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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 March 31, 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

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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 April 25, 2013

Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

139,035,448 shares

**DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.**

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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)

	<u>March 31,</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 308,109	\$ 335,432
Marketable securities .....	1,150,168	1,150,158
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts.....	485,900	499,660
Prepaid expenses and other current assets .....	117,804	136,099
Assets held for sale.....	11,594	11,594
Total current assets.....	<u>2,073,575</u>	<u>2,132,943</u>
<b>Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation .....</b>	4,967,242	4,864,972
<b>Other assets.....</b>	226,042	237,371
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 7,266,859</u>	<u>\$ 7,235,286</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable .....	\$ 90,758	\$ 96,631
Accrued liabilities .....	336,778	324,434
Taxes payable.....	30,596	64,481
Total current liabilities .....	<u>458,132</u>	<u>485,546</u>
<b>Long-term debt.....</b>	1,496,128	1,496,066
<b>Deferred tax liability .....</b>	500,292	490,946
<b>Other liabilities .....</b>	182,855	186,334
Total liabilities .....	<u>2,637,407</u>	<u>2,658,892</u>
 <b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)</b>		
 <b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
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 March 31, 2013; 143,948,370 shares issued and 139,031,570 shares outstanding at December 31, 2012) .....	1,440	1,439
Additional paid-in capital.....	1,984,854	1,983,957
Retained earnings.....	2,756,319	2,702,915
Accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss) .....	1,252	2,496
Treasury stock, at cost (4,916,800 shares of common stock at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012) .....	(114,413)	(114,413)
Total stockholders' equity.....	<u>4,629,452</u>	<u>4,576,394</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	<u>\$ 7,266,859</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)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Contract drilling .....	\$ 699,973	\$ 755,155
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses .....	29,768	13,487
Total revenues .....	729,741	768,642
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Contract drilling, excluding depreciation .....	375,094	397,102
Reimbursable expenses .....	29,289	13,151
Depreciation .....	96,821	101,393
General and administrative .....	16,815	17,586
Bad debt recovery .....	--	(618)
Gain on disposition of assets .....	(2,004)	(25,382)
Total operating expenses .....	516,015	503,232
<b>Operating income</b> .....	213,726	265,410
<b>Other income (expense):</b>		
Interest income .....	617	1,783
Interest expense .....	(8,069)	(15,329)
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss) .....	159	(104)
Other, net .....	(254)	(325)
<b>Income before income tax expense</b> .....	206,179	251,435
<b>Income tax expense</b> .....	(30,190)	(66,266)
<b>Net income</b> .....	\$ 175,989	\$ 185,169
<b>Income per share:</b>		
Basic .....	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.33
Diluted .....	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.33
<b>Weighted-average shares outstanding:</b>		
Shares of common stock .....	139,032	139,028
Dilutive potential shares of common stock .....	49	12
Total weighted-average shares outstanding .....	139,081	139,040
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock .....	\$ 0.875	\$ 0.875

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

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Net income</b> .....	\$ 175,989	\$ 185,169
<b>Other comprehensive gains (losses), net of tax:</b>		
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts:		
Unrealized holding gain .....	283	4,156
Reclassification adjustment for loss (gain) included in net income .....	(1,451)	1,319
Investments in marketable securities:		
Unrealized holding (loss) gain .....	7	(37)
Reclassification adjustment for loss (gain) included in net income .....	(83)	20
Total other comprehensive (loss) gain .....	(1,244)	5,458
<b>Comprehensive income</b> .....	\$ 174,745	\$ 190,627

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**DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income .....	\$ 175,989	\$ 185,169
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation .....	96,821	101,393
Gain on disposition of assets .....	(2,004)	(25,382)
(Gain) loss on foreign currency forward exchange contracts .....	(2,435)	1,778
Deferred tax provision .....	9,994	(791)
Accretion of discounts on marketable securities .....	(326)	2,489
Stock-based compensation expense .....	788	1,239
Deferred income, net .....	(23,085)	9,611
Deferred expenses, net .....	5,600	28,878
Long-term employee remuneration programs .....	2,209	2,163
Other assets, noncurrent .....	(4,366)	869
Other liabilities, noncurrent .....	(1,612)	1,822
(Payments of) proceeds from settlement of foreign currency forward exchange contracts designated as accounting hedges.....	2,435	(1,778)
Other.....	463	265
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable .....	13,760	(10,972)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets .....	14,039	6,424
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	6,925	(17,629)
Taxes payable.....	(19,089)	64,294
Net cash provided by operating activities .....	276,106	349,842
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures (including rig construction).....	(183,719)	(110,234)
Deposits received on sale of rigs .....	--	7,750
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of disposal costs.....	2,230	41,186
Proceeds from sale and maturities of marketable securities .....	725,014	600,034
Purchases of marketable securities .....	(724,793)	(976,715)
Net cash used in investing activities .....	(181,268)	(437,979)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Payment of dividends .....	(122,298)	(122,138)
Other.....	137	31
Net cash used in financing activities .....	(122,161)	(122,107)
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents.....</b>	<b>(27,323)</b>	<b>(210,244)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period.....	335,432	333,765
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period.....	\$ 308,109	\$ 123,521

**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 April 25, 2013, Loews Corporation, or Loews, 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, Marketable Securities*

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.

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)” 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.

