

Acuff Michael D  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Acuff Michael D		(Month/Day/Year)	DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/24/2012	
15415 KATY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
FREEWAY,Â SUITE 100			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77094			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Senior Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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(Instr. 5)

Stock Appreciation Right	04/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/01/2021	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 78.9	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	04/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/01/2021	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 70.38	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	04/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/01/2021	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 55.64	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	04/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/01/2021	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 60.13	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	04/02/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/02/2022	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 66.68	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Acuff Michael D 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Terence W. Waldorf Attorney-in-Fact for Michael D. Acuff 05/01/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2012.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 2, 2013.

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