TISCH JAMES S Form 4 January 03, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TISCH JAMES S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

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_X__ Director Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below)

667 MADISON AVE

12/31/2006

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10021

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative Security

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A) or

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Amo or

> Num of Shar

> > 7,5

Stock

appreciation \$ 79.77 12/31/2006 A right

7,500

04/27/2007(1) 12/31/2016

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TISCH JAMES S

667 MADISON AVE X Chief Executive Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10021

Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for James S. 01/03/2007 Tisch

> **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) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 27, 2007.

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