FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DICKERSON LAWRENCE R</u>					DI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC DO]							[Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) X Director			10% Owner		
(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2003								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and C.O.O.				респу	
(Street)					4. II	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City)	(St	ate)	(Zip)										X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		Benefici	es ally Following	Form	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transac	nsaction(s) tr. 3 and 4)			(msu. 4)			
	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/Ye	ate, Ti	Code (Inst				6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	n Date	Amount of		f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ve es ially ng ed etion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (right to buy)	21.23	07/01/2003			A		5,625		04/22/200	4 ⁽¹⁾	07/01/2013	Common Stock	5,625	\$0	5,625		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 22, 2004.

/s/ William C. Long, Attorney-

in-Fact for Lawrence R. 07/03/2003

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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