

Gaffney Paul G
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FORM 4

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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 *
Gaffney Paul 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
01/03/2005

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

15415 KATY FREEWAY

(Street)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77094

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Ownership.

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)

Table with 8 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Underlying Securities.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.12	01/03/2005			A		500		01/03/2005	01/03/2015	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gaffney Paul G 15415 KATY FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77094			X	

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Paul G. Gaffney 01/05/2005

**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).
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