The effect of exchange rate changes on cash balances held in foreign currencies was not material for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

#### *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 “Accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss),” or 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 of our mid-water semisubmersibles, consisting of two previously cold-stacked rigs (the *Ocean Epoch* and *Ocean New Era*) and the *Ocean Whittington*, which was idled in 2012, and the *Ocean Spartan*, a previously cold-stacked jack-up rig. In connection with the reclassification of these rigs to “Assets held for sale,” we measured 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. 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 of \$62.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2012. We determined that the carrying value of the *Ocean Spartan* was not impaired. At both March 31, 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 three months ended March 31, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012, we capitalized \$78.2 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.

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	
	March 31,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Total interest cost, including amortization of debt issuance costs .....	\$ 23,905	\$ 22,409
Capitalized interest .....	(15,836)	(7,080)
Total interest expense as reported .....	\$ 8,069	\$ 15,329

### 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 March 31, 2013 that were not being marketed for sale.

### 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 periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we recognized net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) of \$0.2 million and \$(0.1) 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 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.

## 2. Supplemental Financial Information

### Consolidated Balance Sheets Information

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

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Trade receivables .....	\$ 458,011	\$ 478,992
Value added tax receivables .....	12,197	13,884
Amounts held in escrow .....	20,212	11,555
Related party receivables .....	442	527
Other .....	496	160
	<u>491,358</u>	<u>505,118</u>
Allowance for bad debts .....	(5,458)	(5,458)
Total .....	<u>\$ 485,900</u>	<u>\$ 499,660</u>

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Rig spare parts and supplies .....	\$ 55,581	\$ 57,558
Deferred mobilization costs .....	32,360	38,074
Prepaid insurance .....	4,625	12,549
Deferred tax assets .....	8,619	8,619
Prepaid taxes .....	8,051	5,950
FOREX contracts .....	2,923	3,627
Other .....	5,645	9,722
Total .....	<u>\$ 117,804</u>	<u>\$ 136,099</u>

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Rig operating expenses .....	\$ 78,392	\$ 70,078
Payroll and benefits .....	85,793	88,612
Deferred revenue .....	51,003	71,699
Accrued capital project/upgrade costs .....	72,193	56,595
Interest payable .....	29,410	21,219
Personal injury and other claims .....	12,355	10,312
FOREX contracts .....	1,106	29
Other .....	6,526	5,890
Total .....	<u>\$ 336,778</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:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Accrued but unpaid capital expenditures at period end .....	\$ 72,193	\$ 10,275
Cash interest payments, including amounts capitalized <sup>(1)</sup> .....	21,829	16,943
Cash income taxes paid, net of refunds:		
U.S. federal.....	20,000	--
Foreign .....	17,700	10,810

(1) Interest paid included \$0.2 million in interest on Internal Revenue Service assessments during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

**3. Earnings Per Share**

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

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>	
Net income – basic and diluted (numerator) .....	\$ 175,989	\$ 185,169
Weighted average shares – basic (denominator):	139,032	139,028
Effect of dilutive potential shares		
Stock options and stock appreciation rights .....	49	12
Weighted average shares including conversions – diluted (denominator) .....	139,081	139,040
Earnings per share:		
Basic .....	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.33
Diluted .....	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.33

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:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Employee and director:		
Stock options .....	10	19
Stock appreciation rights.....	805	725

**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:

	<b>March 31, 2013</b>		
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes (due within one year) .....	\$ 1,149,827	\$ 65	\$ 1,149,892
Mortgage-backed securities.....	261	15	276
Total .....	<u>\$ 1,150,088</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,168</u>

  

	<b>December 31, 2012</b>		
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
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:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Proceeds from maturities.....	\$ 725,000	\$ 500,000
Proceeds from sales .....	14	100,034
Gross realized gains.....	--	--
Gross realized losses .....	--	(5)

## 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 gains and losses on future foreign currency expenditures. The amount and duration of such contracts is 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 three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we settled FOREX contracts with aggregate notional values of approximately \$77.1 million and \$89.4 million, respectively, of which the entire aggregate amounts were designated as a cash flow accounting hedge. During the three-month periods ended March 31, 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 gain (loss) recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Operations related to our FOREX contracts designated as accounting hedges for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Contract drilling expense.....	\$ 2,435	\$ (1,778)

As of March 31, 2013, we had FOREX contracts outstanding in the aggregate notional amount of \$125.2 million, consisting of \$21.6 million in Australian dollars, \$34.1 million in Brazilian reais, \$50.1 million in British pounds sterling, \$8.6 million in Mexican pesos and \$10.8 million in Norwegian kroner. These contracts generally settle monthly through June 2014. As of March 31, 2013, all outstanding derivative contracts had been designated as cash flow hedges. See Note 6.

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

Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value		Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	
	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012		March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 2,923	\$ 3,627	Accrued liabilities	\$ (1,106)	\$ (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 periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Amount of gain recognized in AOCGL on derivative (effective portion).....	\$ 435	\$ 6,394
Location of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCGL into income (effective portion) .....	Contract drilling expense	Contract drilling expense
Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCGL into income (effective portion) .....	\$ 2,232	\$ (2,030)
Location of loss recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing) .....	Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)	Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)
Amount of loss recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing).....	\$ (2)	\$ (16)

As of March 31, 2013, the estimated amount of net unrealized gains associated with our FOREX contracts that will be reclassified to earnings during the next twelve months was \$1.8 million. The net unrealized gains associated with these derivative financial instruments will be reclassified to contract drilling expense.

