

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2011

**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): October 20, 2011  
Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

**1-13926**

**76-0321760**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
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)

Check the appropriate line below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 20, 2011, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2011. A copy of such press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Statements in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report that are not historical facts 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, including, but not limited to, statements regarding future revenues, cost containment and rig downtime. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or expected. A discussion of the risk factors that could impact these areas and the Company s overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company s reports and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These factors include, among others, general economic and business conditions, contract cancellations, customer bankruptcy, operating risks, 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 Company 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 such press release. 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. The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K:

| Exhibit number | Description                          |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated October 20, 2011 |

**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.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: */s/ William C. Long*  
William C. Long  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

Dated: October 20, 2011