UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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): SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE1-1392676-0321760(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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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 September 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 99.1 Rig Status Report as of September 13, 2004

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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: September 13, 2004

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

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

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DAYRATE RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* **OPERATOR** CURRENT TERM (\$000S) - -------- -- ---- ----------------DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6) Ocean Quest 3,500' Victory Class GOM Contracted Noble Energy one well plus option low 50's Ocean Star 5,500' Victory Class GOM Contracted Kerr-McGee fourth of four wells low 60's third of three wells Ocean America 5,500' Ocean Odyssey **GOM Contracted** Mariner plus option mid 70's second of three wells Ocean Valiant 5,500' Ocean Odyssey GOM Contracted ENI plus option high 50's Ocean Victory 5,500' Victory Class **GOM Contracted** W&T Offshore two wells mid 40's DP Aker H-3.2 Ocean Confidence 7,500' Modified **GOM Contracted** BP five-year term 170's DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (3) Ocean Concord 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Shipyard DODI -- -- Ocean Lexington 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted Walter Oil & Gas one well plus option high 30's Ocean Saratoga 2,200' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted LLOG one well

extension mid 40s **RIG NAME Start** Date Est. End Date Future Contract and 0ther Information - -------- ---------------DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6) LOI for one well plus option in mid 70's beginning mid Nov. and ending mid Dec. 2004, subject to Noble Energy Ocean Quest early Sept. 2004 mid Nov. 2004 option. Available; actively marketing. 220 day extension with Kerr-McGee in high 70's beginning mid Oct. 2004 and ending mid May 2005. Available; Ocean Star early June 2004 mid Oct. 2004 actively marketing. One well extension plus option with Mariner in mid 80's beginning early Oct. 2004 and ending late Dec. 2004. Ocean America mid June 2004 early Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. LOI for one well plus options in mid 80's beginning mid Oct. and ending mid Dec. 2004. Available; actively Ocean Valiant late Dec. 2003 mid Oct. 2004 marketing. Rate adjusts to mid 70's in late Sept. LOI for one well plus option in mid 90's beginning late Nov. 2004 and ending late Jan. 2005. Available; Ocean Victory

mid Aug. 2004 late Nov. 2004 actively marketing. 0cean Confidence early Jan. 2001 early Jan. 2006 Available; actively marketing. DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (3) Approximately 120 days maintenance beginning early June and ending early Oct. 2004. One well plus options with Kerr-McGee in mid 50's beginning early Oct. and ending late Nov. 2004. LOI for one well in mid 50's beginning late Nov. 2004 and ending late Jan. 2005. Ocean Concord -- -- Available; actively marketing. Three well extension with Walter beginning in early Sept. and ending in mid Dec. 2004. Rate for first well in mid 40's, second and third wells in high 40's. Three additional extension wells with Walter beginning in mid Dec. 2004 and ending mid-March 2005. Rate for first and second wells in mid 50s with third well in low 60s. Available; Ocean Lexington late March 2004 mid March 2005 actively marketing. One additional well plus option with LLOG in low 50s beginning mid Sept. and ending mid Oct. 2004. Available; Ocean Saratoga late June 2004

mid Sept. 2004 actively marketing.

DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR CURRENT TERM --------- --- ----- ------------------ --- ------------DOMESTIC JACKUPS (12) 0cean Crusader 200' Mat Cantilever GOM Contracted Walter Oil & Gas two wells plus option Ocean Drake 200' Mat Cantilever GOM Contracted Chevron/Texaco two wells plus option 0cean Champion 250' Mat Slot GOM Contracted Millennium one well plus option Ocean Columbia 250' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Kerr-McGee one well extension plus option Ocean Spartan 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted LLOG two wells plus option Ocean Spur 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Mariner two wells Ocean King 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Houston