## 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. Our two largest customers in Brazil, *Petróleo Brasileiro S.A.* (a Brazilian multinational energy company that is majority-owned by the Brazilian government) and *OGX Petróleo e Gás Ltda.* (a privately owned Brazilian oil and natural gas company), accounted for \$136.8 million and \$30.1 million, or 30% and 7%, respectively, of our total consolidated gross trade accounts receivable balances as of March 31, 2013, and \$116.4 million and \$80.3 million, or 24% and 17%, respectively, as of December 31, 2012.

At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, \$2.0 million and \$17.2 million, respectively, 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. 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 and expect to receive 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 and expect to receive 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. We believe we will collect all of the receivable due to us from the NPI and, accordingly, have recorded no reserve for this receivable as of March 31, 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. Historically, we have not experienced significant losses on our trade receivables. 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. Our allowance for bad debts was \$5.5 million at both March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012. See Note 2.

#### *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 March 31, 2013 consisted of cash held in money market funds of \$283.8 million and investments in U.S. Treasury securities of \$1,149.9 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 March 31, 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.

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 record any impairment charges related to assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are summarized below:

	March 31, 2013			
	Fair Value Measurements Using			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In thousands)			
<b>Recurring fair value measurements:</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Short-term investments .....	\$ 1,433,692	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,433,692
FOREX contracts .....	--	2,923	--	2,923
Mortgage-backed securities .....	--	276	--	276
Total assets .....	<u>\$ 1,433,692</u>	<u>\$ 3,199</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,891</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
FOREX contracts .....	\$ --	\$ (1,106)	\$ --	\$ (1,106)
<b>Nonrecurring fair value measurements:</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Assets held for sale .....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900
	December 31, 2012			
	Fair Value Measurements Using			Assets at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In thousands)			
<b>Recurring fair value measurements:</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
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>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
FOREX contracts .....	\$ --	\$ (29)	\$ --	\$ (29)
<b>Nonrecurring fair value measurements:</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Assets held for sale .....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900

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.

We consider our long-term debt 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 March 31, 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.

	March 31, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
	(In millions)			
4.875% Senior Notes .....	\$ 272.9	\$ 249.9	\$ 275.5	\$ 249.8
5.15% Senior Notes .....	265.6	249.9	269.0	249.9
5.70% Senior Notes .....	627.7	496.9	641.4	496.9
5.875% Senior Notes .....	611.2	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:

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Drilling rigs and equipment.....	\$ 7,185,228	\$ 7,107,279
Construction work-in-progress.....	1,110,636	990,964
Land and buildings.....	64,590	64,296
Office equipment and other.....	61,199	60,239
Cost .....	8,421,653	8,222,778
Less: accumulated depreciation.....	(3,454,411)	(3,357,806)
Drilling and other property and equipment, net.....	\$ 4,967,242	\$ 4,864,972

Construction work-in-progress, including capitalized interest, at March 31, 2013 included \$764.6 million, \$215.0 million and \$131.0 million related to the construction of our four drillships, the *Ocean Onyx*, and the *Ocean Apex*, respectively. See Note 8.

## 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.

*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 has appealed the court's decision. 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 March 31, 2013, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$34.8 million, of which \$12.0 million and \$22.8 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.*

*Drillship Construction.* We are financially obligated under four separate turnkey construction contracts with Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd., or Hyundai, for the construction of four ultra-deepwater drillships, the first two of which are expected to be delivered in the second and fourth quarters of 2013. We expect the aggregate cost of the construction of our drillships, including commissioning, spares and project management costs, to be approximately \$2.6 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, and expect to pay the second installments due Hyundai, totaling \$786.9 million for the *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean BlackHornet*, as each vessel is delivered in 2013.

*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 ready for drilling service late in the third quarter of 2013. We estimate the aggregate cost for the construction of the *Ocean Onyx* to be approximately \$320.0 million, including commissioning, 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 six installments, aggregating \$80.3 million, including \$14.6 million paid in 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 second quarter of 2014 at an aggregate cost of approximately \$370 million, including commissioning, 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 three installments, of which \$13.5 million and an aggregate \$27.0 million was paid in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

*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 million, including shipyard costs, owner-furnished equipment and labor, commissioning and spares. Construction work is expected to begin in Singapore in the third quarter of 2013 and to be completed in the first quarter of 2014. The contracted price due Keppel Singapore is approximately \$29 million, payable in seven installments based on the occurrence of certain events as detailed in the vessel modification agreement. We paid the first installment due Keppel Singapore in the amount of \$5.8 million in March 2013.

