

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-13926

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

76-0321760

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

15415 Katy Freeway

Houston, Texas

77094

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(281) 492-5300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of October 30, 2006 Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share 129,182,574 shares

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 688,179	\$ 842,590
Marketable securities	100,406	2,281
Accounts receivable	448,179	357,104
Rig inventory and supplies	48,654	47,196
Prepaid expenses and other	58,515	32,707
Total current assets	1,343,933	1,281,878
Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	2,526,965	2,302,020
Other assets	23,247	23,024
Total assets	\$ 3,894,145	\$ 3,606,922
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 74,355	\$ 60,976
Accrued liabilities	182,371	169,037
Taxes payable	15,939	38,973
Total current liabilities	272,665	268,986
Long-term debt	965,796	977,654
Deferred tax liability	462,141	445,094
Other liabilities	77,807	61,861
Total liabilities	1,778,409	1,753,595
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock (par value \$0.01, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 134,099,374 shares issued and 129,182,574 shares outstanding at September 30, 2006; 133,842,429 shares issued and 128,925,629 shares outstanding at December 31, 2005)	1,341	1,338
Additional paid-in capital	1,296,798	1,277,934
Retained earnings	931,945	688,459

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Accumulated other comprehensive gains	65	9
Treasury stock, at cost (4,916,800 shares at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005)	(114,413)	(114,413)
Total stockholders' equity	2,115,736	1,853,327
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,894,145	\$ 3,606,922

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues:				
Contract drilling	\$ 498,453	\$ 300,535	\$ 1,431,496	\$ 823,222
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	16,003	9,987	42,878	29,457
Total revenues	514,456	310,522	1,474,374	852,679
Operating expenses:				
Contract drilling	224,883	160,537	599,271	471,240
Reimbursable expenses	13,982	8,350	37,083	24,784
Depreciation	49,757	46,494	148,858	137,944
General and administrative	9,959	8,928	29,786	27,587
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(272)	(761)	2,191	(8,753)
Casualty gain on <i>Ocean Warwick</i>		(33,605)		(33,605)
Total operating expenses	298,309	189,943	817,189	619,197
Operating income	216,147	120,579	657,185	233,482
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	10,037	6,078	26,843	17,974
Interest expense	(6,128)	(8,341)	(18,678)	(33,664)
Gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	149	(12)	(53)	(1,209)
Other, net	2,842	1,115	6,608	1,985
Income before income tax expense	223,047	119,419	671,905	218,568
Income tax expense	(58,597)	(37,380)	(186,413)	(65,129)
Net income	\$ 164,450	\$ 82,039	\$ 485,492	\$ 153,439
Income per share:				
Basic	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.64	\$ 3.76	\$ 1.19
Diluted	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.60	\$ 3.52	\$ 1.14

Weighted average shares outstanding:

Shares of common stock	129,172	128,748	129,110	128,638
Dilutive potential shares of common stock	9,617	9,819	9,664	9,551
Total weighted average shares outstanding	138,789	138,567	138,774	138,189

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 485,492	\$ 153,439
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	148,858	137,944
Casualty gain on <i>Ocean Warwick</i>		(33,605)
Loss (gain) on sale and disposition of assets	2,191	(8,753)
Loss on sale of marketable securities, net	53	1,209
Deferred tax provision	17,017	54,085
Accretion of discounts on marketable securities	(8,999)	(5,884)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	648	7,557
Accretion of discounts on long-term debt	309	7,339
Stock-based compensation expense	2,281	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	(1,156)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(91,135)	(110,995)
Rig inventory and supplies and other current assets	(5,417)	(7,973)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,481	16,354
Taxes payable	(43,348)	575
Other items, net	(137)	3,234
Net cash provided by operating activities	536,138	214,526
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(367,718)	(187,066)
Proceeds from sale of assets, net of disposal costs	(349)	19,551
Proceeds from casualty loss of <i>Ocean Warwick</i>		44,088
Proceeds from sale and maturities of marketable securities	1,638,092	4,863,752
Purchases of marketable securities	(1,727,185)	(4,511,361)
Proceeds from maturities of Australian dollar time deposits		11,761
Proceeds from settlement of forward contracts	4,517	939
Net cash (used by) provided by investing activities	(452,643)	241,664
Financing activities:		
Issuance of 4.875% senior unsecured notes		249,462
Debt issue costs		(1,866)
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	1,156	
Redemption of zero coupon debentures		(460,015)

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Payment of quarterly and special dividends	(242,006)	(32,159)
Proceeds from stock options exercised	2,944	9,565
Net cash used by financing activities	(237,906)	(235,013)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(474)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(154,411)	220,703
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	842,590	266,007
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 688,179	\$ 486,710

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. General Information

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. and subsidiaries, which we refer to as Diamond Offshore, we, us or our, should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 (File No. 1-13926).

As of October 30, 2006 Loews Corporation, or Loews, owned 54.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock.

Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Accordingly, pursuant to such rules and regulations, they do not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, for complete financial statements. The consolidated financial information has not been audited but, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated balance sheets, statements of operations, and statements of cash flows at the dates and for the periods indicated. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results of operations for the respective full years.

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Marketable Securities

We consider short-term, highly liquid investments that have an original maturity of three months or less and deposits in money market mutual funds that are readily convertible into cash to be cash equivalents.

We classify our investments in marketable securities as available for sale and they are stated at fair value in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Accordingly, any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, are reported in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in Accumulated other comprehensive gains (losses) until realized. The cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity and such adjustments are included in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in Interest income. The sale and purchase of securities are recorded on the date of the trade. The cost of debt securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Realized gains or losses, as well as any declines in value that are judged to be other than temporary, are reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in Other income (expense).

Derivative Financial Instruments

Our derivative financial instruments include foreign currency forward exchange contracts and a contingent interest provision that is embedded in our 1.5% Convertible Senior Debentures Due 2031, or 1.5% Debentures, issued on April 11, 2001. See Note 5.

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We paid interest totaling \$29.1 million on long-term debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we paid interest totaling \$89.7 million on long-term debt, which included \$73.3 million in accreted interest paid in connection with the June 2005 partial redemption of our Zero Coupon Convertible Debentures due 2020, or Zero Coupon Debentures.

We paid \$5.2 million and \$5.4 million in foreign income taxes, net of foreign tax refunds, during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. We paid \$199.4 million in U.S. income taxes during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. We received refunds of \$11.4 million and \$7.7 million in U.S. income taxes during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the holders of \$12.1 million accreted value, or \$19.9 million in principal amount at maturity, of our Zero Coupon Debentures and \$20,000 in principal amount of our 1.5% Debentures elected to convert their outstanding debentures into shares of our common stock. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the holders of \$13,000 in principal amount of our 1.5% Debentures elected to convert their outstanding debentures into shares of our common stock. See Note 8.

Capitalized Interest

We capitalize interest cost for the construction and upgrade of qualifying assets. In April 2005 and July 2006 we began capitalizing interest on expenditures related to the upgrades of the *Ocean Endeavor* and the *Ocean Monarch*, respectively, for ultra-deepwater service. In December 2005 and January 2006 we began capitalizing interest on expenditures related to the construction of our two jack-up rigs, the *Ocean Scepter* and *Ocean Shield*, respectively.

A reconciliation of our total interest cost to Interest expense as reported in our Consolidated Statements of Operations is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
Total interest cost including amortization of debt issuance costs	\$ 8,895	\$8,590	\$25,577	\$34,000
Capitalized interest	(2,767)	(249)	(6,899)	(336)
Total interest expense as reported	\$ 6,128	\$8,341	\$18,678	\$33,664

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in Other assets and are amortized over the respective terms of the related debt. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 includes \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs that we wrote-off in connection with the June 2005 redemption of approximately 96% of our then outstanding Zero Coupon Debentures.

Treasury Stock

Depending on market conditions, we may, from time to time, purchase shares of our common stock in the open market or otherwise. We account for the purchase of treasury stock using the cost method, which reports the cost of the shares acquired in Treasury stock as a deduction from stockholders' equity in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We did not repurchase any shares of our outstanding common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 or 2005.

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A reconciliation of net income to comprehensive income is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
Net income	\$ 164,450	\$ 82,039	\$ 485,492	\$ 153,439
Other comprehensive gains (losses), net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)		308		(102)
Unrealized holding gain (loss) on investments	80	(11)	118	14
Reclassification adjustment for gain included in net income		(5)	(62)	(90)
Comprehensive income	\$ 164,530	\$ 82,331	\$ 485,548	\$ 153,261

The tax effect related to the change in foreign currency translation gain (loss) was \$(29,000) and \$193,000 for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2005. The tax effect related to the change in unrealized holding gain (loss) on investments was \$(43,000) and \$6,000 for the quarters ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively and \$(64,000) and \$(8,000) for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The tax effect on the reclassification adjustment for net gains included in net income was \$3,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 and \$33,000 and \$48,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Currency Translation

Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Effective October 1, 2005, we changed the functional currency of certain of our subsidiaries operating outside the United States to the U.S. dollar to more appropriately reflect the primary economic environment in which our subsidiaries operate. Prior to this date, these subsidiaries utilized the local currency of the country in which they conducted business as their functional currency. As a result of this change, currency translation adjustments and transaction gains and losses, including gains and losses from the settlement of foreign currency forward exchange contracts, are reported as Other income (expense) in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, we recognized net foreign currency exchange gains of \$3.1 million and \$7.2 million, respectively. We recognized net foreign currency exchange gains of \$1.0 million and \$1.9 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively. See Note 5.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from our dayrate drilling contracts is recognized as services are performed. In connection with such drilling contracts, we may receive lump-sum fees for the mobilization of equipment. These fees are earned as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We defer mobilization fees received, as well as direct and incremental mobilization costs incurred, and amortize each, on a straight-line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which is the period estimated to be benefited from the mobilization activity). Straight-line amortization of mobilization revenues and related costs over the initial term of the related drilling contracts (which generally range from two to 60 months) is consistent with the timing of net cash flows generated from the actual drilling services performed. Absent a contract, mobilization costs are recognized currently.

