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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005

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 is an accelerated filer
(as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as
defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

As of October 25, 2005 Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share 128,693,267 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)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
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ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 486,710	\$ 266,007
Investments and marketable securities	302,414	661,849
Accounts receivable	303,484	187,558
Rig inventory and supplies	47,733	47,590
Prepaid expenses and other	34,430	32,677
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Total current assets	1,174,771	1,195,681
DRILLING AND OTHER PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	2,204,523	2,154,593
OTHER ASSETS	24,285	29,112
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Total assets	\$3,403,579	\$3,379,386
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 12,818	\$ 484,102
Accounts payable	36,129	27,530
Accrued liabilities	117,330	87,614
Taxes payable	15,236	14,661
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Total current liabilities	181,513	613,907
LONG-TERM DEBT	977,470	709,413
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY	423,959	369,722
OTHER LIABILITIES	66,321	60,516
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Total liabilities	1,649,263	1,753,558
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 8)	--	--
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock (par value \$0.01, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 133,729,154 shares issued and 128,812,354 shares outstanding at September 30, 2005; 133,483,820 shares issued and 128,567,020 shares outstanding at December 31, 2004)	1,337	1,335
Additional paid-in capital	1,271,896	1,264,512
Retained earnings	597,662	476,382
Accumulated other comprehensive losses	(2,166)	(1,988)
Treasury stock, at cost (4,916,800 shares at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004)	(114,413)	(114,413)
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Total stockholders' equity	1,754,316	1,625,828
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,403,579	\$3,379,386
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THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
REVENUES:				
Contract drilling	\$300,535	\$200,610	\$823,222	\$554,535
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	9,987	7,588	29,457	22,807
Total revenues	310,522	208,198	852,679	577,342
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Contract drilling	160,537	140,607	471,240	408,768
Reimbursable expenses	8,350	6,620	24,784	20,373
Depreciation and amortization	46,494	45,043	137,944	134,117
General and administrative	8,928	6,728	27,587	24,277
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(761)	1,536	(8,753)	1,341
Casualty gain on Ocean Warwick	(33,605)	--	(33,605)	--
Total operating expenses	189,943	200,534	619,197	588,876
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	120,579	7,664	233,482	(11,534)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Interest income	6,078	2,899	17,974	7,581
Interest expense	(8,341)	(7,657)	(33,664)	(20,384)
Gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	(12)	(27)	(1,209)	231
Other, net	1,115	78	1,985	(333)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX (EXPENSE) BENEFIT ...	119,419	2,957	218,568	(24,439)
INCOME TAX (EXPENSE) BENEFIT	(37,380)	(16)	(65,129)	5,913
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 82,039	\$ 2,941	\$153,439	\$(18,526)
INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE:				
BASIC	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.19	\$ (0.14)
DILUTED	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.14	\$ (0.14)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING:				
Shares of common stock	128,748	128,899	128,638	129,180
Dilutive potential shares of common stock	9,819	42	9,551	--
Total weighted average shares outstanding	138,567	128,941	138,189	129,180

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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 153,439	\$ (18,526)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	137,944	134,117
Casualty gain on Ocean Warwick	(33,605)	--
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(8,753)	1,341
Loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities, net	1,209	(231)
Deferred tax provision (benefit)	54,085	(1,025)
Accretion of discounts on marketable securities	(5,884)	(2,256)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	7,557	819
Amortization of debt discounts	7,339	12,010
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(110,995)	201
Rig inventory and supplies and other current assets	(7,973)	(11,444)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16,354	19,525
Taxes payable	575	(2,914)
Other items, net	3,234	841
Net cash provided by operating activities	214,526	132,458
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures (including rig acquisitions)	(187,066)	(69,719)
Proceeds from sale of assets	19,551	1,521
Proceeds from casualty loss of Ocean Warwick	44,088	--
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	4,863,752	2,773,630
Purchases of marketable securities	(4,511,361)	(2,913,971)
Purchases of Australian dollar time deposits	--	(42,073)
Proceeds from maturities of Australian dollar time deposits	11,761	19,846
Proceeds from settlement of forward contracts	939	--
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	241,664	(230,766)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Issuance of 4.875% senior unsecured notes	249,462	--
Issuance of 5.15% senior unsecured notes	--	249,397
Debt issue costs	(1,866)	(1,565)
Redemption of zero coupon debentures	(460,015)	--
Acquisition of treasury stock	--	(18,077)
Payment of dividends	(32,159)	(24,249)
Proceeds from stock options exercised	9,565	--
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	(235,013)	205,506
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(474)	332
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	220,703	107,530
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	266,007	106,345
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 486,710	\$ 213,875

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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, 2004 (File No. 1-13926).

As of October 25, 2005 Loews Corporation, or Loews, owned 54.5% of our outstanding shares of common stock.

Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles 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, 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Marketable Securities and Other Investments

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.

Our investments in marketable securities are classified as available for sale and stated at fair value. Accordingly, any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, are reported in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in "Accumulated other comprehensive losses" 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 marketable 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 and declines in value judged to be other than temporary, if any, are reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in "Other income (expense)."

Repurchase Agreements

From time to time we may enter into repurchase agreements with unrelated parties, primarily major brokerage firms. Under these agreements, which are effectively secured loans, funds are transferred to the seller and the purchaser holds the marketable securities as collateral. These transactions are generally settled the following business day. At September 30, 2005, we had purchased two marketable securities for a total of \$300.0 million under repurchase agreements, which were held as collateral. The agreements are classified as "Investments and marketable securities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2005. We recognized interest of \$0.4 million on repurchase agreements during 2005, which is included in "Interest income" in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. We did not have any outstanding repurchase agreements at December 31, 2004. See Note 3.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Our derivative financial instruments include forward currency exchange contracts and a contingent interest provision that is embedded in our 1.5% Convertible Senior Debentures Due 2031, or the 1.5% Debentures, issued on April 11, 2001. See Note 4.

Supplementary Cash Flow Information

We paid interest on long-term debt totaling \$89.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, which included \$73.3 million in accreted interest paid in connection with the June 2005 partial redemption of our Zero Coupon Convertible Debentures due 2020, or Zero Coupon Debentures. See Note 7. During the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we paid interest on long-term debt of \$3.5 million.

We paid \$5.4 million and \$0.8 million in foreign income taxes, net of foreign tax refunds, during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. We received refunds of U.S. income taxes of \$7.7 million and \$0.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Capitalized Interest

Interest cost for construction and upgrade of qualifying assets is capitalized. In April 2005, we began capitalizing interest on expenditures related to our upgrade of the Ocean Endeavor for ultra-deepwater service. A reconciliation of our total interest cost to "Interest expense" as reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations is as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS)			
Total interest cost including amortization of debt issuance costs.....	\$8,590	\$7,657	\$34,000	\$20,384
Capitalized interest.....	(249)	--	(336)	--
Total interest expense as reported.....	\$8,341	\$7,657	\$33,664	\$20,384

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in "Other assets" and are amortized over the respective terms of the related debt. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 includes \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs that we wrote-off in connection with the June 2005 partial redemption of our outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures.

Treasury Stock

Depending on market conditions, we may, from time to time, purchase shares of our common stock in the open market or otherwise. The purchase of treasury stock is accounted for using the cost method which reports the cost of the shares acquired in "Treasury stock" as a deduction from stockholders' equity in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We did not purchase any treasury stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. During the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we purchased 782,200 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$18.1 million, or at an average cost of \$23.11 per share.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

A reconciliation of net income (loss) to comprehensive income (loss) is as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS)			
Net income (loss).....	\$82,039	\$2,941	\$153,439	\$(18,526)
Other comprehensive gains (losses), net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation gain (loss).....	308	138	(102)	(294)
Unrealized holding gain (loss) on investments.....	(11)	32	14	484
Reclassification adjustment for gain included in net income (loss).....	(5)	--	(90)	(25)
Comprehensive income (loss).....	\$82,331	\$3,111	\$153,261	\$(18,361)
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Currency Translation

Our primary functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Certain of our subsidiaries use the local currency in the country where they conduct operations as their functional currency. These subsidiaries translate assets and liabilities at period-end exchange rates while income and expense accounts are translated at average exchange rates. Translation adjustments are reflected in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in "Accumulated other comprehensive losses." Currency transaction gains and losses are included in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in "Other income (expense)." Re-measurement translation gains and losses of subsidiaries operating in hyperinflationary economies, when applicable, are included in our operating results.

Stock-Based Compensation

Our Second Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option Plan is accounted for in accordance with Accounting Principles Board, or APB, Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." Accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized for the options granted to our employees under the plan. If compensation expense had been recognized for stock options granted to our employees based on the fair value of the options at the grant dates, valued using the Binomial Option pricing model, our net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share would have been as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)			
Net income (loss) as reported.....	\$82,039	\$2,941	\$153,439	\$(18,526)
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income (loss), net of related tax effects.....	--	--	--	--
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method, net of related tax effects.....	(355)	(234)	(995)	(792)
Pro forma net income (loss).....	\$81,684	\$2,707	\$152,444	\$(19,318)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Earnings (loss) per share of common stock:				
As reported.....	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.19	\$ (0.14)
Pro forma.....	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.19	\$ (0.15)
Earnings (loss) per share of common stock - assuming dilution:				
As reported.....	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.14	\$ (0.14)
Pro forma.....	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.15)

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from our dayrate drilling contracts is recognized as services are performed. In connection with such drilling contracts, we may receive lump-sum fees for the mobilization of equipment. These fees are earned as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We previously accounted for the excess of mobilization fees received over costs incurred to mobilize an offshore rig from one market to another as revenue over the term of the related drilling contracts. Effective July 1, 2004 we changed our accounting to defer mobilization fees received as well as direct and incremental mobilization costs incurred and began to amortize each, on a straight line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which is the period estimated 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. If we had used this method of accounting in periods prior to July 1, 2004, previously reported operating income (loss) and net income (loss) would not have changed and the impact on contract drilling revenues and expenses would have been immaterial. Absent a contract, mobilization costs are recognized currently.

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.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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

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

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2005 the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections," or SFAS 154, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and SFAS No. 3. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections and is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. We do not expect adoption of SFAS 154 to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In December 2004 the FASB revised SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," or SFAS 123 (R). This statement supersedes APB Opinion No. 25 and its related implementation guidance. This statement requires that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. SFAS 123 (R) was originally effective as of the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005. In April 2005, however, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a rule that defers the required effective date of SFAS 123 (R) for registrants such as us until the beginning of the first fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2005. This statement applies to all awards granted after the required effective date and to awards modified, repurchased or cancelled after that date, as well as the unvested portion of awards granted prior to the effective date of SFAS 123 (R). We do not expect adoption of SFAS 123 (R) to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

2. EARNINGS (LOSSES) PER SHARE

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

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)				
Net income (loss) - basic (numerator):	\$ 82,039	\$ 2,941	\$153,439	\$(18,526)
Effect of dilutive potential shares				
1.5% Debentures	1,136	--	3,467	--
Zero Coupon Debentures	104	--	--	--
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Net income (loss) including conversions - diluted (numerator)	\$ 83,279	\$ 2,941	\$156,906	\$(18,526)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Weighted average shares - basic (denominator):	128,748	128,899	128,638	129,180
Effect of dilutive potential shares				
1.5% Debentures	9,383	--	9,383	--
Zero Coupon Debentures	266	--	--	--
Stock options	170	42	168	--
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Weighted average shares including conversions - diluted (denominator)	138,567	128,941	138,189	129,180
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Earnings (losses) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.19	\$ (0.14)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Diluted	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.14	\$ (0.14)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

The computation of diluted earnings per share, or EPS, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005 excludes approximately 4.1 million potentially dilutive shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our Zero Coupon Debentures because the inclusion of such potentially dilutive shares would have been antidilutive. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we also excluded stock options representing 1,000 shares of common stock from the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were higher than the average market price per share of our common stock for the period.

