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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): DECEMBER 13, 2004

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE	1-13926	76-0321760
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer 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

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- ----- CFR 240.14a-12)

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- ----- Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the
- ----- Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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 December 13, 2004, 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 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
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99.1	Rig Status Report as of December 13, 2004

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: December 13, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit number	Description
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99.1	Rig Status Report as of December 13, 2004

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2004

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	W&T Offsshore
Ocean 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	DODI	--
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

RIG NAME -----	CURRENT TERM -----	DAYRATE (000S) -----	START DATE -----	EST. END DATE -----
DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6)				
Ocean Quest	one well	mid 70's	early Dec. 2004	mid Jan. 2005
Ocean Star	220 day extension	mid 70's	early Dec. 2004	mid July 2005
Ocean America	one well extension	mid 80's	late Oct. 2004	mid Jan. 2005
Ocean Valiant	third of three wells plus option	high 50's	late Dec. 2003	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Victory	two wells	mid 70's	mid Aug. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Confidence	five-year term	170's	early Jan. 2001	early Jan. 2006
DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (4)				
Ocean Voyager	--	--	--	--
Ocean Concord	one well plus option	mid 50's	early Oct. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Lexington	one well	high 40's	early Sept. 2004	late April 2005
Ocean Saratoga	one well	low 50's	late Oct. 2004	mid Dec. 2004

RIG NAME -----	FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION -----
DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6)	
Ocean Quest	LOI for one well in low 100's beginning mid Jan. 2005 and ending mid Mar. 2005; followed by LOI for one well in high 110's beginning mid Mar. and ending late June 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Star	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 plus option with Mariner in mid 110's beginning mid Jan. 2005 and ending mid Feb. 2005; followed by two wells plus option with Mariner in low 130's beginning mid Feb. and ending late May 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Valiant	One well plus options with Kerr-McGee in mid 80's beginning early Jan. and ending mid Feb. 2005; followed by one well with Kerr-McGee in high 90's beginning mid Feb. 2005 and ending late April 2005, followed by one well plus options with Kerr-McGee in low 130's beginning late April and ending late June 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Victory	One well plus option with Newfield in mid 90's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending mid Feb. 2005. LOI for two wells in low 130's beginning mid Feb. and ending late May 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Confidence	Available; actively marketing.
DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (4)	
Ocean Voyager	Reactivating. One well with Murphy in low 70's beginning mid Dec. 2004 and ending early Feb. 2005; followed by one well with 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 with ENI in mid 50's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending early Mar. 2005; followed by one well for Kerr-McGee in upper 50's beginning early Mar. and ending early April 2005; followed by one well plus option with Kerr-McGee in mid 70's beginning early April and ending early June 2005. Available; actively

marketing.

Ocean Lexington

Three well extension with Walter beginning in early Sept. and ending in late Dec. 2004. Rate for first well in mid 40's, second and third wells in upper 40's. Three additional extension wells with Walter beginning in late Dec. 2004 and ending late Mar. 2005. Rate for first and second wells in mid 50s with third well in low 60s. One additional well plus option with Walter in low 60's beginning late Mar. and ending late April 2005; followed by approximately 120-day Survey and maintenance. Available; actively marketing.

Ocean Saratoga

Three well extension with LLOG in mid 60's beginning mid Dec. 2004 and ending late April 2005. Available; actively marketing.

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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	ADTI/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	350'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	W&T Offshore
RIG NAME -----	CURRENT TERM -----		DAYRATE (000S) -----	START DATE -----	EST. END DATE -----
DOMESTIC JACKUPS (12)					
Ocean Crusader	second of two wells plus option		mid 30's	early Nov. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Drake	60 day term extension plus option		low 40's	early Nov. 2004	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Champion	one well		mid 30's	early Sept. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Columbia	one well extension		mid 30's	mid Nov. 2004	mid Dec. 2004
Ocean Spartan	one well extension		mid 40's	early Dec. 2004	mid Feb. 2005
Ocean Spur	one well		mid 40's	mid Dec. 2004	late Jan. 2005
Ocean King	two wells		mid 40s	late Aug. 2004	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Nugget	one well		low 40's	mid Nov. 2004	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Summit	three wells plus option		high 30's	early Sept. 2004	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Warwick	--		--	--	--
Ocean Titan	one well plus option		low 50's	early Nov. 2004	early Jan. 2005
Ocean Tower	two wells		mid 40's	late Oct. 2004	late Dec. 2004
RIG NAME -----	FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION -----				
DOMESTIC JACKUPS (12)					
Ocean Crusader	Two well extension plus option with Walter in high 30's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending mid Feb. 2005. Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Drake	Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Champion	Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Columbia	Three wells with Kerr-McGee in mid 40's beginning mid Dec. 2004 and ending mid Mar. 2005. Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Spartan	Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Spur	Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean King	Available; actively marketing.				
Ocean Nugget	One well with ADTI/Mission in high 40's beginning early Jan. and ending mid Jan. 2005. Available; actively marketing.				

Ocean Summit	Two wells with LLOG in mid 40's beginning early Jan. and ending mid Mar. 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Warwick	In shipyard for repair of damage due to Hurricane Ivan.
Ocean Titan	One well plus options with BHP in mid 50's beginning early Jan. and ending early May 2005. Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Tower	One well plus option with ChevronTexaco in mid 50's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending late June 2005. Available; actively marketing.