At March 31, 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 March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$105.8 million under certain performance, bid, supersedeas, tax appeal and custom bonds and letters of credit. Agreements relating to approximately \$90.6 million of performance bonds can require collateral at any time. As of March 31, 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:

	<b>Unrealized Gain (Loss) on</b>		
	<b>FOREX Contracts</b>	<b>Marketable Securities</b>	<b>Total AOCGL</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Balance at January 1, 2013 .....	\$ 2,350	\$ 146	\$ 2,496
Change in other comprehensive gain (loss) before reclassifications, after tax of \$(152) and \$5 .....	283	7	290
Reclassification adjustments for items included in Net Income, after tax of \$781 and \$14 .....	(1,451)	(83)	(1,534)
Balance at March 31, 2013 .....	<u>\$ 1,182</u>	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 1,252</u>

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

<b>Major Category of AOCGL</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2013</b>	<b>Consolidated Statements of Operations Line Items</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Unrealized (gain) loss on FOREX contracts .....	\$ (2,232)	Contract drilling, excluding depreciation
	781	Income tax expense
	<u>\$ (1,451)</u>	Net of tax
Unrealized (gain) loss on marketable securities .....	\$ (97)	Other, net
	14	Income tax expense
	<u>\$ (83)</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:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Floater:		
Ultra-Deepwater.....	\$ 191,357	\$ 244,589
Deepwater.....	164,420	146,003
Mid-Water.....	305,221	318,595
Total Floaters.....	660,998	709,187
Jack-ups.....	38,975	45,968
Total contract drilling revenues.....	699,973	755,155
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses.....	29,768	13,487
Total revenues.....	<u>\$ 729,741</u>	<u>\$ 768,642</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 March 31, 2013, our actively-marketed drilling rigs were en route to or located offshore 12 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.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
United States.....	\$ 105,760	\$ 46,606
International:		
South America.....	283,565	375,845
Australia/Asia.....	116,389	140,723
Europe/Africa/Mediterranean.....	172,706	161,508
Mexico.....	51,321	43,960
Total revenues.....	<u>\$ 729,741</u>	<u>\$ 768,642</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 three months ended March 31, 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 during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

On March 26, 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 provide contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe and are a leader in offshore drilling. Our fleet of 44 offshore drilling rigs, including four rigs held for sale, consists of 32 semisubmersibles, seven jack-ups and five dynamically positioned drillships, four of which are under construction. We expect two of our new drillships, the *Ocean BlackHawk* and the *Ocean BlackHornet*, to be delivered in the second and fourth quarters of 2013, respectively, and the deepwater floater *Ocean Onyx* to be available for drilling service late in the third quarter of 2013. Our remaining two newbuild drillships, the *Ocean BlackRhino* and *Ocean BlackLion*, are expected to be delivered in the second and fourth quarters of 2014, respectively. The deepwater floater *Ocean Apex* is expected to be delivered in the second quarter of 2014. As announced in the first quarter of 2013, the *Ocean Patriot* will undergo an enhancement project that will enable the rig to operate in the North Sea. The project is currently in the pre-construction phase; construction will take place in Singapore, beginning in the third quarter of 2013. Upon completion of the enhancement project, which is anticipated to occur in the first quarter of 2014, we expect the *Ocean Patriot* to mobilize to, and commence a three-year contract in, the United Kingdom, or U.K., sector of the North Sea.

### Market Overview

#### *Floater Markets*

*Ultra-Deepwater and Deepwater Floaters.* The ultra-deepwater and deepwater floater markets are generally strong, particularly in the ultra-deepwater segment where there are only a few uncontracted rigs available to work in 2013, inclusive of the expected 2013 newbuild deliveries.

Regionally, the offshore basins of West Africa, Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico continue to be an area of significant ultra-deepwater and deepwater activity where demand is strong with potential for further growth, and in which dayrates are expected to remain steady throughout 2013. According to industry analysts, demand offshore Brazil is fueled primarily by aggressive exploration and development goals of *Petróleo Brasileiro S.A.*, or *Petrobras*, as well as significant discoveries in the pre-salt and post-salt formations offshore Brazil. Similarly, pre-salt discoveries offshore Angola have led to a significant increase in deepwater demand in the area.

On the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico, drilling activity has surpassed pre-Macondo levels, and industry analysts predict that the market will continue to strengthen in 2013 and beyond, particularly in the ultra-deepwater market. Demand in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, or GOM, is tending more to newer deepwater and ultra-deepwater rigs due to new regulations, deeper waters and more challenging formations. Our newest rigs which we expect to be delivered in 2013, the *Ocean BlackHawk*, *Ocean Onyx* and *Ocean BlackHornet*, are all contracted to work in the GOM.

Despite the strong ultra-deepwater and deepwater markets, our ability to meet the strong demand in the near term is limited due to our contracted backlog in 2013 (100% and 98% for our ultra-deepwater and deepwater fleets, respectively). See "*Contract Drilling Backlog.*" In addition, the robust outlook for the ultra-deepwater and deepwater markets has led to a significant number of newbuild floater orders from established drilling contractors, as well as new entrants into the industry, which is expected to lead to increased competition. As of the date of this report, the total number of newbuild floaters on order or announced was reported to be in excess of 90 rigs, although newbuild orders have slowed in 2013, with only three orders having been placed in the first quarter of 2013. Based on industry analyst data, and excluding an estimated 29 rigs to be built on behalf of *Petrobras*, which is currently our most significant customer, 17% and 85% of the newbuilds scheduled for delivery in 2013 and 2014, respectively, are not yet contracted for future work, including two of our newbuild drillships, the *Ocean BlackRhino* and *Ocean BlackLion*, and our deepwater floater, the *Ocean Apex*, all of which are scheduled for delivery in 2014.

*Mid-Water Floaters.* Market demand for mid-water floaters is generally stable. In both the U.K. and Norway sectors of the North Sea, the mid-water market is particularly strong, with record dayrates being achieved. The mid-water market in other regions remains mixed but relatively stable. In the Mediterranean region, demand remains solid, where recent gas discoveries have led to increased interest in the region. The Southeast Asia and Australia markets also remain steady with indications of possible strengthening.

