TISCH JAMES S Form 4 April 06, 2010

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

TISCH JAMES S

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

667 MADISON AVE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10021

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of

Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

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 Security

Conversion or Exercise

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

Code

5. Number Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

or Numbe

Amou

of Shares

Stock

Appreciation \$ 87.65 04/01/2010 A 7,500 04/01/2010 04/01/2020 Common Stock 7,500

Right

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TISCH JAMES S

667 MADISON AVE X

NEW YORK, NY 10021

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for James S. Tisch

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).
- ** 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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