## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [ DO ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2004									ck all appli Direct	icable) or r (give title	g Per	son(s) to Iss 10% O Other ( below)	wner	
(Street)  NEW Y(	NEW YORK NY 10021							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					action	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			e, 3	3. Transact Code (In: 8)	ion str.	4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			) or	5. Amou Securiti Benefici Owned Reporte Transac	unt of es Forrially (D) (Following ed etion(s)		n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		1 of		Expi	ate Exerc iration D nth/Day/\	ate		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	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	Amo or Nun of Sha	nber						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.31	04/01/2004			A		500		04/0	01/2004	04/	/01/2009	Common Stock	50	00	\$0	500		D		

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

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

<u>Hofmann</u>

04/05/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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