

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): MARCH 16, 2004

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE

1-13926

76-0321760

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
of Incorporation) Identification No.)

15415 KATY FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77094

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 492-5300

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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99.1	Rig Status Report as of March 16, 2004

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 9 the summary report of the status, as of March 16, 2004, of the offshore drilling rigs of the Registrant attached as Exhibit 99.1, which is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101(e)(1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

Statements in this report that contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the current term, start and end dates and comments concerning future contracts and availability and other aspects of the Registrant's drilling rigs. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or projected. A discussion of the risk factors that could impact these areas and the Registrant's overall business and financial

performance can be found in the Registrant's reports and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These factors include, among others, general economic and business conditions, casualty losses, industry fleet capacity, changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration and production activity, competition, changes in foreign, political, social and economic conditions, regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, customer preferences and various other matters, many of which are beyond the Registrant's control. Given these concerns, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the rig status report, and the Registrant undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ William C. Long

William C. Long
Vice President, General Counsel &
Secretary

Dated: March 16, 2004

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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.
RIG STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 16, 2004

RIG NAME	WD	DESIGN	LOCATION	STATUS*	OPERATOR
DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6)					
Ocean Quest	3,500'	Victory Class	GOM	Idle	DODI
Ocean Star	5,500'	Victory Class	GOM	Idle	DODI
Ocean America	5,500'	Ocean Odyssey	GOM	Idle	DODI
Ocean Valiant	5,500'	Ocean Odyssey	GOM	Contracted	ENI
Ocean Victory	5,500'	Victory Class	GOM	Contracted	Chevron/Texaco
Ocean Confidence	7,500'	DP Aker H-3.2 Modified	GOM	Contracted	BP
DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (3)					
Ocean Concord	2,200'	F&G SS-2000	GOM	Idle	DODI
Ocean Lexington	2,200'	F&G SS-2000	GOM	Contracted	Walter Oil & Gas
Ocean Saratoga	2,200'	F&G SS-2000	GOM	Contracted	LLOG
DOMESTIC JACKUPS (11)					
Ocean Crusader	200'	Mat Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Stone Energy
Ocean Drake	200'	Mat Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	ADTI/CMI
Ocean Columbia	250'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Idle	DODI
Ocean Spartan	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	LLOG
Ocean Spur	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Forest Oil
Ocean King	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	BP America
Ocean Nugget	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Taylor Energy
Ocean Summit	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Chevron/Texaco
Ocean Warwick	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Petroquest
Ocean Titan	350'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	Chevron/Texaco
Ocean Tower	350'	Independent Leg Cantilever	GOM	Contracted	SDC/Denbury
INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)					
MEXICO					
Ocean Ambassador	1,100'	Bethlehem SS-2000	GOM	Contracted	PEMEX
Ocean Whittington	1,500'	Aker H-3	GOM	Contracted	PEMEX

Ocean Worker	3,500'	F&G 9500 Enhanced Pacesetter	GOM	Contracted	PEMEX
Ocean Yorktown	2,850'	F&G SS-2000	GOM	Contracted	PEMEX
AFRICA					
Ocean Nomad	1,200'	Aker H-3	Mobe to Guinea Bissau	Contracted	Premier
Ocean Patriot	1,500'	Bingo 3000	South Africa	Idle	DODI
NORTH SEA					
Ocean Guardian	1,500'	Earl & Wright Sedco 711 Series	North Sea	Contracted	Shell
Ocean Princess	1,500'	Aker H-3	North Sea	Contracted	Talisman
Ocean Vanguard	1,500'	Bingo 3000	North Sea	Idle	DODI
AUSTRALASIA					
Ocean Bounty	1,500'	Victory Class	Australia	Contracted	NZOP
Ocean Epoch	1,640'	Korkut	Australia	Contracted	Santos
Ocean General	1,640'	Korkut	Vietnam	Contracted	P.V.E&P
Ocean Baroness	7,000'	Victory Class	Indonesia	Contracted	Unocal
Ocean Rover	7,000'	Victory Class	Singapore	Contracted	Murphy

BRAZIL

Ocean Yatzy	3,300'	DP DYVI Super Yatzy	Brazil	Contracted	Petrobras
Ocean Winner	3,500'	Aker H-3	Brazil	Contracted	Petrobras
Ocean Alliance	5,000'	Alliance Class	Brazil	Contracted	Petrobras

INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1)

Ocean Clipper	7,500'	DP Fluor/Mitsubishi	Brazil	Contracted	Petrobras
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INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2)

Ocean Sovereign	250'	Independent Leg Cantilever	Indonesia	Contracted	Santos
Ocean Heritage	300'	Independent Leg Cantilever	Mobe to Ecuador	Contracted	Noble Energy

COLD STACKED (5)

Ocean Liberator	600'	Aker H-3	S. Africa	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean Champion	250'	Mat Slot	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean Endeavor	2,000'	Victory Class	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean Voyager	3,200'	Victory Class	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI
Ocean New Era	1,500'	Korkut	GOM	Cold Stacked	DODI

NOTES:

* ASSUME 95-98% UTILIZATION RATE DURING CONTRACTED PERIODS TO ALLOW FOR NORMAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR DOWNTIME.

GOM = Gulf of Mexico

** TABLE CONTINUED **

RIG NAME	CURRENT TERM	DAYRATE (000S)	START DATE
DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6)			
Ocean Quest	-	-	-
Ocean Star	-	-	-
Ocean America	-	-	-
Ocean Valiant	three wells plus option	high 50's	late Dec. 2003
Ocean Victory	one well	mid 60's	mid March 2004
Ocean Confidence	five-year term	170's	early Jan. 2001
DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (3)			
Ocean Concord	-	-	-
Ocean Lexington	one well plus option	low 40's	early March 2004
Ocean Saratoga	two wells plus option	low 40's	late Jan. 2004
DOMESTIC JACKUPS (11)			
Ocean Crusader	one well plus option	mid 20's	late Dec. 2003
Ocean Drake	two wells plus option	high 20's	late Feb. 2004
Ocean Columbia	-	-	-
Ocean Spartan	one well	high 20's	late Nov. 2003
Ocean Spur	two wells plus option	low 30's	late Jan. 2004
Ocean King	one well plus option	high 30's	mid Jan. 2004
Ocean Nugget	six month extension plus option	low 30's	mid Jan. 2004
Ocean Summit	60 day extension	mid 30's	early March 2004
Ocean Warwick	one well	mid 30's	late Feb. 2004
Ocean Titan	one well	low 50's	early March 2004
Ocean Tower	one well plus option	mid 40's	mid Feb. 2004

INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)

MEXICO

Ocean Ambassador	four year term work	mid 50's	late July 2003
Ocean Whittington	four year term work	low 60's	late July 2003
Ocean Worker	four year term work	high 60's	mid Aug. 2003
Ocean Yorktown	four year term work	mid 40's	late Oct. 2003

AFRICA

Ocean Nomad	one well	high 40's	mid Feb. 2004
Ocean Patriot	-	-	-

NORTH SEA

Ocean Guardian	one year	low 50's	early April 2003
Ocean Princess	first of two wells plus option	mid 40's	mid Feb. 2004
Ocean Vanguard	—	—	—

AUSTRALASIA

Ocean Bounty	under tow to New Zealand	mid 50's	late Feb. 2004
Ocean Epoch	Exeter/Mutineer development plus option	mid 60's	mid Jan. 2004
Ocean General	one option well	mid 50's	late Jan. 2004
Ocean Baroness	400 days plus option	110's	late March 2003
Ocean Rover	third of four option wells	110s	late Dec. 2003

BRAZIL

Ocean Yatzy	end of primary term Nov. 5, 2003, completing well	mid 70's	early Nov. 1998
Ocean Winner	700 day extension	mid 50's	early April 2004
Ocean Alliance	four-year contract	110's	early Sept. 2000

INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1)

Ocean Clipper	700 day extension	low 100's	early Jan. 2003
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INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2)

Ocean Sovereign	one well plus two options	high 30's	mid Nov. 2003
Ocean Heritage	first of three wells plus options	50's	mid Feb. 2004

COLD STACKED (5)

Ocean Liberator	-	-	-
Ocean Champion	-	-	-
Ocean Endeavor	-	-	-
Ocean Voyager	-	-	-
Ocean New Era	-	-	-

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RIG NAME	EST. END DATE	FUTURE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION
DOMESTIC DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES (6)		
Ocean Quest	-	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Star	-	available; actively marketing.
Ocean America	-	90 day upgrade/survey ending late May 2004; available, actively marketing.
Ocean Valiant	early Aug. 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Victory	mid June 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Confidence	early Jan. 2006	available; actively marketing.
DOMESTIC 2ND/3RD GENEERATION SEMISUBMERSIBLES (3)		
Ocean Concord	-	special survey thru late March 2004, followed by one well plus option with Westport in high 30's beginning late March and ending mid May 2004, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Lexington	early April 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Saratoga	mid May 2004	available, actively marketing.
DOMESTIC JACKUPS (11)		
Ocean Crusader	early April 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Drake	late March 2004	one well plus option with ADTI/Kerr McGee in high 20's beginning late March and ending early May 2004, available, actively marketing.
Ocean Columbia	-	spud can inspection/maintenance ending late March 2004, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Spartan	late March 2004	one well plus option with LLOG in low 30's beginning late March and ending late April 2004, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Spur	late March 2004	available, actively marketing.
Ocean King	late March 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Nugget	early June 2004	available, actively marketing.
Ocean Summit	early May 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Warwick	mid April 2004	available; actively marketing.
Ocean Titan	late March 2004	available, actively marketing.
Ocean Tower	mid March 2004	available; actively marketing.

INTERNATIONAL SEMISUBMERSIBLES (17)

MEXICO

Ocean Ambassador	mid Dec. 2007	available.
Ocean Whittington	early Oct. 2006	available.
Ocean Worker	late July 2007	available.
Ocean Yorktown	mid July 2007	available.

AFRICA

Ocean Nomad	mid March 2004	Mobe to Gabon, then three wells plus option in Gabon with Vaalco/SASOL in high 40s beginning early April and ending early Aug. 2004; available, actively marketing.
Ocean Patriot	-	available; actively marketing.

NORTH SEA

Ocean Guardian	late March 2004	one year extension with Shell in high 40's beginning late March 2004 and ending late March 2005, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Princess	late July 2004	available, actively marketing.
Ocean Vanguard	—	one well with Talisman in mid 30's beginning early May in U.K. sector of North Sea, followed by optional intervention well at adjusted rate, followed by one well in low 60's and ending mid November 2004, available; actively marketing.

AUSTRALASIA

Ocean Bounty	mid March 2004	Two wells plus two option wells with NZOP in low 70's beginning mid March 2004 and ending late May 2004; available, actively marketing.
Ocean Epoch	mid Nov. 2004	available, actively marketing.
Ocean General	mid April 2004	five completion options in mid 50's with P.V.E&P beginning mid April and ending late Aug. 2004, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Baroness	early May 2004	180 day option exercised in 110's with Unocal beginning early May and ending early Nov. 2004, available; actively marketing.
Ocean Rover	late April 2004	actively marketing.

BRAZIL

Ocean Yatzy	late March 2004	Scheduled for survey beginning late 1st Qtr. 2004. Estimated downtime 30 days; 700 day extension in mid 70's beginning in early Nov. 2003 and ending mid Oct. 2005; available.
Ocean Winner	early March 2006	survey under way, estimated early April completion; available.
Ocean Alliance	early Sept. 2004	survey under way, estimated late March completion; available.

INTERNATIONAL DRILLSHIPS (1)

Ocean Clipper	early March 2006	available.
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INTERNATIONAL JACKUPS (2)

Ocean Sovereign	late March 2004	Two wells plus two options with Amerada Hess in high 30's beginning late March 2004 and ending late May 2004; available, actively marketing.
Ocean Heritage	late June 2004	available, actively marketing.

COLD STACKED (5)

Ocean Liberator	-	Cold stacked Nov. '02.
Ocean Champion	-	Cold Stacked Feb. '02.
Ocean Endeavor	-	Cold stacked March '02.
Ocean Voyager	-	Cold stacked March '02.
Ocean New Era	-	Cold stacked Dec. '02.

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