FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>HOFMANN HERBERT C</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC</u> [D0]							ationship of Reportir k all applicable) Director Officer (give title	10% (
(Last) 677 MADISON	(First) N AVENUE	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2003							below)	below)
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10021 (Zip)	4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Indi Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
Date			2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)	Execution Date,		Transaction		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)													

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.08	10/01/2003		A		500		10/01/2003	10/01/2008	Common Stock	500	\$0	500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

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

10/03/2003

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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