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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-13926

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

76-0321760
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**15415 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas
77094**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(281) 492-5300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of October 25, 2013	Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	139,035,448 shares
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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 438,794	\$ 335,432
Marketable securities	800,204	1,150,158
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts	424,808	499,660
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	142,152	136,099
Assets held for sale	11,594	11,594
Total current assets	1,817,552	2,132,943
Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,331,470	4,864,972
Other assets	193,586	237,371
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,342,608</u>	<u>\$ 7,235,286</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 86,533	\$ 96,631
Accrued liabilities	354,232	324,434
Taxes payable	26,175	64,481
Current portion of long-term debt	249,935	—
Total current liabilities	716,875	485,546
Long-term debt	1,246,321	1,496,066
Deferred tax liability	532,729	490,946
Other liabilities	182,347	186,334
Total liabilities	<u>2,678,272</u>	<u>2,658,892</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock (par value \$0.01, 25,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding)	—	—
Common stock (par value \$0.01, 500,000,000 shares authorized; 143,952,248 shares issued and 139,035,448 shares outstanding at September 30, 2013; 143,948,370 shares issued and 139,031,570 shares outstanding at December 31, 2012)	1,440	1,439
Additional paid-in capital	1,986,693	1,983,957
Retained earnings	2,791,242	2,702,915
Accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss)	(626)	2,496
Treasury stock, at cost (4,916,800 shares of common stock at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012)	(114,413)	(114,413)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>4,664,336</u>	<u>4,576,394</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 7,342,608</u>	<u>\$ 7,235,286</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Revenues:				
Contract drilling	\$690,741	\$714,027	\$2,135,612	\$2,195,443
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	15,424	15,114	58,312	40,528
Total revenues	<u>706,165</u>	<u>729,141</u>	<u>2,193,924</u>	<u>2,235,971</u>
Operating expenses:				
Contract drilling, excluding depreciation	419,488	357,281	1,163,618	1,159,635
Reimbursable expenses	14,904	14,563	56,998	39,351
Depreciation	97,143	99,207	291,107	300,069
General and administrative	15,240	13,476	48,490	49,803
Bad debt expense (recovery)	22,563	—	22,563	(1,018)
Gain on disposition of assets	(525)	(208)	(2,789)	(79,285)
Total operating expenses	<u>568,813</u>	<u>484,319</u>	<u>1,579,987</u>	<u>1,468,555</u>
Operating income	<u>137,352</u>	<u>244,822</u>	<u>613,937</u>	<u>767,416</u>
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	136	773	1,024	4,052
Interest expense	(1,693)	(8,720)	(17,713)	(36,780)
Foreign currency transaction loss	(4,556)	(1,860)	(3,949)	(881)
Other, net	326	(168)	746	(767)
Income before income tax expense	<u>131,565</u>	<u>234,847</u>	<u>594,045</u>	<u>733,040</u>
Income tax expense	<u>(36,817)</u>	<u>(56,661)</u>	<u>(137,974)</u>	<u>(168,224)</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 94,748</u>	<u>\$ 178,186</u>	<u>\$ 456,071</u>	<u>\$ 564,816</u>
Income per share:				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.28</u>	<u>\$ 3.28</u>	<u>\$ 4.06</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.28</u>	<u>\$ 3.28</u>	<u>\$ 4.06</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding:				
Shares of common stock	139,035	139,030	139,034	139,029
Dilutive potential shares of common stock	30	23	38	17
Total weighted-average shares outstanding	<u>139,065</u>	<u>139,053</u>	<u>139,072</u>	<u>139,046</u>
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock	<u>\$ 0.875</u>	<u>\$ 0.875</u>	<u>\$ 2.625</u>	<u>\$ 2.625</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income	\$94,748	\$178,186	\$456,071	\$564,816
Other comprehensive gains (losses), net of tax:				
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts:				
Unrealized holding gain (loss)	1,615	1,118	(4,901)	4,024
Reclassification adjustment for loss included in net income	3,622	1,868	1,918	3,445
Investments in marketable securities:				
Unrealized holding (loss) gain	(2)	29	7	18
Reclassification adjustment for loss (gain) included in net income	(14)	(28)	(146)	56
Total other comprehensive gain (loss)	<u>5,221</u>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>(3,122)</u>	<u>7,543</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$99,969</u>	<u>\$181,173</u>	<u>\$452,949</u>	<u>\$572,359</u>

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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 456,071	\$ 564,816
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	291,107	300,069
Gain on disposition of assets	(2,789)	(79,285)
Loss on foreign currency forward exchange contracts	2,246	5,692
Deferred tax provision	43,414	(6,089)
Accretion of discounts on marketable securities	(584)	4,461
Stock-based compensation expense	2,627	3,248
Deferred income, net	(45,600)	(19,020)
Deferred expenses, net	20,441	58,391
Long-term employee remuneration programs	6,617	4,572
Other assets, noncurrent	(4,487)	2,697
Other liabilities, noncurrent	(51)	2,457
Proceeds from (payments of) settlement of foreign currency forward exchange contracts designated as accounting hedges	(2,246)	(5,692)
Other	1,418	800
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	74,965	108,159
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(327)	(9,350)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	25,583	4,961
Taxes payable	(10,505)	68,711
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>857,900</u>	<u>1,009,598</u>
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures (including rig construction)	(740,460)	(514,672)
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of disposal costs	3,357	136,937
Proceeds from sale and maturities of marketable securities	3,225,062	2,075,106
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,874,689)	(2,352,635)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(386,730)</u>	<u>(655,264)</u>
Financing activities:		
Payment of dividends	(367,945)	(367,984)
Credit facility arrangement fees	(1)	(3,646)
Other	138	130
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(367,808)</u>	<u>(371,500)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	103,362	(17,166)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	335,432	333,765
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 438,794</u>	<u>\$ 316,599</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General Information

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. and subsidiaries, which we refer to as “Diamond Offshore,” “we,” “us” or “our,” should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (File No. 1-13926).

As of October 25, 2013, Loews Corporation owned 50.4% of the outstanding shares of our common stock.

Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S., or GAAP, for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, pursuant to such rules and regulations, they do not include all disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The consolidated financial information has not been audited but, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated balance sheets, statements of operations, statements of comprehensive income and statements of cash flows at the dates and for the periods indicated. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results of operations for the respective full years.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts applicable to the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the classifications currently followed. Such reclassifications do not affect earnings.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider short-term, highly liquid investments that have an original maturity of three months or less and deposits in money market mutual funds that are readily convertible into cash to be cash equivalents.

The effect of exchange rate changes on cash balances held in foreign currencies was not material for each of the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Marketable Securities

We classify our investments in marketable securities as available for sale and they are stated at fair value in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Accordingly, any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, are reported in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in “Accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss),” or AOCGL, until realized. The cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity and such adjustments are included in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in “Interest income.” The sale and purchase of securities are recorded on the date of the trade. The cost of debt securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Realized gains or losses, as well as any declines in value that are judged to be other than temporary, are reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in “Other income (expense) – Other, net.” See Note 4.

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Provision for Bad Debts

We record a provision for bad debts on a case-by-case basis when facts and circumstances indicate that a customer receivable may not be collectible. In establishing these reserves, we consider historical and other factors that predict collectability, including write-offs, recoveries and the monitoring of credit quality. Such provision is reported as a component of “Operating expenses” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 2.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Our derivative financial instruments consist of foreign currency forward exchange, or FOREX, contracts which we may designate as cash flow hedges. In accordance with GAAP, each derivative contract is stated in the balance sheet at its fair value with gains and losses reflected in the income statement except that, to the extent the derivative qualifies for and is designated as an accounting hedge, the gains and losses are reflected in income in the same period as offsetting gains and losses on the qualifying hedged positions. Designated hedges are expected to be highly effective, and therefore, adjustments to record the carrying value of the effective portion of our derivative financial instruments to their fair value are recorded as a component of AOCGL in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The effective portion of the cash flow hedge will remain in AOCGL until it is reclassified into earnings in the period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings or it is determined that the hedged transaction will not occur. We report such realized gains and losses as a component of “Contract drilling, excluding depreciation” expense in our Consolidated Statements of Operations to offset the impact of foreign currency fluctuations in our expenditures in local foreign currencies in the countries in which we operate. See Note 9.

Adjustments to record the carrying value of the ineffective portion of our derivative financial instruments to fair value and realized gains or losses upon settlement of derivative contracts not designated as cash flow hedges are reported as “Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Notes 5 and 6.

Assets Held For Sale

In 2012, our management adopted a plan to actively market for sale three cold-stacked mid-water semisubmersibles (the Ocean Epoch, the Ocean New Era and the Ocean Whittington) and one cold-stacked jack-up rig (the Ocean Spartan). In connection with the reclassification of these rigs to “Assets held for sale,” we measured the fair value of each rig in the disposal group using a probability-weighted cash flow analysis that utilized significant unobservable inputs, representing a Level 3 fair value measurement, which included assumptions for estimated proceeds that may be received upon disposition of the rig and estimated costs to sell. For our three mid-water semisubmersibles in the disposal group, we determined that, due to the expected resale market for rigs of this type and age, the highest and best use of these rigs would be for sale as scrap. Based on our analyses, we determined that the carrying values of the mid-water semisubmersible rigs in the disposal group were impaired, as the carrying value for each exceeded its aggregate fair value, and recognized an impairment loss in the fourth quarter of 2012. We determined that the carrying value of the Ocean Spartan was not impaired. At both September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we reported “Assets held for sale” aggregating \$11.6 million in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. See Note 6.

Drilling and Other Property and Equipment

We carry our drilling and other property and equipment at cost. Maintenance and routine repairs are charged to income currently while replacements and betterments, which upgrade or increase the functionality of our existing equipment and that significantly extend the useful life of an existing asset, are capitalized. Significant judgments, assumptions and estimates may be required in determining whether or not such replacements and betterments meet the criteria for capitalization and in determining useful lives and salvage values of such assets. Changes in these judgments, assumptions and estimates could produce results that differ from those reported. Historically, the amount of capital additions requiring significant judgments, assumptions or estimates has not been significant. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012, we capitalized \$189.2 million and \$220.3 million, respectively, in replacements and betterments of our drilling fleet, resulting from numerous projects ranging from \$25,000 to \$60 million per project.

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Costs incurred for major rig upgrades and/or the construction of rigs are accumulated in construction work-in-progress, with no depreciation recorded on the additions, until the month the upgrade or newbuild is completed and the rig is placed in service. Upon retirement or sale of a rig, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and any gains or losses are included in our results of operations as “Gain on disposition of assets.” Depreciation is recognized up to applicable salvage values by applying the straight-line method over the remaining estimated useful lives from the year the asset is placed in service. Drilling rigs and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives ranging from three to 30 years.

Capitalized Interest

We capitalize interest cost for qualifying construction and upgrade projects. See Note 7. A reconciliation of our total interest cost to “Interest expense” as reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Total interest cost, including amortization of debt issuance costs	\$ 22,234	\$ 19,145	\$ 71,229	\$ 62,782
Capitalized interest	(20,541)	(10,425)	(53,516)	(26,002)
Total interest expense as reported	<u>\$ 1,693</u>	<u>\$ 8,720</u>	<u>\$ 17,713</u>	<u>\$ 36,780</u>

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We evaluate our property and equipment for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable, such as cold stacking a rig or excess spending over budget on a newbuild, construction project or major rig upgrade. There were no cold-stacked rigs at September 30, 2013 that were not being marketed for sale.

Current Portion of Long-Term Debt

Our 5.15% Senior Notes due September 1, 2014, or 5.15% Senior Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million will mature on September 1, 2014. Accordingly, the aggregate \$249.9 million accreted value of our 5.15% Senior Notes has been presented as “Current portion of long-term debt” in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2013.

Foreign Currency

Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses are reported as “Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and include, when applicable, unrealized gains and losses to record the carrying value of our FOREX contracts not designated as accounting hedges, as well as realized gains and losses from the settlement of such contracts. For the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013, we recognized net foreign currency transaction (losses) of \$(4.6) million and \$(3.9) million, respectively. For the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012, we recognized net foreign currency transaction (losses) of \$(1.9) million and \$(0.9) million, respectively. See Note 5.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue from dayrate drilling contracts as services are performed. In connection with such drilling contracts, we may receive fees (either lump-sum or dayrate) for the mobilization of equipment. We earn these fees as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We defer mobilization fees received, as well as direct and incremental mobilization costs incurred, and amortize each, on a straight-line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which is the period we estimate to be benefited from the mobilization activity). Straight-line amortization of mobilization revenues and related costs over the term of the related drilling contracts (which generally range from two to 60 months) is consistent with the timing of net cash flows generated from the actual drilling services performed. Absent a contract, mobilization costs are recognized currently.

Some of our drilling contracts require downtime before the start of the contract to prepare the rig to meet customer requirements. At times, we may be compensated by the customer for such work (either lump-sum or dayrate). These fees are generally earned as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We defer contract preparation fees received as well as direct and incremental costs associated with the

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contract preparation activities and amortize each, on a straight-line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which we estimate to be benefited from the contract preparation activity).

From time to time, we may receive fees from our customers for capital improvements to our rigs (either lump-sum or dayrate). We defer such fees received in "Accrued liabilities" and "Other liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets and recognize these fees into income on a straight-line basis over the period of the related drilling contract. We capitalize the costs of such capital improvements and depreciate them over the estimated useful life of the improvement.

We record reimbursements received for the purchase of supplies, equipment, personnel services and other services provided at the request of our customers in accordance with a contract or agreement, for the gross amount billed to the customer, as "Revenues related to reimbursable expenses" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2013-11, or ASU 2013-11, which eliminates diversity in practice for the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward is available to reduce the taxable income or tax payable that would result from disallowance of a tax position. ASU 2013-11 affects only the presentation of such amounts in an entity's balance sheet and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2013 and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of ASU 2013-11 on our consolidated balance sheets.

2. Supplemental Financial Information

Consolidated Balance Sheets Information

Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts, consists of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Trade receivables	\$ 422,708	\$ 478,987
Value added tax receivables	17,750	13,884
Amounts held in escrow	12,025	11,555
Related party receivables	353	527
Other	124	165
	<u>452,960</u>	<u>505,118</u>
Allowance for bad debts	(28,152)	(5,458)
Total	<u>\$ 424,808</u>	<u>\$ 499,660</u>

We recorded \$22.6 million in bad debt expense during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013, to reserve the outstanding accounts receivable balance for two of our customers. See Note 6.

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Rig spare parts and supplies	\$ 52,195	\$ 57,558
Deferred mobilization costs	23,974	38,074
Prepaid insurance	20,329	12,549
Deferred tax assets	8,619	8,619
Prepaid taxes	25,892	5,950
FOREX contracts	3,272	3,627
Other	7,871	9,722
Total	<u>\$ 142,152</u>	<u>\$ 136,099</u>

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Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Rig operating expenses	\$ 87,069	\$ 70,078
Payroll and benefits	107,210	88,612
Deferred revenue	34,457	71,699
Accrued capital project/upgrade costs	74,308	56,595
Interest payable	29,422	21,219
Personal injury and other claims	10,065	10,312
FOREX contracts	4,304	29
Other	7,397	5,890
Total	<u>\$ 354,232</u>	<u>\$ 324,434</u>

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Information

Noncash investing activities excluded from the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and other supplemental cash flow information is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Accrued but unpaid capital expenditures at period end	\$74,308	\$48,620
Cash interest payments ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	54,000	54,187
Cash income taxes paid, net of refunds:		
U.S. federal	47,000	53,000
Foreign	62,951	56,070
State	190	212

- (1) Interest payments, net of amounts capitalized, were \$8.9 million and \$31.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) Interest paid on Internal Revenue Service assessments was \$0.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

3. Earnings Per Share

A reconciliation of the numerators and the denominators of our basic and diluted per-share computations follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net income – basic and diluted numerator:	\$ 94,748	\$178,186	\$456,071	\$564,816
Weighted average shares – basic (denominator):	139,035	139,030	139,034	139,029
Effect of dilutive potential shares				
Stock options and stock appreciation rights	30	23	38	17
Weighted average shares including conversions – diluted (denominator)	<u>139,065</u>	<u>139,053</u>	<u>139,072</u>	<u>139,046</u>
Earnings per share:				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.28</u>	<u>\$ 3.28</u>	<u>\$ 4.06</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.28</u>	<u>\$ 3.28</u>	<u>\$ 4.06</u>

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The following table sets forth the share effects of stock options and the number of stock appreciation rights excluded from our computations of diluted earnings per share, or EPS, as the inclusion of such potentially dilutive shares would have been antidilutive for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Employee and director:				
Stock options	18	18	18	18
Stock appreciation rights	982	874	885	900

4. Marketable Securities

We report our investments as current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in "Marketable securities," representing the investment of cash available for current operations. See Note 6.

