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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287	
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(Print or Type Respo	onses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LONG WILLIAM C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earl (Month/Day/Y 15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 04/01/2010 100				Day/Year)	XOfficer (give below)			ve title Oth below)		
HOUSTON, TX	(Street) 77094			endment, D onth/Day/Yea	-	al	6. Individual or , Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person		erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	ansaction Date nth/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	eficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly.			
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	Tab					sposed of, or convertible	Beneficially Owned securities)	1		

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amou
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securi

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	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	Amo or Nur of Sha
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 87.65	04/01/2010		А	2,000	04/01/2011(1)	04/01/2020	Common Stock	2,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LONG WILLIAM C 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Senior VP, General Counsel				
Signatures							
/s/ William C.							

Long 04/06/2010 <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2011.

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