From time to time, we may receive fees from our customers for capital improvements to our rigs. We defer such fees received in Other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and recognize these fees into income on a straight-line basis over the period of the related drilling contract. We capitalize the costs of such capital improvements and depreciate them over the estimated useful life of the asset.

We record reimbursements received for the purchase of supplies, equipment, personnel services and other services provided at the request of our customers in accordance with a contract or agreement, for the gross amount billed to the customer, as Revenues related to reimbursable expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts applicable to the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the classifications currently followed. Such reclassifications do not affect earnings.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin, or SAB, No. 108, *Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements*, or SAB 108. SAB 108 requires a registrant to quantify the impact of correcting all misstatements on its current year financial statements using two approaches, the rollover and iron curtain approaches. A registrant is required to adjust their current year financial statements if either approach to accumulate and identify misstatements results in quantifying a misstatement that is material, after considering all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors. SAB 108 is required to be considered for financial statements for fiscal years ending after November 15, 2006; however, earlier application of the guidance in SAB 108 to interim financial statements issued for fiscal years ending after November 15, 2006 is encouraged. We are in the process of evaluating the impact, if any, of applying the guidance in SAB 108 on our financial statements; however, we do not expect the adoption of SAB 108 to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 158, *Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension or Other Postretirement Plans*, or SFAS 158. SFAS 158 amends existing guidance to require (1) balance sheet recognition of the funded status of defined benefit plans, (2) recognition in other comprehensive income of various items before they are recognized in periodic benefit cost, (3) the measurement date for plan assets and the benefit obligation to be the balance sheet date, and (4) additional disclosures regarding the effects on periodic benefit cost for the following fiscal year arising from delayed recognition in the current period. SFAS 158 also includes guidance regarding selection of assumed discount rates for use in measuring the benefit obligation. SFAS 158 provides different effective dates for various aspects of the new rules. For public companies, requirements to recognize the funded status of the plan and to comply with the disclosure provisions of SFAS 158 are effective as of the end of the fiscal year ending after December 15, 2006, and the requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of the balance sheet date is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. Early adoption of SFAS 158 is encouraged and must be applied to all of an entity's benefit plans. We are in the process of evaluating the impact, if any, of applying SFAS 158 on our financial statements; however, we do not expect the adoption of SFAS 158 to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, or SFAS 157, which establishes a separate framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 was issued to eliminate the diversity in practice that exists due to the different definitions of fair value and the limited guidance for applying those definitions in GAAP that are dispersed among the many accounting pronouncements that require fair value measurements. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements; however, its adoption may result in changes to current practice. Changes resulting from the application of SFAS 157 relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, rather than an entity-specific measurement. It also establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between (i) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources and (ii) the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available under the circumstances. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is encouraged, provided that the reporting entity has not yet issued financial statements for that fiscal year, including interim periods. We are in the process of

evaluating the impact, if any, of applying SFAS 157 on our financial statements; however, we do not expect the adoption of SFAS 157 to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

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In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, or FIN 48, which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006; however, earlier application of the provisions of the interpretation is encouraged. We are currently evaluating the guidance provided in FIN 48 and have not yet determined the impact, if any, of adopting FIN 48 on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

2. Stock-Based Compensation

Our Second Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option Plan, or Stock Plan, provides for the issuance of either incentive stock options or non-qualified stock options to our employees, consultants and non-employee directors. Our Stock Plan also authorizes the award of stock appreciation rights, or SARs, in tandem with stock options or separately. The aggregate number of shares of our common stock for which stock options or SARs may be granted is 1,500,000 shares. The exercise price per share may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Generally, stock options and SARs vest ratably over a four year period and expire in ten years.

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the FASB's revised SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, or SFAS 123(R), using the modified prospective application transition method. SFAS 123(R) requires that compensation cost related to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. The effect of adopting SFAS 123(R) as of January 1, 2006 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
Income from continuing operations	\$ (845)	\$ (2,285)
Income before income taxes	(845)	(2,285)
Net income	(607)	(1,642)
Cash flow from operations	\$ (181)	\$ (1,156)
Cash flow from financing activities	181	1,156
Basic earnings per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Diluted earnings per share	(0.01)	(0.01)

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Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R) on January 1, 2006, we accounted for our Stock Plan in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. Accordingly, no compensation expense was recognized for the options granted to our employees in periods prior to January 1, 2006. If compensation expense had been recognized for stock options granted to our employees based on the fair value of the options at the grant dates our net income and earnings per share, or EPS, would have been as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
Net income as reported	\$ 82,039	\$ 153,439
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects		
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(355)	(995)
Pro forma net income	\$ 81,684	\$ 152,444
Earnings per share of common stock:		
As reported	\$ 0.64	\$ 1.19
Pro forma	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.19
Earnings per share of common stock-assuming dilution:		
As reported	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.14
Pro forma	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.13

The fair value of options and SARs granted under the Stock Plan was estimated using the Binomial Option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expected life of stock options/SARs (in years)	6	7	6	7
Expected volatility	31.00%	30.00%	30.45%	30.97%
Dividend yield	0.60%	0.51%	0.57%	0.49%
Risk free interest rate	5.12%	3.88%	5.04%	3.96%

Expected life of stock options and SARs is based on historical data as is the expected volatility. The dividend yield is based on the current approved regular dividend rate in effect and the current market price at the time of grant. Risk free interest rates are determined using the U.S. Treasury yield curve at time of grant with a term equal to the expected life of the options and SARs.

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A summary of the status of stock option and SARs transactions in the first nine months of 2006 follows:

	Number of Awards	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In Thousands)
Awards outstanding at January 1	556,590	\$ 36.79		
Granted	99,600	\$ 87.41		
Exercised	(84,912)	\$ 33.96		
Canceled	(46,354)	\$ 53.89		
Awards outstanding at September 30	524,924	\$ 45.35	6.8	\$ 13,923
Awards exercisable at September 30	274,701	\$ 34.20	5.9	\$ 10,436

The weighted-average grant date fair values of options granted during the quarters ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were \$40.61 and \$24.24, respectively. The weighted-average grant date fair values of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were \$42.25 and \$22.94, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the quarters ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$0.7 million and \$3.5 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$4.5 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2006 there was \$7.5 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options and SARs granted under the Stock Plan which we expect to recognize over a weighted average period of 2.9 years.

3. Earnings Per Share

A reconciliation of the numerators and the denominators of our basic and diluted per-share computations follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net income basic (numerator):	\$ 164,450	\$ 82,039	\$ 485,492	\$ 153,439
Effect of dilutive potential shares				
1.5% Debentures	778	1,136	2,532	3,467
Zero Coupon Debentures	27	104	203	
Net income including conversions diluted (numerator)	\$ 165,255	\$ 83,279	\$ 488,227	\$ 156,906
Weighted average shares basic (denominator):	129,172	128,748	129,110	128,638
Effect of dilutive potential shares				
1.5% Debentures	9,383	9,383	9,383	9,383
Zero Coupon Debentures	94	266	128	
Stock options	140	170	153	168
	138,789	138,567	138,774	138,189

Weighted average shares including
conversions diluted (denominator)

Earnings per share:

Basic	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.64	\$ 3.76	\$ 1.19
Diluted	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.60	\$ 3.52	\$ 1.14

Our computation of diluted EPS for the three months ended September 30, 2006 excludes stock options representing 79,708 shares of common stock and 78,750 SARs. Our computation of diluted EPS for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 excludes 80,203 shares of common stock and 35,769 SARs. The inclusion of such potentially dilutive shares in the computations of diluted EPS would be antidilutive for the periods presented.

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Our computation of diluted EPS for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 excluded approximately 4.1 million potentially dilutive shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our Zero Coupon Debentures because the inclusion of such potentially dilutive shares would have been antidilutive. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we also excluded stock options representing 1,000 shares of common stock from the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were higher than the average market price per share of our common stock for the applicable period.

4. Marketable Securities

We report our investments as current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in Marketable securities, representing the investment of cash available for current operations.

Our investments in marketable securities are classified as available for sale and are summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2006		
	Amortized	Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Gain (Loss)	Value
	(In thousands)		
Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government agencies:			
Due within one year	\$ 98,468	\$ 106	\$ 98,574
Mortgage-backed securities	1,838	(6)	1,832
Total	\$100,306	\$ 100	\$100,406

	December 31, 2005		
	Amortized	Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Gain (Loss)	Value
	(In thousands)		
Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government agencies:			
Mortgage-backed securities	\$2,267	\$ 14	\$2,281

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position, or FSP, No. 115-1 and 124-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments, or FSP 115-1, which applies to debt and equity securities that are within the scope of SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. FSP 115-1 replaces guidance set forth in Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 03-01, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments and requires additional disclosure related to factors considered in concluding that an impairment is not other-than-temporary. FSP 115-1 was effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005, and we adopted this standard on January 1, 2006. Our adoption of this standard had no significant effect on our consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

We considered the requirements of FSP 115-1 related to our unrealized loss position on our mortgage-backed securities at September 30, 2006 and determined that it was not significant.

Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities and gross realized gains and losses are summarized as follows:

Three Months Ended**Nine Months Ended**

	September 30,		September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
Proceeds from sales	\$296,303	\$ 250	\$888,092	\$2,613,752
Proceeds from maturities	400,000	800,000	750,000	2,250,000
Gross realized gains	157		162	184
Gross realized losses	(8)	(12)	(215)	(1,393)
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Our international operations expose us to foreign exchange risk, primarily associated with our costs payable in foreign currencies, primarily for employee compensation and purchases from foreign suppliers. We utilize foreign exchange forward contracts to reduce our forward exchange risk. A forward currency exchange contract obligates a contract holder to exchange predetermined amounts of specified foreign currencies at specified foreign exchange rates on specified dates.

During the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, we settled several of our obligations under various foreign currency forward exchange contracts, which resulted in net realized gains totaling \$2.5 million, \$4.5 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2006, we had foreign currency forward exchange contracts outstanding, which aggregated \$48.0 million, that required us to purchase the equivalent of \$6.1 million in Australian dollars, \$11.5 million in Brazilian Reals, \$12.1 million in British pounds sterling, \$13.9 million in Mexican pesos and \$4.4 million in Norwegian Kroners at various times through June 2007. We expect to settle an aggregate of \$33.8 million and \$14.2 million of these forward exchange contracts in the remainder of 2006 and in 2007, respectively.

These forward contracts are derivatives as defined by SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities, or SFAS 133. SFAS 133 requires that each derivative be stated in the balance sheet at its fair value with gains and losses reflected in the income statement except that, to the extent the derivative qualifies for hedge accounting, the gains and losses are reflected in income in the same period as offsetting losses and gains on the qualifying hedged positions. The forward contracts we entered into in 2005 and 2006 did not qualify for hedge accounting. In accordance with SFAS 133, we recorded net pre-tax unrealized gains of \$1.0 million and \$3.6 million in our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as Other income (expense) to adjust the carrying value of these derivative financial instruments to their fair value. We recorded a net pre-tax unrealized loss of \$0.1 million and a net pre-tax unrealized gain of \$0.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively, as Other income (expense) to adjust the carrying value of our derivative financial instruments to their fair value at September 30, 2005. We have presented the \$3.6 million and \$0.4 million fair value of these foreign currency forward exchange contracts at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, as Prepaid expenses and other in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Contingent Interest

Our 1.5% Debentures, of which an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$460 million are outstanding, contain a contingent interest provision. The contingent interest component is an embedded derivative as defined by SFAS 133 and accordingly must be split from the host instrument and recorded at fair value on the balance sheet. The contingent interest component had no value at issuance, at December 31, 2005 or at September 30, 2006.

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Cost and accumulated depreciation of drilling and other property and equipment are summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
	(In thousands)	
Drilling rigs and equipment	\$ 3,793,506	\$ 3,639,239
Construction work-in-progress	412,516	195,412
Land and buildings	16,679	16,280
Office equipment and other	26,373	24,351
Cost	4,249,074	3,875,282
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,722,109)	(1,573,262)
Drilling and other property and equipment, net	\$ 2,526,965	\$ 2,302,020

Construction work-in-progress at September 30, 2006 consisted of \$236.6 million, including accrued capital expenditures of \$57.8 million, related to the major upgrade of the *Ocean Endeavor* for ultra-deepwater service and \$146.7 million for the construction of two new jack-up drilling units, the *Ocean Scepter* and *Ocean Shield*. We expect the upgrade of the *Ocean Endeavor* to be completed in early 2007 and to relocate this rig from Singapore to the U.S. where it is scheduled to operate under a four-year contract. We anticipate that our two new jack-up units will be ready for service in the first quarter of 2008. Construction work-in-progress related to these projects was \$195.4 million at December 31, 2005.

At September 30, 2006, construction work-in-progress also included \$29.2 million related to the major upgrade of the *Ocean Monarch* to ultra-deepwater service, consisting primarily of shipyard deposits and other costs incurred in connection with its dry tow to Singapore. The rig arrived in Singapore and commenced shipyard work late in the third quarter of 2006. We expect the project to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2008 and to relocate this rig to the U.S. where it is scheduled to operate under a four-year contract.

7. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
	(In thousands)	
Payroll and benefits	\$ 35,810	\$ 27,265
Personal injury and other claims	8,997	8,284
Interest payable	7,282	12,384
Deferred revenue	8,489	8,732
Customer prepayments	6,046	21,390
Accrued project/upgrade expenses	84,681	62,628
Hurricane related expenses		3,508
Other	31,066	24,846
Total	\$182,371	\$169,037

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Long-term debt consists of the following:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
	(In thousands)	
Zero Coupon Debentures (due 2020)	\$ 6,812	\$ 18,720
1.5% Debentures (due 2031)	459,967	459,987
5.15% Senior Notes (due 2014)	249,500	249,462
4.875% Senior Notes (due 2015)	249,517	249,485
Total	\$965,796	\$977,654

Certain of our long-term debt payments may be accelerated due to certain rights that the holders of our debt securities have to put the securities to us. The holders of our outstanding 1.5% Debentures and our Zero Coupon Debentures have the right to require us to purchase all or a portion of their outstanding debentures on April 15, 2008 and June 6, 2010, respectively, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 1.5% Debentures to be purchased plus accrued and unpaid interest to such date and \$706.82 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, respectively.

Debt Conversions. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, holders of \$12.1 million accreted value, or \$19.9 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity, of our Zero Coupon Debentures elected to convert their outstanding debentures into shares of our common stock. The debentures were converted at a fixed rate of 8.6075 shares per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of debentures, resulting in the issuance of 171,629 shares of our common stock in the first nine months of 2006.

Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, holders of \$20,000 in principal amount of our 1.5% Debentures elected to convert their outstanding debentures into shares of our common stock. The debentures were converted at the rate of 20.3978 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures, or \$49.02 per share, resulting in the issuance of 404 shares of our common stock in the first nine months of 2006.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

Various claims have been filed against us in the ordinary course of business, including claims by offshore workers alleging personal injuries. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies, we have assessed each claim or exposure to determine the likelihood that the resolution of the matter might ultimately result in an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. When we determine that an unfavorable resolution of a matter is probable and such amount of loss can be determined, we record a reserve for the estimated loss at the time that both of these criteria are met. Our management believes that we have established adequate reserves for any liabilities that may reasonably be expected to result from these claims.

Litigation. We are a defendant in a lawsuit filed January 2005 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on behalf of Total E&P USA, Inc. and several oil companies alleging that our semisubmersible rig, the *Ocean America*, damaged a natural gas pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico during Hurricane Ivan. The plaintiffs seek damages from us including, but not limited to, loss of revenue, that are currently estimated to be in excess of \$100 million, together with interest, attorneys' fees and costs. We deny any liability for plaintiffs' alleged loss and do not believe that ultimate liability, if any, resulting from this litigation will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

We are one of several unrelated defendants in a lawsuit filed in the Circuit Courts of the State of Mississippi alleging that defendants manufactured, distributed or utilized drilling mud containing asbestos and, in our case, allowed such drilling mud to have been utilized aboard our offshore drilling rigs. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, an award of unspecified compensatory and punitive damages. We expect to receive complete defense and indemnity from Murphy Exploration & Production Company pursuant to the terms of our 1992 asset purchase

agreement with them. We are unable to estimate our potential exposure, if any, to these lawsuits at this time but do not believe that ultimate liability, if any, resulting from this litigation will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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Various other claims have been filed against us in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of our management, no pending or known threatened claims, actions or proceedings against us are expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Other. Our operations in Brazil have exposed us to various claims and assessments related to our personnel, customs duties and municipal taxes, among other things, that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. At September 30, 2006, our reserves related to our Brazilian operations aggregated \$13.9 million, of which \$0.5 million and \$13.4 million were recorded in *Accrued liabilities* and *Other liabilities*, respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Reserves related to our Brazilian operations totaled \$14.1 million at December 31, 2005, of which \$0.8 million was recorded in *Accrued liabilities* and \$13.3 million was recorded in *Other liabilities* in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We intend to defend these matters vigorously; however, we cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any litigation matters specifically described above or any other pending litigation or claims. There can be no assurance as to the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits.

Personal Injury Claims. Effective May 1, 2006, in conjunction with our insurance policy renewals, we increased our deductible for liability coverage for personal injury claims, which primarily results from Jones Act liability in the Gulf of Mexico, to \$5.0 million per occurrence, with no aggregate deductible. Prior to this renewal, our uninsured retention of liability for personal injury claims was \$0.5 million per claim with an additional aggregate annual deductible of \$1.5 million. Our in-house claims department estimates the amount of our liability for our retention. This department establishes a reserve for each of our personal injury claims by evaluating the existing facts and circumstances of each claim and comparing the circumstances of each claim to historical experiences with similar past personal injury claims. Our claims department also estimates our liability for personal injuries that are incurred but not reported by using historical data. Historically, our ultimate liability for personal injury claims has not differed materially from our recorded estimates. At September 30, 2006, our estimated liability for personal injury claims was \$42.0 million, of which \$9.0 million and \$33.0 million were recorded in *Accrued liabilities* and *Other liabilities*, respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2005, we had recorded loss reserves for personal injury claims aggregating \$38.9 million, of which \$8.3 million and \$30.6 million were recorded in *Accrued liabilities* and *Other liabilities*, respectively, in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The eventual settlement or adjudication of these claims could differ materially from our estimated amounts due to uncertainties such as:

the severity of personal injuries claimed;

significant changes in the volume of personal injury claims;

the unpredictability of legal jurisdictions where the claims will ultimately be litigated;

inconsistent court decisions; and

the risks and lack of predictability inherent in personal injury litigation.

Purchase Obligations. As of September 30, 2006, we had purchase obligations aggregating approximately \$524 million related to the major upgrades of the *Ocean Monarch* and the *Ocean Endeavor* and construction of two new jack-up rigs, the *Ocean Scepter* and *Ocean Shield*. We anticipate that expenditures related to these shipyard projects will be approximately \$111 million, \$223 million and \$190 million for the remainder of 2006 and in 2007 and 2008, respectively. However, the actual timing of these expenditures will vary based on the completion of various construction milestones and the timing of the delivery of equipment, which are beyond our control.

We had no other purchase obligations for major rig upgrades or any other significant purchase obligations at September 30, 2006, except for those related to our direct rig operations, which arise during the normal course of business.

10. Segments and Geographic Area Analysis

We manage our business on the basis of one reportable segment, contract drilling of offshore oil and gas wells. Although we provide contract drilling services from different types of offshore drilling rigs and also provide such

services in many geographic locations, we have aggregated these operations into one reportable segment based on the similarity of economic characteristics among all divisions and locations, including the nature of services provided and the type of customers for such services.

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Revenues from contract drilling services by equipment-type are listed below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 191,786	\$ 113,133	\$ 545,702	\$ 304,824
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	189,521	118,293	562,324	325,634
Jack-ups	117,146	68,971	323,470	192,834
Other		138		(70)
Total contract drilling revenues	498,453	300,535	1,431,496	823,222
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	16,003	9,987	42,878	29,457
Total revenues	\$ 514,456	\$ 310,522	\$ 1,474,374	\$ 852,679

Geographic Areas

At September 30, 2006 our drilling rigs were located offshore twelve countries in addition to the United States. As a result, we are exposed to the risk of changes in social, political and economic conditions inherent in foreign operations and our results of operations and the value of our foreign assets are affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Revenues by geographic area are presented by attributing revenues to the individual country or areas where the services were performed.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
United States	\$ 293,094	\$ 169,637	\$ 838,180	\$ 457,766
Foreign:				
South America	48,869	33,625	151,010	86,762
Europe/Africa	61,206	30,313	176,334	74,961
Australia/Asia/Middle East	92,280	55,527	246,498	169,437
Mexico	19,007	21,420	62,352	63,753
Total revenues	\$ 514,456	\$ 310,522	\$ 1,474,374	\$ 852,679

11. Income Taxes

Our net income tax expense is a function of the mix between our domestic and international pre-tax earnings or losses, respectively, as well as the mix of international tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Certain of our international rigs are owned or operated, directly or indirectly, by Diamond Offshore International Limited, a Cayman Island company which is one of our wholly owned subsidiaries. Earnings from this subsidiary are indefinitely reinvested internationally to finance foreign activities. Consequently, no U.S. tax expense or benefits were recognized on these earnings or losses in 2006 or 2005.

We recognized income tax expense of \$58.6 million on pre-tax income of \$223.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to income tax expense of \$37.4 million on pre-tax income of \$119.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. Our estimated annual effective tax rate was 28.1% as of September 30, 2006 and 29.5% as of September 30, 2005.

The estimated annual effective rate of 28.1% at September 30, 2006 declined from the previous estimate of 28.5% at June 30, 2006. Tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was also partially offset by 2005 return to provision adjustments of \$2.5 million. Of the 2005 return to provision adjustments, \$2.2 million resulted from a deduction allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 199 attributable to qualified production activities that was previously thought to be inapplicable to the drilling industry. The Treasury Department and

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Internal Revenue Service issued guidelines during the second quarter of 2006 clarifying that the deduction is available to the drilling industry with respect to qualified production activities. Inclusion of the return to provision adjustments for the third quarter of 2006, along with the effect of the 0.4% decline in the estimated annual effective tax rate from June 30, 2006, resulted in an actual effective tax rate of 26.3% for the quarter.

We recognized income tax expense of \$186.4 million on pre-tax income of \$671.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to income tax expense of \$65.1 million on pre-tax income of \$218.6 million for the same period in 2005. The estimated annual effective rate at September 30, 2006 includes the effect of the expected 2006 deduction allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 199 attributable to qualified production activities. Tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was partially offset by the aforementioned 2005 return to provision adjustments which were recorded in the third quarter of 2006.

Tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 included expense of \$0.9 million related to finalizing prior year tax returns in the United Kingdom and \$0.2 million related to a settlement of a tax dispute in East Timor. Partially offsetting the higher tax expense was a \$0.2 million reduction in our valuation allowance for prior year foreign tax credits which primarily arose from our ability to carryback certain prior year foreign tax credits to earlier years. These additional items of net expense were not included in the 2005 estimated annual effective tax rate of 29.5% and resulted in an actual effective tax rate of 29.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

12. Pension Plan

The defined benefit pension plan established by Arethusa (Off-Shore) Limited, or Arethusa, effective October 1, 1992 was frozen on April 30, 1996. At that date all participants were deemed fully vested in the plan, which covered substantially all U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents who were employed by Arethusa.

As a result of freezing the plan, no service cost has been accrued for the periods presented.

Components of net periodic benefit costs were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(In thousands)			
Interest cost	\$ 263	\$ 260	\$ 789	\$ 780
Expected return on plan assets	(340)	(294)	(1,020)	(927)
Amortization of unrecognized loss	76	76	228	229
Net periodic pension expense	\$ (1)	\$ 42	\$ (3)	\$ 82

During 2005 we made a voluntary contribution to the plan of \$0.2 million.

During the fourth quarter of 2006 we began the process of terminating the plan and have entered into a letter agreement with an insurance company to transfer the responsibility for making payments of plan benefits to the insurance company. Under the terms of the agreement, all of the assets of the plan will be transferred to the insurance company along with our additional payment of approximately \$0.3 million. We are seeking Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, or PBGC, approval to terminate the plan which we expect to obtain in the first quarter of 2007. Once termination has been approved by the PBGC we will enter into an irrevocable contract with the insurance company, the insurance company will issue annuity certificates to the plan participants and we will no longer have any benefit liability under the plan.

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The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) included elsewhere in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Item 1A, Risk Factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Item 1A of Part II, Risk Factors, included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006. References to Diamond Offshore, we, us or our mean Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries.

We are a leader in deep water drilling with a fleet of 44 offshore drilling rigs. Our fleet currently consists of 30 semisubmersibles, 13 jack-ups and one drillship.

Overview***Industry Conditions***

Worldwide demand for our mid-water (intermediate) and deepwater (high-specification) semisubmersible rigs remained strong during the third quarter of 2006. However, the jack-up market in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, or GOM, continues to experience selective pricing pressure, which is being manifested in the form of lower dayrates, with the potential for a given rig to be ready-stacked for a period of time between wells. This situation began in the second quarter of 2006, primarily, we believe, as the result of a seasonal decline in drilling activity related to potential hurricane activity during the GOM hurricane season (June through November). There also are a number of jack-up rigs currently scheduled to leave the GOM late this year that are taking very short-term fill-in work at reduced rates to avoid idling the units prior to mobilization, thereby negatively impacting near-term GOM dayrates. We believe that both of these situations are temporary. However, GOM jack-up drilling activity in particular is sensitive to natural gas prices, which demonstrated some weakness based on high storage inventories during the third quarter of 2006, and future GOM jack-up drilling activity and dayrates could be negatively impacted if natural gas prices continue to decline.

Exclusive of the GOM jack-up market, which accounted for 17% of our revenue for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, solid fundamental market conditions remain in place for all classes of offshore drilling rigs worldwide, and dayrates have continued to slowly increase along with the number of term contracts. As a result, our contract drilling backlog at October 16, 2006 was \$7.0 billion. This backlog consisted of \$6.0 billion related to executed contracts and \$1.0 billion related to anticipated performance bonuses and customer commitments for which contracts had not yet been executed as of such date. We expect approximately \$0.5 billion of the contracted backlog to be realized during the remainder of 2006, \$2.3 billion in 2007 and the remaining \$3.2 billion in 2008 through 2012. Our contract drilling backlog at July 3, 2006 (the date reported in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006) was \$5.4 billion. Contract drilling backlog is calculated assuming full utilization of our drilling equipment for the contract period; however, utilization rates, which generally approach 95-98%, can be adversely impacted by downtime due to various operating factors including, but not limited to, unscheduled repairs, maintenance and weather.

Gulf of Mexico. In the GOM, the market for all of our semisubmersible equipment remains firm. Dayrates on our seven high-specification floaters in the GOM are as high as \$425,000 for future work, though the pace of contracting for these rigs has slowed due to the length of our existing agreements, all of which extend into 2008 or 2009.

The dayrates for our five intermediate semisubmersibles currently located in the GOM have reached as high as \$300,000 for a one-well contract which began in late September 2006. We continue to view the deepwater and intermediate markets in the GOM as under-supplied and believe that the GOM semisubmersible market will remain strong during the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

Our jack-up fleet in the GOM also continued to experience high utilization during the third quarter of 2006, but with increasing downward pressure on dayrates, compared to the second quarter of 2006, as discussed above. The dayrate pressure was somewhat offset by two new term contracts. The 200-ft. *Ocean Crusader* was recently awarded a six-month contract at \$117,500 per day, and the 250-ft. *Ocean Columbia* received a one-year term extension at \$120,000 per day. In contrast, the 300-ft. *Ocean Spartan* was ready-stacked late in the third quarter of 2006, and we continue to market the unit. Previously, this rig had been earning \$105,000 per day. We believe that the current

selective pricing pressure on jack-up rigs in the GOM is temporary, but may last until near year-end.

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In the Mexican sector of the Gulf of Mexico, or Mexican GOM, our jack-up rig *Ocean Nugget* began a 912-day term contract in the third quarter of 2006 for the Mexican national oil company, PEMEX Exploración Y Producción, or PEMEX, at a dayrate of \$169,500. Additionally, we were recently awarded contracts for two of our intermediate semisubmersibles, the *Ocean New Era* and *Ocean Voyager*, and expect to mobilize these rigs from the GOM to Mexico in July 2007 under approximately 2¹/₂-year contracts ending in early 2010 and late 2009, respectively. The rigs have commitments at dayrates of \$265,000 and \$335,000, respectively. The award of these contracts is subject to customary conditions, including the execution of a definitive agreement. The terms of our drilling contracts with PEMEX expose us to greater risks than we normally assume, such as exposure to greater environmental liability. In addition, each contract can be terminated by PEMEX on five days' notice, subject to certain conditions. We expect the market for the Mexican GOM to remain strong during the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

Brazil. Two of our rigs operating in Brazil are currently working under term contracts that expire in 2009, and two additional rigs are operating under contracts expiring in 2010. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. is continuing to seek additional intermediate semisubmersible rigs, and we expect the Brazilian semisubmersible market to remain strong during the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

North Sea. Effective industry utilization remains at 100 percent in the North Sea where we have three intermediate semisubmersible rigs in the United Kingdom, or U.K., and one intermediate unit in Norway. Indicating the strength of this market, one of our four rigs in the North Sea has a term contract extending until the second quarter of 2008 and another two rigs have term contracts that extend into 2010.

Australia/Asia/Middle East/Mediterranean. We currently have five semisubmersible rigs and one jack-up unit operating in the Australia/Asia market, and two jack-up rigs operating in the Middle East/Mediterranean sector. All eight of these rigs are operating under contracts for work extending into 2007 or 2008. During the third quarter of 2006, one of our new-build jack-up rigs, which is currently under construction in Singapore, the *Ocean Shield*, received a Letter of Intent, or LOI, for a one-year term contract at a dayrate of \$265,000. Under the LOI, the rig will begin work offshore Australia upon completion of construction and commissioning of the rig in the first quarter of 2008. We believe that the Australia/Asia and Middle East/Mediterranean markets will remain strong during the remainder of 2006 and into 2007.

General

Revenues. Our revenues vary based upon demand, which affects the number of days our fleet is utilized and the dayrates earned. When a rig is idle, no dayrate is earned and revenues will decrease as a result. Revenues can also be affected as a result of the acquisition or disposal of rigs, required surveys and shipyard upgrades. In order to improve utilization or realize higher dayrates, we may mobilize our rigs from one market to another. However, during periods of mobilization, revenues may be adversely affected. As a response to changes in demand, we may withdraw a rig from the market by stacking it or may reactivate a rig stacked previously, which may decrease or increase revenues, respectively.

The two most significant variables affecting revenues are dayrates for rigs and rig utilization rates, each of which is a function of rig supply and demand in the marketplace. As utilization rates increase, dayrates tend to increase as well, reflecting the lower supply of available rigs, and vice versa. Demand for drilling services is dependent upon the level of expenditures set by oil and gas companies for offshore exploration and development, as well as a variety of political and economic factors. The availability of rigs in a particular geographical region also affects both dayrates and utilization rates. These factors are not within our control and are difficult to predict.

We recognize revenue from dayrate drilling contracts as services are performed. In connection with such drilling contracts, we may receive lump-sum fees for the mobilization of equipment. We earn these fees as services are performed over the initial term of the related drilling contracts. We defer mobilization fees received, as well as direct and incremental mobilization costs incurred, and amortize each, on a straight-line basis, over the term of the related drilling contracts (which is the period estimated to be benefited from the mobilization activity). Straight-line amortization of mobilization revenues and related costs over the term of the related drilling contracts (which generally range from two to 60 months) is consistent with the timing of net cash flows generated from the actual drilling services performed. Absent a contract, mobilization costs are recognized currently.

From time to time, we may receive fees from our customers for capital improvements to our rigs. We defer such fees received in Other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets included in Item 1 of Part I of this report and recognize these fees into income on a straight-line basis over the period of the related drilling contract.

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We capitalize the costs of such capital improvements and depreciate them over the estimated useful life of the improvement.

We receive reimbursements for the purchase of supplies, equipment, personnel services and other services provided at the request of our customers in accordance with a contract or agreement. We record these reimbursements at the gross amount billed to the customer, as Revenues related to reimbursable expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Operations included in Item 1 of Part I of this report.

Operating Income. Our operating income is primarily affected by revenue factors, but is also a function of varying levels of operating expenses. Our operating expenses represent all direct and indirect costs associated with the operation and maintenance of our drilling equipment. The principal components of our operating costs are, among other things, direct and indirect costs of labor and benefits, repairs and maintenance, freight, regulatory inspections, boat and helicopter rentals and insurance. Labor and repair and maintenance costs represent the most significant components of our operating expenses. In general, our labor costs increase primarily due to higher salary levels, rigs staffing requirements, inflation and the geographic regions in which our rigs operate. In the recent past there has been and continues to be upward pressure on salaries and wages as a result of the strengthening offshore drilling market and increased competition for skilled workers. Costs to repair and maintain our equipment fluctuate depending upon the type of activity the drilling unit is performing, as well as the age and condition of the equipment.

Operating expenses generally are not affected by changes in dayrates and may not be significantly affected by short-term fluctuations in utilization. For instance, if a rig is to be idle for a short period of time, few decreases in operating expenses may actually occur since the rig is typically maintained in a prepared or ready-stacked state with a full crew. In addition, when a rig is idle, we are responsible for certain operating expenses such as rig fuel and supply boat costs, which are typically costs of the operator when a rig is under contract. However, if the rig is to be idle for an extended period of time, we may reduce the size of a rig's crew and take steps to cold stack the rig, which lowers expenses and partially offsets the impact on operating income. We recognize, as incurred, operating expenses related to activities such as inspections, painting projects and routine overhauls that meet certain criteria and which maintain rather than upgrade our rigs. These expenses vary from period to period. Costs of rig enhancements are capitalized and depreciated over the expected useful lives of the enhancements. Higher depreciation expense decreases operating income in periods subsequent to capital upgrades.

Periods of high, sustained utilization may result in cost increases for maintenance and repairs in order to maintain our equipment in proper, working order. In addition, during periods of high activity and dayrates, higher prices generally pervade the entire offshore drilling industry and its support businesses, which causes our costs for goods and services to increase.

Our operating income is negatively impacted when we perform certain regulatory inspections, which we refer to as a 5-year survey, or special survey, that are due every five years for each of our rigs. Operating revenue decreases because these surveys are performed during scheduled downtime in a shipyard. Operating expenses increase as a result of these surveys due to the cost to mobilize the rigs to a shipyard, inspection costs incurred and repair and maintenance costs. Repair and maintenance costs may be required resulting from the survey or may have been previously planned to take place during this mandatory downtime. The number of rigs undergoing a 5-year survey will vary from year to year.

In addition, operating income may be negatively impacted by intermediate surveys, which are performed at interim periods between 5-year surveys. Intermediate surveys are generally less extensive in duration and scope than a 5-year survey. Although an intermediate survey requires some downtime for the drilling rig, it normally does not require dry-docking or shipyard time.

Under current conditions in the insurance marketplace, insurance coverage for offshore drilling rigs, if available, is offered at substantially higher insurance premium rates than in the past and is subject to an increasing number of coverage limitations, due in part to underwriting losses suffered by the insurance industry in recent years as a result of damage caused by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2004 and 2005. In some cases, quoted renewal premiums have increased by more than 200%, with the addition of substantial deductibles and limits on the amount of claims payable for losses arising from named windstorms. In light of these factors, we determined that retention of additional risk was preferable to paying dramatically higher premiums for limited coverage. Accordingly, effective May 1, 2006 we have

elected to self-insure for physical damage to rigs and equipment caused by named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. For our other physical damage coverage, our deductible is \$150.0 million per occurrence. As a result of our reduced coverage, our premiums for this coverage have been reduced from the

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amounts we paid in 2005 and are lower than the renewal rates quoted by our insurance carriers. We also renewed our liability policies in May 2006, with an increase in premiums and deductibles. Our new deductibles under these policies have generally increased to \$5.0 million per occurrence, but our deductibles arising in connection with certain liabilities relating to named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico have increased to approximately \$10.0 million per occurrence, with no annual aggregate deductible. In addition, we have elected to self-insure a portion of our excess liability coverage related to named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. To the extent that we incur certain liabilities related to named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in excess of \$75.0 million, we are self-insured for up to a maximum retention of \$17.5 million per occurrence in addition to these deductibles.