Our investments in marketable securities are classified as available for sale and are summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2013		
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value
	(In thousands)		
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes (due within one year)	\$ 799,981	\$ (1)	\$ 799,980
Mortgage-backed securities	212	12	224
Total	<u>\$ 800,193</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>	<u>\$ 800,204</u>

	December 31, 2012		
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value
	(In thousands)		
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes (due within one year)	\$1,149,707	\$ 150	\$1,149,857
Mortgage-backed securities	276	25	301
Total	<u>\$1,149,983</u>	<u>\$ 175</u>	<u>\$1,150,158</u>

Proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities and gross realized gains and losses are summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Proceeds from maturities	\$1,475,000	\$675,000	\$3,225,000	\$1,925,000
Proceeds from sales	25	56	62	150,106
Gross realized gains	—	—	—	—
Gross realized losses	(1)	(1)	(1)	(6)

5. Derivative Financial Instruments

Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts

Our international operations expose us to foreign exchange risk associated with our costs payable in foreign currencies for employee compensation, foreign income tax payments and purchases from foreign suppliers. We may utilize FOREX contracts to manage our foreign exchange risk. Our FOREX contracts generally require us to net settle the spread between the contracted foreign currency exchange rate and the spot rate on the contract settlement date, which, for most of our contracts, is the average spot rate for the contract period.

We enter into FOREX contracts when we believe market conditions are favorable to purchase contracts for future settlement with the expectation that such contracts, when settled, will reduce our exposure to foreign currency

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gains and losses on future foreign currency expenditures. The amount and duration of such contracts are based on our monthly forecast of expenditures in the significant currencies in which we do business and for which there is a financial market (*i.e.*, Australian dollars, Brazilian reais, British pounds sterling, Mexican pesos and Norwegian kroner). These forward contracts are derivatives as defined by GAAP.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, we settled FOREX contracts with aggregate notional values of approximately \$233.9 million and \$236.3 million, respectively, of which the entire aggregate amounts were designated as a cash flow accounting hedge. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, we did not enter into or settle any FOREX contracts that were not designated as accounting hedges.

The following table presents the aggregate amount of loss recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Operations related to our FOREX contracts designated as accounting hedges for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

<u>Location of Loss Recognized in Income</u>	<u>Three Months Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	(In thousands)			
Contract drilling expense	\$(5,018)	\$(2,715)	\$(2,246)	\$(5,692)

As of September 30, 2013, we had FOREX contracts outstanding in the aggregate notional amount of \$151.6 million, consisting of \$20.7 million in Australian dollars, \$86.7 million in Brazilian reais, \$20.5 million in British pounds sterling, \$11.7 million in Mexican pesos and \$12.0 million in Norwegian kroner. These contracts generally settle monthly through June 2014. As of September 30, 2013, all outstanding derivative contracts had been designated as cash flow hedges. See Note 6.

We have International Swap Dealers Association, or ISDA, contracts, which are standardized master legal arrangements that establish key terms and conditions, which govern certain derivative transactions. At September 30, 2013, all of our FOREX contracts were with two counterparties and were governed under such ISDA contracts. There are no requirements to post collateral under these contracts; however, they do contain credit-risk related contingent provisions including credit support provisions and the net settlement of amounts owed in the event of early terminations. Additionally, should our credit rating fall below a specified rating immediately following the merger of the company with another entity, the counterparty may require all outstanding derivatives under the ISDA contract to be settled immediately at current market value. Our ISDA arrangements also include master netting agreements to further manage counterparty credit risk associated with our FOREX contracts. We have elected not to offset the fair value amounts recorded for our FOREX contracts under these agreements in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012; however, there would have been no significant difference in our Consolidated Balance Sheets if the estimated fair values were presented on a net basis for these periods.

The following table presents the fair values of our derivative FOREX contracts designated as hedging instruments at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

<u>Balance Sheet Location</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>		<u>Balance Sheet Location</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	
	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2012</u>		<u>September 30,</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2012</u>
	(In thousands)				
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 3,272	\$ 3,627	Accrued liabilities	\$ (4,304)	\$ (29)

The following table presents the amounts recognized in our Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Operations related to our FOREX contracts designated as cash flow hedges for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Amount of gain (loss) recognized in AOCGL on derivative (effective portion)	\$ 2,486	\$ 1,720	\$ (7,539)	\$ 6,191
Location of loss reclassified from AOCGL into income (effective portion)	Contract drilling expense	Contract drilling expense	Contract drilling expense	Contract drilling expense
Amount of loss reclassified from AOCGL into income (effective portion)	\$ (5,572)	\$ (2,873)	\$ (2,951)	\$ (5,300)
Location of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)	Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)			
Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)	\$ 59	\$ —	\$ (59)	\$ (39)

As of September 30, 2013, the estimated amount of net unrealized losses associated with our FOREX contracts that will be reclassified to earnings during the next twelve months was \$1.0 million. The net unrealized losses associated with these derivative financial instruments will be reclassified to contract drilling expense. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, we did not reclassify any amounts from AOCGL due to the probability of an underlying forecasted transaction not occurring.

6. Financial Instruments and Fair Value Disclosures

Financial instruments which potentially subject us to significant concentrations of credit or market risk consist primarily of periodic temporary investments of excess cash, trade accounts receivable and investments in debt securities, including residential mortgage-backed securities. We generally place our excess cash investments in U.S. government-backed short-term money market instruments through several financial institutions. At times, such investments may be in excess of the insurable limit. We periodically evaluate the relative credit standing of these financial institutions as part of our investment strategy.

Most of our investments in debt securities are U.S. government securities with minimal credit risk. However, we are exposed to market risk due to price volatility associated with interest rate fluctuations.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to our trade accounts receivable are limited primarily due to the entities comprising our customer base. Since the market for our services is the offshore oil and gas industry, this customer base consists primarily of major and independent oil and gas companies and government-owned oil companies. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, our largest customer in Brazil, Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (a Brazilian multinational energy company that is majority-owned by the Brazilian government) accounted for \$120.4 million and \$116.4 million, or 28% and 24%, respectively, of our total consolidated gross accounts receivable balance. Our second largest customer in Brazil, OGX Petróleo e Gás Ltda. (a privately owned Brazilian oil and natural gas company), or OGX, accounted for \$80.3 million or 17% of our total consolidated gross accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2012. Our accounts receivable balance from OGX was fully reserved at September 30, 2013.

In general, before working for a customer with whom we have not had a prior business relationship and/or whose financial stability may be uncertain to us, we perform a credit review on that company. Based on that analysis, we may require that the customer present a letter of credit, prepay or provide other credit enhancements. We record a provision for bad debts on a case-by-case basis when facts and circumstances indicate that a customer receivable may not be collectible and, historically, losses on our trade receivables have been infrequent occurrences.

During the third quarter of 2013, based on our assessment of the financial condition of two customers, OGX and Niko Resources Ltd., and our expectations regarding the probability of collection of amounts due to us, we recorded \$22.6 million in bad debt expense, to reserve the outstanding receivable balances from these customers. All

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outstanding receivables from these two customers have been fully reserved at September 30, 2013. Our allowance for bad debts was \$28.2 million and \$5.5 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. We have not recognized any revenue associated with these two customers in the third quarter of 2013. See Note 2.

At December 31, 2012, \$17.2 million in trade accounts receivable was payable to us from a 27% net profits interest, or NPI, in certain developmental oil-and-gas producing properties, which we believe is a real property interest. Our drilling program related to the NPI arrangement was completed in 2011, and the balance of the trade receivable due to us under the NPI arrangement was received in 2013. However, the customer who conveyed the NPI to us filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on August 17, 2012. Certain parties (including the debtor) in the bankruptcy proceedings have questioned whether our NPI, and certain amounts we have received under it since the filing of the bankruptcy, should be included in the debtor's estate under the bankruptcy proceeding. We have filed a declaratory judgment action in the bankruptcy court seeking a declaration that our NPI, and payments that we have received from it since the filing of the bankruptcy, are not part of the bankruptcy estate, and we will vigorously defend our rights and pursue our interests in this matter.

Fair Values

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy prescribed by GAAP requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets. Level 1 assets include short-term investments such as money market funds, U.S. Treasury Bills and Treasury notes. Our Level 1 assets at September 30, 2013 consisted of cash held in money market funds of \$385.6 million, time deposits of \$20.0 million and investments in U.S. Treasury securities of \$800.0 million. Our Level 1 assets at December 31, 2012 consisted of cash held in money market funds of \$284.9 million and investments in U.S. Treasury securities of \$1,149.9 million.
- Level 2 Quoted market prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets. Level 2 assets and liabilities include residential mortgage-backed securities and over-the-counter FOREX contracts. Our residential mortgage-backed securities were valued using a model-derived valuation technique based on the quoted closing market prices received from a financial institution. Our FOREX contracts are valued based on quoted market prices, which are derived from observable inputs including current spot and forward rates, less the contract rate multiplied by the notional amount. The inputs used in our valuation are obtained from a Bloomberg curve analysis which uses par coupon swap rates to calculate implied forward rates so that projected floating rate cash flows can be calculated. The valuation techniques underlying the models are widely accepted in the financial services industry and do not involve significant judgment.
- Level 3 Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Level 3 assets and liabilities generally include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation or for which there is a lack of transparency as to the inputs used. Our Level 3 assets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 consisted of nonrecurring measurements of certain rigs held for sale for which we recorded an impairment loss in 2012. The value of these rigs was determined using a present value technique which utilized unobservable inputs such as assumptions for estimated proceeds that may be received on disposition of each rig and estimated costs to sell. See Note 1.

Market conditions could cause an instrument to be reclassified among Levels 1, 2 and 3. Our policy regarding fair value measurements of financial instruments transferred into and out of levels is to reflect the transfers as having occurred at the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between fair value levels during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Certain of our assets and liabilities are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis in accordance with GAAP. In addition, certain assets and liabilities may be recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Generally, we record assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges. We did not

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record any impairment charges related to assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are summarized below:

	September 30, 2013			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
(In thousands)				
Recurring fair value measurements:				
Assets:				
Short-term investments	\$1,205,626	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,205,626
FOREX contracts	—	3,272	—	3,272
Mortgage-backed securities	—	224	—	224
Total assets	<u>\$1,205,626</u>	<u>\$ 3,496</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,122</u>
Liabilities:				
FOREX contracts	\$ —	\$(4,304)	\$ —	\$ (4,304)
Nonrecurring fair value measurements:				
Assets:				
Assets held for sale	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$3,900</u>	<u>\$ 3,900</u>

	December 31, 2012			Assets at Fair Value
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
(In thousands)				
Recurring fair value measurements:				
Assets:				
Short-term investments	\$1,434,751	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,434,751
FOREX contracts	—	3,627	—	3,627
Mortgage-backed securities	—	301	—	301
Total assets	<u>\$1,434,751</u>	<u>\$3,928</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,679</u>
Liabilities:				
FOREX contracts	\$ —	\$ (29)	\$ —	\$ (29)
Nonrecurring fair value measurements:				
Assets:				
Assets held for sale	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$3,900</u>	<u>\$ 3,900</u>

We believe that the carrying amounts of our other financial assets and liabilities (excluding long-term debt), which are not measured at fair value in our Consolidated Balance Sheets, approximate fair value based on the following assumptions:

- *Cash and cash equivalents* — The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.
- *Accounts receivable and accounts payable* — The carrying amounts approximate fair value based on the nature of the instruments.

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We consider our long-term debt, including current maturities, to be Level 2 liabilities under the GAAP fair value hierarchy and, accordingly, the fair value of our 5.70% Senior Notes due 2039, 5.875% Senior Notes due 2019, 4.875% Senior Notes due July 1, 2015, and 5.15% Senior Notes due September 1, 2014 was derived using a third-party pricing service at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. We perform control procedures over information we obtain from pricing services and brokers to test whether prices received represent a reasonable estimate of fair value. These procedures include the review of pricing service or broker pricing methodologies and comparing fair value estimates to actual trade activity executed in the market for these instruments occurring around the report date. Fair values and related carrying values of our long-term debt instruments are shown below.

	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
	(In millions)			
4.875% Senior Notes	\$ 268.1	\$ 249.9	\$ 275.5	\$ 249.8
5.15% Senior Notes	260.0	249.9	269.0	249.9
5.70% Senior Notes	567.9	496.9	641.4	496.9
5.875% Senior Notes	587.1	499.5	617.1	499.5

We have estimated the fair value amounts by using appropriate valuation methodologies and information available to management. Considerable judgment is required in developing these estimates, and accordingly, no assurance can be given that the estimated values are indicative of the amounts that would be realized in a free market exchange.

7. Drilling and Other Property and Equipment

Cost and accumulated depreciation of drilling and other property and equipment are summarized as follows:

	September 30,	December 31,
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Drilling rigs and equipment	\$ 7,295,964	\$ 7,107,279
Construction work-in-progress	1,553,430	990,964
Land and buildings	65,362	64,296
Office equipment and other	64,891	60,239
Cost	8,979,647	8,222,778
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,648,177)	(3,357,806)
Drilling and other property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 5,331,470</u>	<u>\$ 4,864,972</u>

Construction work-in-progress, including capitalized interest, at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 is summarized as follows:

	September 30,	December 31,
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Ultra-deepwater drillships	\$ 834,476	\$ 741,059
Ultra-deepwater semisubmersible:		
<i>Ocean GreatWhite</i>	192,311	—
Deepwater semisubmersibles:		
<i>Ocean Onyx</i>	299,886	167,403
<i>Ocean Apex</i>	226,757	82,502
Total construction work-in-progress	<u>\$ 1,553,430</u>	<u>\$ 990,964</u>

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Various claims have been filed against us in the ordinary course of business, including claims by offshore workers alleging personal injuries. With respect to each claim or exposure, we have made an assessment, in accordance with GAAP, of the probability that the resolution of the matter would ultimately result in a loss. When we determine that an unfavorable resolution of a matter is probable and such amount of loss can be determined, we record a liability for the amount of the estimated loss at the time that both of these criteria are met. Our management believes that we have recorded adequate accruals for any liabilities that may reasonably be expected to result from these claims.

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Litigation. We are one of several unrelated defendants in lawsuits filed in state courts alleging that defendants manufactured, distributed or utilized drilling mud containing asbestos and, in our case, allowed such drilling mud to have been utilized aboard our offshore drilling rigs. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, an award of unspecified compensatory and punitive damages. The manufacture and use of asbestos-containing drilling mud had already ceased before we acquired any of the drilling rigs addressed in these lawsuits. We believe that we are not liable for the damages asserted and we expect to receive complete defense and indemnity with respect to a majority of the lawsuits from Murphy Exploration & Production Company pursuant to the terms of our 1992 asset purchase agreement with them. We also believe that we are not liable for the damages asserted in the remaining lawsuits pursuant to the terms of our 1989 asset purchase agreement with Diamond M Corporation, and we filed a declaratory judgment action in Texas state court against NuStar Energy LP, or NuStar, the successor to Diamond M Corporation, seeking a judicial determination that we did not assume liability for these claims. We obtained summary judgment on our claims in the declaratory judgment action, but NuStar appealed the trial court's decision, and the appellate court has remanded the case to trial. We are unable to estimate our potential exposure, if any, to these lawsuits at this time but do not believe that ultimate liability, if any, resulting from this litigation will have a material effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Various other claims have been filed against us in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of our management, no pending or known threatened claims, actions or proceedings against us are expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

We intend to defend these matters vigorously; however, we cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any litigation matters specifically described above or any other pending litigation or claims. There can be no assurance as to the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits.

