FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* REBELL ARTHUR L							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]										5. Relationship (Check all appli X Director		g Per	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 677 MADISON AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2004											below)			below)	5,55011,5
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10021				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Lin	e) <mark>X</mark>	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(State) (Zip)																Persor	·			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transc Date (Month/L						ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		e,			Dispose	ecurities Acquired (A) nosed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Securiti Benefic		ies Formially (D) (Following (I) (I		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	T	Transaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4)				(111511.4)
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		1 of		Expi	i. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			Deriv Secu	rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.56	01/02/2004			A		500		01/0	02/2004	01	/02/2009	Common Stock	į	500	\$	\$ 0	500		D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ William C. Long Attorneyin-Fact for Arthur L. Rebell

01/05/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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