As of the date of this report, our mid-water floaters in the aggregate were committed for 70% and 50% of 2013 and 2014, respectively. See “– *Contract Drilling Backlog.*”

### ***Jack-up Market***

We have six actively-marketed jack-up rigs, four of which are currently operating in the Mexican waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where drilling activity remains stable and additional tendering activity is ongoing. Another jack-up rig is contracted under a two-year bareboat charter offshore Ecuador through August 2014. Our sixth marketed jack-up rig is actively seeking work in the GOM, where contracts are generally well-to-well or short-term in duration.

### **Contract Drilling Backlog**

The following table reflects our contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013, February 1, 2013 (the date reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012), and April 16, 2012 (the date reported in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012). Contract drilling backlog 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.

	<u>April 25, 2013</u>	<u>February 1, 2013</u>	<u>April 16, 2012</u>
	(In thousands)		
<b>Contract Drilling Backlog</b>			
Floaters:			
Ultra-Deepwater <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 4,257,000	\$ 4,422,000	\$ 4,721,000
Deepwater <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,143,000	1,229,000	1,133,000
Mid-Water <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<u>2,436,000</u>	<u>2,649,000</u>	<u>2,119,000</u>
Total Floaters .....	7,836,000	8,300,000	7,973,000
Jack-ups .....	<u>249,000</u>	<u>272,000</u>	<u>269,000</u>
Total .....	<u>\$ 8,085,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,572,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,242,000</u>

- (1) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our ultra-deepwater floaters includes (i) \$1.2 billion attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil for the years 2013 to 2015 and (ii) \$1.8 billion attributable to future work for two of our drillships under construction for the years 2013 to 2019.
- (2) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our deepwater floaters includes (i) \$503.0 million attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil for the years 2013 to 2016 and (ii) \$179.0 million for the years 2013 to 2014 attributable to future work for the *Ocean Onyx*, which is under construction.
- (3) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our mid-water floaters includes \$787.0 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 April 25, 2013.

	<b>For the Years Ending December 31,</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2013 <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016 - 2019</b>
	(In thousands)				
<b>Contract Drilling Backlog</b>					
Floaters:					
Ultra-Deepwater <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$ 4,257,000	\$ 764,000	\$ 1,156,000	\$ 1,099,000	\$ 1,238,000
Deepwater <sup>(3)</sup> .....	1,143,000	450,000	456,000	175,000	62,000
Mid-Water <sup>(4)</sup> .....	<u>2,436,000</u>	<u>890,000</u>	<u>949,000</u>	<u>404,000</u>	<u>193,000</u>
Total Floaters .....	7,836,000	2,104,000	2,561,000	1,678,000	1,493,000
Jack-ups .....	<u>249,000</u>	<u>109,000</u>	<u>72,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total .....	<u>\$ 8,085,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,213,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,633,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,513,000</u>

- (1) Represents a nine-month period beginning April 1, 2013.
- (2) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our ultra-deepwater floaters includes (i) \$395.0 million, \$473.0 million and \$324.0 million for the years 2013 to 2015, respectively, attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil and (ii) \$14.0 million, \$300.0 million and \$361.0 million for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively, and \$1.1 billion in the aggregate for the years 2016 to 2019, attributable to future work for two of our drillships under construction.
- (3) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our deepwater floaters includes (i) \$158.0 million, \$149.0 million, \$134.0 million and \$62.0 million for the years 2013 to 2016, respectively, attributable to our contracted operations offshore Brazil and (ii) \$45.0 million and \$134.0 million for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively, attributable to future work for the *Ocean Onyx*, which is under construction.
- (4) Contract drilling backlog as of April 25, 2013 for our mid-water floaters includes \$366.0 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 April 25, 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* and *Ocean BlackLion*, which are all under construction.

	<b>For the Years Ending December 31,</b>			
	<b>2013 <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016 - 2019</b>
<b>Rig Days Committed <sup>(2)</sup></b>				
Floaters:				
Ultra-Deepwater .....	100%	86%	60%	15%
Deepwater .....	98%	45%	18%	2%
Mid-Water .....	75%	50%	18%	2%
All Floaters .....	85%	56%	30%	6%
Jack-ups .....	69%	39%	20%	5%

- (1) Represents a nine-month period beginning April 1, 2013.
- (2) As of April 25, 2013, includes approximately 1,060, 830, 70 and 70 currently known, scheduled shipyard, survey and 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 dry-docking or shipyard time, except for rigs located in the United Kingdom, or U.K., and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea.

During the next three quarters of 2013, nine of our rigs are expected to complete or undergo 5-year surveys. We expect these rigs to be out of service for approximately 560 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 500 days during the remainder of 2013 for the mobilization of rigs, contract acceptance testing and extended maintenance projects. 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 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 2013, we expect to capitalize interest on qualifying expenditures related to the construction of our four new drillships, the *Ocean Onyx* and the *Ocean Apex*. 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 three months ended March 31, 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.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>REVENUE EARNING DAYS <sup>(1)</sup></b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater.....	526	620
Deepwater.....	423	400
Mid-Water.....	1,042	1,124
Jack-ups <sup>(2)</sup> .....	448	522
<b>UTILIZATION <sup>(3)</sup></b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater.....	73%	85%
Deepwater.....	94%	88%
Mid-Water.....	64%	65%
Jack-ups <sup>(4)</sup> .....	71%	44%
<b>AVERAGE DAILY REVENUE <sup>(5)</sup></b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater.....	\$ 360,400	\$ 364,000
Deepwater.....	389,100	358,900
Mid-Water.....	261,600	266,200
Jack-ups.....	85,200	86,700

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Revenue earning days for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 included approximately 87 days earned by certain of our jack-up rigs during the period prior to being sold in 2012.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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).