Personal Injury Claims. Our deductibles for marine liability insurance coverage, including personal injury claims, which primarily result from Jones Act liability in the Gulf of Mexico, are currently \$10.0 million for the first occurrence, with no aggregate deductible, and vary in amounts ranging between \$5.0 million and, if aggregate claims exceed certain thresholds, up to \$100.0 million for each subsequent occurrence, depending on the nature, severity and frequency of claims which might arise during the policy year. The Jones Act is a federal law that permits seamen to seek compensation for certain injuries during the course of their employment on a vessel and governs the liability of vessel operators and marine employers for the work-related injury or death of an employee. We engage outside consultants to assist us in estimating our aggregate liability for personal injury claims based on our historical losses and utilizing various actuarial models. We allocate a portion of the aggregate liability to "Accrued liabilities" based on an estimate of claims expected to be paid within the next twelve months with the residual recorded as "Other liabilities." At September 30, 2013, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$35.5 million, of which \$8.1 million and \$27.4 million were recorded in "Accrued liabilities" and "Other liabilities," respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2012, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$36.1 million, of which \$9.9 million and \$26.2 million were recorded in "Accrued liabilities" and "Other liabilities," respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The eventual settlement or adjudication of these claims could differ materially from our estimated amounts due to uncertainties such as:

- the severity of personal injuries claimed;
- significant changes in the volume of personal injury claims;
- the unpredictability of legal jurisdictions where the claims will ultimately be litigated;
- inconsistent court decisions; and
- the risks and lack of predictability inherent in personal injury litigation.

Purchase Obligations

Ultra-Deepwater Floater Construction. In May 2013, we entered into an agreement with Hyundai Heavy Industries, Co., Ltd., or Hyundai, for the construction of a 10,000 foot dynamically positioned, harsh environment semisubmersible drilling rig. The *Ocean GreatWhite* is under construction in South Korea at an estimated cost of \$755 million, including capital spares, commissioning and shipyard supervision. The contracted price to Hyundai totaling \$628.5 million is payable in two installments, of which the first installment of \$188.6 million has been paid. The final installment of \$439.9 million is due upon delivery of the rig, which is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2016.

Drillship Construction. We are financially obligated under four separate turnkey construction contracts with Hyundai for the construction of four ultra-deepwater drillships. We expect the aggregate cost of the construction of our drillships, including commissioning, capital spares and project management costs, to be approximately \$2.6

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billion. The contracted price of each drillship is payable to Hyundai in two installments, with final payment due on delivery of each drillship. We have paid the first installment for each of the four drillships, aggregating \$647.6 million. The *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean BlackHornet* are expected to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2013 and in the first quarter of 2014, respectively, and, at those times, the second installment of approximately \$394 million will be payable to Hyundai for each rig. The *Ocean BlackRhino* and *Ocean BlackLion* are expected to be delivered in the second and fourth quarters of 2014, respectively, at which times approximately \$395 million will be payable to Hyundai for each rig.

Ocean Onyx Construction. We are obligated under a vessel modification agreement with Keppel AmFELS, L.L.C., or Keppel, for the construction of the *Ocean Onyx*, a moored semisubmersible deepwater rig, which is expected to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2013. We estimate the aggregate cost for the construction of the *Ocean Onyx* to be approximately \$335.0 million, including commissioning, capital spares and project management costs. The contracted price due to Keppel is payable in 11 installments based on the occurrence of certain events as detailed in the vessel modification agreement. To date, we have paid the first nine installments, of which \$58.4 million and \$65.7 million was paid in 2013 and 2012, respectively. The balance payable to Keppel under the construction agreement of \$21.9 million is payable in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Ocean Apex Construction. We are obligated under a vessel modification agreement with Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd, or Jurong, for the construction of the *Ocean Apex*, a moored semisubmersible deepwater rig, which is expected to be delivered in the third quarter of 2014 at an aggregate cost of approximately \$370.0 million, including commissioning, capital spares and project management costs. The contracted price due to Jurong is payable in 12 installments based on the occurrence of certain events as detailed in the vessel modification agreement. We have paid the first five installments, of which \$33.8 million and \$27.0 million was paid in 2013 and 2012, respectively. The remaining \$74.3 million in aggregate milestone payments are payable to Jurong during the remainder of 2013 and in 2014 as construction milestones are met.

Ocean Patriot Enhancements. In February 2013, we entered into a vessel modification agreement with Keppel FELS Limited, or Keppel Singapore, for enhancements to the *Ocean Patriot* that will enable the rig to work in the North Sea. We estimate the cost of the enhancement project to be approximately \$120.0 million, including shipyard costs, owner-furnished equipment and labor, commissioning and capital spares. Construction work is expected to begin in Singapore in the fourth quarter of 2013 and to be completed in the second quarter of 2014. The contracted price due Keppel Singapore is approximately \$29.0 million, payable in seven installments based on the occurrence of certain events as detailed in the vessel modification agreement. We paid the first two installments due to Keppel Singapore aggregating \$10.1 million in 2013. The remaining \$18.8 million in aggregate milestone payments are payable to Keppel Singapore during the remainder of 2013 and in 2014 as construction milestones are met.

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had no other purchase obligations for major rig upgrades or any other significant obligations, except for those related to our direct rig operations, which arise during the normal course of business.

Letters of Credit and Other. We were contingently liable as of September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$70.2 million under certain performance, bid, supersedeas and custom bonds and letters of credit. Agreements relating to approximately \$58.2 million of performance, supersedeas and customs bonds can require collateral at any time. As of September 30, 2013, we had not been required to make any collateral deposits with respect to these agreements. The remaining agreements cannot require collateral except in events of default. On our behalf, banks have issued letters of credit securing certain of these bonds.

9. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Gain (Loss)

The components of our AOCGL and related changes thereto are as follows:

	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on		Total AOCGL
	FOREX Contracts	Marketable Securities	
		(In thousands)	
Balance at January 1, 2013	\$ 2,350	\$ 146	\$ 2,496
Change in other comprehensive gain (loss) before reclassifications, after tax of \$2,638 and \$6	(4,901)	7	(4,894)
Reclassification adjustments for items included in Net Income, after tax of \$(1,033) and \$19	1,918	(146)	1,772
Balance at September 30, 2013	<u>\$ (633)</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ (626)</u>

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The following table presents the line items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations affected by reclassification adjustments out of AOCGL.

Major Category of AOCGL	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Consolidated Statements of Operations Line Items
	September 30, 2013 (In thousands)		
Unrealized (gain) loss on FOREX contracts	\$ 5,572	\$ 2,951	Contract drilling, excluding depreciation
	(1,950)	(1,033)	Income tax expense
	<u>\$ 3,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,918</u>	Net of tax
Unrealized (gain) loss on marketable securities	\$ (15)	\$ (165)	Other, net
	1	19	Income tax expense
	<u>\$ (14)</u>	<u>\$ (146)</u>	Net of tax

10. Segments and Geographic Area Analysis

Although we provide contract drilling services with different types of offshore drilling rigs and also provide such services in many geographic locations, we have aggregated these operations into one reportable segment based on the similarity of economic characteristics due to the nature of the revenue earnings process as it relates to the offshore drilling industry over the operating lives of our drilling rigs.

Revenues from contract drilling services by equipment type are listed below:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Floater:				
Ultra-Deepwater	\$195,215	\$195,574	\$ 617,673	\$ 673,233
Deepwater	147,333	163,816	495,858	452,384
Mid-Water	297,368	319,491	891,449	948,548
Total Floaters	639,916	678,881	2,004,980	2,074,165
Jack-ups	50,825	35,146	130,632	121,278
Total contract drilling revenues	690,741	714,027	2,135,612	2,195,443
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	15,424	15,114	58,312	40,528
Total revenues	<u>\$706,165</u>	<u>\$729,141</u>	<u>\$2,193,924</u>	<u>\$2,235,971</u>

Geographic Areas

Our drilling rigs are highly mobile and may be moved to other markets throughout the world in response to market conditions or customer needs. At September 30, 2013, our actively-marketed drilling rigs were en route to or located offshore 13 countries in addition to the United States. Revenues by geographic area are presented by attributing revenues to the individual country or areas where the services were performed.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
United States	\$ 69,627	\$ 49,443	\$ 253,654	\$ 146,009
International:				
South America	311,708	360,617	896,029	1,084,210
Europe/Africa/Mediterranean	185,335	162,324	559,290	484,229
Australia/Asia	88,054	111,850	333,728	379,240
Mexico	51,441	44,907	151,223	142,283
Total revenues	<u>\$706,165</u>	<u>\$729,141</u>	<u>\$2,193,924</u>	<u>\$2,235,971</u>

11. Income Taxes

Our income tax expense is a function of the mix between our domestic and international pre-tax earnings or losses, as well as the mix of international tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Certain of our international rigs are owned and operated, directly or indirectly, by one of our wholly owned foreign subsidiaries. It is our intention to indefinitely reinvest future earnings of this subsidiary to finance foreign activities. Accordingly, we have not made a provision for U.S. income taxes on such earnings except to the extent that such earnings were immediately subject to U.S. income taxes.

During the first quarter of 2013, our tax expense was reduced by \$27.5 million as a result of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, or the Act, which was signed into law on January 2, 2013. The Act extends through 2013 several expired temporary business provisions, commonly referred to as “extenders,” which were retroactively extended to the beginning of 2012. As required by GAAP, we recorded the retroactive effect of the extenders when the Act was signed into law.

Tax Returns and Examinations. We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, various state jurisdictions and various foreign jurisdictions. Tax years that remain subject to examination by these jurisdictions include years 2003 to 2012. We are currently under audit in several of these jurisdictions. We do not anticipate that any adjustments resulting from the tax audit of any of these years will have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Mexico Tax Jurisdiction. The tax authorities in Mexico previously audited our income tax returns for the years 2004 and 2006 and had issued assessments for tax years 2004 and 2006 of approximately \$22.9 million and \$24.4 million, respectively, including interest and penalties, which we had appealed. In 2013 the Mexican tax authorities initiated a tax amnesty program whereby income tax assessments, including penalties and interest, could be partially or completely waived. Under the tax amnesty we were able to settle our tax liabilities for the years 2004 and 2006 for a net cash cost of \$3.7 million. As a result of increases in uncertain tax positions for later years, we recorded an additional \$13.2 million of expense, including \$5.0 million of interest and \$2.7 million of penalties.

Due to the expiration of the statute of limitations in Mexico for the 2007 tax year at the end of June 2013, during the second quarter of 2013, we reversed our \$4.3 million accrual for this uncertain tax position, of which \$1.5 million was interest and \$0.6 million was penalty.

On June 13, 2013 we received official notification that the Mexican tax authorities will be auditing the 2008 income tax return of one of our Mexican subsidiaries.

U.S. Tax Jurisdiction. In May 2013, we were notified by the Department of the Treasury that the Internal Revenue Service audit of our 2010 corporate tax return was completed without adjustment.

Brazil Tax Jurisdiction. In March 2013, the Brazilian tax authorities began an audit of our income tax returns for the years 2009 and 2010. We are continuing to defend tax assessments by the Brazilian tax authorities for the years 2000, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) included elsewhere in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Item 1A, "Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. References to "Diamond Offshore," "we," "us" or "our" mean Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries.

We are a leader in offshore drilling, providing contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe with a total fleet of 45 offshore drilling rigs, including seven rigs under construction. Our fleet consists of 33 semisubmersibles, three of which are under construction and an additional three of which are held for sale, seven jack-ups, one of which is held for sale, and five dynamically positioned drillships, four of which are under construction.

Several of our construction projects are nearing completion, and we expect delivery of our first new drillship, the *Ocean BlackHawk*, and the deepwater floater *Ocean Onyx* in the final quarter of 2013. During 2014, we expect delivery of our remaining three drillships, the *Ocean BlackHornet*, the *Ocean BlackRhino* and the *Ocean BlackLion* in the first, second and fourth quarters, respectively, and the deepwater floater *Ocean Apex* in the third quarter of the year. Our most recently announced project, construction of the *Ocean GreatWhite*, an ultra-deepwater harsh environment semisubmersible rig, is underway and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. The *Ocean Onyx*, *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean BlackHornet* are expected to be operating under contracts in the GOM in the first, second and third quarters of 2014, respectively. The *Ocean Apex* has recently received a letter of intent, or LOI, for a two-well program, plus one-well option, in the Southeast Asia market beginning in the third quarter of 2014. The LOI is subject to customary conditions, including execution of a definitive agreement. The *Ocean GreatWhite* is contracted for future operations offshore the coast of southern Australia commencing in the second half of 2016. The *Ocean BlackRhino* and *Ocean BlackLion* are not yet contracted.

Construction work pursuant to the North Sea rig enhancement project for the *Ocean Patriot* is expected to commence in the final quarter of 2013 in Singapore. Upon completion, the rig will then mobilize to the United Kingdom, or U.K., sector of the North Sea, for a contract commencing in the second quarter of 2014.

Market Overview

Floater Markets

Ultra-Deepwater and Deepwater Floaters. The ultra-deepwater and deepwater floater markets are generally firm. Regionally, the Golden Triangle, defined by the offshore drilling industry as the offshore basins of West Africa, Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico, continues to be an area of significant ultra-deepwater and deepwater activity. Demand currently remains strong for ultra-deepwater rigs offshore West Africa, primarily in Angola and Nigeria, where discoveries in the pre-salt formations have led to increased interest in the region. On the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States, or U.S., Gulf of Mexico, or GOM, drilling activity has surpassed pre-Macondo levels, and industry analysts predict that the market will remain strong in the near term, particularly in the ultra-deepwater market. Demand for ultra-deepwater and deepwater rigs offshore Brazil currently remains strong.

However, we believe that the offshore drilling industry will be challenged in the future by expected newbuild rig deliveries, which are expected to increase competition and could result in downward pressure on dayrates if demand does not remain balanced with expected supply. Since 2010, the outlook for the ultra-deepwater and deepwater markets has led to a significant number of orders for newbuild floaters by established drilling contractors as well as new entrants to the industry. As of the date of this report, the total number of announced newbuild floaters exceeds 100 rigs, including an estimated 28 rigs potentially to be built on behalf of *Petróleo Brasileiro S.A.* Excluding these customer-ordered rigs, 38 of the 62 newbuilds scheduled for delivery in 2014 through 2016 are not yet contracted for future work, including two of our four rigs expected to be delivered in 2014.

In addition, we believe that the offshore drilling industry will continue to be challenged by growing regulatory demands and more complex customer specifications, which could disadvantage the marketability of some lower specification rigs. Customer requirements in certain markets could result in the migration of some ultra-deepwater rigs to work in deepwater, and likewise, some deepwater rigs to displace mid-water units.

Mid-Water Floaters. Strength in the mid-water market varies significantly by region, but overall remains balanced. In both the U.K. and Norway sectors of the North Sea, the mid-water market continues to be quite

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strong. Increasing operator interest in frontier markets across Southeast Asia and South America, including Myanmar, Peru, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia indicates possible future strengthening in those regions. In the GOM, demand for mid-water units is limited, while in Brazil, demand is moderating.

Jack-up Market

We are a small participant in the jack-up market and have a limited view of overall market conditions. We have four jack-up rigs working under long-term contracts in the Mexican waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where contract renewals indicate strong demand. Our sole marketed jack-up rig in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico works well-to-well for smaller operators under short-term commitments.

See “– Contract Drilling Backlog” for future commitments of our rigs during the remainder of 2013 through 2019.

Contract Drilling Backlog

The following table reflects our contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013, February 1, 2013 (the date reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012), and October 17, 2012 (the date reported in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012). Contract drilling backlog as presented below includes only firm commitments (typically represented by signed contracts) and is calculated by multiplying the contracted operating dayrate by the firm contract period and adding one-half of any potential rig performance bonuses. Our calculation also assumes full utilization of our drilling equipment for the contract period (excluding scheduled shipyard and survey days); however, the amount of actual revenue earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned will be different than the amounts and periods shown in the tables below due to various factors. Utilization rates, which generally approach 92-98% during contracted periods, can be adversely impacted by downtime due to various operating factors including, but not limited to, weather conditions and unscheduled repairs and maintenance. Contract drilling backlog excludes revenues for mobilization, demobilization, contract preparation and customer reimbursables. No revenue is generally earned during periods of downtime for regulatory surveys. Changes in our contract drilling backlog between periods are a function of the performance of work on term contracts, as well as the extension or modification of existing term contracts and the execution of additional contracts.

Our contract drilling backlog, as of October 23, 2013, was \$7.4 billion and no longer includes an aggregate approximately \$531.0 million in previously reported contracted backlog, for the fourth quarter of 2013 through 2016, associated with certain contracts for four of our rigs due to uncertainty associated with realizing this backlog.