The computations of diluted EPS for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 exclude approximately 9.4 million and 6.9 million potentially dilutive shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our 1.5% Debentures and our Zero Coupon Debentures, respectively. Such shares were not included in the EPS computations for 2004 because the inclusion of such potentially dilutive shares would have been antidilutive.

For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004, we excluded stock options representing 302,550 shares and 327,117 shares of common stock, respectively, from the computations of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were higher than the average market price per share of our common stock. We also excluded other stock options representing 184,425 shares of our common stock with an average market price in excess of their exercise prices from the computations of diluted EPS for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 because there was a net loss for the period.

3. INVESTMENTS AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES

We report investments as current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in "Investments and marketable securities," representing our investment of cash available for current operations. At September 30, 2005, our "Investments and marketable securities" included \$300.0 million in securities held as collateral under repurchase agreements, which had an approximate fair value of \$302.9 million. At December 31, 2004, "Investments and marketable securities" also included \$11.6 million of time deposits (converted from 15.0 million Australian dollars) which matured through March 2005. These marketable securities did not meet the definition of debt securities under SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," and were therefore carried at cost, which we determined to approximate fair value.

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

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005		
	AMORTIZED COST	UNREALIZED GAIN	MARKET VALUE
	(IN THOUSANDS)		

Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury
and other U.S. government agencies:

Mortgage-backed securities.....	\$2,394	\$20	\$2,414
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	DECEMBER 31, 2004		
	AMORTIZED COST	UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	MARKET VALUE
	(IN THOUSANDS)		

Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury
and other U.S. government agencies:

Due within one year	\$498,011	\$ 189	\$498,200
Due within one year through five years ..	148,877	(119)	148,758
Mortgage-backed securities	3,221	68	3,289
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Total	\$650,109	\$ 138	\$650,247
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Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities and gross realized gains and losses are summarized as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS)			
Proceeds from sales	\$ 250	\$449,383	\$2,613,752	\$1,648,630
Proceeds from maturities ...	800,000	375,000	2,250,000	1,125,000
Gross realized gains	--	--	184	2,558
Gross realized losses	(12)	(27)	(1,393)	(2,327)

4. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts

Our international operations expose us to foreign exchange risk, primarily associated with our costs payable in foreign currencies for employee compensation and for purchases from foreign suppliers. From time to time, we may use a foreign exchange forward contract to reduce the forward exchange risk. A forward currency exchange contract obligates a contract holder to exchange predetermined amounts of specified foreign currencies at specified foreign exchange rates on specified dates.

During 2005, we entered into various foreign currency forward exchange contracts which resulted in net realized gains totaling \$0.7 million and \$0.9

million for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30,

2005, respectively. As of September 30, 2005, we had foreign currency exchange contracts outstanding requiring us to purchase the equivalent of \$3.0 million in Mexican pesos in October and November 2005, the equivalent of \$3.0 million in Australia dollars in October 2005 and the equivalent of \$7.0 million in British pounds sterling in November 2005.

These forward contracts are derivatives as defined by SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities," or SFAS 133. The forward contracts we entered into in 2005 did not qualify for hedge accounting. In accordance with SFAS 133, we recorded a net pre-tax unrealized loss of \$0.1 million and a net pre-tax unrealized gain of \$0.1 million in our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005, respectively, as "Other income (expense)" to adjust the carrying value of these derivative financial instruments to their fair value.

Contingent Interest

Our 1.5% Debentures, of which an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$460 million are outstanding, contain a contingent interest provision. The contingent interest component is an embedded derivative as defined by SFAS 133 and accordingly must be split from the host instrument and recorded at fair value on the balance sheet. The contingent interest component had no value at issuance, at December 31, 2004 or at September 30, 2005.

5. DRILLING AND OTHER PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
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	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Drilling rigs and equipment	\$ 3,587,309	\$ 3,529,593
Construction work-in-progress	104,400	--
Land and buildings	16,250	15,770
Office equipment and other	24,046	22,895
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Cost	3,732,005	3,568,258
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,527,482)	(1,413,665)
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Drilling and other property and equipment, net ...	\$ 2,204,523	\$ 2,154,593
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Construction work-in-progress at September 30, 2005 consisted of \$47.6 million related to the major upgrade of the Ocean Endeavor to ultra-deepwater service, which we expect to be completed in mid-2007, and shipyard deposits of \$56.8 million for the construction of two new jack-up drilling units, which is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2006. Additionally, in August 2005, we purchased a Victory-class semi-submersible drilling rig, the Enserch Garden Banks, or Garden Banks, and related equipment for \$20.0 million.

On August 29, 2005, our jack-up drilling rig, the Ocean Warwick, was declared a constructive total loss as a result of damages sustained during Hurricane Katrina, and we wrote-off its net carrying value of \$14.0 million in the third quarter of 2005. See Note 12.

6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
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	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Payroll and benefits	\$ 28,773	\$26,221
Personal injury and other claims ..	7,901	8,076
Interest payable	8,575	5,938
Deferred revenue	12,406	6,514
Accrued project/upgrade expenses ..	27,391	14,920
Hurricane related expenses	5,213	--
Other	27,071	25,945
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Total	\$117,330	\$87,614
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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
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	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Zero Coupon Debentures (due 2020) ..	\$ 18,559	\$ 471,284
1.5% Debentures (due 2031)	459,987	460,000
5.15% Senior Notes (due 2014)	249,449	249,413
4.875% Senior Notes (due 2015)	249,475	--
Ocean Alliance lease-leaseback	12,818	12,818
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	990,288	1,193,515
Less: Current maturities	(12,818)	(484,102)
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Total	\$977,470	\$ 709,413
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Payments of certain of our long-term debt may be accelerated due to certain rights that the holders of our debt have to put the securities to us. The holders of our outstanding 1.5% Debentures have the right to require us to purchase all or a portion of their 1.5% Debentures on April 15, 2008, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the debentures to be purchased plus accrued and unpaid interest to such date.

The aggregate maturities of long-term debt for each of the five years subsequent to September 30, 2005, are as follows:

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)	

2005	\$ 12,818
2006	--
2007	--
2008	459,987
2009	--
Thereafter	517,483

	990,288
Less: Current maturities ..	(12,818)

Total	\$977,470
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1.5% DEBENTURES

During the third quarter of 2005, the holders of \$13,000 in principal amount of our 1.5% Debentures elected to convert their outstanding debentures into shares of our common stock. The debentures were converted at the initial

conversion rate of 20.3978 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures, or \$49.02 per share, resulting in the issuance of 264 shares of our common stock in the third quarter of 2005.

4.875% SENIOR NOTES

On June 14, 2005, we issued \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Senior Notes Due July 1, 2015, or 4.875% Senior Notes, at an offering price of 99.785% of the principal amount resulting in net proceeds to us of \$247.7 million, exclusive of accrued issuance costs.

The notes bear interest at 4.875% per year, payable semiannually in arrears on January 1 and July 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2006, and mature on July 1, 2015. The 4.875% Senior Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., and they rank equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, although the 4.875% Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of our subsidiaries. We have the right to redeem all or a portion of these notes for cash at any time or from time to time on at least 15 days but not more than 60 days prior written notice, at the redemption price specified in the governing indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

ZERO COUPON DEBENTURES

On June 7, 2005, we repurchased \$460.0 million accreted value, or \$774.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity, of our Zero Coupon Debentures at a purchase price of \$594.25 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, which represents approximately 96% of our then outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures. The holders of our remaining outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures have the right to require us to repurchase the Zero Coupon Debentures on June 6, 2010 and June 6, 2015 at their accreted value through the date of purchase.

Also in connection with the retirement of a portion of our Zero Coupon Debentures, we expensed \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs associated with the retired debentures, which we have included in interest expense in our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

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. Our management believes that we have established adequate reserves for any liabilities that may reasonably be expected to result from these claims. In the opinion of our management, no pending or threatened claims, actions or proceedings against us are expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Litigation. In January 2005, we were notified that we had been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on behalf of Total E&P USA, Inc. and several oil companies alleging that the Ocean America had damaged a natural gas pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico during Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. The lawsuit was formally served on us May 16, 2005 and it alleges that on or about September 15, 2004 the Ocean America broke free from its moorings and, as the rig drifted, its anchor, wire cable and other parts struck and damaged various components of the Canyon Express Common System curtailing its supply of natural gas to, and preventing production from, several fields. The plaintiffs seek damages from us including, but not limited to, loss of revenue, that are currently estimated to be in excess of \$100 million, together with interest, attorneys fees and costs. We do not believe that ultimate liability, if any, resulting from this litigation will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, we have given notice to our insurance underwriters that a potential loss may exist with respect to this incident. Our deductible for this type of loss is \$2 million.

During the third quarter of 2004, we were notified that some of our subsidiaries had been named, along with other defendants, in several complaints that had been filed in the Circuit Courts of the State of Mississippi by approximately 800 persons alleging that they were employed by some of the named defendants between approximately 1965 and 1986. The complaints also named as defendants over 25 other companies that are not affiliated with us. The complaints alleged that the defendants manufactured, distributed or utilized drilling mud containing asbestos and, in our case and the several other offshore drilling companies named as defendants, that such defendants allowed such drilling mud to have been utilized aboard their offshore drilling rigs. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, an award of unspecified compensatory and punitive damages. To date, we have been served with 29 complaints, of which 13 complaints were filed against Arethusa Off-Shore Company and 16

complaints were filed against Diamond Offshore (USA), Inc. (now known as Diamond Offshore (USA) L.L.C. and formerly known as Odeco Drilling, Inc.). We filed motions to dismiss each of these cases based upon a number of legal grounds, including naming improper parties. In April 2005 the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss, with prejudice, all 13 complaints filed against Arethusa Off-Shore Company after we demonstrated that the claims could not be maintained against us or any of our subsidiaries. In addition, we expect to receive complete defense and indemnity for the remaining 16 complaints from Murphy Exploration & Production Company pursuant to the terms of our 1992 asset purchase agreement with them. Accordingly, 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 adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or 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 or cash flows.

Other. Our operations in Brazil have exposed us to various claims and assessments related to our personnel, customs duties and municipal taxes, among other things, that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies," we have assessed each claim or exposure to determine the likelihood that the resolution of the matter might ultimately result in an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. When we determine that an unfavorable resolution of a matter is probable and such amount of loss can be determined, we record a reserve for the estimated loss at the time that both of these criteria are met. At September 30, 2005, our loss reserves related to our Brazilian operations aggregated \$13.8 million, of which \$0.6 million and \$13.2 million were recorded in "Accrued liabilities" and "Other liabilities," respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Loss reserves related to our Brazilian operations totaled \$13.0 million at December 31, 2004, of which \$0.9 million was recorded in "Accrued liabilities" and \$12.1 million was recorded in "Other liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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 uninsured retention of liability for personal injury claims, which primarily results from Jones Act liability in the Gulf of Mexico, is \$0.5 million per claim with an additional aggregate annual deductible of \$1.5 million. Our in-house claims department estimates the amount of our liability for our retention. This department establishes a reserve for each of our personal injury claims by evaluating the existing facts and circumstances of each claim and comparing the circumstances of each claim to historical experiences with similar past personal injury claims. Our claims department also estimates our liability for claims that are incurred but not reported by using historical data. Historically, our ultimate liability for personal injury claims has not differed materially from our recorded estimates. At September 30, 2005, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$37.3 million, of which \$7.9 million and \$29.4 million were recorded in "Accrued liabilities" and "Other liabilities," respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2004, we had recorded loss reserves for personal injury claims aggregating \$33.4 million, of which \$8.0 million and \$25.4 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.

9. SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA ANALYSIS

We report our operations as one reportable segment, contract drilling of offshore oil and gas wells. Although we provide contract drilling services from different types of offshore drilling rigs and provide such services in many geographic locations, these operations have been aggregated into one reportable segment based on the similarity of economic characteristics among all divisions and locations, including the nature of services provided and the type of customers for such services.

Contract Drilling Services

Revenues from customers for contract drilling and similar services by equipment-type are listed below:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS)			
High Specification Floaters	\$113,133	\$ 75,502	\$304,824	\$199,342
Other Semisubmersibles	118,293	79,357	325,634	225,620
Jack-ups	68,971	45,268	192,834	128,391
Other	138	483	(70)	1,182
Total contract drilling revenues	300,535	200,610	823,222	554,535
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses ..	9,987	7,588	29,457	22,807
Total revenues	\$310,522	\$208,198	\$852,679	\$577,342
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Geographic Areas

At September 30, 2005 our drilling rigs were located offshore nine countries other than the United States. As a result, we are exposed to the risk of changes in social, political, economic and other conditions inherent in foreign operations and our results of operations and the value of our foreign assets are affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Revenues by geographic area are presented by attributing revenues to the individual country or areas where the services were performed.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(IN THOUSANDS)			
United States	\$169,637	\$ 91,615	\$457,766	\$249,317
Foreign:				
South America	33,625	32,186	86,762	89,953
Europe/Africa	30,313	19,538	74,961	50,976
Australia/Asia	49,001	43,420	161,241	123,215
Mexico	21,420	21,439	63,753	63,881
Middle East	6,526	--	8,196	--
Total revenues ..	\$310,522	\$208,198	\$852,679	\$577,342
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10. INCOME TAXES

Our net income tax expense or benefit is a function of the mix between our domestic and international pre-tax earnings or losses, respectively, as well as the mix of international tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Certain of our international rigs are owned or operated, directly or indirectly, by Diamond Offshore International Limited, a Cayman Island company which is one of our wholly owned subsidiaries. Earnings from this subsidiary are reinvested internationally and remittance to the U.S. is indefinitely postponed. Consequently, no U.S. tax expense

or benefits were recognized on these earnings or losses in 2005 or 2004. Our estimated annual effective tax rate was 29.5% as of September 30, 2005 and 27.7% as of September 30, 2004.

Tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 also included expense of \$0.9 million related to finalizing prior year tax returns in the U.K. and \$0.2 million related to an increase in the settlement of a tax dispute in East Timor. Partially offsetting the higher tax expense was a \$0.2 million reduction to the valuation allowance for prior year tax credits which arose primarily from our ability to carryback certain prior year foreign tax credits to earlier years. These additional items of net expense were not included in the current year estimated annual effective tax rate of 29.5% and resulted in an actual effective tax rate of 29.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

The net tax benefit recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 also included a \$0.9 million adjustment related to finalizing prior year tax returns in two foreign jurisdictions. This additional expense was not included in the 2004 estimated annual effective rate of 27.7%.

11. PENSION PLAN

The defined benefit pension plan established by Arethusa (Off-Shore) Limited, a company which we acquired in 1996, or Arethusa, effective October 1, 1992 was frozen on April 30, 1996. At that date all participants were deemed fully vested in the plan, which covered substantially all U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents who were employed by Arethusa.

As a result of freezing the plan, no service cost has been accrued for the periods presented.

Components of net periodic benefit costs were as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
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	(IN THOUSANDS)			
Interest cost	\$ 260	\$ 256	\$ 780	\$ 766
Expected return on plan assets	(294)	(296)	(927)	(890)
Amortization of unrecognized loss ..	76	76	229	230
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Net periodic pension expense	\$ 42	\$ 36	\$ 82	\$ 106
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During each of the three-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, we made voluntary contributions to the plan of \$0.2 million. We are not required, nor do we expect, to make further contributions to our pension plan in 2005.

12. HURRICANE DAMAGE

In the third quarter of 2005, the U.S. Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico were seriously affected by two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. In late August 2005, one of our jack-up drilling rigs, the Ocean Warwick, was seriously damaged during Hurricane Katrina and other rigs in our fleet sustained lesser damage in Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, or in some cases from both storms. We believe that the physical damage to our rigs, as well as related removal and recovery costs, are covered by insurance, after applicable deductibles.

The Ocean Warwick, with a net book value of \$14.0 million, was declared a constructive total loss effective August 29, 2005. We issued a proof of loss in the amount of \$50.5 million to our insurers, representing the insured value of the rig less a \$4.5 million deductible. As of September 30, 2005, we had received \$44.1 million in insurance proceeds related to the claim for the Ocean Warwick, and the remaining receivable of \$6.4 million is presented in "Accounts receivable" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2005. Recovery and removal of the Ocean Warwick are subject to separate insurance deductibles totaling \$2.5 million. The drilling unit has been moved to a dock-side location and will be disposed of in accordance with underwriter instructions.

In the third quarter of 2005, we recorded a \$33.6 million, pre-tax, net casualty gain for the Ocean Warwick, representing net insurance proceeds of \$50.5 million, less the write-off of the \$14.0 million net carrying value of the drilling rig and \$0.4 million in rig-based inventory, and \$2.5 million in insurance deductibles for salvage and wreck removal as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We have presented this as "Casualty Gain on Ocean Warwick" in

our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005.

Damage to our other affected rigs and warehouse in New Iberia, Louisiana was less severe, and we believe that such repair costs and lost equipment will be covered by insurance, less estimated deductibles. Insurance deductibles relating to the remaining rigs damaged during Hurricane Katrina and our rigs and facility damaged by Hurricane Rita total \$2.6 million in the aggregate, of which \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million have been recorded as additional contract drilling expense and loss on sale of assets, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 in our Consolidated Statement of Operations.

In addition, in the third quarter of 2005, we wrote-off the net book value of approximately \$4.2 million, pre-tax, in rig equipment that was either lost or damaged beyond repair during the storms as loss on sale of assets and recorded a corresponding insurance receivable in an amount equal to our expected recovery from insurers. The write-off of this equipment and recognition of insurance receivables had no net effect on our consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

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. References to "Diamond Offshore," "we," "us" or "our" mean Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries.

We are a leader in deep water drilling with a fleet of 44 offshore drilling rigs. Our fleet currently consists of 30 semisubmersibles, 13 jack-ups and one drillship. In August 2005, we purchased the Enserch Garden Banks, or Garden Banks, a Victory-class semisubmersible drilling rig and related equipment, for \$20 million and removed from service one of our jack-up rigs, the Ocean Warwick, as a result of damages sustained during Hurricane Katrina (see "- Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes." In June 2005, we completed the sale of the Ocean Liberator and received net cash proceeds of \$13.6 million.

OVERVIEW

INDUSTRY CONDITIONS

The market for our mid and deepwater semisubmersible rigs continued to experience steady improvement during the third quarter of 2005, as did the market for our jack-up rigs. Solid demand for all classes of offshore drilling rigs in the face of tight supply is continuing to lift dayrates and maintain high utilization rates around the world; however, actual revenues received in future periods could be reduced by various operating factors.

Gulf of Mexico. In the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, or GOM, drilling activities were significantly impacted by two severe hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, which disrupted operations and damaged equipment throughout the offshore drilling industry in August and September 2005, respectively. We experienced various degrees of damage to our fleet during the two storms, and one jack-up unit, the Ocean Warwick, was declared a constructive total loss. Excluding the Ocean Warwick, all of our other rigs damaged by these hurricanes have now been repaired and returned to service, with the exception of Ocean Star, which is expected to return to work in mid-November of this year. See " - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Dayrates continue to escalate in the GOM. A commitment for one of our high-specification rigs has reached as high as \$325,000 per day for work beginning in the fourth quarter of 2006 and extending until the fourth quarter of 2008. This contrasts with a dayrate of \$185,000 that the unit is currently earning. All seven of our high-specification semisubmersible rigs in the GOM, including the recently relocated Ocean Baroness which is expected to commence drilling operations in November 2005, are currently contracted at higher dayrates than those earned during the first quarter of 2005. Five of these seven high-specification rigs have future contracts at improved dayrates beginning in the fourth quarter of 2005 or early 2006, compared to their current operating dayrates.

The dayrates for our four mid-water semisubmersibles currently operating in the GOM have reached as high as \$175,000 for a one-well contract beginning in the fourth quarter of 2005. This contrasts with an average dayrate in the upper \$40,000 range earned during the third quarter of 2004 by our mid-water drilling units in the GOM. Additionally, the Ocean New Era, which is currently being reactivated from cold-stack status, is expected to commence operations in the GOM in December 2005 at a dayrate of \$100,000. We continue to view the deepwater and mid-water markets in the GOM as under-supplied, and believe that additional improvement in backlog and dayrates is likely in these market segments during the remainder of 2005 and in 2006.

Our jack-up fleet in the GOM also continued to experience high utilization and improving dayrates during the third quarter of 2005. Dayrates for our jack-up fleet operating in the GOM have increased from an average in the mid-\$30,000 range in 2004 to an average dayrate in the upper \$50,000 range during the third quarter of 2005. Industry-wide, up to six jack-up units are reportedly scheduled to leave the GOM for other international markets by the end of 2005, and up to eight additional jack-up rigs were seriously damaged and could ultimately be declared lost by the industry because of the two hurricanes. As a result, we view the jack-up market in the GOM as under-supplied and believe that additional improvement in backlog and dayrates is likely in this market segment during the remainder of 2005 and in 2006.

In the Mexican sector of the Gulf of Mexico, or Mexican GOM, our four semisubmersible rigs remain under long-term contracts that extend into late 2006 and 2007. We believe that future work for other of our semisubmersibles and jack-ups in this market is possible, though limited. We view the market for the Mexican GOM as firm and expect it to remain so during 2005.

Brazil. Two of our rigs operating in Brazil are currently working under term contracts that expire in 2009 and an additional two rigs are operating under contracts expiring in 2010. We do not currently contemplate any change in our market position in Brazil. We view the Brazilian semisubmersible market as balanced and expect it to remain so during the remainder of 2005 and in 2006.

North Sea. Drilling activity in both the U.K. and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea has mirrored that in the GOM since mid-2004. Our three mid-water semisubmersible rigs operating in the U.K. sector have received future contracts at dayrates ranging from \$152,500 to \$160,000 for work beginning in the first quarter of 2006, compared to current dayrates of approximately \$80,000. In Norway, the Ocean Vanguard is working under a \$140,000 per day contract that expires early in the third quarter of 2006. Effective industry utilization remains near 100 percent in the North Sea, and leading-edge dayrates currently exceed our present and future contract rates in both the U.K. and Norwegian sectors. We believe this market will continue to improve throughout the balance of 2005 and in 2006.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. We currently have five semisubmersible rigs and one jack-up rig operating in the Australia/Asia market under contracts or commitments for work extending well into 2006 at increasing dayrates, compared to current dayrates averaging in the middle \$70,000-range during the third quarter of 2005. One of our jack-up units, the Ocean Heritage, mobilized from Southeast Asia to Qatar during the second quarter of 2005, where the unit is operating under an approximately seven-month agreement at a dayrate of \$71,000. We view demand in the Australia/Asia and Middle Eastern markets as increasing, and with high utilization, we believe continuing improvement in dayrates is probable.

IMPACT OF 2005 HURRICANES

In the third quarter of 2005, the U.S. Gulf Coast and GOM were seriously affected by two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. In late August 2005, one of our jack-up drilling rigs, the Ocean Warwick, was seriously damaged during Hurricane Katrina and other rigs in our fleet sustained lesser damage in Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, or in some cases from both storms. We believe that the physical damage to our rigs, as well as related removal and recovery costs, are covered by insurance, after applicable deductibles. Our results for the third quarter of 2005 reflect the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As further described below, we recorded an after-tax gain of \$21.8 million (or \$0.16 per share on a diluted basis) related to net insurance proceeds from the casualty loss of the Ocean Warwick, and other damage to our fleet, as well as our relief and recovery efforts, resulted in the recording of hurricane-related after-tax costs of \$2.6 million (or \$0.02 per share on a diluted basis).

The Ocean Warwick, with a net book value of \$14.0 million, was declared a constructive total loss effective August 29, 2005. We issued a proof of loss in the amount of \$50.5 million to our insurers, representing the insured value of the rig less a \$4.5 million deductible. To date, we have received insurance proceeds totaling \$49.9 million related to the claim for the Ocean Warwick (\$44.1 million through September 30, 2005). Recovery and removal of the Ocean Warwick are subject to separate insurance deductibles totaling \$2.5 million. The drilling unit has been moved to a dock-side location and will be disposed of in accordance with underwriter instructions.

In the third quarter of 2005, we recorded a \$33.6 million, pre-tax, net casualty gain for the Ocean Warwick, representing net insurance proceeds of \$50.5 million, less the write-off of the \$14.0 million net carrying value of the drilling rig and \$0.4 million in rig-based inventory, and \$2.5 million in insurance deductibles for salvage and wreck removal as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We have presented this as "Casualty Gain on Ocean Warwick" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005.

Damage to our other affected rigs and warehouse in New Iberia, Louisiana was less severe, and we believe that repair costs for such damage and lost equipment will be covered by insurance, less estimated deductibles. All of our damaged rigs have now been repaired and returned to service, with the exception of the Ocean Star, which is expected to return to work in mid-November 2005. Insurance deductibles relating to the remaining rigs damaged during Hurricane Katrina and our rigs and facility damaged by Hurricane Rita total \$2.6 million in the aggregate, of which \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million have been recorded as additional contract drilling expense and loss on sale of assets, respectively, for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005.

In addition, in the third quarter of 2005, we wrote-off the net book value of approximately \$4.2 million, pre-tax, in rig equipment that was either lost or damaged beyond repair during these storms as loss on sale of assets and recorded a corresponding insurance receivable in an amount equal to our expected recovery from insurers. The write-off of this equipment and recognition of insurance receivables had no net effect on our consolidated results of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005.

Our operating results for the third quarter of 2005 were negatively impacted by lost revenues as a result of the casualty loss of the Ocean Warwick and an aggregate of 41.5 days of unpaid downtime for several of our other drilling rigs in the U.S. GOM for hurricane-related repairs. We expect our revenues for the fourth quarter of 2005 also to be negatively impacted by these same factors, as well as the later than expected start-up of drilling operations for the Ocean Lexington and Ocean New Era, which were in shipyards located on the U.S. Gulf Coast during these hurricanes. Unpaid downtime for the fourth quarter of 2005 associated with hurricane-related repairs is estimated to be an aggregate of approximately 110 days. The impact of lost revenues associated with the Ocean Warwick is estimated to be \$2.3 million, pre-tax, and \$6.4 million, pre-tax, for the third and fourth quarters of 2005, respectively. We expect the additional unpaid downtime in the third and fourth quarters of 2005 resulting from hurricane damage to reduce our revenues by approximately \$5.1 million, pre-tax, and \$11.8 million, pre-tax, respectively. However, actual downtime and loss of revenues may vary as repairs are completed, and our drilling rigs resume/commence drilling operations ahead of or behind our initial estimates.

During the third quarter of 2005, we also incurred additional operating expenses, including but not limited to the cost of reconnaissance aircraft, rig crew over-time and employee assistance, hurricane relief supplies and temporary housing and office space, of \$1.4 million, pre-tax, relating to relief and recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which we do not expect to be recoverable through our insurance. In addition, we expect to incur similar charges in the fourth quarter of 2005 of approximately \$0.7 million, pre-tax, and an additional \$1.7 million, pre-tax, for the rental of mooring equipment for two of our drilling rigs.

GENERAL

Revenues. Our revenues vary based upon demand, which affects the number of days our fleet is utilized and the dayrates earned. When a rig is idle, no dayrate is earned and revenues will decrease as a result. Revenues can also be affected as a result of the acquisition or disposal of rigs, required surveys and shipyard upgrades. In order to improve utilization or realize higher dayrates, we may mobilize our rigs from one market to another. However, during periods of mobilization, revenues may be adversely affected. As a response to changes in demand, we may withdraw a rig from the market by stacking it or may reactivate a rig stacked previously, which may decrease or increase revenues, respectively. The two most significant variables affecting revenues are dayrates for rigs and rig utilization rates, each of which is a function of rig supply and demand in the marketplace. As utilization rates increase, dayrates tend to increase as well, reflecting the lower supply of available rigs, and vice versa. The same factors, primarily demand for drilling services, which is dependent upon the level of expenditures set by oil and gas companies for offshore exploration and development as well as a variety of political and economic factors, and availability of rigs in a particular geographical region, affect both dayrates and utilization rates. These factors are not within our control and are difficult to predict with any degree of specificity beyond broad market trends.

Revenue from dayrate drilling contracts is recognized as services are performed. In connection with such drilling contracts, we may receive lump-sum fees for the mobilization of equipment. These fees are earned as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We previously accounted for the excess of mobilization fees received over costs incurred to mobilize an offshore rig from one market to another as revenue over the term of the related drilling contracts. Effective July 1, 2004 we changed our accounting to defer mobilization fees received as well as direct and incremental mobilization costs incurred and began to amortize each, on a straight line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which is the period estimated 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. If we had used this method of accounting in periods prior to July 1, 2004, previously reported operating income (loss) and net income (loss) would not have changed and the impact on contract drilling revenues and expenses would have been immaterial. Absent a contract, mobilization costs are recognized currently.

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.

Operating Income. Operating income is primarily affected by revenue factors, but is also a function of varying levels of operating expenses. Operating expenses generally are not affected by changes in dayrates and may not be significantly affected by fluctuations in utilization. For instance, if a rig is to be idle for a short period of time, few decreases in operating expenses

may actually occur since the rig is typically maintained in a prepared or "ready stacked" state with a full crew. In addition, when a rig is idle, we are responsible for certain operating expenses such as rig fuel and supply boat costs, which are typically costs of the operator when a rig is under contract. However, if the rig

is to be idle for an extended period of time, we may reduce the size of a rig's crew and take steps to "cold stack" the rig, which lowers expenses and partially offsets the impact on operating income. We recognize, as incurred, operating expenses such as inspections, painting projects and routine overhauls that meet certain criteria and which maintain rather than upgrade our rigs. These expenses vary from period to period. Costs of rig enhancements are capitalized and depreciated over the expected useful lives of the enhancements. Higher depreciation expense decreases operating income in periods subsequent to capital upgrades.

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 all of our rigs. Operating revenue decreases because these surveys are performed during scheduled down-time in a shipyard. Operating expenses increase as a result of these surveys due to the cost to mobilize the rigs to a shipyard, inspection costs incurred and repair and maintenance costs. Repair and maintenance costs may be required resulting from the survey or may have been previously planned to take place during this mandatory down-time. The number of rigs undergoing a 5-year survey will vary from year to year.

In addition, operating income may 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 and require downtime for the drilling rig, but normally do not require dry-docking or shipyard time.

In May 2005 we renewed our insurance policies for hull and machinery damage, workers' compensation and general liability coverages, among other things, at an aggregate annual cost of approximately \$17 million, which represents approximately a 15% increase in insurance costs compared to the previous policy period. Insurance premiums will be amortized as expense over the applicable policy periods which generally expire at the end of April 2006.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our significant accounting policies are included in Note 1 of our Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report. Management's judgments, assumptions and estimates are inherent in the preparation of our financial statements and the application of its significant accounting policies. We believe that our most critical accounting estimates are as follows:

Property, Plant and Equipment. Drilling and other property and equipment is carried at cost. Maintenance and routine repairs are charged to income currently while replacements and betterments, which meet certain criteria, are capitalized. Depreciation is amortized up to applicable salvage values by applying the straight-line method over the remaining estimated useful lives. Our management makes judgments, assumptions and estimates regarding capitalization, useful lives and salvage values. Changes in these judgments, assumptions and estimates could produce results that differ from those reported.

We evaluate our property and equipment for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We utilize a probability-weighted cash flow analysis in testing an asset for potential impairment. The assumptions and estimates underlying this analysis include:

- dayrate by rig,
- utilization rate by rig (expressed as the actual percentage of time per year that the rig would be used),
- the per day operating cost for each rig if active, ready stacked or cold stacked and
- salvage value for each rig.

Based on these assumptions and estimates a matrix is developed assigning probabilities to various combinations of assumed utilization rates and dayrates. The impact of a 5% reduction in assumed dayrates for the cold stacked rigs (holding all other assumptions and estimates in the model constant), or alternatively the impact of a 5% reduction in utilization (again holding all other assumptions and estimates in the model constant) is also considered as part of this analysis.

At September 30, 2005, there were no changes in circumstances that indicated that the carrying value of our property and equipment, primarily drilling equipment, may not be recoverable.

Management's assumptions are an inherent part of an asset impairment evaluation and the use of different assumptions could produce results that differ from those reported.

Personal Injury Claims. Our uninsured retention of liability for personal injury claims, which primarily results from Jones Act liability in the Gulf of Mexico, is \$0.5 million per claim with an additional aggregate annual deductible of \$1.5 million. Our in-house claims department estimates the amount of our liability for our retention. This department establishes a reserve for each personal injury claim by evaluating the existing facts and circumstances and comparing the circumstances of each claim to historical experiences with similar past personal injury claims. Our claims department also estimates our liability for claims which are incurred but not reported by using historical data. Historically, our ultimate liability for personal injury claims has not differed materially from our recorded estimates. At September 30, 2005, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$37.3 million. The eventual settlement or adjudication of these claims could differ materially from the 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.

Income Taxes. We account for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," which requires the recognition of the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and an asset and liability approach in recognizing the amount of deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been currently recognized in our financial statements or tax returns. In each of our tax jurisdictions we recognize a current tax liability or asset for the estimated taxes payable or refundable on tax returns for the current year and a deferred tax asset or liability for the estimated future tax effects attributable to temporary differences and carryforwards. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance, if necessary, which is determined by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence, are not expected to be realized under a "more likely than not" approach. For interim periods, we estimate our annual effective tax rate by forecasting our annual income before income tax, taxable income and tax expense in each of our tax jurisdictions. We make judgments regarding future events and related estimates especially as they pertain to forecasting of our effective tax rate, the potential realization of deferred tax assets such as utilization of foreign tax credits, and exposure to the disallowance of items deducted on tax returns upon audit.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004

Comparative data relating to our revenues and operating expenses by equipment type are listed below. Certain amounts applicable to the prior period have been reclassified to conform to the classifications currently followed. Such reclassifications do not affect earnings.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		FAVORABLE/ (UNFAVORABLE)
	2005	2004	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
High Specification Floaters	\$113,133	\$ 75,502	\$ 37,631
Other Semisubmersibles	118,293	79,357	38,936
Jack-ups	68,971	45,268	23,703
Other	138	483	(345)
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TOTAL CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE	\$300,535	\$200,610	\$ 99,925
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REVENUES RELATED TO REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ...	\$ 9,987	\$ 7,588	\$ 2,399
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 44,747	\$ 43,697	\$ (1,050)
Other Semisubmersibles	82,888	62,185	(20,703)
Jack-ups	29,930	34,354	4,424
Other	2,972	371	(2,601)
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TOTAL CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE	\$160,537	\$140,607	\$(19,930)
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REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 8,350	\$ 6,620	\$ (1,730)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 68,386	\$ 31,805	\$ 36,581
Other Semisubmersibles	35,405	17,172	18,233
Jack-ups	39,041	10,914	28,127
Other	(2,834)	112	(2,946)
Reimbursable expenses, net	1,637	968	669
Depreciation	(46,494)	(45,043)	(1,451)
General and administrative expense	(8,928)	(6,728)	(2,200)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	761	(1,536)	2,297
Casualty gain on Ocean Warwick	33,605	--	33,605
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TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$120,579	\$ 7,664	\$112,915
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High Specification Floaters.

