

Blair Robert G  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Blair Robert G

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)  
 12/28/2009

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/28/2009		M	313	A	\$ 45.77	313	D
Common Stock	12/28/2009		S	313	D	\$ 101.67	0	D
Common Stock	12/28/2009		M	313	A	\$ 53.6	313	D
Common Stock	12/28/2009		S	313	D	\$ 101.67	0	D
Common Stock	12/28/2009		M	313	A	\$ 61.9	313	D

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Common Stock	12/28/2009	S	313	D	\$ 101.67	0	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	M	313	A	\$ 69.38	313	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	S	313	D	\$ 101.67	0	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	M	312	A	\$ 71.87	312	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	F	222	D	\$ 100.99	90	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	S	90	D	\$ 101.3	0	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	M	313	A	\$ 59.19	313	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	F	183	D	\$ 100.99	130	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2009	S	130	D	\$ 101.3	0	D	
Common Stock						1.8992	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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.77	12/28/2009		M	313	04/19/2009	04/19/2015	Common Stock	313

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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.6	12/28/2009	M	313	04/19/2009	07/01/2015	Common Stock	313
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.9	12/28/2009	M	313	04/19/2009	10/03/2015	Common Stock	313
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.38	12/28/2009	M	313	04/19/2009	12/31/2015	Common Stock	313
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 71.87	12/28/2009	M	312	04/27/2009	10/02/2016	Common Stock	312
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 59.19	12/28/2009	M	313	04/01/2009	12/31/2018	Common Stock	313

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blair Robert G 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Robert G.  
Blair

12/29/2009

\_\_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 December 28, 2009.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest on April 27, 2010.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vest in three annual installments beginning on April 1, 2010.

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