Contract drilling backlog for our mid-water and ultra-deepwater floaters no longer includes approximately \$47.0 million and \$434.0 million of previously reported backlog attributable to future work for the *Ocean Lexington* and the *Ocean Monarch*, respectively, for Niko Resources Ltd., or Niko. As of the date of this report, \$0.7 million and \$34.2 million owed to us at September 30, 2013 by Niko in respect of the *Ocean Lexington* and the *Ocean Monarch*, respectively, was past due and has been fully reserved. We have notified Niko that it is delinquent in its payment obligations under the contract for the *Ocean Monarch*. We are in discussions with Niko regarding payment and their obligations under the contracts for these rigs. The *Ocean Lexington* is currently working in Trinidad for a consortium of companies, including Niko. Expected utilization of the rig by Niko over the term of this agreement has been excluded from contracted backlog as of October 23, 2013. The *Ocean Monarch* is currently idle while we attempt to negotiate a repayment plan for amounts owed to us and determine Niko’s future commitment to the rig, which may include subletting to another customer or termination to allow newly contracted work for another customer. We do not believe that it is likely that the *Ocean Monarch* would be back on dayrate before the second quarter of 2014 due to the amount of customer lead time typically required for rigs with these specifications.

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Contract drilling backlog for our mid-water and deepwater floaters no longer includes approximately \$22.0 million and \$28.0 million in previously reported backlog for the *Ocean Quest* and the *Ocean Star*, respectively. As of the date of this report, \$57.9 million owed to us at September 30, 2013 by OGX Petróleo e Gás Ltda., or OGX, was past due. The *Ocean Quest* contract has been terminated, and the rig has been released and is mobilizing to Singapore. The *Ocean Star* has been sublet to another customer for the remaining duration of the existing contract with OGX for this rig. See “—Results of Operations—Overview—Revenue Not Recognized and Bad Debt Expense.”

	October 23, 2013	February 1, 2013	October 17, 2012
(In thousands)			
Contract Drilling Backlog			
Floaters:			
Ultra-Deepwater (1)	\$4,306,000	\$4,422,000	\$4,660,000
Deepwater(2)	862,000	1,229,000	1,373,000
Mid-Water (3)	1,997,000	2,649,000	2,510,000
Total Floaters	7,165,000	8,300,000	8,543,000
Jack-ups	188,000	272,000	203,000
Total	<u>\$7,353,000</u>	<u>\$8,572,000</u>	<u>\$8,746,000</u>

- (1) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our ultra-deepwater floaters includes (i) \$928.0 million attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil for the years 2013 to 2015, (ii) \$1.8 billion attributable to future work for two of our drillships under construction for the years 2014 to 2019 and (iii) \$641.0 million attributable to future work for our ultra-deepwater semisubmersible rig under construction for the years 2016 to 2019.
- (2) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our deepwater floaters includes (i) \$370.0 million attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil for the years 2013 to 2016 and (ii) \$179.0 million for the years 2014 to 2015 attributable to future work for the *Ocean Onyx*, which is under construction.
- (3) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our mid-water floaters includes \$519.0 million attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil for the years 2013 to 2015.

The following table reflects the amount of our contract drilling backlog by year as of October 23, 2013.

	For the Years Ending December 31,				
	Total	2013 (1)	2014	2015	2016 - 2019
(In thousands)					
Contract Drilling Backlog					
Floaters:					
Ultra-Deepwater (2)	\$4,306,000	\$223,000	\$ 942,000	\$1,208,000	\$1,933,000
Deepwater(3)	862,000	121,000	455,000	224,000	62,000
Mid-Water (4)	1,997,000	296,000	974,000	471,000	256,000
Total Floaters	7,165,000	640,000	2,371,000	1,903,000	2,251,000
Jack-ups	188,000	45,000	73,000	48,000	22,000
Total	<u>\$7,353,000</u>	<u>\$685,000</u>	<u>\$2,444,000</u>	<u>\$1,951,000</u>	<u>\$2,273,000</u>

- (1) Represents a three-month period beginning October 1, 2013.
- (2) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our ultra-deepwater floaters includes (i) \$131.0 million, \$473.0 million and \$324.0 million for the years 2013 to 2015, respectively, attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil, (ii) \$189.0 million and \$361.0 million for the years 2014 and 2015, respectively, and \$1.3 billion in the aggregate for the years 2016 to 2019, attributable to future work for two of our drillships under construction and (iii) \$641.0 million in the aggregate for the years 2016 to 2019 attributable to future work for our ultra-deepwater semisubmersible rig under construction.
- (3) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our deepwater floaters includes (i) \$59.0 million, \$115.0 million, \$134.0 million and \$62.0 million for the years 2013 to 2016, respectively, attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil and (ii) \$157.0 million and \$22.0 million for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively, attributable to future work for the *Ocean Onyx*, which is under construction.

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- (4) Contract drilling backlog as of October 23, 2013 for our mid-water floaters includes \$98.0 million, \$342.0 million and \$79.0 million for the years 2013 to 2015, respectively, attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil.

The following table reflects the percentage of rig days committed by year as of October 23, 2013. The percentage of rig days committed is calculated as the ratio of total days committed under contracts, as well as scheduled shipyard, survey and mobilization days for all rigs in our fleet, to total available days (number of rigs multiplied by the number of days in a particular year). Total available days have been calculated based on the expected final commissioning dates for the *Ocean BlackHawk*, *Ocean Onyx*, *Ocean BlackHornet*, *Ocean Apex*, *Ocean BlackRhino*, *Ocean BlackLion* and the *Ocean GreatWhite*, all of which are under construction.

Rig Days Committed (2)	For the Years Ending December 31,			
	2013 (1)	2014	2015	2016 - 2019
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	88%	83%	62%	20%
Deepwater	96%	54%	22%	2%
Mid-Water	78%	56%	23%	3%
All Floaters	83%	64%	35%	8%
Jack-ups	76%	41%	20%	2%

- (1) Represents a three-month period beginning October 1, 2013.
- (2) As of October 23, 2013, includes approximately 453, 1,507, 15 and 61 currently known, scheduled shipyard days for rig commissioning, contract preparation, surveys and extended maintenance projects, as well as rig mobilization days for the remainder of 2013, and for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Important Factors That May Impact Our Operating Results, Financial Condition or Cash Flows

Regulatory Surveys and Planned Downtime. Our operating income is negatively impacted when we perform certain regulatory inspections, which we refer to as a 5-year survey, or special survey, that are due every five years for each of our rigs. Operating revenue decreases because these special surveys are generally performed during scheduled downtime in a shipyard. Operating expenses increase as a result of these special surveys due to the cost to mobilize the rigs to a shipyard, inspection costs incurred and repair and maintenance costs. Repair and maintenance activities may result from the special survey or may have been previously planned to take place during this mandatory downtime. The number of rigs undergoing a 5-year survey will vary from year to year, as well as from quarter to quarter.

In addition, operating income may also be negatively impacted by intermediate surveys, which are performed at interim periods between 5-year surveys. Intermediate surveys are generally less extensive in duration and scope than a 5-year survey. Although an intermediate survey may require some downtime for the drilling rig, it normally does not require shipyard time, except for rigs, generally older than 15 years, that are located in the U.K. and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea.

During the final quarter of 2013, four of our rigs are expected to complete or undergo 5-year surveys. We expect these rigs to be out of service for an estimated 234 days in the aggregate to complete the inspections and any shipyard projects scheduled concurrently with the surveys. We also expect to spend an additional approximately 198 days during the remainder of 2013 for the mobilization of rigs, contract acceptance testing and extended maintenance projects, excluding days associated with commissioning and contract preparation work for the *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean Onyx*, which are under construction. We can provide no assurance as to the exact timing and/or duration of downtime associated with regulatory inspections, planned rig mobilizations and other shipyard projects. See “ – Contract Drilling Backlog.”

Physical Damage and Marine Liability Insurance. We are self-insured for physical damage to rigs and equipment caused by named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. If a named windstorm in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico causes significant damage to our rigs or equipment, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Under our insurance policy that expires on May 1, 2014, we carry physical damage insurance for certain losses other than those caused by named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for which our deductible for physical damage is \$25.0 million per occurrence. Our policy’s war risk insurance

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excludes certain nationalization and deprivation coverage for the loss of use of rigs and equipment. We are evaluating the availability and cost of obtaining separate insurance coverage for these risks, although there is no assurance that we can obtain adequate insurance coverage for such events at rates we consider to be reasonable. We do not typically retain loss-of-hire insurance policies to cover our rigs.

In addition, under our insurance policy that expires on May 1, 2014, we carry marine liability insurance covering certain legal liabilities, including coverage for certain personal injury claims, with no exclusions for pollution and/or environmental risk. We believe that the policy limit for our marine liability insurance is within the range that is customary for companies of our size in the offshore drilling industry and is appropriate for our business. Our deductibles for marine liability coverage, including for personal injury claims, are \$10.0 million for the first occurrence and vary in amounts ranging between \$5.0 million and, if aggregate claims exceed certain thresholds, up to \$100.0 million for each subsequent occurrence, depending on the nature, severity and frequency of claims which might arise during the policy year, which under the current policy commences on May 1 of each year.

Construction and Capital Upgrade Projects. We capitalize interest cost for the construction and upgrade of qualifying assets in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., or GAAP. The period of interest capitalization covers the duration of the activities required to make the asset ready for its intended use, and the capitalization period ends when the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. During the remainder of 2013, we expect to capitalize interest on qualifying expenditures related to the construction of our four new drillships, the *Ocean Ornyx*, the *Ocean Apex* and the *Ocean GreatWhite*. We will continue to capitalize interest pursuant to these projects until such time, after the delivery of each rig, that activities related to making each respective vessel ready for service are no longer ongoing.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in Note 1 of our notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this report and in Note 1 of our notes to audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. There were no material changes to these policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Results of Operations

Although we perform contract drilling services with different types of drilling rigs and in many geographic locations, there is a similarity of economic characteristics among all our divisions and locations, including the nature of services provided and the type of customers for our services. We believe that the combination of our drilling rigs into one reportable segment is the appropriate aggregation in accordance with applicable accounting standards on segment reporting. However, for purposes of this discussion and analysis of our results of operations, we provide greater detail with respect to the types of rigs in our fleet to enhance the reader's understanding of our financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations.

Key performance indicators by equipment type are listed below.

	<u>Three Months Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
REVENUE EARNING DAYS (1)				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	596	549	1,794	1,818
Deepwater	357	437	1,230	1,214
Mid-Water	1,037	1,215	3,136	3,481
Jack-ups (2)	542	358	1,459	1,298
UTILIZATION (3)				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	81%	75%	82%	83%
Deepwater	78%	95%	90%	89%
Mid-Water	63%	71%	64%	67%
Jack-ups (4)	84%	56%	76%	49%
AVERAGE DAILY REVENUE (5)				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	\$325,600	\$354,100	\$341,900	\$357,400
Deepwater	413,300	372,800	403,200	367,800
Mid-Water	281,900	258,100	271,600	262,100
Jack-ups	93,100	97,800	89,100	92,100

- (1) A revenue earning day is defined as a 24-hour period during which a rig earns a dayrate after commencement of operations and excludes mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation days.
- (2) Revenue earning days for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included approximately 87 days earned by certain of our jack-up rigs during the period prior to being sold in the first half of 2012.
- (3) Utilization is calculated as the ratio of total revenue-earning days divided by the total calendar days in the period for all of the specified rigs in our fleet (including cold-stacked rigs).
- (4) Utilization for our jack-up rigs would have been 63% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, excluding revenue earning days and total calendar days associated with rigs that we sold in the first half of 2012.
- (5) Average daily revenue is defined as contract drilling revenue for all of the specified rigs in our fleet (excluding revenues for mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation) per revenue earning day.

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Comparative data relating to our revenues and operating expenses by equipment type are listed below.

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
(In thousands)				
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	\$ 195,215	\$ 195,574	\$ 617,673	\$ 673,233
Deepwater	147,333	163,816	495,858	452,384
Mid-Water	297,368	319,491	891,449	948,548
Total Floaters	639,916	678,881	2,004,980	2,074,165
Jack-ups	50,825	35,146	130,632	121,278
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$ 690,741	\$ 714,027	\$ 2,135,612	\$ 2,195,443
Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 15,424	\$ 15,114	\$ 58,312	\$ 40,528
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	\$ 139,689	\$ 132,705	\$ 403,612	\$ 409,753
Deepwater	74,609	58,029	191,171	185,404
Mid-Water	165,518	135,935	448,417	459,227
Total Floaters	379,816	326,669	1,043,200	1,054,384
Jack-ups	28,685	24,245	85,729	84,928
Other	10,987	6,367	34,689	20,323
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$ 419,488	\$ 357,281	\$ 1,163,618	\$ 1,159,635
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 14,904	\$ 14,563	\$ 56,998	\$ 39,351
OPERATING INCOME				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater	\$ 55,526	\$ 62,869	\$ 214,061	\$ 263,480
Deepwater	72,724	105,787	304,687	266,980
Mid-Water	131,850	183,556	443,032	489,321
Total Floaters	260,100	352,212	961,780	1,019,781
Jack-ups	22,140	10,901	44,903	36,350
Other	(10,987)	(6,367)	(34,689)	(20,323)
Reimbursable expenses, net	520	551	1,314	1,177
Depreciation	(97,143)	(99,207)	(291,107)	(300,069)
General and administrative expense	(15,240)	(13,476)	(48,490)	(49,803)
Bad debt (expense) recovery	(22,563)	—	(22,563)	1,018
Gain on disposition of assets	525	208	2,789	79,285
Total Operating Income	\$ 137,352	\$ 244,822	\$ 613,937	\$ 767,416
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	136	773	1,024	4,052
Interest expense	(1,693)	(8,720)	(17,713)	(36,780)
Foreign currency transaction loss	(4,556)	(1,860)	(3,949)	(881)
Other, net	326	(168)	746	(767)
Income before income tax expense	131,565	234,847	594,045	733,040
Income tax expense	(36,817)	(56,661)	(137,974)	(168,224)
NET INCOME	\$ 94,748	\$ 178,186	\$ 456,071	\$ 564,816

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The following is a summary as of the date of this report of the most significant transfers of our rigs during 2013 and 2012 between the geographic areas in which we operate:

<u>Rig</u>	<u>Rig Type</u>	<u>Relocation Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
Floaters:			
<i>Ocean Monarch</i>	Ultra-Deepwater	Vietnam to Singapore (shipyard survey)	August 2012
<i>Ocean Confidence</i>	Ultra-Deepwater	Congo to Angola	January 2013
<i>Ocean America</i>	Deepwater	Australia to Singapore (shipyard survey)	July 2013
<i>Ocean Guardian</i>	Mid-Water	Falkland Islands to U.K.	January 2012
<i>Ocean Saratoga</i>	Mid-Water	GOM to Guyana	January 2012
<i>Ocean Saratoga</i>	Mid-Water	Guyana to GOM	May 2012
<i>Ocean Whittington</i>	Mid-Water	Brazil to GOM (a)	May 2012
<i>Ocean Apex</i>	Mid-Water	Singapore shipyard (b)	September 2012
<i>Ocean Ambassador</i>	Mid-Water	Brazil to GOM	October 2012
<i>Ocean Lexington</i>	Mid-Water	Brazil to Trinidad	March 2013
<i>Ocean Patriot</i>	Mid-Water	Vietnam to Philippines	May 2013
<i>Ocean Saratoga</i>	Mid-Water	GOM to Nicaragua	August 2013
Jack-ups:			
<i>Ocean Columbia</i>	Jack-up	Sold	March 2012
<i>Ocean Heritage</i>	Jack-up	Sold	April 2012
<i>Ocean Drake</i>	Jack-up	Sold (cold stacked June 2009)	May 2012
<i>Ocean Champion</i>	Jack-up	Sold (cold stacked June 2009)	May 2012
<i>Ocean Crusader</i>	Jack-up	Sold (cold stacked June 2009)	May 2012
<i>Ocean Sovereign</i>	Jack-up	Sold (cold stacked October 2011)	June 2012
<i>Ocean Spur</i>	Jack-up	Egypt to Ecuador; two year bareboat charter	August 2012
<i>Ocean King</i>	Jack-up	Montenegro to GOM	December 2012

(a) Rig held for sale at December 31, 2012.

