

BATKIN ALAN R
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BATKIN ALAN R

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/27/2006

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

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
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(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	09/27/2006		M	500	\$ 24.6	500	D
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	500	\$ 72.21	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.6	09/27/2006		M	500	10/01/2001 10/01/2006	Common Stock	500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATKIN ALAN R 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094	X			

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Alan R. Batkin 09/29/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person
Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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