

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
Form 8-K  
June 24, 2009

**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): June 22, 2009**

**Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-13926**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0321760**  
(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)

Check the appropriate line below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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**

Mr. John L. Gabriel, Jr., Senior Vice President Contracts and Marketing of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the Company ), will resign from the Company, and in connection therewith the Employment Agreement between Diamond Offshore Management Company and John L. Gabriel, dated as of December 15, 2006, will terminate in accordance with its terms, effective June 30, 2009.

**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 24, 2009