

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC
Form 8-K
December 23, 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): December 23, 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)

Check the appropriate box 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))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

In September 2014, a subsidiary of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the Company) filed a lawsuit against Statoil ASA in the Stavanger (Norway) District Court, alleging that Statoil breached a drilling contract for the mid-water semisubmersible *Ocean Vanguard* when Statoil terminated the contract approximately nine months early. On December 23, 2015, the judge entered a judgment finding that Statoil did not breach the contract. The Company intends to appeal the judgment.

The information contained in Item 7.01 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and shall not be incorporated by reference into any previous or future registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Statements in this Item 7.01 that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning future activities, the ultimate outcome of litigation and future effects of the judgment. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated or expected by management of the Company. A discussion of the risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and readers of this report are urged to review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. Given these risk factors, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of such statement, and the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

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: December 23, 2015

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID L. ROLAND

David L. Roland

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary