FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HOFMANN HERBERT C (Last) (First) (Middle) 677 MADISON AVENUE							Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004										of Reportin icable) or r (give title)	ng Per	son(s) to Iss 10% O Other (below)	wner
(Street) NEW YO	ORK N	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						2A. Deemed Execution Date,			e, (3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amor Securiti	unt of es ially Following	Forr Ily ollowing (I) (I		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Т		ve Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficits, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities								•	(Instr. 3							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		Expi	ate Exer iration D nth/Day/	ate	le and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	or Nur of	ount mber ares					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.65	07/01/2004			A		500		07/0	01/2004	07	/01/2014	Common Stock	5	00	\$0.00	500		D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ William C. Long Attorneyin-Fact for Herbert C.

07/02/2004

<u>Hofmann</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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