Revenues. Revenues generated by our high specification floaters (deepwater semisubmersibles) increased \$37.6 million during the quarter ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

Average operating dayrates earned by our entire fleet of high specification floaters in the third quarter of 2005 increased approximately 58% compared to average operating dayrates earned during the third quarter of 2004. Our average operating revenues per day rose to \$144,700 during the third quarter of 2005 from \$91,700 during the third quarter of 2004, generating an additional \$41.2 million in revenues in the 2005 period. Except for the Ocean Baroness, which recently relocated to the GOM in the third quarter of 2005, all of our high specification floaters operated under contracts with higher operating dayrates during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. This is reflective of a continued improvement in the deepwater market, most notably in the GOM, which began in the third quarter of 2004.

Utilization for our deepwater fleet fell from 89% during the third quarter of 2004 to 85% during the same period of 2005, reducing revenues by \$3.8 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared to the third quarter of 2004. The decline in utilization in the third quarter of 2005 is primarily due to downtime for the Ocean Baroness which did not operate for the entire third quarter of 2005 and 30 days of unpaid downtime for the Ocean Quest for

hurricane-related repairs. The Ocean Baroness, which was stacked in Singapore for an intermediate survey beginning in June 2005 and then relocated to the GOM, is expected to recommence drilling operations in the GOM in November 2005.

These unfavorable utilization variances were partly offset by the nearly full utilization of the Ocean Victory, the Ocean Alliance, and the Ocean Clipper in the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. During the third quarter of 2004, the Ocean Victory was ready-stacked for 45 days, and the Ocean Alliance and the Ocean Clipper had 29 days and 12 days, respectively, of unpaid downtime for repairs.

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expense for our deepwater semisubmersibles increased \$1.1 million for the third quarter ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, primarily due to:

- increased labor costs for our rig-based and shore-based personnel due to 2005 wage increases; and
- higher insurance costs in the third quarter of 2005 associated with increased premiums for the 2005/2006 policy year, additional loss of hire insurance coverage and the reversal of overaccrued insurance premiums during the third quarter of 2004.

Higher contract drilling expenses during the third quarter of 2005, compared to the third quarter of 2004, were partially offset by lower normal operating costs for the Ocean Baroness, which was stacked for a portion of the third quarter of 2005 and subsequently relocated to the GOM, and lower non-reimbursable fuel charges for the Ocean Alliance.

During the quarters ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, we recorded insurance deductibles relating to hurricane damage to our high-specification floaters of \$0.5 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

Other Semisubmersibles.

Revenues. Revenues generated by our other semisubmersibles operating in the mid-water market increased \$38.9 million, or 49%, during the quarter ended September 30, 2005, as compared to the same period in 2004. Average operating revenue per day for our mid-water semisubmersibles fleet increased from \$55,900 in the third quarter of 2004 to \$77,300 in the third quarter of 2005 due to the continuing improvement in the mid-water market. This favorable trend in revenues resulted in \$23.8 million in additional revenues in the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the same period in 2004.

Average utilization for our rigs in the mid-water market (excluding the Ocean Endeavor, which is being upgraded for ultra-deepwater service and the recently acquired Garden Banks) increased from 80% in the third quarter of 2004 to 86% in the third quarter of 2005, which resulted in additional revenues of \$14.3 million during the third quarter of 2005 as compared to the same period in 2004. Utilization rates for our mid-water fleet during the third quarter of 2005 reflect the nearly full utilization of the Ocean Concord, as compared to the same period in 2004 when this unit was in a shipyard for a 5-year survey and life enhancement maintenance. In addition, the Ocean Voyager, which was reactivated from cold-stack status in the fourth quarter of 2004, operated the entire third quarter of 2005. The overall improvement in utilization in the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the same period in 2004, was partially offset by 31 days of unpaid downtime for anchor winch repairs to the Ocean Vanguard and downtime for the Ocean Lexington, which was in a shipyard for a 5-year survey and steel renewal project during the entire third quarter of 2005. Both of these drilling units worked the entire third quarter of 2004.

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expense for our mid-water semisubmersibles increased \$20.7 million during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. Significant factors impacting our operating costs in the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the third quarter of 2004, include:

- reactivation and stand-by crew costs for the Ocean New Era and normal operating costs for the Ocean Voyager during the third quarter of 2005, as compared to reduced costs during the comparable period of 2004 when these rigs were cold-stacked;
- normal operating costs for the Ocean Concord, which worked most of the third quarter of 2005, compared to the same period in 2004 when this rig was in a shipyard for a survey and life enhancement maintenance; and

- higher operating costs for the Ocean Bounty while working in Australia during the third quarter of 2005, as compared to working offshore New Zealand for a majority of the third quarter of 2004 at a lower cost structure.

Labor and related costs comprise a significant portion of our operating expenses. During the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the same period in 2004, our operating costs were negatively impacted by increased labor and related costs and shorebase support costs, primarily for:

- our operations in Norway, mostly due to Norwegian pay allowances and additional personnel required to comply with Norwegian regulations;
- December 2004 and September 2005 wage increases for our rig-based and shore-based personnel, including a Brazilian wage increase resulting from completion of a local competency program;
- the Ocean Patriot, which worked the entire third quarter of 2005 offshore Australia, as compared to the third quarter of 2004 when the drilling rig was mobilizing from offshore South Africa to New Zealand and Australia; and
- the Ocean Nomad, which incurred higher labor costs during the third quarter of 2005 associated with its operations in the U.K., as compared to the same period in 2004 when this drilling rig was working offshore western Africa.

Partially offsetting these higher expenses were lower comparative expenses in the third quarter of 2005 for:

- the Ocean Epoch, which had lower labor and shore-based costs while working in Malaysia, as compared to working in Australia the entire third quarter of 2004; and
- lower labor benefits costs for the Ocean Guardian and the Ocean Princess due to a third quarter 2004 accrual for retroactive U.K. mandated labor benefits, a portion of which was subsequently reversed in the second quarter of 2005 as a result of our interpretation of a recent ruling by the U.K. Court of Appeals.

Jack-Ups.

Revenues. Revenues for our jack-up fleet increased \$23.7 million during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same quarter in 2004.

Improvements in average operating dayrates contributed \$19.8 million (excluding the Ocean Warwick) to the overall revenue increase as average operating dayrates rose from \$38,000 for the third quarter of 2004 to \$57,500 during the same period of 2005. All of our jack-up rigs experienced an increase in average operating dayrates during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the third quarter of 2004, reflective of the continued improvement in the jack-up market.

Utilization for our jack-up fleet improved from 89% to 94% (excluding the Ocean Warwick) during the third quarter of 2005 and resulted in an increase in revenues of \$2.9 million for the third quarter of 2005. Our current jack-up fleet experienced nearly full utilization during the third quarter of 2005, except for the Ocean Spur which was down for leg repairs during July and August of 2005. During the same period in 2004, the Ocean Champion was reactivated from cold-stack status in mid-August, the Ocean Nugget and Ocean Spur were ready-stacked for part of the period, and the Ocean Heritage was in a shipyard for two weeks preparing for its mobilization from Ecuador to India.

In late August 2005, the Ocean Warwick was declared a constructive total loss by our insurers as a result of damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina. During the third quarter of 2005 and 2004, this drilling rig generated \$4.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, in revenues. See "- Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expense for our jack-up fleet for the third quarter of 2005 decreased \$4.4 million compared to the same period in 2004 primarily due to lower operating costs in the third quarter of 2005 primarily due to:

- a \$3.0 million insurance deductible recorded in the third quarter of 2004 for damages to the Ocean Warwick during Hurricane Ivan;
- higher costs associated with the reactivation of the Ocean Champion during the third quarter of 2004 compared to normal operating costs during the third quarter of 2005; and
- higher mobilization costs in the third quarter of 2004 for the Ocean Heritage related to its third quarter demobilization from Ecuador to Singapore and then deployment to India.

Partially offsetting the lower overall contract drilling expenses during the third quarter of 2005 were:

- normal operating costs for the Ocean Heritage which operated for the majority of the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period of 2004 when this rig was stacked for part of the quarter preparing for its mobilization from Ecuador to India;
- higher repair, maintenance and inspection costs for the Ocean Spur during the third quarter of 2005 while in a shipyard for leg repairs compared to lower costs during the third quarter of 2004; and
- higher overall labor and benefits costs for our domestic jack-ups due to December 2004 and mid-September 2005 wage increases.

Reimbursable expenses, net.

Revenues related to reimbursable items, offset by the related expenditures for these items, were \$1.6 million and \$1.0 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Reimbursable expenses include items that we purchase, and/or services we perform, at the request of our customers. We charge our customers for purchases and/or services performed on their behalf at cost, plus a mark-up where applicable. Therefore, net reimbursables fluctuate based on customer requirements, which vary.

Depreciation.

Depreciation expense increased \$1.5 million to \$46.5 million in the third quarter of 2005 compared to \$45.0 million in the third quarter of 2004 primarily due to depreciation associated with capital additions in 2004 and the first nine months of 2005. Partially offsetting this increase was a reduction in depreciation for the Ocean Liberator, which we removed from our actively-marketed fleet in December 2004 and subsequently sold in June 2005.

General and Administrative Expense.

General and administrative expense for the three months ended September 30, 2005 increased by \$2.2 million to \$8.9 million compared to general and administrative expenses of \$6.7 million for the same period in 2004. The increase in overhead costs for the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the third quarter of 2004, was primarily due to higher compensation expense related to our management bonus plan, as well as the current year impact of lower legal fees during the comparable period in 2004. During the third quarter of 2004, we received reimbursements from our insurers for legal costs incurred in connection with litigation that was subsequently settled in December 2004.

Gain (loss) on Sale of Assets.

We recognized a net gain of \$0.8 million on the sale of assets during the third quarter of 2005, resulting primarily from the sale of drill pipe and partly offset by a \$1.4 million loss due to the retirement of equipment lost or damaged during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. During the same period in 2004, we recorded a net loss of \$1.5 million primarily from the retirement of equipment lost in Hurricane Ivan.

Casualty Gain on Ocean Warwick

We recognized a \$33.6 million casualty gain during the third quarter of 2005 as a result of the constructive total loss of the Ocean Warwick, resulting from damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. See " - Overview - - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Income Tax (Expense).

We recognized income tax expense of \$37.4 million on pre-tax income of \$119.4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to income tax expense of \$16,000 on pre-tax income of \$3.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. Our net income tax expense or benefit is a function of the mix between our domestic and international pre-tax earnings or losses, respectively, as well as the mix of international tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Our estimated annual effective rate increased from 27.1% in the second quarter of 2005 to 29.5% in the third quarter of 2005 due to the expectation of a higher percentage of domestic pre-tax income in 2005, primarily as a result of the Ocean Warwick casualty gain in the third quarter of 2005. Our effective income tax rate of 31.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2005 included a \$2.4 million adjustment which resulted from applying the higher estimated annual income tax rate to our June 30, 2005 year-to-date pre-tax income. The 0.5% effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2004 resulted from a revision of the 2004 estimated annual effective rate from 24.8% to 27.7% in the third quarter of 2004.

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004

Comparative data relating to the Company's revenues and operating expenses by equipment type are listed below. Certain amounts applicable to the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the classifications currently followed. Such reclassifications do not affect earnings.

