

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GORDON BETH G

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)
15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/21/2005

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

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77094

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/21/2005		M	1,500	A \$ 43.03	1,500	D
Common Stock	09/21/2005		S	1,500	D \$ 62	0	D
Common Stock	09/21/2005		M	700	A \$ 38.94	700	D
Common Stock	09/21/2005		S	700	D \$ 62	0	D
Common Stock	09/21/2005		M	187	A \$ 39.98	187	D

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Beth G.
Gordon

09/21/2005

__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).
- (1) The options vested in four equal annual installments on May 16, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
 - (2) The options vested in four equal annual installments on April 12, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
 - (3) The options vested on May 18, 2005.

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