UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2019

Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13926 (Commission

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

15415 Katy Freeway Houston, Texas 77094 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

(281) 492-5300

	(Registra	ant's telephone number, including area cod	e)						
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	eck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intowing provisions:	ended to simultaneously satisfy the f	iling obligation of the registrant under any of the						
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)								
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)								
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule	14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (1	7 CFR 240.14d-2(b))						
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule	13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17	CFR 240.13e-4(c))						
Sec	urities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchan	ge Act:							
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered						
	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	DO	New York Stock Exchange						
	icate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging pter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 193	U 1 3	405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this						
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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. $\ \Box$

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 28, 2019, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2019. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

A conference call to discuss the Company's earnings results has been scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Central Time on October 28, 2019. The information for accessing the conference call is included in the press release.

The Company hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 7.01 the summary report of the status, as of October 28, 2019, of the Company's offshore drilling rigs attached as Exhibit 99.2.

The information contained in Items 2.02 and 7.01 and Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and shall not be incorporated by reference into any previous or future registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Statements in this report, statements in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report or the rig status report furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report, and statements made during the conference call described in this report, in each case that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning future contract effectiveness and estimated duration; expectations regarding downtime, reactivation, upgrades, surveys, retirement, availability, utilization, scrapping, impairments, backlog and revenue expected to result from backlog, future revenue, operating costs, performance, future liquidity and financial condition, market conditions, commodity prices and strategic opportunities; contract noncompliance by customers and other third parties; outcomes of customer discussions; future impact of regulations; process and timing for acquiring permits and approvals for drilling operations; and other statements that are not of historical fact. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated or expected by management of the Company. A discussion of certain of the risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and readers of this report are urged to review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. These risk factors include, among others, risks associated with worldwide demand for drilling services, level of activity in the oil and gas industry, renewing or replacing expired or terminated contracts, contract cancellations and terminations, maintenance and realization of backlog, competition and industry fleet capacity, litigation and disputes, operating risks, permits and approvals for drilling operations and various other factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Given these risk factors and other considerations, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forwardlooking statement speaks only as of the date of such statement, and the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit number	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 28, 2019
99.2	Rig Status Report as of October 28, 2019
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 28, 2019

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID L. ROLAND

David L. Roland Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



Contact: Samir Ali Vice President, Investor Relations & Corporate Development (281) 647-4035

Diamond Offshore Announces Third Quarter 2019 Results

HOUSTON, October 28, 2019 — Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE: DO) today reported the following results for the third quarter of 2019:

	Three Months Ended						
Thousands of dollars, except per share data	Septer	nber 30, 2019	June	30, 2019			
Total revenues	\$	254,020	\$	216,706			
Operating loss		(72,834)	(111,500)			
Adjusted operating loss		(70,291)	(120,366)			
Net loss		(95,128)	(113,988)			
Adjusted net loss		(92,803)	(136,299)			
Loss per diluted share	\$	(0.69)	\$	(0.83)			
Adjusted loss per diluted share	\$	(0.67)	\$	(0.99)			

"During the quarter, we secured approximately \$90 million of additional backlog, including a new fixture for the *Ocean Apex* in Australia and the exercise of a two-well option for the *Ocean Endeavor* in the North Sea," said Marc Edwards, President and Chief Executive Officer. "These two awards are further confirmation of Diamond's strategy to focus on the improving moored rig market."

As of October 1, 2019, the Company's total contracted backlog was \$1.8 billion, including over \$540 million of backlog secured year to date and excluding approximately a \$130 million margin commitment from one of the Company's customers.

CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call to discuss Diamond Offshore's earnings results has been scheduled for 8:00 a.m. CDT today. A live webcast of the call will be available online on the Company's website, www.diamondoffshore.com. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial 844-492-6043 or 478-219-0839 for international callers. The conference ID number is 9448907. An online replay will also be available on www.diamondoffshore.com following the call.

ABOUT DIAMOND OFFSHORE

Diamond Offshore is a leader in offshore drilling, providing innovation, thought leadership and contract drilling services to solve complex deepwater challenges around the globe. Additional information and access to the Company's SEC filings are available at www.diamondoffshore.com. Diamond Offshore is owned 53% by Loews Corporation (NYSE: L).