(b) Rig formerly operated as the *Ocean Bounty* and was cold stacked in July 2009. Rig has been used in the construction of a deepwater floater in Singapore.

Overview

Revenue Not Recognized and Bad Debt Expense

During the third quarter of 2013, based on our assessment of the financial condition of two of our customers, Niko and OGX, and our current expectations regarding the probability of collection of amounts due to us from them, we recorded \$22.6 million in bad debt expense to fully reserve all outstanding receivables they owed us at June 30, 2013. In addition, during the third quarter of 2013, a total of four of our rigs were contracted to Niko and OGX, working an aggregate 213 revenue earning days during the period. In accordance with GAAP, we did not recognize revenue associated with these revenue earning days due to our assessment that collection of the amounts due was not reasonably assured, resulting in the “unrecognized revenue.”

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The following table sets forth the number of revenue earning days, unrecognized revenue and the incremental effect on our historical results of operations for the comparative three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 associated with the four rigs contracted to Niko and OGX during the third quarter of 2013 discussed above:

Rig-Type	Revenue	Unrecognized	(Unfavorable) Favorable	
	Earning Days (a)	Revenue (b)	Effect on Revenue For The	
	Three Months Ended		Periods Ended	
	September 30, 2013		September 30, 2013 and 2012 (c)	
			Three Months	Nine Months
			(In millions, except number of days)	
Ultra-Deepwater Floater	88	\$ (32.8)	\$ (13.2)	\$ (24.6)
Deepwater Floater	31	(9.3)	(8.7)	22.5
Mid-water Floaters	94	(26.1)	(26.5)	(83.1)
	<u>213</u>	<u>\$ (68.2)</u>	<u>\$ (48.4)</u>	<u>\$ (85.2)</u>

- (a) Represents revenue earning days, defined as a 24-hour period during which a rig earns a dayrate after commencement of operations, attributable to our four rigs under contract to Niko and OGX during the three months ended September 30, 2013.
- (b) Represents contract drilling revenue earned by the four rigs under contract to Niko and OGX during the three months ended September 30, 2013, which was not recognized in accordance with revenue recognition principles under GAAP. Amounts exclude an aggregate \$1.6 million in reimbursable revenue associated with the Niko and OGX contracts for the three months ended September 30, 2013, which was not recognized. See “—Contract Drilling Backlog.”
- (c) Represents the change in contract drilling revenue for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 attributable to the *Ocean Monarch*, *Ocean Star*, *Ocean Lexington* and *Ocean Quest*.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Operating Income. Operating income decreased \$107.5 million, or 44%, during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period of 2012, due to the combined impact of a \$23.3 million, or 3%, reduction in contract drilling revenue, a \$62.2 million, or 17%, increase in contract drilling expense and \$22.6 million in bad debt expense recognized during the third quarter of 2013.

Contract drilling revenue for our combined floater fleet decreased \$39.0 million, primarily due to an aggregate 211 fewer revenue earnings days during the current year quarter, combined with the effect of a reduction in average dayrate earned by our ultra-deepwater floaters. The decrease in average daily revenue for our ultra-deepwater floaters was primarily the result of unrecognized revenue for the *Ocean Monarch* during the third quarter of 2013. The reduction in contract drilling revenue for our floater fleet was partially offset by \$15.7 million in incremental revenue earned by our jack-up fleet during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012. Contract drilling expense for our rig fleet as a whole increased \$62.2 million during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter of the prior year, reflecting \$21.3 million in higher labor and personnel-related costs, primarily as a result of a rig-based salary increase beginning in the third quarter of 2013 and costs associated with crewing up our newbuild rigs, higher rig repair and maintenance costs of \$23.1 million and higher recognized rig mobilization costs of \$11.1 million.

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased \$7.0 million during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to a \$10.1 million increase in interest capitalized on eligible construction projects during the third quarter of 2013, partially offset by incremental interest expense of \$3.1 million associated with changes in uncertain tax positions.

Income Tax Expense. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2013 was 28.0%, compared to a 24.1% effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The effective tax rate in the 2013 period was higher than in the same period of 2012 primarily due to the mix of our domestic and international pre-tax earnings and losses which included the tax impact of bad debt expense and unrecorded revenue associated with the risk of uncollectability of amounts owed to us by Niko and OGX.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Operating Income. Operating income decreased \$153.5 million, or 20%, in the first nine months 2013, compared to the same period of 2012, primarily due to a \$59.8 million, or 3%, reduction in contract drilling revenue earned, recognition of \$22.6 million in bad debt expense and the absence of an aggregate \$79.1 million gain on the sale of six of our jack-up rigs recognized in the first nine months of 2012. These negative factors affecting operating income were partially offset by an \$9.0 million reduction in depreciation expense during the 2013 period, primarily attributable to the jack-up rigs that were sold and four rigs that were cold stacked at the end of 2012.

Contract drilling revenue for our ultra-deepwater and mid-water fleets decreased a combined \$112.7 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the prior year nine-month period, while revenue earned by our deepwater floaters and jack-up rigs increased an aggregate \$52.8 million, comparing the same periods. Contract drilling expense for our entire rig fleet increased \$4.0 million comparing the periods. Aggregate fleet-wide increases in labor and personnel-related costs (\$28.7 million), repairs and maintenance (\$18.2 million) and inspection costs (\$5.5 million) were partially offset by decreased costs associated with the mobilization of rigs (\$32.9 millions), freight (\$8.9 million) and other rig operating costs (\$6.6 million).

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased \$19.1 million during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to a \$27.5 million increase in interest capitalized on eligible construction projects during 2013 partially offset by an \$8.4 million increase in interest expense during the period, primarily related to an additional \$6.3 million in interest expense associated with uncertain tax positions in the Mexico tax jurisdiction.

Income Tax Expense. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was 23.2%, compared to a 23.0% effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The slightly higher effective tax rate in the 2013 period was partially due to the mix of our domestic and international pre-tax earnings and losses which included the tax impact of bad debt expense and unrecorded revenue associated with the risk of uncollectability of amounts owed to us by Niko and OGX. Tax expense for the 2013 period also included \$11.9 million of tax expense associated with settling the 2004 and 2006 tax years in Mexico under an amnesty program which was partially offset by the reversal of \$2.8 million of tax expense associated with the expiration of the statute of limitations in Mexico for the 2007 tax year. Additionally, the 2013 period included a \$27.5 million reduction in tax expense resulting from the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 which was signed into law on January 2, 2013. However, the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was favorably impacted by the sale of two jack-up rigs at a zero tax rate during the 2012 period.

Contract Drilling Revenue and Expense by Equipment Type

Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Ultra-Deepwater Floaters. Revenue generated by our ultra-deepwater floaters remained relatively stable in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter, as a result of a decline in average daily revenue earned (\$17.0 million) during the current year quarter, partially offset by the favorable effect of 47 incremental revenue earning days (\$16.6 million). Revenue earning days during the third quarter of 2013 increased primarily due to less unscheduled downtime (42 fewer days) and a reduction in planned downtime for shipyard projects (90 fewer days), partially offset by 88 days during which the *Ocean Monarch* worked for Niko and the associated revenue was not recognized. Contract drilling expense incurred by our ultra-deepwater floaters during the third quarter of 2013 increased \$7.0 million, compared to the third quarter of 2012, reflecting higher labor and personnel-related costs (\$6.5 million), as well as higher costs for rig repairs and maintenance (\$1.9 million), mobilization (\$1.1 million) and shorebase support (\$1.1 million), partially offset by reduced inspection costs (\$4.0 million), compared to the 2012 quarter.

Deepwater Floaters. Revenue generated by our deepwater floaters decreased \$16.5 million in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, primarily due to 80 fewer revenue earning days (\$30.0 million) in the current year quarter, partially offset by higher average daily revenue earned (\$14.4 million). The reduction in revenue earning days was the result of incremental scheduled downtime for surveys and shipyard projects during the third quarter of 2013 (45 additional days), primarily due to planned downtime for the *Ocean America's* 5-year survey, and 31 days in the third quarter of 2013 during which the *Ocean Star* worked for OGX and the associated revenue was not recognized. The increase in average daily revenue was primarily attributable to the *Ocean Valiant* currently working at a significantly higher dayrate than that earned during the third quarter of 2012.

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Contract drilling expense incurred by our deepwater floaters increased \$16.6 million during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter of 2012, primarily due to incremental costs associated with the survey for the *Ocean America* (\$6.2 million) and higher labor (\$3.2 million) and repair and maintenance (\$5.6 million) costs.

Mid-Water Floaters. Revenue generated by our mid-water floaters decreased \$22.1 million in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, primarily a result of 178 fewer revenue earning days (\$46.0 million), partially offset by higher average daily revenue earned (\$24.7 million) during the current year quarter. The decline in revenue earning days reflects a net increase in planned downtime for mobilization and shipyard projects (64 additional days), the warm stacking of rigs between contracts (43 additional days), and 94 days in the third quarter of 2013 during which the *Ocean Quest* and *Ocean Lexington* worked for OGX and Niko, respectively, and the associated revenue was not recognized. The decrease in revenue earning days in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the third quarter of 2012, was partially offset by less unplanned downtime for repairs (23 fewer days). Average daily revenue increased during the third quarter of 2013, primarily as a result of a new contract for the *Ocean General* in Vietnam which commenced in June 2013 and a contract renewal for the *Ocean Vanguard* in July 2013, both of which are at significantly higher dayrates than those earned in the third quarter of 2012.

Contract drilling expense increased \$29.6 million in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter, primarily due to incremental costs for the *Ocean Nomad* and *Ocean Princess* (\$18.2 million), both of which were undergoing shipyard surveys in the 2013 quarter. Contract drilling expense for the other rigs in our mid-water fleet reflected higher labor, repair and maintenance costs and mobilization costs for the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012.

Jack-ups. Contract drilling revenue and expense for our jack-up fleet increased \$15.7 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012. Revenue increased in the current year quarter, primarily due to a 184-day increase in revenue earning days (\$18.0 million). The increase in revenue earning days was primarily attributable to the near full utilization of the *Ocean King* and *Ocean Spur* during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter when the *Ocean King* was warm stacked in Montenegro and the *Ocean Spur* was mobilizing to its bareboat charter location in Ecuador. The *Ocean King* commenced operations under a short-term contract in the GOM in the second quarter of 2013. This increase was partially offset by a decline in average daily revenue (\$2.6 million). Contract drilling expense increased as a result of \$2.1 million of incremental costs for the *Ocean King*, as well as higher costs associated with labor, mobilization, repairs, and inspections for the remainder of our jack-up fleet during the third quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Ultra-Deepwater Floaters. Revenue generated by our ultra-deepwater floaters decreased \$55.6 million in the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to lower average daily revenue earned (\$27.9 million), 24 fewer revenue earning days (\$8.7 million) and a \$19.0 million reduction in amortized mobilization revenue. Average daily revenue decreased during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the first nine months of 2012, primarily due to a contract extension for the *Ocean Rover*, in the middle of the second quarter of 2012, at a significantly lower dayrate than previously earned. In addition, average daily revenue was further reduced by the effect of a decrease in the operating dayrate earned by the *Ocean Clipper* as a result of 23 additional revenue earning days during which reduced performance rates were earned, the assessment of equipment penalties against revenue and the absence of additional revenue associated with the rig working outside its normal operating zone during the 2013 period. Mobilization revenue decreased primarily due to the recognition of \$16.2 million in amortized revenue associated with the *Ocean Monarch's* mobilization to Vietnam and \$4.0 million associated with the *Ocean Rover's* demobilization from Indonesia to Malaysia during the first nine months of 2012. Contract drilling expense incurred by our ultra-deepwater floaters decreased \$6.1 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period of 2012, primarily due to lower amortized mobilization costs (\$16.8 million) and freight costs (\$8.3 million), partially offset by higher labor costs (\$18.8 million).

Deepwater Floaters. Revenue generated by our deepwater floaters increased \$43.5 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, as a result of higher average daily revenue earned (\$43.5 million) and 16 incremental revenue earning days (\$5.7 million), partially offset by lower amortized mobilization revenue (\$5.8 million). Average daily revenue earned by our deepwater floaters during the first nine months of 2013 increased primarily due to the *Ocean Valiant* and *Ocean Victory* working at significantly higher dayrates than those earned during the first nine months of 2012. Contract drilling expense increased \$5.8 million in the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, reflecting higher labor and other personnel-related costs (\$8.2 million), shorebase support costs and overheads (\$5.4 million), partially offset by lower costs associated with the mobilization of rigs (\$6.7 million) and inspections (\$1.9 million).

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Mid-Water Floaters. Revenue generated by our mid-water floaters decreased \$57.1 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily as a result of 345 fewer revenue earning days (\$90.5 million), partially offset by the effect of higher average daily revenue earned (\$29.9 million) and the incremental recognition of mobilization and contract preparation fees (\$3.5 million) during the first nine months 2013. The decrease in revenue earning days was primarily due to an increase in planned downtime for shipyard inspections and projects (292 additional days), cold stacking the *Ocean Whittington* at the end of 2012 (273 additional days) and revenue generating days for the *Ocean Quest* and *Ocean Lexington* for which the associated revenue was not recognized (94 days), partially offset by fewer days related to the warm stacking of rigs between contracts (130 fewer days), mobilization of rigs (110 fewer days) and downtime for unscheduled repairs (74 fewer days). Average daily revenue increased primarily as a result of higher dayrates earned in the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in the prior year, primarily due to new contracts for the *Ocean General* in Vietnam and *Ocean Nomad* and a contract renewal for the *Ocean Vanguard*.

Contract drilling expense decreased \$10.8 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to reduced costs for the *Ocean Whittington* and *Ocean Ambassador* (\$40.2 million), as well as the absence of costs associated with the 2012 demobilization of the *Ocean Guardian* from the Falkland Islands (\$14.3 million) and repair and maintenance activities after arriving in the U.K. (\$8.9 million). The reduction in contract drilling expense during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the first nine months of 2012, was partially offset by higher costs for the remainder of our mid-water fleet, primarily for labor and other personnel-related costs (\$5.9 million), repairs and maintenance (\$22.1 million), inspections (\$14.5 million), mobilization of rigs (\$5.3 million) and other rig-related costs (\$4.8 million).

Jack-ups. Contract drilling revenue and expense for our jack-up rigs increased \$9.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in the first nine months of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012. The *Ocean King*, after having been warm stacked throughout 2012 in Montenegro and returning to the GOM in early 2013, commenced operations in the second quarter of 2013, contributing incremental revenue and contract drilling expense of \$17.4 million and \$9.2 million, respectively, during the first nine months of 2013. The increase in both contract drilling revenue and expense during the first nine months of 2013 was partially offset by the absence of \$5.4 million in revenue and \$7.2 million in costs for the first nine months of 2012 attributable to our six jack-up rigs that were sold in the first half of 2012. In addition, the *Ocean Spur* began operating under a two-year bareboat charter in the third quarter of 2012 at a lower rate than previously earned during the first nine months of 2012, reducing revenues by \$3.1 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the prior year period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically relied principally on our cash flows from operations and cash reserves to meet liquidity needs and fund our cash requirements. In addition, we currently have available a \$750 million credit facility, or Credit Facility, to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity needs. See “– Credit Facility.” As of October 23, 2013, our contract drilling backlog was \$7.4 billion, of which \$0.7 billion is expected to be earned in the last quarter of 2013.

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had cash available for current operations as follows:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 438,794	\$ 335,432
Marketable securities	800,204	1,150,158
Total cash available for current operations	<u>\$ 1,238,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,485,590</u>

A substantial portion of our cash flows has been and is expected to continue to be invested in the enhancement of our drilling fleet. We determine the amount of cash required to meet our capital commitments by evaluating our rig construction obligations, the need to upgrade rigs to meet specific customer requirements and our ongoing rig equipment enhancement/replacement programs.

Certain of our international rigs are owned and operated, directly or indirectly, by Diamond Offshore International Limited, or DOIL, and, as a result of our intention to indefinitely reinvest the earnings of DOIL to finance our foreign activities, we do not expect such earnings to be available for distribution to our stockholders or to finance our domestic activities. We expect to utilize the operating cash flows generated by and cash reserves of DOIL and the operating cash flows available to and cash reserves of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. to meet each

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entity's respective working capital requirements and capital commitments. However, due to the significant cash requirements of our capital expansion program in 2013 and 2014, we may also make use of our Credit Facility or the possible issuance of debt or equity securities, or a combination thereof, to finance our capital expenditures, working capital requirements and/or to maintain a certain level of operating cash reserves. In addition, we will make periodic assessments of our capital spending programs based on industry conditions and make adjustments thereto if required. Our ability to access the capital markets by issuing debt or equity securities will be dependent on our results of operations, our current financial condition, current market conditions and other factors beyond our control. See "— Contractual Cash Obligations — Rig Construction" and "—Credit Facility."