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		FAVORABLE/ (UNFAVORABLE)
	2005	2004	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 304,824	\$ 199,342	\$105,482
Other Semisubmersibles	325,634	225,620	100,014
Jack-ups	192,834	128,391	64,443
Other	(70)	1,182	(1,252)
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TOTAL CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE	\$ 823,222	\$ 554,535	\$268,687
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REVENUES RELATED TO REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 29,457	\$ 22,807	\$ 6,650
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 134,792	\$ 126,835	\$ (7,957)
Other Semisubmersibles	238,853	193,137	(45,716)
Jack-ups	90,587	86,373	(4,214)
Other	7,008	2,423	(4,585)
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TOTAL CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE	\$ 471,240	\$ 408,768	\$(62,472)
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REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 24,784	\$ 20,373	\$ (4,411)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 170,032	\$ 72,507	\$ 97,525
Other Semisubmersibles	86,781	32,483	54,298
Jack-ups	102,247	42,018	60,229
Other	(7,078)	(1,241)	(5,837)
Reimbursable expenses, net	4,673	2,434	2,239
Depreciation	(137,944)	(134,117)	(3,827)
General and administrative expense	(27,587)	(24,277)	(3,310)
Gain on sale and disposition of assets ..	8,753	(1,341)	10,094
Casualty gain on Ocean Warwick	33,605	--	33,605
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TOTAL OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 233,482	\$ (11,534)	\$245,016
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High Specification Floaters.

Revenues. Revenues generated by our high specification floaters (deepwater semisubmersibles) increased \$105.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

The average operating dayrate for our rigs in this market increased 33% to \$124,300 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 from \$93,800 for the same period in 2004, which reflects the continued strengthening of the market for this class of rig. Average operating revenue per day increased for all of our deepwater semisubmersibles, generating an additional \$76.9 million in revenues in the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

During the first nine months of 2005, average utilization for our rigs in the deepwater market increased significantly over average utilization for the same period in 2004. Average utilization increased to 90% during the first nine months of 2005 from 78% for the first nine months of 2004, generating additional revenues of \$28.6 million in the 2005 period. Significant improvements in utilization were achieved by:

- the Ocean Star and the Ocean Victory, which operated for most of the first nine months of 2005 compared to being ready-stacked for five months and three months during the comparable period in 2004, respectively;
- the Ocean America, which worked the entire first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 when this unit was in a shipyard for three months for a 5-year survey and upgrade; and
- the Ocean Alliance, which worked a majority of the first nine months of 2005 but had nearly five months of unpaid downtime during the comparable period of 2004 for repairs, a 5-year survey and a planned sub-sea equipment upgrade.

The overall increase in utilization for our rigs in this market during the first nine months of 2005 was partially offset by downtime for the Ocean Baroness, which completed its contract in Indonesia in mid-May 2005 and mobilized to a shipyard in Singapore for an intermediate survey and repairs prior to commencing its dry tow to the GOM in August 2005. This compares with 93% utilization for the Ocean Baroness in the first nine months of 2004. Other changes in utilization were primarily due to the timing of scheduled surveys, related repairs and maintenance activities.

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expense for our deepwater semisubmersibles increased \$8.0 million during the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, primarily due to higher labor and benefits costs. Increased labor and benefits costs reflect the impact of December 2004 pay increases (and to a lesser extent September 2005 pay increases), both domestically and in Brazil, as well as additional staffing requirements resulting from the increased utilization of our rigs. In addition, contract drilling expenses were higher in 2005 due to:

- equipment rental costs for replacement anchor chain on the Ocean America which was lost during Hurricane Ivan in September 2004; and
- higher insurance costs in the first nine months of 2005 associated with increased premiums for the 2005/2006 policy year, which began in May 2005, additional loss of hire insurance coverage and the reversal of overaccrued insurance premiums during the third quarter of 2004.

Partially offsetting these higher costs during the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 were:

- lower inspection and other related costs in the first nine months of 2005 for the Ocean Alliance and the Ocean America which completed 5-year surveys in 2004; and
- lower shorebase and other operating costs in 2005 for the Ocean Baroness, which operated through mid-May 2005 and was then mobilized to a shipyard in Singapore and subsequently relocated to the GOM, compared to working a majority of the first nine months in 2004.

Other Semisubmersibles.

Revenues. Revenues generated by our other (or mid-water) semisubmersibles for the first nine months of 2005 increased \$100.0 million compared to the same period in 2004.

Average operating revenue per day for our mid-water semisubmersibles rose to \$71,700 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 from \$55,500 for the same period in 2004, generating \$60.0 million in additional revenues in the 2005 period. The effect of this upward trend in operating dayrates was first realized in the fourth quarter of 2004 and has continued throughout 2005.

Utilization for our rigs in the mid-water market also improved during the first nine months of 2005, compared to the same period in 2004, resulting in an additional \$34.9 million in revenue. Average utilization (excluding the Ocean Endeavor and Garden Banks) increased from 77% during the first nine months of 2004 to 86% in the comparable period of 2005. Significant improvements in utilization were achieved by:

- the Ocean Voyager, which was cold-stacked all of the first nine months of 2004 and worked the entire first nine months of 2005;
- the Ocean Concord and the Ocean Winner, each of which spent part of the first nine months of 2004 in shipyards for 5-year surveys, as well as life enhancement maintenance for the Ocean Concord; and
- the Ocean Patriot, which was ready-stacked for nearly 110 days at various points during the first nine months of 2004, compared to working a majority of the comparable period in 2005.

Partially offsetting the overall increase in average utilization was:

- downtime associated with a steel renewal project and 5-year survey for the Ocean Lexington, which commenced late in the second quarter of 2005;
- downtime for the Ocean Epoch, which mobilized during the first quarter of 2005 to a shipyard in Singapore for a 5-year survey and contract preparation work, as compared to the same period in 2004 when the rig worked a majority of the period; and
- two months of unpaid downtime for the Ocean Nomad while waiting on a contract and for repairs during the first nine months of 2005.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we also recognized in income \$7.4 million in deferred mobilization fees received, of which \$5.7 million related to the Ocean Patriot's 2004 mobilization from South Africa to New Zealand and the Bass Strait, compared to \$2.3 million in deferred mobilization fees recognized in income during the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expense for our mid-water semisubmersibles increased \$45.7 million during the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 primarily due to:

- increased labor costs, both domestically and internationally, primarily due to December 2004 and September 2005 salary increases for our rig-based personnel and higher national labor and related costs in Australia, Brazil, Norway and the U.K. as compared to other regions;
- normal operating costs for the Ocean Voyager during the first nine months of 2005, as compared to reduced costs during the comparable period of 2004 when the unit was cold-stacked in the GOM;
- additional costs related to repair work on the Ocean Vanguard during 2005 resulting from wave damage sustained in December 2004;
- the Ocean Patriot, which incurred normal operating costs, including the amortization of deferred mobilization expenses, while working in Australia as compared to the first nine months of 2004 when this rig was stacked for inspections and related repairs in South Africa;

- reactivation costs for the Ocean New Era during the first nine months of 2005, as compared to reduced costs during the comparable period of 2004 when this rig was cold-stacked in the GOM; and
- higher routine maintenance and repair costs for the Ocean Epoch and Ocean Lexington, which were in shipyards for portions of the first nine months of 2005, as compared to the nearly full utilization of these units during the first nine months of 2004.

Partially offsetting the higher overall operating expenses were lower comparative expenses for the Ocean Epoch, which had higher national labor costs during the first nine months of 2004 while working in Australia compared to reduced labor costs in the first nine months of 2005 when the rig mobilized to Singapore.

Jack-Ups.

Revenues. Our jack-up fleet generated revenues of \$192.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, or an increase of \$64.4 million compared to the same period in 2004.

Average operating revenue per day earned by our jack-up fleet during the first nine months of 2005 increased 40%, compared to the first nine months of 2004. For the first nine months of 2005, our operating revenue per day averaged \$52,800 as compared to an average of \$37,600 for the comparable period in 2004. Excluding the Ocean Warwick, higher dayrates contributed \$52.4 million to the overall increase in revenues generated by our jack-up fleet.

Continuing improvements in the jack-up market were responsible for the increase in overall utilization (excluding the Ocean Warwick) for our jack-up fleet which rose to 89% during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 from 79% during the same period in 2004. This increase in utilization for our rigs generated an additional \$8.8 million in revenues during the first nine months of 2005 compared to the prior year period. Primary factors causing the improvement in utilization included the reactivation of the Ocean Champion from cold-stack status in the third quarter of 2004 and the nearly full utilization of both the Ocean Columbia and the Ocean Nugget during the first nine months of 2005, which were in shipyards for all or part of the same period of 2004 for inspections and related repairs. Favorable utilization trends during the first nine months of 2005 were partially offset by lower utilization for the Ocean Heritage, which experienced unpaid downtime for leg repairs and contract preparation work during the second quarter of 2005, and the Ocean Spur, which was stacked in a shipyard for nearly two months during the third quarter of 2005 for leg repairs.

In late August 2005, the Ocean Warwick was declared a constructive total loss by our insurers as a result of damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, this drilling unit generated \$11.8 million in revenues compared to \$9.0 million in the same period of 2004 primarily due to a higher average operating dayrate earned during 2005, as compared to the first nine months of 2004. Prior to its destruction, average utilization for the Ocean Warwick during 2005 was 76% compared to 98% during the same period in 2004. Lower utilization in 2005 resulted from downtime in the first quarter of 2005 for repairs to damages sustained during Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. See " - Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Contract Drilling Expense. Contract drilling expenses for our jack-up fleet for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 increased \$4.2 million compared to the same period in 2004, primarily due to:

- normal operating costs during the first nine months of 2005 for the Ocean Champion following its reactivation in August 2004;
- higher normal operating costs for our jack-up fleet operating in the GOM due to the 2005 increase in average utilization compared to the same period in 2004, including the effect of December 2004 and September 2005 salary increases; and
- normal repair and maintenance, travel, and shore-based costs during the first nine months of 2005 for the Ocean Heritage and Ocean Sovereign, both of which mobilized to new locations during the same period in 2004. We also incurred \$1.0 million in uninsured costs for leg repairs to the Ocean Heritage during the second quarter of 2005.

Partially offsetting these higher contract drilling expenses were lower mobilization costs during the first nine months of 2005 for the Ocean Heritage compared to the same period in 2004 when the rig incurred additional costs

to mobilize to Ecuador. In addition, during the first nine months of 2004, we recorded a \$3.0 million insurance deductible as operating expense related to damage sustained by the Ocean Warwick during Hurricane Ivan.

Reimbursable expenses, net.

Revenues related to reimbursable items, offset by the related expenditures for these items, were \$4.7 million and \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Reimbursable expenses include items that we purchase, and/or services we perform, at the request of our customers. We charge our customers for purchases and/or services performed on their behalf at cost, plus a mark-up where applicable. Therefore, net reimbursables fluctuate based on customer requirements, which vary.

Depreciation.

Depreciation expense increased \$3.8 million to \$137.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$134.1 million in the same period of 2004 primarily due to depreciation recorded in 2005 associated with capital additions in 2004 and the first nine months of 2005. Partially offsetting this increase was a reduction in depreciation for the Ocean Liberator, which we removed from our actively-marketed fleet in December 2004 and subsequently sold in June 2005.

General and Administrative Expense.

We incurred general and administrative expense of \$27.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$24.3 million for the same period in 2004. The \$3.3 million increase in overhead costs between the periods was primarily due to higher compensation expense related to our management bonus plan and fees paid to our external auditors in the 2005 period. Partially offsetting these higher expenses were lower legal fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, primarily due to the settlement of litigation in December 2004.

Gain on Sale of Assets.

We recognized a net gain of \$8.8 million on the sale of assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a net loss of \$1.3 million during the same period of 2004. Net gains recognized for the first nine months of 2005 include a pre-tax gain of \$8.0 million from the June 2005 sale of the Ocean Liberator and gains on the sale of used drill pipe during the period, partly offset by a \$1.4 million loss due to the retirement of equipment lost or damaged during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The loss on sale of assets for the comparable period in 2004 relates primarily to the retirement of equipment lost in Hurricane Ivan.

Casualty Gain on Ocean Warwick.

