

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
Form 8-K  
June 02, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
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 (Date of earliest event reported): May 28, 2008**

**Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

**1-13926**

**76-0321760**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**15415 Katy Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77094**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 492-5300**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b), (c). On May 28, 2008, the Board of Directors of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the Company ) named Lawrence R. Dickerson the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Dickerson was formerly President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. James S. Tisch, formerly Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and will continue to focus primarily on major strategic decisions. In connection with Mr. Dickerson s being named the Company s Chief Executive Officer, it is expected that his employment agreement will be modified to reflect his new position and that Mr. Tisch will receive the types and amounts of compensation the Company pays its other non-employee directors. The additional biographical and other information concerning Mr. Dickerson required by Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K was previously reported in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 25, 2008 and definitive proxy statement relating to the Company s 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed April 2, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Company s press release announcing these management changes is included as an exhibit to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated May 29, 2008

**SIGNATURES**

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

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: */s/ William C. Long*  
William C. Long  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Dated: June 2, 2008

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