We pay dividends at the discretion of our Board of Directors, or Board, and, in recent years, we have a history of paying both regular quarterly and special cash dividends. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, we paid regular and special cash dividends totaling \$52.1 million and \$315.8 million, respectively. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, we paid regular and special cash dividends totaling \$52.1 million and \$315.8 million, respectively. Our Board has adopted a policy to consider paying special cash dividends, in amounts to be determined, on a quarterly basis. Our Board may, in subsequent quarters, consider paying additional special cash dividends, in amounts to be determined. Any determination to declare a special cash dividend, as well as the amount of any special cash dividend which may be declared, will be based on our financial position, earnings, earnings outlook, capital spending plans and other factors that our Board considers relevant at that time.

On October 23, 2013, we declared a regular cash dividend and a special cash dividend of \$0.125 and \$0.75, respectively, per share of our common stock. Both the quarterly and special cash dividends are payable on December 2, 2013 to stockholders of record on November 5, 2013.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, our primary source of cash was an aggregate \$857.9 million generated from operating activities and \$350.4 million in proceeds, primarily from the maturity of marketable securities, net of purchases. Our primary uses of cash during the same period were \$740.5 million towards the construction of new rigs and our ongoing rig equipment enhancement/replacement program and \$367.9 million for the payment of dividends.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, our primary source of cash was an aggregate \$1,009.6 million generated from operating activities and \$136.9 million of proceeds, primarily from the sale of six of our jack-up rigs. Our primary uses of cash during the same period were \$514.7 million towards the construction of new rigs and our ongoing rig equipment enhancement/replacement program, \$277.5 million toward the purchase of marketable securities, net of sales, and \$367.9 million for the payment of dividends.

Depending on market and other conditions, we may, from time to time, purchase shares of our common stock in the open market or otherwise. We did not repurchase any shares of our outstanding common stock during the years ended December 31, 2011 or 2012 or in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. In addition, Loews Corporation, or Loews, has informed us that, depending on market and other conditions, it may, from time to time, purchase shares of our common stock in the open market or otherwise. Loews did not purchase any shares of our outstanding common stock during the years ended December 31, 2011 or 2012 or in the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Cash Flow, Capital Expenditures and Contractual Obligations

Our cash flow from operations and capital expenditures for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Cash flow from operations	\$857,900	\$ 1,009,598
Capital expenditures:		
Drillship construction	\$ 94,702	\$ 206,090
Construction of deepwater floaters	308,518	113,829
Construction of ultra-deepwater floater	192,311	—
<i>Ocean Patriot</i> enhancement project	12,947	—
Rig equipment and replacement programs	131,982	194,753
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$740,460</u>	<u>\$ 514,672</u>

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Cash Flow

Cash flow from operations decreased approximately \$151.7 million during the first nine months of 2013, compared to the first nine months of 2012, primarily due to a \$109.9 million decrease in cash receipts from contract drilling services, higher cash payments related to contract drilling expenses of \$40.9 million and higher cash income taxes paid, net of refunds, of \$0.9 million.

Capital Expenditures

As of the date of this report, we expect our capital spending in the final quarter of 2013 to be approximately \$730 million in the aggregate, including the final installments due under our shipyard contracts for the *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean Onyx*. We are in the process of compiling our capital expenditure budget for 2014 and have not yet finalized our spending plan for the year; however, we do expect to spend approximately \$1.5 billion towards our current rig construction projects. See “— Contractual Cash Obligations — Rig Construction.”

Contractual Cash Obligations—Rig Construction

In May 2013, we entered into an agreement with Hyundai Heavy Industries, Co., Ltd., or Hyundai, for the construction of a 10,000 foot dynamically positioned, harsh environment semisubmersible drilling rig. The *Ocean GreatWhite* is under construction in South Korea at an estimated cost of \$755 million, including capital spares, commissioning and shipyard supervision. The contracted price to Hyundai totaling \$628.5 million is payable in two installments, of which the first installment has been paid. In addition, we are financially obligated under other agreements with several shipyards in connection with the construction of four ultra-deepwater drillships, the deepwater floater *Ocean Onyx*, the deepwater floater *Ocean Apex* and the *Ocean Patriot* North Sea enhancement project. See Note 8 “Commitments and Contingencies” to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this report for further discussion of these projects.

We had no other purchase obligations for major rig upgrades or any other significant obligations at September 30, 2013, except for those related to our direct rig operations, which arise during the normal course of business.

The following is a summary of our construction projects as of September 30, 2013, including estimated expenditures to be made during the fourth quarter of 2013 and in 2014:

Project	Expected Delivery (1)	Total Project Cost (2)	Actual Inception-to-Date		Estimated Expenditures	
			Project Expenditures (3)	Capitalized Interest	Q4 2013 (4) (5) (6)	2014 (4) (6) (7)
(In millions)						
New Rig Construction:						
Drillships:						
<i>Ocean BlackHawk</i>	Q4 2013	\$ 635	\$ 209	\$ 22	\$ 426	\$ —
<i>Ocean BlackHornet</i>	Q1 2014	635	195	22	12	428
<i>Ocean BlackRhino</i>	Q2 2014	645	182	22	8	456
<i>Ocean BlackLion</i>	Q4 2014	655	170	14	3	436
		2,570	756	80	449	1,320
Ultra-Deepwater Floater						
<i>Ocean GreatWhite</i>	Q1 2016	755	189	4	3	11
Deepwater Floaters:						
<i>Ocean Onyx</i>	Q4 2013	335	286	13	56	—
<i>Ocean Apex</i>	Q3 2014	370	221	5	53	104
		\$ 4,030	\$ 1,452	\$ 102	\$ 561	\$ 1,435
<i>Ocean Patriot</i> enhancement	Q2 2014	\$ 120	\$ 13	\$ —	\$ 28	\$ 79

(1) Represents expected delivery date of vessel from shipyard and does not include additional non-operating days for commissioning, contract preparation and mobilization to initial area of operation, which will occur prior to the rig being placed in service.

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- (2) Total project costs include contractual payments for shipyard construction, commissioning, capital spares and project management costs; amount does not include capitalized interest.
- (3) Excludes project-to-date capitalized interest.
- (4) Estimated expenditures for 2013 and 2014, including construction milestone payments, are based on current expected delivery dates for the rigs under construction, and exclude expected capitalized interest costs.
- (5) Includes \$393.5 million payable to Hyundai and construction milestone payments aggregating \$21.9 million payable to Keppel AmFELS, L.L.C. in connection with the construction of the *Ocean Onyx*.
- (6) Includes construction milestone payments aggregating \$74.3 million payable to Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd. in connection with the construction of the *Ocean Apex* and construction milestone payments aggregating \$18.8 million payable to Keppel FELS Limited in connection with the *Ocean Patriot* enhancement project. Milestone payments are payable at various intervals during the construction project based on the occurrence of certain contractually defined milestone events.
- (7) Includes \$393.5 million, \$395.4 million and \$395.1 million payable to Hyundai in the first, second and fourth quarter of 2014 upon delivery of the *Ocean BlackHornet*, *Ocean BlackRhino* and *Ocean BlackLion*, respectively.

Contractual Cash Obligations—Retirement of Senior Notes

Our 5.15% Senior Notes due September 1, 2014, or 5.15% Senior Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million, will mature on September 1, 2014.

Other Obligations

At September 30, 2013, we had foreign currency forward exchange, or FOREX, contracts in the aggregate notional amount of \$151.6 million outstanding. See further information regarding these contracts in “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk – *Foreign Exchange Risk*” in Item 3 of Part I of this report and Note 5 “Derivative Financial Instruments” to our Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report.

As of September 30, 2013, the total unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions was \$50.8 million. In addition, we have recorded a liability, as of September 30, 2013, for potential penalties and interest of \$23.8 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. Due to the high degree of uncertainty regarding the timing of future cash outflows associated with the liabilities recognized in these balances, we are unable to make reasonably reliable estimates of the period of cash settlement with the respective taxing authorities.

Credit Facility

We have available to us a syndicated 5-year revolving credit agreement, or Credit Facility, that provides for a \$750 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility, for general corporate purposes, which matures on September 28, 2017. The entire amount of the facility is available for revolving loans. Up to \$250 million of the facility is available for the issuance of performance or other standby letters of credit and up to \$75 million is available for swingline loans. As of September 30, 2013, there were no loans or letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility.

Credit Ratings

Our current credit rating is A3 for Moody’s Investors Services and A- for Standard & Poor’s. Although our long-term ratings continue at investment grade levels, lower ratings could result in higher interest rates on future debt issuances.

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Other Commercial Commitments—Letters of Credit

We were contingently liable as of September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$70.2 million under certain performance, bid, supersedeas and custom bonds and letters of credit. Agreements relating to approximately \$58.2 million of performance, supersedeas and customs bonds can require collateral at any time. As of September 30, 2013, we had not been required to make any collateral deposits with respect to these agreements. The remaining agreements cannot require collateral except in events of default. Banks have issued letters of credit on our behalf securing certain of these bonds. The table below provides a list of these obligations in U.S. dollar equivalents and their time to expiration.

	Total	For the Years Ending December 31,		
		2013	2014	Thereafter
(In thousands)				
Other Commercial Commitments				
Customs bonds	\$ 1,600	\$ 792	\$ 808	\$ —
Performance bonds	68,030	1,000	19,318	47,712
Other	595	90	505	—
Total obligations	\$70,225	\$1,882	\$20,631	\$ 47,712

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had no off-balance sheet debt or other arrangements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2013-11, or ASU 2013-11, which eliminates diversity in practice for the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward is available to reduce the taxable income or tax payable that would result from disallowance of a tax position. ASU 2013-11 affects only the presentation of such amounts in an entity's balance sheet and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2013 and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of ASU 2013-11 on our consolidated balance sheets.

Forward-Looking Statements

We or our representatives may, from time to time, either in this report, in periodic press releases or otherwise, make or incorporate by reference certain written or oral statements that are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. All statements other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may project, indicate or imply future results, events, performance or achievements, and may contain or be identified by the words "expect," "intend," "plan," "predict," "anticipate," "estimate," "believe," "should," "could," "may," "might," "will," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," "project," "forecast," "budget" and similar expressions. In addition, any statement concerning future financial performance (including, without limitation, future revenues, earnings or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects, and possible actions taken by or against us, which may be provided by management, are also forward-looking statements as so defined. Statements made by us in this report that contain forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations and statements about the following subjects:

- future market conditions and the effect of such conditions on our future results of operations;
- future uses of and requirements for financial resources;
- interest rate and foreign exchange risk;
- future contractual obligations;
- future operations outside the United States including, without limitation, our operations in Mexico, Egypt and Brazil;
- effects of the Macondo well blowout;
- business strategy;
- growth opportunities;
- competitive position;
- expected financial position;

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- future cash flows and contract backlog;
- future regular or special dividends;
- financing plans;
- market outlook;
- tax planning;
- debt levels and the impact of changes in the credit markets and credit ratings for our debt;
- budgets for capital and other expenditures;
- timing and duration of required regulatory inspections for our drilling rigs;
- timing and cost of completion of rig upgrades, construction projects (including, without limitation, our four drillships under construction, our ultra-deepwater floater under construction, the *Ocean Onyx* and the *Ocean Apex*) and other capital projects (including, without limitation, the *Ocean Patriot* enhancements);
- delivery dates and drilling contracts related to rig conversion or upgrade projects, construction projects, other capital projects or rig acquisitions;
- plans and objectives of management;
- idling drilling rigs or reactivating stacked rigs;
- assets held for sale;
- asset impairment evaluations;
- performance of contracts;
- outcomes of legal proceedings;
- compliance with applicable laws; and
- availability, limits and adequacy of insurance or indemnification.

These types of statements are based on current expectations about future events and inherently are subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected, projected or expressed in forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, the following:

- those described under “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012;
- general economic and business conditions;
- worldwide demand for oil and natural gas;
- changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration, development and production activity;
- oil and natural gas price fluctuations and related market expectations;
- the ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, commonly called OPEC, to set and maintain production levels and pricing, and the level of production in non-OPEC countries;
- policies of various governments regarding exploration and development of oil and gas reserves;
- our inability to obtain contracts for our rigs that do not have contracts;
- the cancellation of contracts included in our reported contract backlog;
- advances in exploration and development technology;
- the worldwide political and military environment, including, for example, in oil-producing regions and locations where our rigs are operating or where we have rigs under construction;
- casualty losses;
- operating hazards inherent in drilling for oil and gas offshore;
- the risk of physical damage to rigs and equipment caused by named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico;
- industry fleet capacity, including, without limitation, construction of new drilling rig capacity in Brazil;
- market conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, including, without limitation, dayrates and utilization levels;
- competition;
- changes in foreign, political, social and economic conditions;
- risks of international operations, compliance with foreign laws and taxation policies and expropriation or nationalization of equipment and assets;
- risks of potential contractual liabilities pursuant to our various drilling contracts in effect from time to time;
- the ability of customers and suppliers to meet their obligations to us and our subsidiaries;
- the risk that a letter of intent may not result in a definitive agreement;

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- foreign exchange and currency fluctuations and regulations, and the inability to repatriate income or capital;
- risks of war, military operations, other armed hostilities, terrorist acts and embargoes;
- changes in offshore drilling technology, which could require significant capital expenditures in order to maintain competitiveness;
- regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations including, without limitation, regulations pertaining to climate change, carbon emissions or energy use;
- compliance with environmental laws and regulations;
- potential changes in accounting policies by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, or regulatory agencies for our industry which may cause us to revise our financial accounting and/or disclosures in the future, and which may change the way analysts measure our business or financial performance;
- development and exploitation of alternative fuels;
- customer preferences;
- effects of litigation, tax audits and contingencies and the impact of compliance with judicial rulings and jury verdicts;
- cost, availability, limits and adequacy of insurance;
- invalidity of assumptions used in the design of our controls and procedures;
- the results of financing efforts;
- the risk that future regular or special dividends may not be declared;
- adequacy of our sources of liquidity;
- risks resulting from our indebtedness;
- public health threats;
- negative publicity;
- impairments of assets;
- the availability of qualified personnel to operate and service our drilling rigs; and
- various other matters, many of which are beyond our control.

The risks and uncertainties included here are not exhaustive. Other sections of this report and our other filings with the SEC include additional factors that could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial performance. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements included in this report speak only as of the date of this report. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations or beliefs with regard to the statement or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

The information included in this Item 3 is considered to constitute “forward-looking statements” for purposes of the statutory safe harbor provided in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Forward-Looking Statements” in Item 2 of Part I of this report.

Our measure of market risk exposure represents an estimate of the change in fair value of our financial instruments. Market risk exposure is presented for each class of financial instrument held by us at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, assuming immediate adverse market movements of the magnitude described below. We believe that the various rates of adverse market movements represent a measure of exposure to loss under hypothetically assumed adverse conditions. The estimated market risk exposure represents the hypothetical loss to future earnings and does not represent the maximum possible loss or any expected actual loss, even under adverse conditions, because actual adverse fluctuations would likely differ. In addition, since our investment portfolio is subject to change based on our portfolio management strategy as well as in response to changes in the market, these estimates are not necessarily indicative of the actual results that may occur.

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Exposure to market risk is managed and monitored by our senior management. Senior management approves the overall investment strategy that we employ and has responsibility to ensure that the investment positions are consistent with that strategy and the level of risk acceptable to us. We may manage risk by buying or selling instruments or entering into offsetting positions.

Interest Rate Risk

We have exposure to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level or volatility of interest rates. Our investments in marketable securities are primarily in fixed maturity securities. We monitor our sensitivity to interest rate risk by evaluating the change in the value of our financial assets and liabilities due to fluctuations in interest rates. The evaluation is performed by applying an instantaneous change in interest rates by varying magnitudes on a static balance sheet to determine the effect such a change in rates would have on the recorded market value of our investments and the resulting effect on stockholders' equity. The analysis presents the sensitivity of the market value of our financial instruments to selected changes in market rates and prices which we believe are reasonably possible over a one-year period.