We recorded a \$33.6 million casualty gain during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 as a result of the constructive total loss of one of our jack-up rigs, the Ocean Warwick, resulting from damages sustained during Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. See "- Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Interest Income.

We earned interest income of \$18.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$7.6 million in the same period of 2004. The \$10.4 million increase in interest income is primarily the result of the combined effect of slightly higher interest rates earned on higher average cash and investment balances in the first nine months of 2005, as compared to the same period in 2004. See "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements" and "- Historical Cash Flows."

Interest Expense.

Interest expense of \$33.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 increased \$13.3 million from interest expense of \$20.4 million for the same period in 2004. This increase was primarily attributable to interest related to our 4.875% Senior Notes Due July 1, 2015, or 4.875% Senior Notes, and our 5.15% Senior Notes Due September 1, 2014, or 5.15% Senior Notes, which were issued in June 2005 and August 2004, respectively. In addition, interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 included a write-off of \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs associated with our June 2005 repurchase of approximately 96% of our then outstanding Zero Coupon Convertible Debentures due 2020, or Zero Coupon Debentures. This increase in interest cost was partially

offset by lower interest expense on our Zero Coupon Debentures as a result of the partial repurchase in June 2005. See "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements - Contractual Cash Obligations."

Income Tax (Expense) Benefit.

We recognized income tax expense of \$65.1 million on pre-tax income of \$218.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to an income tax benefit of \$5.9 million on a pre-tax loss of \$24.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. Our net income tax expense or benefit is a function of the mix between our domestic and international pre-tax earnings or losses, respectively, as well as the mix of international tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Different combinations of pre-tax earnings and losses among jurisdictions resulted in an estimated annual effective tax rate of 29.5% at September 30, 2005 compared to 27.7% at September 30, 2004.

Tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 also included expense of \$0.9 million related to finalizing prior year tax returns in the U.K. and \$0.2 million related to an increase in the settlement of a tax dispute in East Timor. Partially offsetting the higher tax expense was a \$0.2 million reduction to the valuation allowance for prior year tax credits which arose primarily from our ability to carryback certain prior year foreign tax credits to earlier years. These additional items of net expense were not included in the current year estimated annual effective tax rate of 29.5% and resulted in an actual effective tax rate of 29.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

The net tax benefit recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 also included a \$0.9 million adjustment related to finalizing prior year tax returns in two foreign jurisdictions. This additional expense was not included in the 2004 estimated annual effective rate of 27.7%.

OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Our non-U.S. operations are subject to certain political, economic and other uncertainties not normally encountered in U.S. operations, including risks of war and civil disturbances (or other risks that may limit or disrupt markets), expropriation and the general hazards associated with the assertion of national sovereignty over certain areas in which operations are conducted. No prediction can be made as to what governmental regulations may be enacted in the future that could adversely affect our non-U.S. operations or the international offshore contract drilling industry. Our operations outside the United States may also face the additional risk of fluctuating currency values, hard currency shortages, controls of currency exchange and repatriation of income or capital.

We operate four of our semisubmersible rigs offshore Mexico for Pemex-Exploracion y Produccion, the national oil company of Mexico. The terms of these contracts expose us to greater risks than we normally assume, such as exposure to greater environmental liability. While we believe that the financial terms of the contracts and our operating safeguards in place mitigate these risks, there can be no assurance that our increased risk exposure will not have a negative impact on our future operations or financial results.

SOURCES OF LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our principal sources of liquidity and capital resources are our cash flows from operations, proceeds from the issuance of debt securities and our cash reserves. At September 30, 2005 we had \$486.7 million in "Cash and cash equivalents" and \$302.4 million in "Investments and marketable securities" representing our investment of cash available for current operations, which also included \$300.0 million in marketable securities purchased under repurchase agreements.

In September 2005, we received \$44.1 million in net insurance proceeds from the casualty loss of the Ocean Warwick; see "- Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Cash Flows from Operations. We operate in an industry that has been, and is expected to continue to be, extremely competitive and highly cyclical. Our cash flows from operations are a function of the dayrates we receive for our drilling rigs, as well as the utilization of these rigs. These factors are not within our control and are difficult to predict with any degree of specificity. For a description of other factors that could affect our cash flows from operations, see "- Overview-Industry Conditions" and " - Forward-Looking Statements."

Shelf Registration. We have the ability to issue an aggregate of approximately \$117.5 million in debt, equity and other securities under a shelf registration statement. In addition, we may issue, from time to time, up to eight

million shares of common stock, shares which are registered under an acquisition shelf registration statement (upon effectiveness of any required amendment thereto), in connection with one or more acquisitions by us of securities or assets of other businesses.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Our liquidity and capital requirements are primarily a function of our working capital needs, capital expenditures and debt service requirements. Cash required to meet our capital commitments is determined by evaluating the need to upgrade rigs to meet specific customer requirements and by evaluating our ongoing rig equipment replacement and enhancement programs, including water depth and drilling capability upgrades. It is the opinion of our management that our operating cash flows and cash reserves will be sufficient to meet these capital commitments; however, we will continue to make periodic assessments based on industry conditions. 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 effect any such issuance will be dependent on the results of our operations, our current financial condition, current market conditions and other factors which are beyond our control.

We believe that we have the financial resources needed to meet our business requirements in the foreseeable future, including capital expenditures for rig upgrades and continuing rig enhancements and working capital requirements.

Contractual Cash Obligations.

Purchase Obligations and Capital Commitments. As of September 30, 2005, we had purchase obligations aggregating approximately \$200 million and \$227 million related to the major upgrade of the Ocean Endeavor and construction of two new jack-up rigs, respectively. We had no other purchase obligations for major rig upgrades or any other significant obligations at September 30, 2005, except for those that arise during the normal course of business and are related to our direct rig operations.

4.875% Senior Notes. On June 14, 2005, we issued \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Senior Notes at an offering price of 99.785% of the principal amount, resulting in net proceeds to us of \$247.7 million, exclusive of accrued issuance costs.

Our 4.875% Senior Notes bear interest at 4.875% per year, payable semiannually in arrears on January 1 and July 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2006, and mature on July 1, 2015. The 4.875% Senior Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., and they rank equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, although the 4.875% Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of our subsidiaries. We have the right to redeem all or a portion of these notes for cash at any time or from time to time on at least 15 days but not more than 60 days prior written notice, at the redemption price specified in the governing indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

Zero Coupon Debentures. On June 7, 2005, we repurchased \$460.0 million accreted value, or \$774.1 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity, of our Zero Coupon Debentures at a purchase price of \$594.25 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, which represents approximately 96% of our then outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures. The holders of our remaining outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures have the right to require us to repurchase the Zero Coupon Debentures on June 6, 2010 and June 6, 2015 at the accreted value through the date of repurchase. We may pay such repurchase price with either cash or shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock.

As of September 30, 2005, the aggregate accreted value of our Zero Coupon Debentures then outstanding of \$18.6 million is classified as long-term debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The aggregate principal amount at maturity will be \$30.9 million assuming no additional conversions or redemptions occur prior to the maturity date.

Dividends.

In October 2005, we declared a cash dividend of \$0.125 per share of our common stock payable on December 1, 2005 to stockholders of record on November 1, 2005.

Our Board of Directors has stated that it will consider declaring a special cash dividend in the first quarter of 2006. The amount of the special cash dividend, if any, will be determined by our Board. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon our operating results, financial condition, capital requirements, general business conditions and such other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant.

Letters of Credit.

We are contingently liable as of September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$48.0 million under certain performance, bid, supersedeas and custom bonds and letters of credit. Agreements related to approximately \$34.0 million of multi-year performance bonds can require cash collateral for the full line at any time for any reason. Holders of agreements related to another \$0.5 million currently have the option to require cash collateral due to the lowering of our credit rating in 2004. As of September 30, 2005 we have not been required to make any cash collateral deposits with respect to these agreements. The remaining agreements cannot require cash collateral except in events of default. On our behalf, banks have issued letters of credit securing certain of these bonds.

Capital Expenditures.

In the second quarter of 2005, we entered into agreements with Keppel FELS Limited to construct two high-performance, premium jack-up rigs. The two new drilling units, the Ocean Scepter and the Ocean Shield, will be constructed in Brownsville, Texas and in Singapore, respectively, at an aggregate expected cost of approximately \$300 million. We paid shipyard deposits totaling \$56.8 million in the second quarter of 2005 related to the new construction. We expect delivery of both units in the first quarter of 2008.

In May 2005, we began a major upgrade of the Ocean Endeavor for ultra-deepwater service. The modernized rig is being designed to operate in up to 10,000 feet of water at an estimated upgrade cost of approximately \$250 million, of which approximately \$25.9 million had been spent as of September 30, 2005 and an additional \$78 million is anticipated to be spent in the remainder of 2005. We estimate that the project is approximately 19% complete and delivery of the upgraded rig is expected in mid-2007.

We estimate that capital expenditures in 2005 associated with our ongoing rig equipment replacement and enhancement programs and other corporate requirements will be approximately \$122 million. As of September 30, 2005, we had spent approximately \$81 million for capital additions, excluding upgrade costs for the Ocean Endeavor, construction of the two new jack-up rigs and the reactivation of the Ocean New Era. See " - Reactivation Costs."

In August 2005, we concluded the purchase the Garden Banks, a Victory-class semisubmersible drilling rig, and related equipment for \$20.0 million.

We expect to finance the balance of our 2005 capital expenditures through the use of existing cash balances or internally generated funds.

Reactivation Costs.

In the third quarter of 2005, we began the process of reactivating our cold-stacked rig, the Ocean New Era. We expect the reactivation of this rig to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2005 and to cost approximately \$15.4 million, of which approximately \$5.1 will be expensed in the second half of 2005 as contract drilling expense and \$10.3 million will be capitalized and amortized to expense over the estimated life of the rig. As of September 30, 2005, we had spent \$6.2 million on the reactivation project.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.

At September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, we had no off-balance sheet debt or other arrangements.

HISTORICAL CASH FLOWS

The following is a discussion of our historical cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities.

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2005	2004	CHANGE
	(IN THOUSANDS)		
Net income (loss)	\$153,439	\$(18,526)	\$ 171,965
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities ...	(98,805)	6,209	(105,014)
Casualty gain on Ocean Warwick	(33,605)	--	(33,605)
Loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities	1,209	(231)	1,440
Depreciation and other non-cash items, net	192,288	145,006	47,282
	=====	=====	=====
	\$214,526	\$132,458	\$ 82,068

Cash flow from our operations in the first nine months of 2005 increased \$82.1 million or 62%, as compared to the same period in 2004. The increase in cash flow from our operations in the first nine months of 2005 is the result of higher utilization and higher average dayrates earned by our offshore drilling units as a result of an increase in overall demand for our offshore contract drilling services, as compared to the same period of 2004. Depreciation and other non-cash adjustments to net income increased \$47.3 million, primarily due to \$54.1 million in deferred income tax expense recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. These favorable trends were negatively impacted by an increase in cash required to satisfy our working capital requirements, including a temporary increase in our trade receivables, which will generate cash as the billing cycle is completed, and \$11.9 million in additional insurance receivables related to hurricane damage in 2005. See " - Overview - Impact of 2005 Hurricanes."

Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities.

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2005	2004	CHANGE
	(IN THOUSANDS)		
Purchase of marketable securities	\$(4,511,361)	\$(2,913,971)	\$(1,597,390)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities	4,863,752	2,773,630	2,090,122
Capital expenditures	(187,066)	(69,719)	(117,347)
Insurance proceeds from casualty loss of Ocean Warwick ...	44,088	--	44,088
Proceeds from sale of assets	19,551	1,521	18,030
Proceeds from maturities of Australian dollar time deposits	11,761	19,846	(8,085)
Purchase of Australian dollar time deposits	--	(42,073)	42,073
Proceeds from settlement of forward contracts	939	--	939
	=====	=====	=====
	\$ 241,664	\$ (230,766)	\$ 472,430

Our investing activities generated \$241.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to a usage of \$230.8 million in the same period in 2004. In the first nine months of 2005, we sold marketable securities, net of purchases, of \$352.4 million compared to net purchases of \$140.3 million during the same period of 2004. This increase in net sales activity is primarily the result of increased cash requirements in 2005 to partially fund the repurchase of \$460.0 million accreted value of our Zero Coupon Debentures in June 2005 and capital additions. Our investment portfolio at September 30, 2005 also included \$300.0 million in marketable securities purchased under repurchase agreements.