<sup>(4)</sup> Utilization for our jack-up rigs would have been 68% for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, excluding revenue earning days and total calendar days associated with rigs that we sold in 2012.

<sup>(5)</sup> 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.



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

**Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 and 2012**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	(In thousands)	
<b>CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE</b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater .....	\$ 191,357	\$ 244,589
Deepwater .....	164,420	146,003
Mid-Water .....	305,221	318,595
Total Floaters .....	660,998	709,187
Jack-ups .....	38,975	45,968
Other .....	--	--
<b>Total Contract Drilling Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 699,973</b>	<b>\$ 755,155</b>
<b>Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 29,768</b>	<b>\$ 13,487</b>
<b>CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE</b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater .....	\$ 135,776	\$ 139,961
Deepwater .....	56,436	58,594
Mid-Water .....	143,647	162,779
Total Floaters .....	335,859	361,334
Jack-ups .....	29,667	31,443
Other .....	9,568	4,325
<b>Total Contract Drilling Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 375,094</b>	<b>\$ 397,102</b>
<b>Reimbursable Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 29,289</b>	<b>\$ 13,151</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		
Floaters:		
Ultra-Deepwater .....	\$ 55,581	\$ 104,628
Deepwater .....	107,984	87,409
Mid-Water .....	161,574	155,816
Total Floaters .....	325,139	347,853
Jack-ups .....	9,308	14,525
Other .....	(9,568)	(4,325)
Reimbursable expenses, net .....	479	336
Depreciation .....	(96,821)	(101,393)
General and administrative expense .....	(16,815)	(17,586)
Bad debt (expense) recovery .....	--	618
Gain on disposition of assets .....	2,004	25,382
<b>Total Operating Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 213,726</b>	<b>\$ 265,410</b>
Other income (expense):		
Interest income .....	617	1,783
Interest expense .....	(8,069)	(15,329)
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss) .....	159	(104)
Other, net .....	(254)	(325)
Income before income tax expense .....	206,179	251,435
Income tax expense .....	(30,190)	(66,266)
<b>NET INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$ 175,989</b>	<b>\$ 185,169</b>

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>
<b>Floaters:</b>			
<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 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 <sup>(a)</sup>	May 2012
<i>Ocean Apex</i>	Mid-Water	Singapore shipyard <sup>(b)</sup>	September 2012
<i>Ocean Ambassador</i>	Mid-Water	Brazil to GOM	October 2012
<i>Ocean Lexington</i>	Mid-Water	Brazil to Trinidad	March 2013
<b>Jack-ups:</b>			
<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

**Operating Income.** Operating income decreased \$51.7 million, or 19%, during the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same period of 2012, primarily due to a \$55.2 million reduction in contract drilling revenue earned, partially offset by reductions in contract drilling expense (\$22.0 million) and depreciation expense (\$4.5 million) attributable to the sale of six rigs in 2012 and the transfer of four rigs to assets held for sale at the end of 2012. Additionally, we recognized a \$25.0 million gain on the sale of the *Ocean Columbia* during the first quarter of 2012. The decrease in contract drilling revenue for the first quarter of 2013 was primarily the result of an aggregate 250-day reduction in revenue earning days for our ultra-deepwater, mid-water and jack-up fleets (\$62.7 million), partially offset by an increase in revenue earned by our deepwater floaters (\$18.4 million). The decrease in contract drilling expense for the first quarter of 2013 reflects lower mobilization costs for our fleet, partially offset by higher repair and inspection costs and additional labor costs associated with crews for our newbuild drillships.

**Gain on Disposition of Assets.** During the first quarter of 2013, we recognized an aggregate net gain of \$2.0 million, primarily related to the sale of used equipment. During the first quarter of 2012, we sold the *Ocean Columbia* and recognized a gain on sale of approximately \$25 million.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense decreased \$7.3 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to an \$8.8 million increase in interest capitalized on eligible construction projects during the first three months of 2013.

**Income Tax Expense.** Our effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was 14.6%, compared to a 26.4% effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The lower effective tax rate in the 2013 period was primarily the result of a \$27.5 million reduction in tax expense during the current quarter 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 during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

## ***Contract Drilling Revenue and Expense by Equipment Type***

*Ultra-Deepwater Floaters.* Revenue generated by our ultra-deepwater floaters decreased \$53.2 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to 94 fewer revenue earning days (\$34.4 million), a \$17.0 million reduction in amortized mobilization revenue and lower average daily revenue earned (\$1.9 million). The decrease in revenue earning days for the first quarter of 2013 was primarily attributable to scheduled downtime for the *Ocean Rover's* 5-year survey (76 additional days) and unplanned downtime for repairs on the *Ocean Confidence* (36 additional days). The reduction in mobilization revenue was primarily due to the recognition in the first quarter of 2012 of \$13.9 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. Contract drilling expense incurred by our ultra-deepwater floaters decreased \$4.2 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter of 2012, primarily due to lower amortized mobilization costs (\$14.0 million) and lower freight costs (\$4.6 million), partially offset by higher personnel-related costs (\$8.6 million) and repair and maintenance costs (\$6.2 million).