If named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico cause significant damage to our rigs or equipment or to the property of others for which we may be liable, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Insurance premiums will be amortized as expense over the applicable policy periods which generally expire at the end of April 2007.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in Note 1 of our notes to consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report and in Note 1 of our notes to audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. There were no material changes to these policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

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Comparative data relating to our revenues and operating expenses by equipment type are listed below. We have reclassified certain amounts applicable to the prior period to conform to the classifications we currently follow. These reclassifications do not affect earnings.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	2005	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 191,786	\$ 113,133	\$ 78,653
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	189,521	118,293	71,228
Jack-ups	117,146	68,971	48,175
Other		138	(138)
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$498,453	\$300,535	\$197,918
Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 16,003	\$ 9,987	\$ 6,016
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 61,882	\$ 44,747	\$ 17,135
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	111,748	82,888	28,860
Jack-ups	41,143	29,930	11,213
Other	10,110	2,972	7,138
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$224,883	\$160,537	\$ 64,346
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 13,982	\$ 8,350	\$ 5,632
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)			
High Specification Floaters	\$ 129,904	\$ 68,386	\$ 61,518
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	77,773	35,405	42,368
Jack-ups	76,003	39,041	36,962
Other	(10,110)	(2,834)	(7,276)
Reimbursable expenses, net	2,021	1,637	384
Depreciation	(49,757)	(46,494)	(3,263)
General and administrative expense	(9,959)	(8,928)	(1,031)
Gain (loss) on sale and disposition of assets	272	761	(489)
Casualty gain on <i>Ocean Warwick</i>		33,605	(33,605)
Total Operating Income	\$216,147	\$120,579	\$ 95,568

Our operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$95.6 million, or 79%, to \$216.1 million, compared to \$120.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. Although dayrates have generally increased during 2006, overall revenues were also impacted by the effect of downtime associated with

mandatory surveys and related repair time and lower dayrates earned by some of our semisubmersible rigs due to previously established job sequencing that caused the units to temporarily roll to older contracts with lower dayrates. Total contract drilling revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 increased \$197.9 million to \$498.5 million, compared to the third quarter of 2005.

Our results for the third quarter of 2006 were also impacted by higher expenses related to our mooring enhancement and other hurricane preparedness activities and to surveys performed during the quarter. The increase in survey costs included higher expenses for survey-related services and higher boat charges associated with moving rigs to and from shipyards. In addition, overall cost increases for maintenance and repairs between the third quarter of 2005 and the third quarter of 2006 reflect the impact of high, sustained utilization of our drilling units and an increase in operating and overhead costs due to higher prices throughout the offshore drilling industry and its support businesses. Total contract drilling expenses for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$64.3 million, or 40%, to \$224.9 million, compared to the same period of 2005. Our operating results for the three months ended September

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30, 2005 included a \$33.6 million casualty gain due to the constructive total loss of the *Ocean Warwick* as a result of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

High Specification Floaters.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	2005	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$144,283	\$ 78,866	\$ 65,417
Australia/Asia/Middle East	16,537	13,998	2,539
South America	30,966	20,269	10,697
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$191,786	\$113,133	\$78,653
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 38,598	\$ 20,714	\$ 17,884
Australia/Asia/Middle East	6,121	9,718	(3,597)
South America	17,163	14,315	2,848
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$ 61,882	\$ 44,747	\$ 17,135
OPERATING INCOME	\$129,904	\$ 68,386	\$ 61,518

GOM. Revenues for our high-specification rigs in the GOM increased \$65.4 million during the third quarter of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to higher average dayrates earned during 2006 (\$50.9 million), and revenues generated by the *Ocean Baroness*, which relocated to the GOM from the Australia/Asia market in the latter half of 2005 (\$18.0 million). Average operating revenue per day for our rigs in this market increased to \$241,400 during the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$153,400 for the comparable period of 2005, reflecting the continued high demand for this class of rig in the GOM.

Excluding the *Ocean Baroness*, average utilization for our high-specification rigs in the GOM decreased slightly from 93% during the third quarter of 2005 to 91% in the third quarter of 2006, resulting in a \$4.7 million decrease in revenues generated in the third quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005. Downtime in the third quarter of 2006 primarily related to approximately one-and-one-half months of downtime for the *Ocean Confidence* for a scheduled survey and subsea problems and seven days of downtime for the *Ocean Victory* in connection with its mooring upgrade (which commenced in the second quarter of 2006). The decrease in utilization during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, was partly offset by the effect of the full utilization of the *Ocean Quest* during the 2006 period, compared to the third quarter of 2005 when the unit had 30 days of downtime for hurricane repairs.

Operating costs for our high-specification floaters in the GOM increased \$17.9 million during the third quarter of 2006 over operating costs for the same period in 2005. Excluding the *Ocean Baroness* which incurred \$9.3 million in operating expenses in the third quarter of 2006 while working in the GOM, operating costs increased \$8.6 million or 42% during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005. The increase in rig operating costs is primarily attributable to higher labor and benefits costs as a result of wage increases and other compensation enhancement programs implemented after the third quarter of 2005, higher routine and major maintenance and repair costs, higher overhead costs and higher inspection costs in connection with a survey for the *Ocean Confidence*.

General cost increases for maintenance and repairs between the third quarter of 2005 and the third quarter of 2006 reflect the impact of high, sustained utilization of our drilling units across our fleet and in all geographic locations in which we operate. In addition, the increase in overall operating and overhead costs also reflects the impact of higher prices throughout the offshore drilling industry and support businesses.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. Revenues generated by our high-specification rigs operating in the Australia/Asia/Middle East region increased slightly for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 compared to the comparable period in 2005, primarily due to an increase in average operating revenue per day for the *Ocean Rover* from \$150,700 in the third quarter of 2005 to \$180,900 in the third quarter of 2006 (\$2.8 million).

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Contract drilling expenses in this region decreased \$3.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to the relocation of the *Ocean Baroness* to the GOM in the latter half of 2005.

South America. Revenues for our two high-specification rigs operating offshore Brazil increased \$10.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to higher average dayrates earned by our rigs in this market as a result of contract renewals for both rigs in the latter part of 2005. Average operating revenue per day earned by the *Ocean Alliance* and *Ocean Clipper* increased to \$176,600 in the third quarter of 2006 from \$115,200 in the third quarter of 2005.

Contract drilling expense for our operations in Brazil increased \$2.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in costs is primarily due to higher labor and benefits costs as a result of 2005 and March 2006 pay increases and other compensation enhancement programs, increased agency fee costs (which are based on a percentage of revenues) and higher maintenance and project costs. *Intermediate Semisubmersibles.*

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	2005	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$ 58,103	\$ 24,338	\$ 33,765
Mexican GOM	19,007	21,420	(2,413)
Australia/Asia/Middle East	46,839	28,866	17,973
Europe/Africa	47,667	30,313	17,354
South America	17,905	13,356	4,549
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$189,521	\$118,293	\$ 71,228
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 24,209	\$ 13,826	\$ 10,383
Mexican GOM	18,359	14,353	4,006
Australia/Asia/Middle East	22,261	20,315	1,946
Europe/Africa	33,359	23,534	9,825
South America	13,560	10,860	2,700
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$111,748	\$ 82,888	\$ 28,860
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 77,773	\$ 35,405	\$ 42,368

GOM. Revenues generated during the third quarter of 2006 by our intermediate semisubmersible fleet increased \$33.8 million, compared to the same quarter of 2005, due to improved utilization of our fleet in this market (\$29.4 million) and higher average dayrates earned (\$4.3 million). Average dayrates earned by our intermediate semisubmersibles in the GOM increased to \$158,700 in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$90,400 in the third quarter of 2005.

The overall increase in utilization for our rigs in this market is primarily due to the full utilization of both the *Ocean New Era* (\$21.5 million) and the *Ocean Lexington* (\$14.2 million) in the third quarter of 2006 compared to the comparable period of 2005. The *Ocean New Era* returned to active service in December 2005, and the *Ocean*

Lexington was in a shipyard for the entire third quarter of 2005 for a steel renewal project. Partially offsetting the increase in utilization in the third quarter of 2006 was downtime for the *Ocean Voyager* which was in a shipyard for a month in connection with a mooring upgrade and nearly two months of downtime for the *Ocean Saratoga* due to the commencement of a special survey and a life enhancement project in August 2006.

Contract drilling expense for our operations in the GOM increased \$10.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to higher labor costs as a result of 2005 and March 2006 pay increases, higher repair and maintenance costs for most of our rigs in this market due to the high, sustained utilization of the fleet, mobilization costs associated with relocating the *Ocean Concord* and *Ocean*

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Voyager to a shipyard for a mooring upgrade and rental of mooring equipment as temporary replacements for equipment lost during the 2005 hurricanes in the GOM.

