

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 \*  
**GABRIEL JOHN L**

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)  
 05/19/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	05/19/2008		M		1,000	A	\$ 92.67 1,000	D
Common Stock	05/19/2008		F		665	D	\$ 139.325 335	D
Common Stock	05/19/2008		S		335	D	\$ 141.9655 0	D
Common Stock	05/19/2008		M		500	A	\$ 83.44 500	D
Common Stock	05/19/2008		F		299	D	\$ 139.325 201	D

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Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	201	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	M	500	A	\$ 71.87	500	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	F	257	D	\$ 139.325	243	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	243	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	M	500	A	\$ 79.77	500	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	F	286	D	\$ 139.325	214	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	214	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	M	500	A	\$ 81.42	500	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	F	292	D	\$ 139.325	208	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	208	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	M	500	A	\$ 101.97	500	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	F	365	D	\$ 139.325	135	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	135	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	M	500	A	\$ 114.21	500	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	F	409	D	\$ 139.325	91	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	91	D	\$ 141.9655	0	D	
Common Stock						1.7508	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 92.67	05/19/2008		M	1,000	04/27/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/27/2016	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 83.44	05/19/2008		M	500	04/27/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 07/03/2016	Common Stock 500
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 71.87	05/19/2008		M	500	04/27/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/02/2016	Common Stock 500
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 79.77	05/19/2008		M	500	04/27/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/31/2016	Common Stock 500
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 81.42	05/19/2008		M	500	04/02/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 04/02/2017	Common Stock 500
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 101.97	05/19/2008		M	500	04/02/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 07/02/2017	Common Stock 500
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 114.21	05/19/2008		M	500	04/02/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 10/01/2017	Common Stock 500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GABRIEL JOHN L 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for John L.  
Gabriel

05/21/2008

\_\_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) Based on a plan statement as of May 19, 2008.
  - (2) The stock appreciation rights vested in two annual installments on April 27, 2007 and April 27, 2008.
  - (3) The stock appreciation rights vest in two annual installments beginning on April 27, 2009.
  - (4) The stock appreciation rights vested on April 27, 2008.
  - (5) The stock appreciation rights vested on April 2, 2008.
  - (6) The stock appreciation rights vest in three annual installments beginning on April 2, 2009.

### Remarks:

Form 2 of 2 dated May 21, 2008.

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