*Deepwater Floaters.* Revenue generated by our deepwater floaters increased \$18.4 million in the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, as a result of higher average daily revenue earned (\$12.8 million) and 23 incremental revenue earning days (\$8.1 million), partially offset by lower amortized mobilization revenue (\$2.5 million). Average daily revenue earned by our deepwater floaters increased primarily due to the *Ocean Valiant* and *Ocean Victory* both currently working at significantly higher dayrates than those rigs earned during the first quarter of 2012. The increase in revenue earning days during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the prior year quarter, was primarily the result of fewer planned, non-operating days for surveys and shipyard projects. Contract drilling expense for the first quarter of 2013 declined \$2.2 million in the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, reflecting lower costs for mobilization (\$4.1 million) and rig repairs and maintenance (\$2.2 million), partially offset by an increase in personnel-related costs (\$3.2 million).

*Mid-Water Floaters.* Revenue generated by our mid-water floaters decreased \$13.4 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, primarily due to 82 fewer revenue earning days (\$22.0 million) combined with the effect of slightly lower average daily revenue earned (\$4.8 million), partially offset by the recognition of incremental mobilization and contract preparation fees of \$13.4 million in the first quarter of 2013. The decrease in revenue earning days during the first quarter of 2013 was primarily the result of an increase in planned downtime for shipyard projects, including survey-related downtime for the *Ocean Quest* and *Ocean Worker* (135 additional days) and incremental unplanned downtime between contracts (21 additional days), partially offset by a reduction in mobilization days (82 fewer days).

Contract drilling expense decreased \$19.1 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, primarily due to reduced contract drilling expense for the *Ocean Whittington* and *Ocean Ambassador* (\$19.8 million) and the absence of costs associated with the 2012 demobilization of the *Ocean Guardian* from the Falkland Islands (\$14.2 million). During 2012, the *Ocean Whittington* and *Ocean Ambassador* completed contracts in Brazil and were relocated to the GOM, where the former rig is cold stacked and marketed for sale and the latter rig is ready stacked. The reduction in contract drilling expense during the first quarter of 2013 was partially offset by incremental costs associated with surveys for the *Ocean Quest* and *Ocean Worker* (\$12.9 million).

*Jack-ups.* Revenue and contract drilling expense for our jack-up rigs decreased \$7.0 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, in the first quarter of 2013, compared to the same quarter in 2012, primarily due to the sale of six jack-up rigs in 2012. Prior to being sold, these six rigs earned aggregate revenue and incurred contract drilling expense of \$5.3 million and \$6.5 million, respectively, during the first quarter of 2012. The decrease in contract drilling expense attributable to the rigs that were sold was partially offset by \$4.5 million in incremental mobilization costs related to the return of the *Ocean King* to the GOM during the first quarter of 2013.

## **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 to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity needs. See “ – Credit Agreement.” As of April 25, 2013, our contract drilling backlog was \$8.1 billion, of which \$2.2 billion is expected to be earned in the second through the fourth quarters of 2013.

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

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2012</u>
	(In thousands)	
Cash and equivalents.....	\$ 308,109	\$ 335,432
Marketable securities.....	1,150,168	1,150,158
Total cash available for current operations.....	<u>\$ 1,458,277</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.

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 three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we paid regular cash dividends totaling \$17.4 million in each period and special cash dividends totaling \$104.9 million and \$104.7 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 April 24, 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 June 3, 2013 to stockholders of record on May 7, 2013.

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. However, we believe that 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. will be sufficient to meet their respective working capital requirements and capital commitments over the next twelve months. We will, however, continue to make periodic assessments based on industry conditions and will adjust capital spending programs if required.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, our primary source of cash was an aggregate \$276.1 million generated from operating activities. Our primary uses of cash during the same period were \$183.7 million towards the construction of new rigs and our ongoing rig equipment enhancement/replacement program and \$122.3 million for the payment of dividends.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2012, our primary source of cash was an aggregate \$349.8 million generated from operating activities and \$48.9 million of proceeds, primarily from the sale of the *Ocean Columbia* and deposits for the sale of four additional rigs. Our primary uses of cash during the same period were \$110.2 million towards the construction of new rigs and our ongoing rig equipment enhancement/replacement program, \$376.7 million toward the purchase of marketable securities, net of sales, and \$122.1 million for the payment of dividends.

In addition, we may, from time to time, issue debt or equity securities, or a combination thereof, to finance capital expenditures, the acquisition of assets and businesses or for general corporate purposes. 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.

## Cash Flow, Capital Expenditures and Contractual Obligations

Our cash flow from operations and capital expenditures for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Cash flow from operations .....	\$ 276,106	\$ 349,842
Capital expenditures:		
Drillship construction.....	\$ 25,927	\$ 8,028
Construction of deepwater floaters.....	133,903	27,059
<i>Ocean Patriot</i> enhancement project .....	8,224	--
Ongoing rig equipment and replacements programs.	15,665	75,147
Total capital expenditures.....	<u>\$ 183,719</u>	<u>\$ 110,234</u>

### *Cash Flow*

Cash flow from operations decreased approximately \$73.7 million during the first quarter of 2013, compared to the first quarter of 2012, primarily due to a \$50.8 million decrease in cash receipts from contract drilling services and higher cash income taxes paid, net of refunds, of \$26.9 million. This increase in cash outflows was partially offset by lower cash payments related to contract drilling expenses of \$4.0 million.

