

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
Form 8-K  
April 02, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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): March 30, 2015**

**Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1-13926**  
**(Commission**

**file number)**  
**15415 Katy Freeway**

**76-0321760**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**Houston, Texas 77094**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)**

**(281) 492-5300**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On March 30, 2015, John M. Vecchio, Executive Vice President of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the Company), notified the Company of his retirement from the Company, to be effective on April 30, 2015. The Company entered into an agreement with Mr. Vecchio in connection with his retirement, which includes, among other things, continuation of his current base salary for 12 months after retirement, acceleration of unvested stock appreciation rights, payment of premiums for group medical, dental and vision insurance for two years and agreements by Mr. Vecchio to covenants of confidentiality, noncompetition and nonsolicitation of the Company's employees.

In connection with Mr. Vecchio's retirement, a subsidiary of the Company will enter into a consulting agreement (the Consulting Agreement) with Mr. Vecchio, providing for Mr. Vecchio to provide consulting services related to the construction and delivery of two drilling rigs currently under construction. The Consulting Agreement will remain in effect until the earlier of (a) the date the last rig has been delivered and accepted and (b) June 1, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: April 2, 2015

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID L. ROLAND

David L. Roland

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary