BOLTON JOHN R Form 4 April 06, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BOLTON JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2010

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 100

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77094

(Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative (Mor Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 87.65	04/01/2010		A		500		04/01/2010	04/01/2020	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOLTON JOHN R								
15415 KATY FREEWAY	X							
SUITE 100	Λ							

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77094

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for John R.
Bolton
04/06/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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