RIG NAME WD

Exploration two wells Ocean Nugget 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Spinnaker one well plus option Ocean Summit 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted LLOG three wells plus option Ocean Warwick 300' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Newfield one well Ocean Titan 350' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted Stone Energy second of two wells plus option Ocean Tower 350' Independent Leg Cantilever GOM Contracted EOG Resources second of two wells DAYRATE RIG NAME (\$000S) START DATE EST. END DATE FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION - ------------------------- --------- - - - - - - - - - -----DOMESTIC JACKUPS (12) Ocean Crusader mid 30's early Sept. 2004 early Nov. 2004 Available;

actively marketing. 0cean Drake mid 30s late Aug. 2004 mid Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Champion mid 30's early Sept. 2004 late Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Columbia mid 30's early Sept. 2004 mid Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Spartan high 30's early Sept. 2004 late Nov. 2004 Available; actively marketing. Ocean Spur high 30's early Sept. 2004 late Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. Ocean King mid 40s late Aug. 2004 early Dec. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Nugget mid 30's early Aug. 2004 late Sept. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Summit high 30's early Sept. 2004 mid Dec. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Warwick low 40's early Aug.

2004 late Sept. 2004 LOI for one well plus option in low 40's beginning late Sept. and ending early Oct. 2004. Available; actively marketing. 0cean Titan mid 40's mid July 2004 early Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing. 0cean Tower high 30's mid July 2004 early Oct. 2004 Available; actively marketing.

RIG NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR CURRENT TERM DAYRATE (\$000S) - ------------------------------INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17) - --------------------------------------- MEXICO - ---0cean Ambassador 1,100' Bethlehem SS-2000 GOM Contracted PEMEX four year term work mid 50's Ocean Whittington 1,500' Aker H-3 GOM Contracted PEMEX four year term work low 60's Ocean Worker 3,500' F&G 9500 Enhanced Pacesetter GOM Contracted PEMEX four year term work high 60's Ocean Yorktown 2,850' F&G SS-2000 GOM Contracted PEMEX four year term work mid 40's AFRICA - ---------------------Ocean Nomad

1,200' Aker H-3

Gabon Contracted SASOL one well high 40's NORTH SEA - ------------------------------_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ -------- Ocean Guardian 1,500' Earl & Wright Sedco 711 Series North Sea Contracted Shell one year high 40's Ócean Princess 1,500' Aker H-3 North Sea Contracted Talisman three wells plus option low 50's Ocean Vanguard 1,500' Bingo 3000 North Sea Contracted Talisman one well low 60's AUSTRALASIA - ---------------------Ocean Bounty 1,500' Victory Class Australia Contracted OMV three wells mid 70's Ocean Patriot 1,500' Bingo 3000 New Zealand Contracted Tap Oil one well high 70's Ocean Epoch 1,640' Korkut Australia Contracted Santos Exeter/Mutineer development plus option mid 60's Ocean General 1,640' Korkut Vietnam Contracted PVE&P five completion options mid 50's Ocean Baroness 7,000' Victory Class Indonesia Contracted Unocal 180 day option 110's Ocean Rover 7,000' Victory Class Malaysia Contracted

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Ambassador late July 2003 mid Dec. 2007 Available.
Ocean Whittington late July 2003 early Oct. 2006 Available.
Ocean Worker mid Aug. 2003 late July 2007 Available.
Ocean Yorktown late Oct. 2003 mid July 2007 Available. AFRICA
Ocean Nomad early May 2004 late Sept. 2004 LOI for

one year program in U.K. North Sea in low 80's beginning late Jan. 2005 and ending late Jan. 2006. Available; actively marketing. NORTH SEA - -------------------------------------- Ocean Guardian late March 2004 late March 2005 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. Ocean Princess early Aug. 2004 mid Oct. 2004 One well extension in low 60's beginning mid Oct. and ending late Dec. 2004, followed by one year extension in low 80's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending late Dec. 2005. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Vanguard late June 2004 early Oct. 2004 One well in Norway with ENI in low 140's beginning early Oct. 2004 and ending early Jan. 2005. Available; actively marketing. AUSTRALASIA - ----------------_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ -----Ocean Bounty early Sept. 2004 late Dec. 2004 LOI for