Mexican GOM. Revenues generated by our rigs operating in the Mexican GOM during the third quarter of 2006 decreased \$2.4 million as compared to the same period in 2005. In July 2006, PEMEX canceled its contract with the *Ocean Whittington* three months earlier than expected, and the drilling unit returned to the GOM. The early termination of the PEMEX contract in the third quarter of 2006 resulted in a \$4.8 million reduction in revenues earned during the period, partially offset by increased revenues earned by the *Ocean Worker* as a result of a small dayrate increase at the end of 2005. Operating costs in the Mexican GOM increased \$4.0 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005, primarily due to demobilization and inspection costs for the *Ocean Whittington* in connection with its move to the GOM and commencement of a survey during the 2006 period, as well as higher other operating costs, including the effect of 2005 and March 2006 wage increases for our rig-based personnel.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. Our intermediate semisubmersibles working in the Australia/Asia/Middle East region generated revenues of \$46.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to revenues of \$28.9 million in the comparable period of 2005. The \$18.0 million increase in operating revenues was primarily due to an increase in average operating revenue per day from \$77,100 in the third quarter of 2005 to \$130,000 during the third quarter of 2006, which generated \$18.9 million in additional revenues during the third quarter of 2006.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, we recognized \$1.3 million in mobilization revenue in connection with the 2004 mobilization of the *Ocean Patriot* from South Africa to New Zealand and the Bass Strait. We did not recognize any mobilization revenue for rig moves in this region during the quarter ended September 30, 2006. In the third quarter of 2006, we recognized \$0.2 million in revenues related to the amortization of a lump-sum option fee received from one of our customers.

Contract drilling expense for the Australia/Asia/Middle East region increased \$1.9 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005. The overall increase in costs is primarily attributable to higher labor costs as a result of wage increases after the third quarter of 2005, higher routine repair and maintenance costs, higher revenue-based agency fees and higher shorebase support and other miscellaneous operating costs. This increase was partially offset by the recognition of \$1.0 million in deferred mobilization expenses for the *Ocean Patriot* and *Ocean Epoch* in the third quarter of 2005. We did not recognize rig mobilization costs in this region in the third quarter of 2006 as there were no eligible rig moves during the period.

Europe/Africa. Operating revenues for our intermediate semisubmersibles working in this region increased \$17.4 million in the third quarter of 2006, primarily due to an increase in the average operating revenue per day from \$91,500 in the third quarter of 2005 to \$150,000 in the comparable period of 2006, primarily due to dayrate increases for our three rigs operating in the U.K. sector of the North Sea. This increase in average operating revenue per day generated \$16.7 million in additional revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2006.

Average utilization of our rigs in the Europe/Africa region decreased from 90% in the third quarter of 2005 to 86% in the third quarter of 2006. Although overall fleet utilization decreased for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the full utilization of the *Ocean Vanguard* in the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005 when the rig did not operate for nearly a month due to repair work, resulted in the generation of \$4.0 million in additional revenues in the 2006 quarter. This favorable revenue contribution was partly offset by decreased revenues from the *Ocean Princess* (\$3.7 million) due to 48 days of downtime during the third quarter of 2006 for an intermediate survey and related repairs.

Contract drilling expense for our intermediate semisubmersible rigs operating in the Europe/Africa region increased \$9.8 million during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005, primarily due to higher labor costs in the third quarter of 2006, reflective of wage increases after the third quarter of 2005, and additional mobilization, inspection and repair costs for the *Ocean Princess* in connection with its intermediate survey at the beginning of the third quarter of 2006.

South America. Our intermediate semisubmersibles working offshore Brazil generated revenues of \$17.9 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to revenues of \$13.4 million in the comparable period of 2005. The increase in operating revenues for the 2006 period was primarily the result of an increase in the average operating revenue per day earned by our two rigs in this market due to contract extensions for the *Ocean Yatzy* and *Ocean Winner* in the

fourth quarter of 2005 and in mid-March 2006, respectively. Average operating revenue per day

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increased from \$73,900 during the third quarter of 2005 to \$121,600 during the third quarter of 2006, generating \$7.6 million in additional revenue during the third quarter of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The favorable impact of the dayrate increases was partly offset by increased downtime for the *Ocean Yatzy* in the third quarter of 2006 for a thruster change-out, which resulted in approximately 35 days of downtime during the 2006 period, or a \$3.2 million reduction in revenues.

Operating expenses for the *Ocean Yatzy* and *Ocean Winner* increased \$2.7 million in the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to increased labor costs for our rig-based personnel as a result of wage increases and other compensation enhancement programs implemented after the third quarter of 2005, higher repair, maintenance and freight costs and other routine operating costs in the third quarter of 2006 compared to the same period of 2005.

Jack-Ups.

	Three Months Ended		
	September 30,	2005	Favorable/
	2006	(In	(Unfavorable)
		thousands)	
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$ 86,027	\$ 56,309	\$ 29,718
Australia/Asia/Middle East	17,580	12,662	4,918
Europe/Africa	13,539		13,539
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$ 117,146	\$ 68,971	\$ 48,175
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 29,237	\$ 23,737	\$ 5,500
Australia/Asia/Middle East	7,372	6,193	1,179
Europe/Africa	4,534		4,534
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$ 41,143	\$ 29,930	\$ 11,213
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 76,003	\$ 39,041	\$ 36,962

GOM. Our operating results in this region reflect an improvement in average operating dayrates for jack-up rigs in the GOM during the third quarter of 2006, as compared to the same period of 2005. Excluding the *Ocean Warwick*, which was declared a constructive total loss in the third quarter of 2005 due to damages sustained during Hurricane Katrina, our average operating revenue per day increased to \$65,100 during the third quarter of 2006 from \$55,400 during the same period in 2005 resulting in additional revenues of \$42.1 million in the 2006 period. Average utilization for our jack-up fleet in the GOM decreased from 93% in the third quarter of 2005 to 87% for the third quarter of 2006, primarily due to the relocation of the *Ocean Spur* to Tunisia during the first quarter 2006, downtime for the *Ocean Nugget* which spent the majority of the third quarter of 2006 preparing for its contract with PEMEX (and which began its tow to the Mexican GOM late in the third quarter of 2006), approximately 18 days of downtime for the *Ocean Summit* for a survey and shipyard repairs and the *Ocean Spartan* which was ready-stacked for approximately 15 days during the third quarter of 2006. This decrease in utilization resulted in reduced revenues of \$8.3 million in the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005. During the third quarter of 2005, the *Ocean Warwick* generated revenues of \$4.0 million.

Contract drilling expenses for our jack-ups operating in the GOM increased \$5.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, compared to same period in 2005. The increase in operating expenses in the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005, is primarily due to higher labor and other personnel-related costs as a result of 2005 and 2006 wage increases, higher maintenance and repair costs for nearly our entire jack-up fleet in the GOM and higher miscellaneous operating and overhead costs for most of our jack-up rigs in this region. During the third quarter of 2006 we incurred \$1.3 million in mobilization costs for the *Ocean Summit* in connection with its survey and shipyard repairs. These cost increases were partially offset by the absence of operating costs for the *Ocean Spur* and *Ocean Warwick* during the third quarter of 2006.

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Australia/Asia/Middle East. Revenues for our jack-ups in the Australia/Asia and Middle East regions were \$17.6 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$12.7 million for the same period in 2005. The \$4.9 million increase in revenues is primarily due to higher average dayrates earned by our two rigs in this region during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005, which resulted in the generation of \$7.2 million in additional revenues in the 2006 period. The *Ocean Heritage* began operating under a new contract early in the second quarter of 2006 at a significantly higher dayrate than previously contracted.

The favorable impact of the higher dayrates in 2006 was partially offset by approximately one month of downtime for the *Ocean Sovereign* in the third quarter of 2006 for a survey and leg repairs, which resulted in a \$2.2 million reduction in revenues for the period as compared to the prior year.

Contract drilling expense for our jack-ups in the Australia/Asia and Middle East regions increased \$1.2 million to \$7.4 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to operating expenses of \$6.2 million for the comparable period in 2005. The general increase in operating costs for our rigs in this region during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, is the result of higher labor costs in the third quarter of 2006 as a result of late 2005 and early 2006 wage increases, higher maintenance and inspection costs primarily for the *Ocean Sovereign* and higher revenue-based agency fees. These cost increases were partially offset by the absence of mobilization costs for the *Ocean Heritage* in the third quarter of 2006.

Europe/Africa. The *Ocean Spur* operated offshore Tunisia during the third quarter of 2006 and generated \$11.8 million in revenues. We also recognized \$1.7 million in deferred mobilization revenue and incurred operating expenses of \$4.5 million during the third quarter of 2006. We did not have any jack-up rigs operating in the Europe/Africa region during the comparable period of 2005.

Other Contract Drilling.

Other contract drilling expenses increased \$7.1 million during the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005, primarily due to the inclusion of \$5.9 million in costs related to anchor boat rental and other costs associated with our mooring enhancement and hurricane preparedness activities, which were implemented in response to mooring issues which arose during the 2005 hurricane season.

Reimbursable expenses, net.

