DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC Form 8-K March 07, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549 _____ FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of report: MARCH 7, 2001 _____ Date of earliest event reported: MARCH 7, 2001 _____ DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. _____ _____ (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) 76-0321760 1-13926 DELAWARE _____ _____ (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer (State or Other Jurisdiction Identification No.) of Incorporation) 77094 15415 KATY FREEWAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS _____ (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (281) 492-5300 _____ _____ NOT APPLICABLE _____ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) 41411.0003 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On March 7, 2001, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a Delaware

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corporation (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing the Company's decision to redeem, on April 6, 2001, all of its outstanding 3-3/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes Due 2007 (the "Notes") at a redemption price of 102.08% of the principal amount thereof, in accordance with the indenture under which the Notes were issued.

Filed herewith is such press release.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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Press release of March 7, 2001

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ Gary T. Krenek

Gary T. Krenek Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 7, 2001

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