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

		Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	Se	ptember 30,	June 30,	Sej	otember 30,	Se	ptember 30,	Se	ptember 30,
Revenues:	_	2019	2019	_	2018	_	2019	_	2018
Contract drilling	\$	242,315	\$ 207,273	\$	280,691	\$	676,284	\$	833,970
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	<u> </u>	11,705	9,433	Ψ.	5,631		27,984	Ψ	16,723
Total revenues	_	254,020	216,706	_	286,322	_	704,268	_	850,693
Operating expenses:	_			_	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	_	
Contract drilling, excluding depreciation		201,568	224,782		188,456		593,779		562,466
Reimbursable expenses		11,423	9,313		5,574		27,479		16,458
Depreciation		88,693	88,253		81,884		263,844		245,534
General and administrative		18,830	15,294		33,308		51,436		70,057
Impairment of assets		_	_		_		_		27,225
Restucturing and separation costs		_	_		649		_		4,925
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets		6,340	(9,436)		(506)		1,191		(1,066)
Total operating expenses		326,854	328,206		309,365		937,729		925,599
Operating loss		(72,834)	(111,500)		(23,043)		(233,461)		(74,906)
Other income (expense):									
Interest income		1,317	1,933		2,364		5,664		6,001
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized		(31,098)	(31,159)		(34,293)		(92,182)		(92,196)
Foreign currency transaction (loss) gain		(77) (721) (743)		(743)	(1,883)		115		
Other, net		82	105		(179)		520		664
Loss before income tax benefit		(102,610)	(141,342)		(55,894)	_	(321,342)		(160,322)
Income tax benefit		7,482	27,354		4,782		38,898		59,257
Net loss	\$	(95,128)	\$(113,988)	\$	(51,112)	\$	(282,444)	\$	(101,065)
Loss per share	\$	(0.69)	\$ (0.83)	\$	(0.37)	\$	(2.05)	\$	(0.74)
Weighted-average shares outstanding:					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Shares of common stock		137,694	137,691		137,434		137,636		137,386
Dilutive potential shares of common stock							_		_
Total weighted-average shares outstanding		137,694	137,691		137,434		137,636		137,386
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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209,132	\$ 154,073
Marketable securities	_	299,849
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts	237,621	168,620
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	66,669	163,396
Asset held for sale	1,000	
Total current assets	514,422	785,938
Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,150,876	5,184,222
Other assets	205,736	65,534
Total assets	\$ 5,871,034	\$6,035,694
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Other current liabilities	\$ 279,206	\$ 236,846
Long-term debt	1,975,275	1,973,922
Deferred tax liability	54,119	104,380
Other liabilities	257,110	135,893
Stockholders' equity	3,305,324	3,584,653
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 5,871,034	\$6,035,694

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Nine mon Septem 2019	
Operating activities:	2019	2018
Net loss	\$ (282,444)	\$ (101,065)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	263,844	245,534
Loss on impairment of assets	_	27,225
Deferred tax provision	(48,323)	(69,109)
Contract liabilities, net	15,060	(6,589)
Deferred contract costs, net	49,866	34,901
Other	8,524	(931)
Net changes in operating working capital	(20,738)	58,790
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(14,211)	188,756
Investing activities:		·
Capital expenditures	(249,819)	(159,751)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	2,300,000	775,000
Purchase of marketable securities	(1,996,996)	(1,047,453)
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of disposal costs	16,097	69,533
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	69,282	(362,671)
Financing activities:		
Other	(12)	(269)
Net cash used in financing activities	(12)	(269)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	55,059	(174,184)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	154,073	376,037
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 209,132	\$ 201,853

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES AVERAGE DAYRATE, UTILIZATION AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

(Dayrate in thousands)

				TOTAL FLEET	Γ				
	Third Quarter			Second Quarter	1	Third Quarter			
	2019		2019			2018			
Average Dayrate	Utilization	Operational Efficiency	Average Dayrate	Utilization	Operational Efficiency	Average Dayrate	Utilization	Operational Efficiency	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	
\$253	65%	96.6%	\$273	51%	88.7%	\$333	54%	97.0%	

- (1) Average dayrate is defined as contract drilling revenue for all of the specified rigs in our fleet per revenue-earning day. A revenue-earning day is defined as a 24-hour period during which a rig earns a dayrate after commencement of operations and excludes mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation days.
- (2) Utilization is calculated as the ratio of total revenue-earning days divided by the total calendar days in the period for all specified rigs in our fleet (including cold-stacked rigs). Our current fleet includes two floaters that are cold stacked.
- Operational efficiency is calculated as the ratio of total revenue-earning days divided by the sum of total revenue-earning days plus the number of days (or portions thereof) associated with unanticipated, non-revenue earning equipment downtime.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)

To supplement the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements presented on a GAAP basis, this press release provides investors with adjusted operating loss, adjusted net loss and adjusted loss per diluted share, which are non-GAAP financial measures. Management believes that these measures provide meaningful information about the Company's performance by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of the Company's ongoing operating results. This allows investors and others to better compare the company's financial results across previous and subsequent accounting periods and to those of peer companies and to better understand the long-term performance of the Company. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered to be a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

In order to fully assess the financial operating results of the Company, management believes that the results of operations adjusted to exclude various items and their related tax effects are appropriate measures of the continuing and normal operations of the Company. The amounts excluded from our adjusted results include i) settlement costs for a legal claim, restructuring and separation costs incurred and a loss on the sale of a rig during the second quarter of 2018, ii) a gain recognized in the second quarter of 2019 from the sale of the *Ocean Guardian*, iii) the loss on sale of mooring equipment recognized during the second and third quarters of 2019 in relation to a new leasing initiative and iv) other discrete tax items recognized in the second quarter of 2019. However, these measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, contract drilling revenue, contract drilling expense, operating income or loss, cash flows from operations or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

		Three Months Ended			
	Se	ptember 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	Sej	otember 30, 2018
Reconciliation of As Reported Operating Loss to Adjusted Operating Loss:					
(In thousands)					
As reported operating loss	\$	(72,834)	\$(111,500)	\$	(23,043)
Adjustments:					
(Gain) loss on sale of rig		_	(14,300)		100
Loss on sale of mooring equipment		2,543	5,434		_
Legal settlement		_	_		17,500
Restructuring and separation costs	_				649
Adjusted operating loss	\$	(70,291)	\$(120,366)	\$	(4,794)
Reconciliation of As Reported Net Loss to Adjusted Net Loss:	_			·	
(In thousands)					
As reported net loss	\$	(95,128)	\$(113,988)	\$	(51,112)
Adjustments:					
(Gain) loss on sale of rig			(14,300)		100
Loss on sale of mooring equipment		2,543	5,434		_
Legal settlement		_	_		17,500
Restructuring and separation costs		_	_		649
Tax effect of adjustments:					
(Gain) loss on sale of rig		_	1,227		(13)
Loss on sale of mooring equipment		(218)	(466)		_
Legal settlement			_		(2,296)
Restructuring and separation costs		_	_		(85)
Other discrete items (1)	_		(14,206)		
Adjusted net loss	\$	(92,803)	\$(136,299)	\$	(35,257)

	Three Months Ended				
		ember 30, 2019	June 30, 2019		ember 30, 2018
Reconciliation of As Reported Loss per Diluted Share to Adjusted Loss per Diluted Share:					
As reported loss per diluted share	\$	(0.69)	\$ (0.83)	\$	(0.37)
Adjustments:					
(Gain) loss on sale of rig		_	(0.10)		_
Loss on sale of mooring equipment		0.02	0.04		_
Legal settlement		_	_		0.12
Restructuring and separation costs		_	_		0.01
Tax effect of adjustments:					
(Gain) loss on sale of rig		_	0.01		_
Loss on sale of mooring equipment		_	(0.01)		_
Legal settlement		_	_		(0.02)
Restructuring and separation costs		_	_		_
Other discrete items (1)		_	(0.10)		_
Adjusted loss per diluted share	\$	(0.67)	\$ (0.99)	\$	(0.26)

⁽¹⁾ Represents a discrete income tax adjustment recognized during the second quarter of 2019 in relation to final regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service in June 2019 with respect to the calculation of the toll charge associated with the deemed repatriation of previously deferred earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries in response to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted in 2017, or Transition Tax. Based on the new regulations, we recorded a net tax benefit of \$14.2 million in the second quarter of 2019.



Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. Rig Status Report October 28, 2019

Updated information noted in bold print

RECENT COMMITMENTS (See Body of Report For Contract Details)

Ocean Apex Ocean Endeavor

	Water Depth ¹		Year			Contract Dayrate	Estimated	Estimated		Downtime ⁴	
Rig Name	(feet)	Type ²	Built ³	Location	Operator	(USD)	Start Date	End Date	Status	4Q19 E	Comments
									Totals:	15	
Gulf of Mexico											
Ocean BlackHawk	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	Oxy	495,000	mid Jun 2014	mid Apr 2020			Revenue recognition in the low \$400's from Jun 2018- Apr 2021
						Undisclosed	mid Apr 2020	mid Apr 2021	1-year extension + options		-
				Senegal	Woodside	Undisclosed	1Q 2022	1Q 2023	Well based contract + options		
Ocean BlackHornet	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	BP	Undisclosed	1Q 2020	1Q 2022	2-year term + 2 x 1 year options		
Ocean BlackRhino	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	Hess	400,000	mid Feb 2017	late May 2020		14	Special Survey at zero rate
				Senegal	Woodside	Undisclosed	1Q 2021	1Q 2024	Well based contract + options		
Ocean BlackLion	12,000	DS 15K DP	2015	US GOM	Hess	400,000	mid Feb 2016	late Feb 2020	4-year term		
				US GOM	BP	Undisclosed	2Q 2020	2Q 2022	2-year term + 2 x 1 year options		
North Sea / Mediter	rranean	/ W. Africa									
Ocean Patriot	3,000	SS 15K	1983	UK	Apache	Undisclosed	early Jun 2018	early Jun 2020	2-year term + options		
Ocean Valiant	5,500	SS 15K	1988	UK	Total				Well based contract		
				UK	Shell	Undisclosed	early Nov 2019	late Jan 2021	Well based contract + options		
Ocean Endeavor	10,000	SS 15K	2007	UK	Shell	Undisclosed	late May 2019	4Q 2021			
Ocean GreatWhite	10,000	SS 15K DP	2016	UK	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	mid Jul 2019	late Oct 2019	Well based contract		
Australasia											
Ocean Apex	6,000	SS 15K	2014	Australia	Shell		mid Aug 2019	mid Nov 2019		1	
				Australia	Woodside				4 wells + options		
				Australia	BP		early Oct 2020		1 well + options		
				Australia	Woodside		early Jan 2021				
Ocean Onyx	6,000	SS 15K	2014	Australia	Beach	Undisclosed	1Q 2020	1Q 2021	6 wells + 5 option wells		Currently undergoing upgrades and reactivation in Singapore
Ocean Monarch	10,000	SS 15K	2008	Australia	Exxon / Cooper		mid Feb 2019	late Dec 2019			
				Myanmar	Posco Daewoo	Undisclosed	1Q 2020	3Q 2021	7 wells + 5 option wells		
South America											
Ocean Courage	10,000	SS 15K DP	2009	Brazil	Petrobras	380,000	late Feb 2018	late Jul 2020	Term extension		
Ocean Valor	10,000	SS 15K DP	2009	Brazil	Petrobras	289,000	mid Nov 2018	mid Nov 2020	2-year term extension		~\$40MM retroactive credit to be amortized over 2-year extension
Stacked											
Ocean America	5,500	SS 15K	1988	Malaysia	_	_	_	_	Stacked		
Ocean Rover	8,000	SS 15K	2003	Malaysia	_	_	_	_	Stacked		
Ocean Confidence	10,000	SS 15K DP	2001	Canary Islands	_	_	_	_	Stacked		Held for Sale

NOTES

- (1) Water Depth refers to the rig's rated operating water depth capability. Often, rigs are capable of drilling or have drilled in greater water depths.
- (2) Rig Type and Capabilities: SS=Semisubmersible; DS=Drillship; 15K=15,000 PSI Well-Control System; DP=Dynamically Positioned Rig
- (3) Year Built represents when rig was built and originally placed in service or year redelivered with significant enhancements that enabled the rig to be classified within a different floater category than when originally constructed.
- **(4) Downtime** only includes downtime periods that as of this report date are experienced, or have been planned and estimable and/or do not necessarily reflect actual downtime experienced. <u>Additional downtime may be experienced</u> in the form of possible mobes for new jobs not yet contracted, possible acceptance testing at new jobs, and unplanned maintenance and repairs. Survey start times may also be accelerated or delayed for various reasons.

General Notes

Rig Utilization: Can be adversely impacted by additional downtime due to unscheduled repairs and maintenance, and other factors.

Dayrates: exclude amortized revenue related to amounts earned for certain activities, such as mobe, demobe, contract preparation, etc.

Survey Costs: During surveys, normal operating expense will be incurred, plus additional costs.

US GOM: U.S. Gulf of Mexico

Please refer to accompanying disclaimer as well as Diamond Offshore's 10-K and 10-Q filings with the SEC.



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