------------- INTERNATIONAL **SEMISUBMERSIBLES** (17) MEXICO 0cean Ambassador four year term work mid 50's late July 2003 mid Dec. 2007 Available. 0cean Whittington four year term work low 60's late July 2003 early Oct. 2006 Available. Ocean Worker four year term work high 60's mid Aug. 2003 late July 2007 Available. Ocean Yorktown four year term work mid 40's late Oct. 2003 mid July 2007 Available. NORTH SEA Ocean Nomad - - - -Standing by for one year program with Talisman in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning late Jan. 2005 and ending late Jan. 2006. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Guardian one year high 40's late Mar. 2004 late Mar. 2005 One year program with Shell in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning late Mar. 2005 and ending late Mar. 2006.

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Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Princess
   one year
 extension low
80's early Jan.
2005 late Dec.
2005 Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Vanguard
  - - - - In
 shipyard for
repairs due to
 storm damage.
   Estimated
completion mid
Mar. 2005. One
year program in
  Norway with
Statoil in low
140's beginning
  in mid Mar.
2005 and ending
  in mid Mar.
     2006.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
  AUSTRALASIA
 Ocean Bounty
three wells mid
  70's early
Sept. 2004 late
 Jan. 2005 LOI
 for one well
plus option in
   mid 70's
beginning late
Jan. and ending
 in late Feb.
2005; followed
  by one well
  plus option
with Hardman in
   low 80's
 beginning in
late Feb. 2005
and ending mid
  Mar. 2005;
followed by LOI
 for one well
plus option in
   mid 80's
 beginning mid
Mar. and ending
  late April
2005; followed
by LOI for one
   well plus
 option in mid
80's beginning
late April and
ending mid June
2005; followed
by LOI for one
  well in mid
80's beginning
 mid June and
  ending mid
July; followed
 by two wells
plus option in
   low 90's
 beginning mid
July and ending
mid Sept. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
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Ocean Patriot
two wells high
70's late Dec.
2004 late Jan.
2005 Second of
two wells with
 Bass Straits
beginning late
 Jan. 2005 and
ending mid Feb.
2005. Two wells
 with Woodside
 beginning mid
Feb. and ending
 mid Mar. Two
  wells plus
  option with
    Santos
 beginning mid
Mar. and ending
 late May. LOI
 for one well
  plus three
    options
beginning late
May and ending
mid July 2005.
 All wells in
  high 70's.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
  Ocean Epoch
option well mid
 60's mid Jan.
2004 late Jan.
 2005 Mobe to
 Singapore for
    Murphy
beginning late
Jan. and ending
late Feb. 2005;
followed by LOI
in mid 70's for
four wells plus
  option and
   demobe in
   Malaysia
beginning late
Feb. and ending
late Nov. 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 Ocean General
two wells high
 60's mid Dec.
2004 mid April
 2005 One well
plus one option
  plus demobe
 with KNOC in
Viet Nam in mid
50's beginning
 mid April and
 ending early
  June 2005.
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Baroness
    180 day
 extension mid
130's late Dec.
2004 early May
2005 Available;
   actively
  marketing.
  Ocean Rover
 Second option
well low 120's
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mid Dec. 2004
late Jan. 2005
Option wells
three to six
exercised in
mid 120's
beginning late
Jan. and ending
mid July 2005.
Available;
actively
marketing.

DIAMOND **OFFSHORE** DRILLING, INC. RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 18, 2005 RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR - ------ ------------- BRAZIL Ocean Yatzy 3,300' DP DYVI Super Yatzy Brazil Contracted Petrobras Ocean Winner 3,500' Aker H-3 Brazil Contracted Petrobras Ocean Alliance 5,000' Alliance Class Brazil Contracted Petrobras INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1) Ocean Clipper 7,500' DP Fluor/Mitsubishi Brazil Contracted Petrobras INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2) Ocean Sovereign 250' Independent Leg Cantilever Bangladesh Contracted Cairn Energy Ocean Heritage 300' Independent Leg Cantilever India Contracted Cairn Energy UPGRADE (1) Ocean Endeavor 2,000' Victory Class GOM Cold Stacked DODI COLD STACKED (2) Ocean Liberator 600' Aker H-3 S. Africa Cold Stacked DODI Ocean New Era 1,500' Korkut GOM Cold Stacked DODI DAYRATE RIG NAME CURRENT TERM (000S) START DATE EST. END DATE FUTURE CONTRACT AND **OTHER**

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INFORMATION - -
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   - DOMESTIC
   DEEPWATER
SEMISUBMERSIBLES
  (6) BRAZIL
Ocean Yatzy 700
 day extension
mid 70's early
 Nov. 2003 mid
   Oct. 2005
  Available.
 Ocean Winner
    700 day
 extension mid
  50's early
 April 2004 mid
   Mar. 2006
  Available.
Ocean Alliance
    one year
 extension high
  90's early
  Sept. 2004
  early Sept.
2005 Available.
 INTERNATIONAL
 DRILLSHIPS (1)
 Ocean Clipper
    700 day
 extension low
  100's early
Jan. 2003 early
   Mar. 2006
  Available;
   actively
  marketing.
 INTERNATIONAL
  JACKUPS (2)
Ocean Sovereign
  three wells
plus option low
 60's mid Nov.
2004 late Mar.
2005 Available;
   actively
  marketing.
Ocean Heritage
 six wells plus
  options low
60's early Nov.
  2004 mid May
2005 Available;
   actively
  marketing.
  UPGRADE (1)
 Ocean Endeavor
 Preparing for
    mobe to
   Singapore
  shipyard for
  upgrade to
   8,000 ft.
  design 5th
Generation rig.
   Estimated
  completion
  early 2007.
  Available;
   actively
marketing. COLD STACKED (2)
Ocean Liberator
  - - - Cold
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stacked Nov. '02. Ocean New Era - - -Cold stacked Dec. '02. NOTES: *
GENERALLY, RIG UTILIZATION RATES APPROACH 95-98% DURING CONTRACTED PERIODS; HOWEVER, UTILIZATION RATES CAN BE **ADVERSELY** IMPACTED BY ADDITIONAL DOWNTIME DUE TO UNSCHEDULED REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OTHER FACTORS. GOM = Gulf of

Mexico