

HOFMANN HERBERT C
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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 *
 HOFMANN HERBERT C

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)
 677 MADISON AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2006

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

NEW YORK, NY 10021
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/22/2006		M	500	A	\$ 61.9	500	D
Common Stock	12/22/2006		S	500	D	\$ 80.686	0	D
Common Stock	12/22/2006		M	500	A	\$ 69.38	500	D
Common Stock	12/22/2006		S	500	D	\$ 80.686	0	D

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 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 Der Sec (Ins	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.9	12/22/2006		M	500	10/03/2005 10/03/2015	Common Stock	500	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.38	12/22/2006		M	500	01/03/2006 01/03/2016	Common Stock	500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOFMANN HERBERT C 677 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021		X		

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Herbert C. Hofmann

12/26/2006

**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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