TISCH JAMES S Form 4 January 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

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

1(b).

(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) 12/31/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below)

Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (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)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or

> Number of Shares

Stock

Option (right to buy)

\$ 39.98 12/31/2004

7,500 A

05/18/2005(1) 12/31/2014

Common Stock

7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TISCH JAMES S

667 MADISON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10021 X

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

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

01/04/2005

**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 vest in four equal annual installments beginning on May 18, 2005.

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