In the first nine months of 2005, we spent \$84.4 million on projects associated with our ongoing rig equipment replacement and enhancement programs, the reactivation of the Ocean New Era and other corporate requirements. Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we spent an additional \$82.7 million in connection with the Ocean Endeavor upgrade and the Ocean Scepter and Ocean Shield construction projects and \$20.0 million for the purchase of the

Garden Banks and its related equipment. In the same period in 2004, we spent \$56.3 million on

various projects in connection with our ongoing replacement and enhancement programs and other corporate requirements and an additional \$13.4 million to complete a two-year enhancement program for six of our jack-up rigs and an upgrade of the Ocean America. In June 2005, we sold one of our cold-stacked semisubmersible rigs, the Ocean Liberator, for net cash proceeds of \$13.6 million. Proceeds from the sale of miscellaneous assets in the first nine months of 2004 were not significant.

During September 2005, we collected \$44.1 million in insurance proceeds related to the loss of the Ocean Warwick. We received the remaining \$6.4 million owed to us by insurers in connection with this claim in October 2005.

In the second quarter of 2004, based on the expectation that higher interest rates could be achieved by investing in Australian dollar-based securities, we invested \$42.1 million in Australian dollar time deposits (equivalent of 60 million Australian dollars) with expirations ranging from May 2004 to March 2005. \$11.8 million and \$19.8 million of these investments matured in the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. From time to time, we may utilize forward exchange contracts to hedge our exposure to changes in exchange rates between U.S. dollars and the local currencies of the countries in which we operate. During the first nine months of 2005, we entered into various foreign currency forward exchange contracts which resulted in net realized gains totaling \$0.9 million.

As of September 30, 2005, we had foreign currency forward exchange contracts outstanding requiring us to purchase the equivalent of \$3.0 million in Mexican pesos in October and November 2005, the equivalent of \$3.0 million in Australian dollars in October 2005 and the equivalent of \$7.0 million in British pounds sterling in November 2005. Subsequent to September 30, 2005, we entered into additional contracts to purchase the equivalent of \$3.8 million in Australian dollars in November 2005 and the equivalent of \$7.0 million in British pounds sterling in December 2005 based on our estimated foreign currency cash requirements through the remainder of 2005.

Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities.

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2005	2004	CHANGE
	(IN THOUSANDS)		
Proceeds from issuance of senior notes ...	\$ 249,462	\$249,397	\$ 65
Payment of debt issuance costs	(1,866)	(1,565)	(301)
Redemption of Zero Coupon Debentures	(460,015)	--	(460,015)
Payment of dividends	(32,159)	(24,249)	(7,910)
Acquisition of treasury stock	--	(18,077)	18,077
Proceeds from stock options exercised	9,565	--	9,565
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	\$(235,013)	\$205,506	\$(440,519)
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In June 2005 and August 2004, we issued \$250.0 million principal amount of our 4.875% Senior Notes and our 5.15% Senior Notes, respectively, for net cash proceeds of \$247.6 million and \$247.8 million, respectively. We repurchased \$460.0 million accreted value, or approximately 96%, of our then outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures for cash in June 2005.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we received \$9.6 million in proceeds from the exercise of stock options to purchase shares of our common stock. There were no stock option exercises during the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

We paid dividends of \$32.2 million during the first nine months of 2005, compared to \$24.2 million in the first nine months of 2004. Our dividend payment on September 1, 2005 reflected a \$0.0625 per share increase over dividends paid in previous quarters in 2004 and 2005.

Depending on market conditions, we may, from time to time, purchase shares of our common stock or issue put options in the open market or otherwise. During the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we purchased 782,200 shares of our outstanding common stock at an aggregate cost of \$18.1 million, or at an average cost of \$23.11 per share. We did not repurchase any shares of our outstanding common stock or issue any put options during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

OTHER

Currency Risk. Certain of our subsidiaries use the local currency in the country where they conduct operations as their functional currency. Currency environments in which we have material business operations include Mexico, Brazil, the U.K., Australia, Indonesia and Malaysia. When possible, we attempt to minimize our currency exchange risk by seeking international contracts payable in local currency in amounts equal to our estimated operating costs payable in local currency with the balance of the contract payable in U.S. dollars. At present, however, only a limited number of our contracts are payable both in U.S. dollars and the local currency.

Currency translation adjustments are generally accumulated in a separate section of stockholders' equity. If we were to cease our operations in a currency environment, the accumulated adjustments would be recognized currently in our results of operations. The effect on our results of operations from these translation gains and losses has not been material and we do not expect them to have a significant effect in the future.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2005 the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued SFAS No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections," or SFAS 154, a replacement of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 20 and SFAS No. 3. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections and is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. We do not expect adoption of SFAS 154 to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In December 2004 the FASB revised SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," or SFAS 123 (R). This statement supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 and its related implementation guidance. This statement requires that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. SFAS 123 (R) was originally effective as of the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005. In April 2005, however, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a rule that defers the required effective date of SFAS 123 (R) for registrants such as us until the beginning of the first fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2005. This statement applies to all awards granted after the required effective date and to awards modified, repurchased or cancelled after that date, as well as the unvested portion of awards granted prior to the effective date of SFAS 123(R). We do not expect our adoption of SFAS 123 (R) to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We or our representatives may, from time to time, 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. 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 (see "- Overview - Industry Conditions");
- future uses of and requirements for financial resources (see "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements" and "- Sources of Liquidity and Capital Resources");
- interest rate and foreign exchange risk (see "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk");
- future contractual obligations (see "--Overview--Industry Conditions" and "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements");
- future operations outside the United States including, without limitation, our operations in Mexico (see "--Overview--Industry Conditions");

- future effect on operating results of 2005 hurricanes (see "--Overview--Impact of 2005 Hurricanes");

- business strategy;
- growth opportunities;
- competitive position;
- expected financial position;
- future cash flows;
- future quarterly or special dividends;
- financing plans;
- tax planning (See "--Overview--Critical Accounting Estimates--Income Taxes," "--Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 and 2004" and "--Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005 and 2004");
- budgets for capital and other expenditures (see "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements");
- timing and cost of completion of rig upgrades and other capital projects (see "- Liquidity and Capital Requirements");
- delivery dates and drilling contracts related to rig conversion and upgrade projects (see "--Liquidity and Capital Requirements");
- plans and objectives of management;
- performance of contracts (see "--Overview--Industry Conditions");
- outcomes of legal proceedings;
- compliance with applicable laws; and
- adequacy of insurance or indemnification.

These types of statements inherently are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties 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:

- general economic and business conditions;
- worldwide demand for oil and natural gas;
- changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration, development and production activity;
- oil and natural gas price fluctuations and related market expectations;
- the ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, commonly called OPEC, to set and maintain production levels and pricing, and the level of production in non-OPEC countries;
- policies of the various governments regarding exploration and development of oil and gas reserves;
- advances in exploration and development technology;
- the political environment of oil-producing regions;
- casualty losses;
- operating hazards inherent in drilling for oil and gas offshore;
- industry fleet capacity;
- market conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, including 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;

- 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;
- compliance with environmental laws and regulations;
- customer preferences;
- effects of litigation;
- cost, availability and adequacy of insurance;
- adequacy of our sources of liquidity;
- 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 included here are not exhaustive. Other sections of this report and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 with regard to the statement or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

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

Our measure of market risk exposure represents an estimate of the change in fair value of our financial instruments. Market risk exposure is presented for each class of financial instrument held by us at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 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 which may occur.

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

The sensitivity analysis estimates the change in the market value of our interest sensitive assets and liabilities that were held on September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, 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 of 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 September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 is denominated in U.S. dollars. Our debt has been primarily 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 \$134.8 million and \$149.2 million, respectively. A 100 basis point decrease would result in an increase in market value of \$165.4 million and \$184.4 million, respectively.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk arises from the possibility that changes in foreign currency exchange rates will impact the value of financial instruments. During 2004, we invested in Australian dollar time deposits and at December 31, 2004, 15.0 million Australian dollars (equivalent to \$11.6 million) of time deposits were included in "Investments and marketable securities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2004. These time deposits matured during the first quarter of 2005.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we entered into various forward exchange contracts requiring us to purchase predetermined amounts of foreign currencies at predetermined dates. As of September 30, 2005, we had foreign currency forward exchange contracts outstanding requiring us to purchase the equivalent of

\$3.0 million in Mexican pesos in October and November 2005, the equivalent of \$3.0 million in Australian dollars in October 2005 and the equivalent of \$7.0 million in British pounds sterling in November 2005. Subsequent to September 30, 2005, we entered into additional contracts to purchase the equivalent of \$3.8 million in Australian dollars in November 2005 and the equivalent of \$7.0 million in British pounds sterling in December 2005 based on our estimated foreign currency cash requirements through the remainder of 2005. These forward exchange contracts were included in "Other assets" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2005 at fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

The sensitivity analysis below assumes an instantaneous 20% change in foreign currency exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar from their levels at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

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

CATEGORY OF RISK EXPOSURE:	FAIR VALUE ASSET (LIABILITY)		MARKET RISK	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004	SEPTEMBER 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Interest rate:				
Marketable securities	\$ 2,414(a)	\$ 650,247(a)	\$ 200(c)	\$2,100(c)
Long-term debt	1,036,548(b)	(1,213,820)(b)	--	--
Foreign Exchange:				
Australian dollar time deposits ..	--	11,602(d)	--	2,300(d)
Forward exchange contracts	130(d)	--	2,900(d)	--

(a) The fair market value of our investment in marketable securities, excluding repurchase agreements, is based on the quoted closing market prices on September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

(b) The fair values of our 4.875% Senior Notes, 5.15% Senior Notes, 1.5% convertible senior debentures due 2031 and Zero Coupon Debentures are based on the quoted closing market prices on September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004. The fair value of our Ocean Alliance lease-leaseback agreement is based on the present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 5.16% for September 30, 2005 and 4.27% for December 31, 2004.

(c) The calculation of estimated market risk exposure is based on assumed adverse changes in the underlying reference price or index of an increase in interest rates of 100 basis points at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

(d) The calculation of estimated foreign exchange risk is based on assumed adverse changes in the underlying reference price or index of an increase in foreign exchange rates of 20% at September 30, 2005 and a decrease in foreign exchange rates of 20% at December 31, 2004.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

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 of the end of our last fiscal quarter that ended on September 30, 2005. Based on their participation in that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2005 to ensure that required information is disclosed on a timely basis in our reports filed or furnished under the Exchange Act.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the third fiscal quarter of 2005 that has materially affected, or is 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 28-October-2005

By: \s\ Gary T. Krenek

Gary T. Krenek
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date 28-October-2005

\s\ Beth G. Gordon

Beth G. Gordon
Controller (Chief Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001).
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.

* Filed or furnished herewith.

I, James S. Tisch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15 (f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 28, 2005

\s\ James S. Tisch

 James S. Tisch
 Chief Executive Officer

I, Gary T. Krenek, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15 (f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 28, 2005

\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. Section 1350, in his capacity as an officer of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the "Company"), that, to his knowledge:

(1) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

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

Dated: October 28, 2005

\s\ James S. Tisch

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James S. Tisch
Chief Executive Officer of the Company

\s\ Gary T. Krenek

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Gary T. Krenek
Chief Financial Officer of the Company