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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* EADS RODNEY W				<u> </u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC DO]								ieck a	II applic Directo	able)	rting Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner tle Other (spec		ner	
(Last)	(Fi	irst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2003								below)	below)	рсспу				
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)										X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tab	le I - Non-	Derivati	ve Se	ecuritie	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Ber	neficia	lly O	wned					
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								Code	,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Price Report Transa (Instr. 3		ction(s)			(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. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	Cod	saction e (Instr.			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 and	f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Cod	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	mber						
Stock Option (right to	21.23	07/01/2003		A		2,000		04/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾	0	7/01/2013	Common Stock	2,000		\$ ₀	2,000)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/ William C. Long, Attorneyin-Fact for Rodney W. Eads 07/03/2003

** 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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