### *Capital Expenditures*

At the date of this report, we expect capital expenditures for 2013 to aggregate approximately \$1.75 billion, of which approximately \$1.4 billion will be spent towards our rig construction projects. See “-- Contractual Cash Obligations -- Rig Construction.” During the first three months of 2013, we spent \$168.1 million toward these projects. We expect to fund our 2013 capital expenditures from 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.

### *Contractual Cash Obligations - Rig Construction.*

We are financially obligated under various 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2013, including estimated expenditures to be made during the remainder of 2013:

Project	Expected Delivery Date	Total Project Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Project Expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	Capitalized Interest	Estimated Expenditures in 2013 <sup>(3) (4)</sup>
(In millions)					
New Rig Construction:					
Drillships:					
<i>Ocean BlackHawk</i>	Q2 2013	\$ 635	\$ 203	\$ 16	\$ 448
<i>Ocean BlackHornet</i>	Q4 2013	635	194	16	437
<i>Ocean BlackRhino</i>	Q2 2014	645	189	17	25
<i>Ocean BlackLion</i>	Q4 2014	655	178	8	25
		2,570	764	57	935
Deepwater Floaters:					
<i>Ocean Onyx</i>	Q3 2013	320	215	6	111
<i>Ocean Apex</i>	Q2 2014	370	131	2	149
		\$ 3,260	\$ 1,110	\$ 65	\$ 1,195
<i>Ocean Patriot</i> enhancement	Q1 2014	\$ 120	\$ 8	\$ --	\$ 112

<sup>(1)</sup> Total project costs include contractual payments for shipyard construction, commissioning, capital spares and project management costs; amount does not include capitalized interest.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes project to date capitalized interest.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes estimated interest to be capitalized in 2013.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes an aggregate \$786.9 million payable to Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. upon delivery of the *Ocean BlackHawk* and *Ocean BlackHornet*. Includes construction milestone payments aggregating \$65.7 million payable to Keppel AmFELS, L.L.C. in the remainder of 2013 in connection with the construction of the *Ocean Onyx*.

#### *Other Obligations*

At March 31, 2013, we had foreign currency forward exchange, or FOREX, contracts in the aggregate notional amount of \$125.2 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 March 31, 2013, the total unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions was \$48.9 million. In addition, we have recorded a liability, as of March 31, 2013, for potential penalties and interest of \$22.6 million and \$7.7 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 Agreement**

We have available to us a syndicated 5-year revolving credit agreement, or Credit Agreement, 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 March 31, 2013, there were no loans or letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

#### **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.

## Other Commercial Commitments - Letters of Credit

We were contingently liable as of March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$105.8 million under certain performance, bid, supersedeas, tax appeal and custom bonds and letters of credit. Agreements relating to approximately \$62.6 million of performance and tax appeal bonds can require collateral at any time. As of March 31, 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)		
<b>Other Commercial Commitments</b>				
Customs bonds.....	\$ 1,593	\$ 943	\$ 650	\$ --
Performance bonds .....	46,532	15,804	9,567	21,161
Other .....	57,679	590	57,089	--
Total obligations.....	<u>\$ 105,804</u>	<u>\$ 17,337</u>	<u>\$ 67,306</u>	<u>\$ 21,161</u>

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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

## 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;
- future cash flows and contract backlog;
- future regular or special dividends;
- financing plans;
- market outlook;
- tax planning;
- debt levels and impacts of the financial crisis and restrictions in the credit market;
- 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, 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, including, without limitation, the extent and duration of the recent financial crisis and restrictions in the credit market, the worldwide economic downturn and recession;
- 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 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;
- 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 March 31, 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.

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 March 31, 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, as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, was 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 \$128.3 million and \$131.4 million as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. A 100-basis point decrease would result in an increase in market value of \$150.9 million and \$151.1 million as of March 31, 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 March 31, 2013, we had FOREX contracts outstanding in the aggregate notional amount of \$125.2 million, consisting of \$21.6 million in Australian dollars, \$34.1 million in Brazilian reais, \$50.1 million in British pounds sterling, \$8.6 million in Mexican pesos and \$10.8 million in Norwegian kroner. These contracts generally settle monthly through June 2014.

At March 31, 2013, we presented the fair value of our outstanding FOREX contracts as a current asset of \$2.9 million in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and a current liability of \$(1.1) 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.

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

	Fair Value Asset (Liability)		Market Risk	
	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
(In thousands)				
Interest rate:				
Marketable securities .....	\$ 1,150,200 (a)	\$ 1,150,200(a)	\$ (1,700)(b)	\$ (2,200) (b)
Foreign Exchange:				
FOREX contracts – receivable positions ....	2,900 (c)	3,600 (c)	(17,600)(d)	(21,600) (d)
FOREX contracts – liability positions .....	(1,100)(c)	(29) (c)	(5,900)(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 March 31, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2013. Based on their participation in that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2013.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the foregoing evaluation that occurred during our first 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 May 1, 2013

By: \s\ Gary T. Krenek  
Gary T. Krenek  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date May 1, 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 March 15, 2011) of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 16, 2011).
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.

I, Lawrence R. Dickerson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 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: May 1, 2013

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 March 31, 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: May 1, 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 March 31, 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: May 1, 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