The sensitivity analysis estimates the change in the market value of our interest sensitive assets and liabilities that were held on September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, due to instantaneous parallel shifts in the yield curve of 100 basis points, with all other variables held constant.

The interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market rates. Accordingly, the analysis may not be indicative of, is not intended to provide, and does not provide a precise forecast of the effect of changes in market interest rates on our earnings or stockholders' equity. Further, the computations do not contemplate any actions we could undertake in response to changes in interest rates.

Our long-term debt is denominated in U.S. dollars. Our existing debt has been issued at fixed rates, and as such, interest expense would not be impacted by interest rate shifts. The impact of a 100-basis point increase in interest rates on fixed rate debt would result in a decrease in market value of \$108.0 million and \$131.4 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. A 100-basis point decrease would result in an increase in market value of \$124.5 million and \$151.1 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in foreign currency exchange rates will impact the value of financial instruments. It is customary for us to enter into FOREX contracts in the normal course of business. These contracts generally require us to net settle the spread between the contracted foreign currency exchange rate and the spot rate on the contract settlement date, which, for most of our contracts, is the average spot rate for the contract period. As of September 30, 2013, we had FOREX contracts outstanding in the aggregate notional amount of \$151.6 million, consisting of \$20.7 million in Australian dollars, \$86.7 million in Brazilian reais, \$20.5 million in British pounds sterling, \$11.7 million in Mexican pesos and \$12.0 million in Norwegian kroner. These contracts generally settle monthly through June 2014.

At September 30, 2013, we presented the fair value of our outstanding FOREX contracts as a current asset of \$3.3 million in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and a current liability of \$(4.3) million in "Accrued liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2012, we presented the fair value of our outstanding FOREX contracts as a current asset of \$3.6 million in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and a current liability of \$(29,137) in "Accrued liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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The following table presents our exposure to market risk by category (interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates):

	Fair Value Asset (Liability)		Market Risk	
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)			
Interest rate:				
Marketable securities	\$ 800,200 (a)	\$1,150,200 (a)	\$ (800) (b)	\$ (2,200) (b)
Foreign Exchange:				
FOREX contracts – receivable positions	3,300 (c)	3,600 (c)	(17,400) (d)	(21,600) (d)
FOREX contracts – liability positions	(4,300) (c)	(29) (c)	(9,200) (d)	(4,900) (d)

- (a) The fair market value of our investment in marketable securities, excluding repurchase agreements, is based on the quoted closing market prices on September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.
- (b) The calculation of estimated market risk exposure is based on assumed adverse changes in the underlying reference price or index of an increase in interest rates of 100 basis points at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.
- (c) The fair value of our FOREX contracts is based on both quoted market prices and valuations derived from pricing models on September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.
- (d) The calculation of estimated foreign exchange risk assumes an instantaneous 20% decrease in the foreign currency exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar from their values at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, with all other variables held constant.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures.

We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the federal securities laws, including this report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis. These disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us under the federal securities laws is accumulated and communicated to our management on a timely basis to allow decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial Officer, or CFO, participated in an evaluation by our management of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of September 30, 2013. Based on their participation in that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the foregoing evaluation that occurred during our third fiscal quarter of 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index for a list of those exhibits filed or furnished herewith.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

(Registrant)

Date October 30, 2013

By: \s\ Gary T. Krenek

Gary T. Krenek

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date October 30, 2013

\s\ Beth G. Gordon

Beth G. Gordon

Controller (Chief Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003) (SEC File No. 1-13926).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws (as amended through October 4, 2013) of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 8, 2013).
10.1*	Retirement Agreement and General Release between Diamond Offshore Management Company and Lawrence R. Dickerson dated September 23, 2013.
31.1*	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
31.2*	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.
32.1*	Section 1350 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.
101.INS**	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL**	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.LAB**	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE**	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF**	XBRL Definition Linkbase Document.

* Filed or furnished herewith.

** The documents formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) and attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act, are deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act, and otherwise, not subject to liability under these sections.

RETIREMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

This Retirement Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") is entered into by Lawrence R. Dickerson ("Employee") and Diamond Offshore Management Company and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliated companies (collectively the "Company").

WHEREAS, Employee and Company entered into that certain Employment Agreement dated December 15, 2006, which was later amended as of May 28, 2008 (collectively, "Employment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Employee desires to retire his employment with Company in a manner that will afford Company adequate time to secure and the parties adequate time to transition Employee's replacement, so Employee will retire no sooner than December 31, 2013, and no later than March 31, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and obligations contained herein, Employee and Company agree as follows:

1. Separation of Employment.

- (a) Employee shall resign his employment as President and Chief Executive Officer with Company upon the earlier of Company's hire of a new Chief Executive Officer or placement of an Interim Chief Executive Officer; provided, however, that Employee's retirement shall be no sooner than December 31, 2013, and no later than March 31, 2014 (the "Retirement Date"). Employee's base salary through the Retirement Date shall be at the same rate as his base salary on the date hereof and his salary and benefits shall end on the Retirement Date, as does any entitlement he might have under any Company-provided benefit program, except as required by federal or state law or as otherwise described below.
- (b) Company shall not terminate Employee's employment before the Retirement Date without Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" is defined as Employee engaging in conduct described in Article 2.2(c) of his Employment Agreement, or other conduct that materially damages the reputation of the Company provided, however, that if the Company terminates Employee without Cause prior to March 31, 2014, or if Employee's services are terminated due to Employee's death or Disability (as defined in the Employment Agreement), Employee (or his estate) shall receive all Retirement Benefits that he would otherwise receive as provided herein as if he retired on such date of termination by the Company without Cause.
- (c) Prior to the Retirement Date, Employee agrees his employment with the Company shall be his sole employment and he will use his best efforts to discharge his duties and responsibilities in such capacity and to act subject to the direction of the Company's Board of Directors. Employee specifically acknowledges that such duties shall include assisting in the transition of his duties and responsibilities as directed.

2. Retirement Benefits. Subject to any applicable requirements of Section 17 below, the Company shall pay or provide the Retirement Benefits as follows:

- (a) Commencing on the Company's first payroll period following the Retirement Date and continuing on subsequent regularly-scheduled payroll periods, but no less frequently than on a monthly basis, the Company will pay Employee twenty-four (24) months of his current base salary (for a total of \$1,856,000), less withholdings and deductions in accordance with applicable law. The Company will reimburse Employee his attorneys' fees incurred in connection with review, revision and negotiation of this Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 to be paid within 15 days after Employee advises the Company of the amount thereof and provides proof of same.
- (b) After the Retirement Date, Employee's eligibility for continuation of coverage under the Company's group medical, dental and vision insurance plans normally would be governed exclusively by the continuation coverage provisions of such plans and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 ("COBRA"). Pursuant to this Agreement, however, during any portion of the period beginning on the first day of the month immediately following the Retirement Date and ending two (2) years later that Employee and his spouse participate in a Company group medical, dental or vision insurance plan through COBRA, the full COBRA premium for such medical, dental and vision insurance coverage for Employee and his spouse will be paid by Company promptly to insure that such insurance coverage continues without interruption or lapse of coverage; provided, however, that if the continued medical, dental and vision benefits are discriminatory so that such benefit would be taxable to Employee then the premium will be paid by Employee on an after tax basis and the Company shall reimburse Employee for such payments in each following month so that such benefits will not be taxable to the Employee under Code Section 105(h). The Company and Employee agree that Employee's "qualifying event" for the purposes of COBRA coverage occurs on the Retirement Date. In addition, for a period of two (2) years following the Retirement Date the Company will continue to provide Employee with any Company-paid life and disability insurance covering Employee on the date hereof.
- (c) Provided Employee is not in default of his obligations under this Agreement, the Company will pay Employee: (i) an incentive compensation award for 2013 equal to Employee's 2012 incentive compensation award of \$535,000, to be paid concurrently with the payment of 2013 incentive compensation awards to other senior executives of the Company or, if earlier, within ten (10) days following the Retirement Date, but in no event later than March, 15, 2014, and (ii) a pro rata incentive compensation award for 2014, based on a full-year award target of \$535,000, to be paid within ten (10) days following the Retirement Date. Each of the foregoing awards shall be made in accordance with the Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. Incentive Compensation Plan for Executive Officers and be subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.
- (d) Upon the Retirement Date, all unvested Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") awarded to Employee shall vest, and all of Employee's vested stock options and SARs shall be exercisable by him until the earlier of (i) the three year anniversary of the Retirement Date and (ii) the ten year anniversary of the date of grant. All other rights of Employee

with regard to his stock option and SARs awards shall be governed by the terms of the Second Amended and Restated Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. 2000 Stock Option Plan and the Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the "Option Plan") and the Award Certificates related thereto. Employee shall be entitled to receive all SAR awards made, or to be made, for 2013, but acknowledges that he shall not be eligible to receive any additional awards under the Option Plan for 2014.

- (e) Any amounts to which Employee is eligible under the Company's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan shall be paid to Employee in accordance with the terms of that plan.
- (f) Employee shall be eligible to be considered for a retirement bonus in an amount up to \$1,500,000 ("Retirement Bonus"). Employee's eligibility for a Retirement Bonus shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. Factors the Board of Directors may consider in determining the amount of a Retirement Bonus, if any, include, but are not limited to, Employee's contributions made to the Company prior to the Retirement Date and Employee's cooperation with the transition of Employee's duties and responsibilities. The Board of Directors or its designee will provide periodic feedback to Employee regarding the Board of Director's perception of Employee's contributions to and cooperation with the transition. If the Company requests Employee to continue to provide transition services to the Company after his Retirement Date, such services will only be required to the extent that Employee's Retirement Date continues to constitute a "separation from service" within the meaning of Code Section 409A. If the Company's Board of Directors determines to award Employee a Retirement Bonus, Employee shall not be eligible for the Retirement Bonus unless and until he executes and does not revoke a release of claims against the Company and its affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, and its/their employees, officers, directors and shareholders in a form consistent with the Full General Release set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement. Any Retirement Bonus awarded by the Board of Directors hereunder will be paid to Employee within sixty (60) days following Employee's Retirement Date.
- (g) Nothing in this Agreement adversely affects any right Employee may have to: (i) base wages earned by Employee through the Retirement Date, and Employee shall be paid all such wages regardless of whether Employee signs this Agreement; (ii) earned, unused vacation, which will be paid by the Company after the Retirement Date (Employee acknowledges, however, that he shall not accrue additional vacation beginning in 2014); (iii) reimbursement for approved business expenses incurred by Employee through the Retirement Date for which Employee has not been reimbursed; and (iv) continuation insurance coverage pursuant to the terms of Company-provided insurance plans or applicable law. Employee acknowledges that, except as set forth in this Agreement, the Company does not have, and will not have, any obligation to provide Employee at any time in the future with any payments, benefits or considerations other than those recited in Section 2 of this Agreement. Employee agrees that some of the payments and benefits described in this Section 2 are not required under the Company's normal policies and procedures, and they provide adequate consideration for this Agreement.

3. Full General Release. Employee makes the following promises, commitments and representations to the Company in consideration for the Company's execution of this Agreement and the performance of its terms and conditions:

Employee, on behalf of himself and his spouse, family members, heirs, successors, and assigns, hereby voluntarily, irrevocably, and unconditionally releases and forever discharges the Released Parties (defined below), individually and collectively, from any and all claims, complaints, demands, liabilities, or causes of action, of whatever kind or character, whether known or unknown or whether in law or in equity, which he now has or ever had against any of the Released Parties, in their individual, corporate or official capacities, including, but not limited to: (i) those claims arising out of or in any way connected with his employment by the Company and/or the termination of that employment, (ii) those claims arising prior to the date of this Agreement, regardless of whether such claims relate to Employee's employment by the Company, and (iii) those claims arising out of or in any way connected with any employment relationship that he now has or ever had with any of the other Released Parties and/or the termination of any such employment relationship. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the claims being released by Employee include, but are not limited to, the following: any claim against any of the Released Parties under the Civil Rights Act of 1866, the Civil Rights Act of 1871, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Texas Labor Code, any other federal, state or local statute, regulation, ordinance, law, or common law relating to employment or employment discrimination, any alleged violation of any federal, state or local statutes, ordinances or common laws, tortious or contractual wrongful discharge or conduct, fraud, negligence, gross negligence, breach of express or implied contract, vicarious liability for the torts of others, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, violation of public policy, tortious interference with contract or prospective business relations, intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, fraud or misrepresentation, battery or assault, invasion of privacy, failure to pay wages, stock awards, bonuses, commissions, incentive pay, benefits, vacation pay, profit sharing, severance or other compensation of any sort, and harassment, retaliation or discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual preference/orientation, age, handicap or disability.

This Release is not intended to apply to any pension or insured benefits, or any other equity grant for which Employee is eligible, pursuant to the terms of any employee benefit plan or Option Plan in which Employee is, or has been, a participant. The claims released in this Section 3 include any that Employee may have or assert against the Released Parties in any jurisdiction whatsoever.

By signing this Agreement, it is Employee's intent to waive and release all claims and potential claims against the Released Parties, save and except a claim for unemployment benefits or any other claim that Employee cannot waive or release as a matter of law. In the unlikely event that a claim or potential claim (save and except a claim that cannot be

waived or released) has been omitted from this Release, Employee hereby assigns and conveys said claims and potential claims to the Company in exchange for the Company's obligations in this Agreement.

4. No Admission of Wrongdoing. The existence and execution of this Agreement shall not be considered as an admission of any wrongdoing liability, violation, error, or omission by Employee or the Company.

5. Knowing and Voluntary Agreement. Employee acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) This Agreement is written in a manner that he understands. Under this Agreement, Employee is receiving things of value to which he would not otherwise be entitled to receive.
- (b) He has been permitted and offered twenty-one (21) days to consider and to sign this Agreement and he is hereby advised by the Company to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Agreement.
- (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, Employee is not releasing or waiving in this Agreement any claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act that may arise after the date he signs this Agreement.
- (d) He has received the opportunity to review and reflect on all terms of this Agreement, and has not been subject to any undue or improper influence interfering with the exercise of his free will to execute this Agreement. He knowingly and voluntarily agrees to all of the terms set forth in this Agreement, and knowingly and voluntarily intends to be legally bound by them.

6. Effective Date. Employee has seven (7) days following his execution of this Agreement to revoke this Agreement. This Agreement will not become effective or enforceable until the seven (7) day revocation period has expired. In the event that Employee exercises the right to revoke this Agreement, neither the Company nor Employee will have any obligations under this Agreement. If Employee chooses to revoke this Agreement, he must do so in writing addressed and delivered by email to Lynn Charles at lcharles@dodi.com and by certified mail, return receipt requested to him at the Company's corporate address in Houston, Texas.

7. "Released Parties." As used in this Agreement, the term "Released Parties" means Diamond Offshore Management Company, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. and its/their past and present parent, subsidiary and affiliate companies and its and their respective: (i) predecessors and successors; and (ii) past and present employees, owners, partners, shareholders, members, directors, officers, attorneys, assigns, agents, and representatives, both individually and in their official capacities.

8. Return of Property. Employee represents that on or before the Retirement Date, he shall return all Company property and documents, including copies of any documents, in his possession or control, including without limitation any building keys, laptop computer, personal digital assistant, telephone calling card(s), credit card(s), forms, files, manuals, correspondence, memoranda, notes, e-mail,

plans, business records, reports, financial data or records, personnel data, contracts, contract information, training materials, product mix or recipes, lists of employees, salary and benefits information (except relating to Employee), lists of suppliers and vendors, brochures, catalogs, computer tapes and diskettes or other portable media, computer-readable files and data stored on any hard drive anywhere or other installed or portable device, passwords, data processing reports, reports or recordings in any electronic or physical format, and any and all other documents or property which Employee has obtained by virtue of his employment with the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company agrees that Employee shall be entitled to: (1) keep his cell phone and current cell phone number, and the Company will take all steps necessary to effect the transfer to Employee's personal cell phone account; and (2) retain publicly available documents and data, clothing, caps, hunting gear, personal mementos (including but not limited to plaques, rig photographs, deal toys, and corporate giveaways now in his possession), and a list of the mailing addresses of the Company's employees (to be used for holiday cards and other personal contact). Employee will take reasonable steps to return all paper files and delete all electronic files containing non-public Company documents, but the Company acknowledges that, given Employee's tenure with the Company, Employee might later discover documents or data at his residence and/or on his personal computer(s), which he agrees not to use for any purpose and to immediately destroy or delete.