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RIG NAME -----	WD --	DESIGN -----	LOCATION -----	STATUS* -----	OPERATOR -----
INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)					

MEXICO					

Ocean 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 Series	North Sea	Contracted	Shell
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	Mobe to survey	DODI	--
Ocean Baroness	7,000'	Victory Class	Indonesia	Contracted	Unocal
Ocean Rover	7,000'	Victory Class	Malaysia	Contracted	Amerada Hess

RIG NAME -----	CURRENT TERM -----	DAYRATE (000\$) -----	START DATE -----	EST. END DATE -----
INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)				

MEXICO				

Ocean Ambassador	four year term work	mid 50's	late July 2003	mid Dec. 2007
Ocean Whittington	four year term work	low 60's	late July 2003	early Oct. 2006
Ocean Worker	four year term work	high 60's	mid Aug. 2003	late July 2007
Ocean Yorktown	four year term work	mid 40's	late Oct. 2003	mid July 2007
NORTH SEA				

Ocean Nomad	--	--	--	--
Ocean Guardian	one year	high 40's	late March 2004	late March 2005
Ocean Princess	three wells plus option	low 60's	early Oct. 2004	early Dec. 2004
Ocean Vanguard	one well	low 140's	early Oct. 2004	late Dec. 2005
AUSTRALASIA				

Ocean Bounty	three wells	mid 70's	early Sept. 2004	mid Feb. 2005
Ocean Patriot	two wells	high 70's	early Nov. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Epoch	Exeter/Mutineer development plus option	mid 60's	mid Jan. 2004	late Jan. 2005
Ocean General	--	--	--	--
Ocean Baroness	180 day option	110's	early Nov. 2004	late Dec. 2004
Ocean Rover	second of two assignment wells	low 110's	early Nov. 2004	mid Dec. 2004

RIG NAME -----	FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION -----
INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)	

MEXICO	

Ocean Ambassador	Available.
Ocean Whittington	Available.

Ocean Worker	Available.
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Ocean Yorktown	Available.
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NORTH SEA

Ocean Nomad	One year program with Talisman in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning early Jan. 2005 and ending early Jan. 2006. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Guardian	LOI for one year program in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning late Mar. 2005 and ending late Mar. 2006. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Princess	One year extension in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning early Dec. 2004 and ending late Dec. 2005. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Vanguard	One year program in Norway with Statoil in low 140's beginning in late Dec. 2004 and ending in late Dec. 2005. Available; actively marketing.
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AUSTRALASIA

Ocean Bounty	LOI for one well plus option in mid 70's beginning in mid Feb. and ending in early Mar. 2005; followed by one well plus option with Hardman in low 80's beginning in early Mar. 2005 and ending late Mar. 2005; followed by LOI for one well plus option in mid 80's beginning late Mar. and ending mid May 2005; followed by LOI for one well plus option in mid 80's beginning mid May and ending late June 2005; followed by LOI for one well in mid 80's beginning late June and ending mid July 2005. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Patriot	Second of two wells with Bass Straits beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending late Jan. 2005. Two wells with Woodside beginning late Jan. and ending late Feb. Two wells plus option with Santos beginning late Feb. and ending early May. LOI for one well plus three options beginning early May and ending late June 2005. All wells in high 70's. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Epoch	Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean General	UWILD survey; followed by two wells with KNOC in Korea plus mobe/demobe in high 60's beginning mid Dec. and ending mid April 2005; followed by 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.
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Ocean Baroness	180 day extension in mid 130's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending mid May 2005. Available; actively marketing.
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Ocean Rover	Second option well with Murphy declared in low 120's beginning mid Dec. 2004 and ending mid Jan. 2005. Option wells three to six exercised in mid 120's beginning mid Jan. and ending early July 2005. Available; actively marketing.
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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
COLD STACKED (3)					

Ocean Liberator	600'	Aker H-3	S. Africa	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean Endeavor	2,000'	Victory Class	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean New Era	1,500'	Korkut	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI

RIG NAME -----	CURRENT TERM -----	DAYRATE (000S) -----	START DATE -----	EST. END DATE -----
BRAZIL				

Ocean Yatzy	700 day extension	mid 70's	early Nov. 2003	mid Oct. 2005
Ocean Winner	700 day extension	mid 50's	early April 2004	mid March 2006
Ocean Alliance	one year extension	high 90's	early Sept. 2004	early Sept. 2005
INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS(1)				

Ocean Clipper	700 day extension	low 100's	early Jan. 2003	early March 2006
INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS(2)				

Ocean Sovereign	three wells plus option	low 60's	mid Nov. 2004	mid April 2005
Ocean Heritage	six wells plus options	low 60's	early Nov. 2004	late April 2005
COLD STACKED (3)				

Ocean Liberator	--	--	--	--
Ocean Endeavor	--	--	--	--
Ocean New Era	--	--	--	--

RIG NAME -----	FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION -----
BRAZIL	

Ocean Yatzy	Available.
Ocean Winner	Available.
Ocean Alliance	Available.
INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS(1)	

Ocean Clipper	Available; actively marketing.
INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS(2)	

Ocean Sovereign	Available; actively marketing.
Ocean Heritage	Available; actively marketing.
COLD STACKED (3)	

Ocean Liberator	Cold stacked Nov. '02.
Ocean Endeavor	Cold stacked March '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