one well plus option in mid 70's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending late Jan. 2005, followed by LOI for one well plus option in high 70's beginning in late Jan. 2005 and ending mid Feb. 2005. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Patriot early Sept. 2004 mid Sept. 2004 Mobe to Australia beginning mid Sept. and ending late Sept. 2004. First of two wells with Bass Straits O&G beginning late Sept. and ending early Oct. Two wells with Santos beginning early Oct. and ending late Oct. LOI for two wells plus option beginning late Oct. and ending mid Dec. Second of two wells with Bass Straits beginning mid Dec. 2004 and ending mid Jan. 2005. LOI for two wells beginning mid Jan. and ending mid Feb. Two wells plus option with Santos beginning mid Feb. and ending late April. LOI for four wells beginning late April and ending late July 2005. All wells in high 70's. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Epoch mid Jan. 2004 late Feb. 2005 Available; actively marketing. Ocean General mid June 2004 late Oct. 2004 One well plus option and mobe/demobe

with KNOC in mid 50's beginning late Oct. and ending late Dec. 2004. Available; actively marketing. Ocean Baroness late April 2004 early Nov. 2004 Available; actively marketing. Ocean Rover early Sept. 2004 early Oct. 2004 LOI for one assignment well in low 100's beginning early Oct. and ending early Nov., followed by LOI for second assignment well in lower 110's beginning early Nov. and ending late Dec. 2004. Fourth option well with Murphy declared in low 120's beginning late Dec. 2004 and ending mid Jan. 2005. Available; actively marketing. - -------------------------------------

NAME WD DESIGN LOCATION STATUS* OPERATOR CURRENT TERM (\$000S) - -------- -- ---- ----------------BRAZIL Ocean Yatzy 3,300' DP DYVI Super Yatzy Brazil Contracted Petrobras 700 day extension mid 70's Ocean Winner 3,500' Aker H-3 Brazil Contracted Petrobras 700 day extension mid 50's Ocean Alliance 5,000' Alliance Class Brazil Contracted Petrobras fouryear contract low 110's INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1) Ocean Clipper 7,500' DP Fluor/Mitsubishi Brazil Contracted Petrobras 700 day extension low 100's INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2) one well plus Ocean Sovereign 250' Independent Leg Cantilever Indonesia Contracted Premier option low 60's Ocean Heritage 300' Independent Leg Cantilever --Dry tow to India DODI -- -COLD STACKED (4) Ocean Liberator 600' Aker H-3 S. Africa Cold Stacked DODI ---- Ocean Endeavor 2,000' Victory Class GOM Cold Stacked DODI ---- Ocean Voyager 3,200' Victory Class GOM Cold Stacked DODI ---- Ocean New Era 1,500' Korkut GOM Cold

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Stacked DODI --RIG NAME START DATE EST. END DATE FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION - --------- ------------ --------------------BRAZIL Ocean Yatzy early Nov. 2003 mid Oct. 2005 Available. Ocean Winner early April 2004 mid March 2006 Available. Ocean Alliance early Sept. 2000 mid Oct. 2004 Available. INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1) Ocean Clipper early Jan. 2003 early March 2006 Available; actively marketing. INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2) LOI for two wells plus option in low 60's in Bangladesh beginning late Oct. 2004 and ending late April 2005. Includes mobe/demobe. Available; actively Ocean Sovereign early Sept. 2004 mid Oct. 2004 marketing. Lump sum mobe to India beginning early Sept. and ending mid Oct. Six wells plus four to seven options with Cairn Energy in lower 60's beginning mid Ocean Heritage -- -- Oct. 2004 and ending early May 2005. Available; actively marketing. COLD STACKED (4) Ocean Liberator -- -- Cold stacked Nov. '02. Ocean Endeavor -- --Cold stacked March '02. Ocean Voyager -- -- 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