9. Nondisparagement.

- (a) Employee agrees that he will not make or cause to be made any oral or written statements that are derogatory, defamatory, disparaging or harmful concerning the Company, its policies or programs, or its past or present officers, directors, employees, agents, or business associates, including but not limited to its past or present suppliers or vendors, or take any actions that are harmful to the business affairs of the Company and/or its employees. Employee further agrees that he will not make or cause to be made any oral or written statements regarding the Company's Confidential Information to any third party, including, but not limited to, the general public (for example, via postings or publications on the internet), the media, financial analysts, auditors, institutional investors, consultants, suppliers, vendors, or business associates, or agents and/or representatives of any of the foregoing, unless such statement is: (i) expressly authorized by the Company in writing, or (ii) required by law. This provision is a material and substantial term of this Agreement.
- (b) Company's Board of Directors agrees it will not make or cause to be made any oral or written statements about Employee that are derogatory, defamatory, or disparaging about Employee unless required by law.
- (c) Employee shall direct any third parties seeking an employment reference for Employee to the Company's Vice President – Human Resources, who shall only provide Employee's dates of employment and position held and the information contained in any internal or public release, unless Employee agrees and directs in writing that the Company can furnish additional information.

10. Cooperation/Transition.

- (a) Employee agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Company, and any of the other Released Parties in any matter related to the Company's business or activities, as follows: (i) to be available at mutually agreeable times, personally or by telephone, as necessary, at such reasonable times and without unreasonable interference with Employee's employment or personal activities, to provide such information and services as may be from time to time requested by the Company in connection with various matters in which Employee was involved during his employment with the Company or matters about which Employee has knowledge and expertise; *except*, that no such services shall exceed ten (10) hours in any week and Employee's obligation to be available for such information and services shall expire six (6) months after the Retirement Date provided further that such service will only be required in an amount so that Employee's Retirement Date continues to constitute a separation from service within the meaning of Code section 409A; and (ii) in all pending and future litigation (including claims asserted with administrative agencies) involving the Company or any of the other Released Parties, which obligation includes Employee promptly meeting with counsel for the Company or the other Released Parties at mutually agreeable and reasonable times upon their request and providing testimony in court or upon deposition that is truthful, accurate, and complete, according to information known to Employee. Employee further agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Company in connection with any investigation or review by any federal, state or local regulatory authority relating to events or occurrences that transpired while Employee was employed with the Company.
- (b) If Employee receives a subpoena seeking testimony, documents or information Employee may have related to the Company or any of its affiliates, Employee or Employee's attorney shall provide the Company with a copy of the subpoena prior to the date specified for compliance and no later than four (4) business days following Employee's receipt of it. In addition, as soon as possible prior to the date of compliance required by such a subpoena, Employee shall notify the Company of the content of any information to be provided pursuant to such a subpoena and give the Company copies of all documents to be produced.
- (c) The Company shall reimburse Employee, upon receipt of proper documentation, for all reasonable and necessary expenses for air fare, accommodations, transportation, meals and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Employee in providing the cooperation requested of him pursuant to this Section 10.

11. Confidential Information. Employee agrees that, unless otherwise required by law, Employee will forever keep secret and inviolate all Confidential Information which has come into Employee's possession, and Employee will not use the same for Employee's own private benefit, or directly or indirectly for the benefit of others, and Employee will not disclose such Confidential Information to any other person. If Employee is legally compelled (by deposition, interrogatory, request for documents, subpoena, civil investigative demand or similar process) to disclose any Confidential Information, Employee shall provide the Company with prompt prior written notice of such legal requirement so that the Company may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy and/or waive compliance with the terms of this Section 11. In any event, Employee may furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which Employee is advised by legal counsel is required, and Employee shall

exercise Employee's best efforts to obtain an order or assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded such Confidential Information that is disclosed. For purposes of this Agreement, all confidential or proprietary information concerning the business and affairs of the Company, including without limitation, all trade secrets, knowhow and other information generally retained on a confidential basis by the Company concerning its products, methods, know-how, techniques, systems, software codes and specifications, formulae, inventions and discoveries, business plans, pricing, product plans and the identities of and the nature of the Company's dealings with its employees, suppliers and customers, whether or not such information shall, in whole or in part, be subject to or capable of being protected by patent, copyright or trademark laws, shall constitute "Confidential Information." Notwithstanding anything contained herein which may be to the contrary, the term "Confidential Information" does not include any information which is excepted as confidential information in Article 4.6 of the Employment Agreement.

12. Non-Competition

(a) Employee acknowledgements:

- (i) The Company is engaged in the business of offshore drilling.
- (ii) The Company's goodwill is a legitimate business interest of the Company. Since the Company would suffer irreparable harm if Employee retired and used its goodwill against the Company, it is reasonable to protect the Company against such activities by Employee.
- (iii) The Company has provided Employee and shall continue to provide Employee through the Retirement Date with its goodwill and Confidential Information and access to Confidential Information (as defined above) so that Employee may perform Employee's duties. Since the Company would suffer irreparable harm if Employee misused its goodwill or disclosed such Confidential Information, it is reasonable to protect the Company against such misuse and disclosure by Employee.
- (iv) Because Employee will have access to and receive Confidential Information and will establish, maintain and increase the Company's goodwill with its customers, employees and others, and because the services provided by Employee for the Company as its Chief Executive Officer are a significant factor in the creation of valuable, special and unique assets which are expected to provide the Company with a competitive advantage, the Company would suffer irreparable harm if Employee competed unfairly with the Company (as described more fully below). Accordingly, it is reasonable to protect the Company against such unfair competition by the Employee.
- (v) The covenants contained in Section 12 are reasonably necessary for the protection of the Company and are reasonably limited with respect to the activities they prohibit, their duration, their geographical scope and their effect on Employee and the public. Likewise, the financial benefits Employee is

receiving as a result of his retirement eliminate any financial burden on Employee that could occur as a result of the restriction on his post-retirement activities as described in Section 12.

- (b) Agreement Not to Compete. Employee covenants and agrees that during Employee's employment and for a period of twelve (12) months following Employee's Retirement of Employment, Employee (whether as an employee, officer, director, partner, proprietor, investor, associate, consultant, advisor or otherwise) will not, either directly or indirectly, for Employee or any third party, engage or invest in any business or activity which is directly or indirectly in competition with any business or activity engaged in by the Company, including but not limited to the business activities described in Section 12(i) (provided that Employee shall not be restricted hereby from owning or acquiring 5% or less of the outstanding voting securities of a public company). The geographic scope of the restriction contained in this Section 12 is limited to drilling companies who operate in the same geographic areas as the Company and provide services to clients for whom the Company provides services or for whom the Company has sought to provide services.
- (c) Agreement not to Solicit Employees. Employee acknowledges and re-affirms his agreement in Article 4.7 of his Employment Agreement that for a period of two (2) years after his Retirement Date, Employee shall not, directly or knowingly indirectly, either as an executive, employer, independent contractor, consultant, agent, principal, partner, stockholder, officer, director, or in any other individual or representative capacity, either for his own benefit or the benefit of any other person or entity: (a) solicit, recruit, induce, entice, encourage or in any way cause any officer, or manager reporting to such officer, holding such position at the time Employee ceases to be an employee of Company and who is or was an employee of Company (or affiliate) within the six (6) months prior to Employee's termination of employment with Company or thereafter to terminate his/her employment with Company (or such affiliate); or (b) directly solicit for hire, directly entice for hire, hire, or directly recruit any officer, or manager reporting to such officer, toolpusher, rig superintendent or offshore installation manager (OIM) holding such position at the time Employee ceases to be an employee of Company and who is or was an employee of Company within the six (6) months prior to Employee's separation of employment with Company or thereafter.
- (d) Agreement not to Solicit Customers. Employee further covenants and agrees that during Employee's employment and for a period of twelve (12) months following the Retirement Date, Employee shall not individually, or by assisting any other person or entity to, directly or indirectly, (i) solicit, contact, or communicate with any person or company, for the purpose of engaging in a business that is the same or similar to the Company's business at the time Employee's employment with the Company ends, who was a customer of the Company during the twenty-four (24) months preceding the Retirement Date, (ii) solicit, contact, or communicate with any person or company, for the purpose of engaging in a business that is the same or similar to the Company's business at the time of Employee's Retirement Date, that Employee contacted, solicited, serviced, or sold services to as an Employee of the Company (either directly or that Employee supervised directly, indirectly, in whole or in part, the solicitation or servicing

activities related to such person or company) at any time during the twenty-four (24) months preceding the Retirement Date; or (iii) induce any customer, supplier or other person with whom the Company engaged in business, or to the knowledge of Employee planned or proposed to engage in business, to terminate any commercial relationship with the Company or cease to accept or issue its products and/or service.

13. Breach Causing Irreparable Harm. The terms of this Agreement are contractual and not merely recitals. Employee agrees that a breach by Employee of Sections 11 and 12 of this Agreement will result in irreparable harm to the Company, and as such, upon such breach, without limiting the Company's right to seek injunctive relief allowed by law in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Company may pursue a claim against Employee for any damages suffered by Company as a result of such breach. Employee's agreements in Section 12 shall be extended for the period of time which Employee violates one or more of these agreements and/or during any period during which the Company appeals from an order refusing to enforce any of these agreements or covenants. The tolling or extension period shall not exceed twelve (12) months under any circumstances.

14. Reliance; Complete Agreement; Modification. Employee and the Company acknowledge that in executing this Agreement they have not relied on any statements, promises or representations made by the other party except as specifically memorialized in this Agreement. This Agreement and the Employment Agreement constitutes the complete agreement of the parties on or in any way related to the subject matter addressed herein; provided, however, that this Agreement specifically supersedes and voids Articles 2, 3.2 (as it relates to post-termination benefits), 3.3 (as it related to post-termination benefits), 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 5.2 of the Employment Agreement. Additionally, this Agreement supersedes and voids the Employment Agreement to the extent the Employment Agreement requires the payment of any monetary benefits (including but not limited to post-termination of employment pay or benefits) to Employee, except as otherwise stated in this Agreement. To the extent any provision in the Employment Agreement is inconsistent with a term or condition of this Agreement, the parties agree this Agreement shall govern and supersede the Employment Agreement. Following the Retirement Date, the Employment Agreement shall be null and void. This Agreement cannot be modified or rescinded except upon the written consent of both Employee and the Company.

15. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, such provision shall be considered to be distinct and severable from the other provisions of this Agreement, and such unenforceability shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable as written but may be made enforceable by limitation, then such provision shall be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. No failure by either party hereto at any time to give notice of any breach by the other party of, or to require compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time.

16. Governing Law; Venue; Jury Waiver. The Company and Employee agree that the law of Texas without regard to conflicts of law principles shall exclusively govern any disputes between the parties, including but not limited to, the validity, interpretation, and effect of this Agreement, as well as any other disputes arising out of or relating to the employment of Employee by the Company and Employee's work for or competition against the Company. In the event of any dispute between them, including, but not limited to any disputes arising out of this Agreement, Employee's employment with the

Company and work for the Company and any issues involving Employee's competition against the Company, the parties agree to exclusive, mandatory and sole jurisdiction and venue in Houston, Texas. The parties agree and consent to have all such disputes resolved by a judge in the courts of Harris County, Texas. The Company and Employee hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue there. The Parties hereby waive all challenges to personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including, but not limited to, the claim or defense that such courts or locale constitute an inconvenient forum. The parties agree that any disputes between them shall be adjudicated by a judge and, therefore, the parties waive a trial by jury.

17. Code Section 409A.

- (a) Deferred Compensation. To the extent any payments or benefits under this Agreement constitute deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations thereunder (collectively "Section 409A") this Agreement shall be administered, interpreted and construed to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A. The portion of any payment or benefit under this Agreement that is paid within the short-term deferral period or is otherwise exempt from Code Section 409A will not be treated as nonqualified deferred compensation and will not be aggregated with other nonqualified deferred compensation plans or payments to the extent permitted under Code Section 409A.
- (b) Separate Payments and Payment Timing. Payment dates provided for in this Agreement will be deemed to incorporate grace periods that are treated as made upon a designated payment date within the meaning of Code Section 409A and Treas. Regs. §1.409A-3(d).
- (c) General Section 409A Provisions. If Employee or the Company determines that any payments or benefits payable under this Agreement intended to comply with Code Section 409A and do not comply with Section 409A of the Code, Employee and the Company agree to amend this Agreement, or take such other actions as Employee and the Company deem reasonably necessary or appropriate, to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code (and any applicable relief provisions), while preserving the economic agreement of the parties. If any provision of the Agreement would cause such payments or benefits to fail to so comply, such provision will not be effective and will be null and void with respect to such payments or benefits, and such provision will otherwise remain in full force and effect.

All payments considered nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A and the regulations thereunder will be made on the date(s) provided herein and no request to accelerate or defer any payment under this Section will be considered or approved for any reason whatsoever, except as permitted under Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, amounts payable hereunder which are not nonqualified deferred compensation, or which may be accelerated pursuant to Section 409A, such as distributions for applicable tax payments, may be accelerated, but not deferred, at the sole discretion of Company.

To the extent required to comply with Section 409A, all references in this Agreement to termination of employment or termination mean Employee's "separation from service" as that term is defined in Section 1.409A-1(h) of the Treasury Regulations.

- (d) **Reimbursements and In-Kind Benefits.** If any coverage (whether provided before or after Employee's termination of employment) under medical, dental, disability and/or life insurance plan, or the provision of any other benefit or perquisite, results in in-kind benefits or reimbursements to Employee that are (x) taxable for federal income tax purposes and (y) deferred compensation subject to Section 409A, then such in-kind benefits or reimbursements shall be subject to the following rules:
- (i) The in-kind benefits to be provided, or the amounts to be reimbursed, shall be determined pursuant to the terms of the applicable benefit plan, and shall be limited, in addition to any other applicable limitations, to Employee's lifetime and the lifetime of Employee's eligible dependents.
 - (ii) The amounts eligible for reimbursement, or the in-kind benefits provided, during any calendar year may not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or the in-kind benefits provided, in any other calendar year.
 - (iii) Any reimbursement of an eligible expense shall be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred.
 - (iv) Employee's right to an in-kind benefit or reimbursement is not subject to liquidation or exchange for cash or another benefit.
- (e) **Specified Employee Status.** If Employee is a specified employee (within the meaning of Code Section 409A) on the date of his separation from service, any payments made with respect to such separation from service under this Agreement, and other payments or benefits under this Agreement that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, will be delayed in order to comply with Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, and such delayed payments or benefits will be paid in a lump sum upon expiration of such six (6) month period with all accrued interest calculated from the Date of Termination until such lump sum payment and equal to the average six (6) month U.S. Treasury Rate for the year six-month period measured from the date of Employee's separation from service. Any remaining payments and benefits due under the Agreement will be paid as otherwise provided in the Agreement
- (f) **Amounts Subject to Release.** To the extent any amounts payable hereunder is considered nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A and the period during which Employee has discretion to execute or revoke a release straddles two taxable years of Employee, then the Company will commence the payments and/or benefits in the second of such taxable years, and Employee may not, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any such payment.

Each of the undersigned acknowledges that he/it (a) has read and fully understands all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (b) has had sufficient time to consider this Agreement and to consult about it with an attorney, and (c) is signing it knowingly, voluntarily and willingly. This Agreement is effective once signed by all the parties and can be executed in multiple identical counterparts and via email and fax.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date specified below.

Date: 23 September 2013

/s/ Lawrence R. Dickerson
Lawrence R. Dickerson
Employee

DIAMOND OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

/s/ William C. Long
Name: William C. Long
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

I, Lawrence R. Dickerson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 30, 2013

\s\ Lawrence R. Dickerson
Lawrence R. Dickerson
Chief Executive Officer

I, Gary T. Krenek, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 30, 2013

\s\ Gary T. Krenek
Gary T. Krenek
Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Each of the undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, in his capacity as an officer of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the "Company"), that, to his knowledge:

(1) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: October 30, 2013

\s\ Lawrence R. Dickerson

Lawrence R. Dickerson

Chief Executive Officer of the Company

\s\ Gary T. Krenek

Gary T. Krenek

Chief Financial Officer of the Company