Revenues related to reimbursable items, offset by the related expenditures for these items, were \$2.0 million and \$1.6 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Reimbursable expenses include items that we purchase, and/or services we perform, at the request of our customers. We charge our customers for purchases and/or services performed on their behalf at cost, plus a mark-up where applicable. Therefore, net reimbursables fluctuate based on customer requirements, which vary.

Depreciation.

Depreciation expense increased \$3.3 million to \$49.8 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$46.5 million in the third quarter of 2005, primarily due to depreciation associated with capital additions in 2005 and in the first nine months of 2006, partially offset by lower depreciation expense resulting from the declaration of a constructive total loss of the *Ocean Warwick* in the third quarter of 2005.

General and Administrative Expense.

We incurred general and administrative expense of \$10.0 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$8.9 million in the same period in 2005. The \$1.0 million increase in overhead costs between the periods was primarily due to stock-based compensation expense recorded in connection with our adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 123 (R), Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, or SFAS 123 (R), effective January 1, 2006. An increase in staffing requirements and engineering consulting fees and higher salaries in 2006 also contributed to the increase over the prior year quarter.

Casualty Gain on Ocean Warwick.

We recognized a \$33.6 million casualty gain during the third quarter of 2005 as a result of the constructive total loss of the *Ocean Warwick*, resulting from damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

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Interest Income.

We earned interest income of \$10.0 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$6.1 million in the same period in 2005. The \$3.9 million increase in interest income is primarily the result of the combined effect of slightly higher interest rates earned on higher average cash balances in the third quarter of 2006, as compared to the 2005 period. See *Liquidity and Capital Requirements* and *Historical Cash Flows*.

Interest Expense.

The \$2.2 million decrease in interest cost for the third quarter of 2006, as compared to the same period in 2005, was primarily attributable to \$2.8 million in interest costs we capitalized in connection with qualifying upgrades and construction projects.

Other Income and Expense (Other, net).

Included in *Other, net* are foreign currency translation adjustments and transaction gains and losses and other income and expense items, among other things, which are not attributable to our drilling operations. The components of *Other, net* fluctuate based on the level of activity, as well as fluctuations in foreign currencies. We recorded other income, net of \$2.8 million and \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Effective October 1, 2005, we changed the functional currency of certain of our subsidiaries operating outside the United States to the U.S. dollar to more appropriately reflect the primary economic environment in which these subsidiaries operate. Prior to this date, these subsidiaries utilized the local currency of the country in which they conducted business as their functional currency. During the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, we recognized net foreign currency exchange gains of \$3.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Prior to the fourth quarter of 2005, we accounted for foreign currency translation gains and losses as a component of *Accumulated other comprehensive losses* in our Consolidated Balance Sheets included in Item 1 of Part I of this report.

Income Tax Expense.

We recognized income tax expense of \$58.6 million on pre-tax income of \$223.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to income tax expense of \$37.4 million on pre-tax income of \$119.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. Our estimated annual effective tax rate was 28.1% as of September 30, 2006 and 29.5% as of September 30, 2005.

The estimated annual effective rate of 28.1% at September 30, 2006 declined from the previous estimate of 28.5% at June 30, 2006. Tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was also partially offset by 2005 return to provision adjustments of \$2.5 million. Of the 2005 return to provision adjustments, \$2.2 million resulted from a deduction allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 199 attributable to qualified production activities that was previously thought to be inapplicable to the drilling industry. The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service issued guidelines during the second quarter of 2006 clarifying that the deduction is available to the drilling industry with respect to qualified production activities. Inclusion of the return to provision adjustments for the third quarter of 2006, along with the effect of the 0.4% decline in the estimated annual effective tax rate from June 30, 2006, resulted in an actual effective tax rate of 26.3% for the quarter.

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Comparative data relating to our revenues and operating expenses by equipment type are listed below. We have reclassified certain amounts applicable to the prior periods to conform to the classifications we currently follow. Such reclassifications do not affect earnings.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006		2005	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
			(In thousands)	
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE				
High Specification Floaters	\$ 545,702	\$ 304,824		\$ 240,878
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	562,324	325,634		236,690
Jack-ups	323,470	192,834		130,636
Other		(70)		70
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$ 1,431,496	\$ 823,222		\$ 608,274
Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 42,878	\$ 29,457		\$ 13,421
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE				
High Specification Floaters	\$ 178,026	\$ 134,792		\$ 43,234
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	293,819	238,853		54,966
Jack-ups	113,223	90,587		22,636
Other	14,203	7,008		7,195
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$ 599,271	\$ 471,240		\$ 128,031
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 37,083	\$ 24,784		\$ 12,299
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)				
High Specification Floaters	\$ 367,676	\$ 170,032		\$ 197,644
Intermediate Semisubmersibles	268,505	86,781		181,724
Jack-ups	210,247	102,247		108,000
Other	(14,203)	(7,078)		(7,125)
Reimbursable expenses, net	5,795	4,673		1,122
Depreciation	(148,858)	(137,944)		(10,914)
General and administrative expense	(29,786)	(27,587)		(2,199)
Gain (loss) on sale and disposition of assets	(2,191)	8,753		(10,944)
Casualty gain on <i>Ocean Warwick</i>		33,605		(33,605)
Total Operating Income	\$ 657,185	\$ 233,482		\$ 423,703

Continued strong demand for our rigs in all markets and geographic regions resulted in high utilization and historically high dayrates during the first nine months of 2006. Due to this continuing strong demand, our operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$423.7 million, or 181%, to \$657.2 million,

compared to \$233.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Dayrates have generally increased during 2006, compared to 2005, resulting in the generation of additional contract drilling revenues by our fleet. However, overall revenue increases were negatively impacted by the effect of downtime associated with mandatory surveys and related repair time and lower dayrates earned by some of our semisubmersible rigs due to previously established job sequencing that caused the units to temporarily roll to older contracts with lower dayrates. Total contract drilling revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$608.3 million, or 74%, to \$1,431.5 million, compared to the first nine months of 2005.

Our results for the first nine months of 2006 were also impacted by higher expenses related to our mooring enhancement and other hurricane preparedness activities, wage increases in late 2005 and the first quarter of 2006 and surveys performed during 2006. The increase in survey costs included higher expenses for survey-related services and higher boat charges associated with moving rigs to and from shipyards. In addition, overall cost increases for maintenance and repairs between the first nine months of 2005 and the comparable period of 2006 reflect the impact of high, sustained utilization of our drilling units and an increase in operating and overhead costs due to higher prices throughout the offshore drilling industry and its support businesses. Total contract drilling expenses for the first nine months of 2006 increased \$128.0 million, or 27%, to \$599.3 million, compared to the

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same period of 2005. Our operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 included a \$33.6 million casualty gain due to the constructive total loss of the *Ocean Warwick* as a result of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 and an \$8.0 million pre-tax gain related to the June 2005 sale of the *Ocean Liberator*.

High Specification Floaters.

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,	2005	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	(In	
		thousands)	
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$ 403,948	\$ 201,566	\$ 202,382
Australia/Asia/Middle East	47,688	53,110	(5,422)
South America	94,066	50,148	43,918
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$ 545,702	\$ 304,824	\$ 240,878
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 108,916	\$ 64,048	\$ 44,868
Australia/Asia/Middle East	17,971	29,821	(11,850)
South America	51,139	40,923	10,216
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$ 178,026	\$ 134,792	\$ 43,234
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 367,676	\$ 170,032	\$ 197,644

GOM. Revenues generated by our high-specification rigs in the GOM increased \$202.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to higher average dayrates earned during the period and revenues generated by the *Ocean Baroness*, which relocated to the GOM from the Australia/Asia market in the latter half of 2005 (\$48.4 million). Excluding the *Ocean Baroness*, average operating revenue per day for our rigs in this market increased to \$230,600 during the first nine months of 2006 compared to \$127,400 for the same period in 2005, generating \$160.8 million in additional revenues during the first nine months of 2006. The higher overall dayrates achieved for our high-specification floaters reflect the continuing high demand for this class of rig in the GOM.

Average utilization of our high-specification floater fleet in the GOM, excluding the contribution by the *Ocean Baroness*, decreased slightly to 95% for the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, and resulted in a \$6.9 million decrease in revenue for the 2006 period. The decrease in average utilization for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, is due to approximately 45 days and 20 days of downtime for the *Ocean Confidence* and *Ocean Victory*, respectively. Downtime for the *Ocean Confidence* was associated with a survey, equipment change-out and subsea problems, while downtime for the *Ocean Victory* was due to its mooring upgrade. These decreases in utilization were partly offset by approximately 30 additional operating days for the *Ocean Quest* during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to downtime incurred in 2005 for hurricane-related repairs to the rig.

Operating costs during the first nine months of 2006 for our high-specification floaters in the GOM increased \$44.9 million over operating costs incurred during the comparable period in 2005. The increase in operating costs is primarily due to the inclusion of normal operating costs and mobilization expenses for the *Ocean Baroness* during the first nine months of 2006 (\$27.0 million) compared to the prior year period when this drilling rig operated offshore

Indonesia. In addition, our operating expenses for the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, reflect higher labor and benefits costs related to late 2005 and 2006 wage increases, higher repair and maintenance costs, and higher miscellaneous operating expenses, including catering costs.

General cost increases for maintenance and repairs between the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and the comparable period of 2006 reflect the impact of high, sustained utilization of our drilling units across our fleet and in all geographic locations in which we operate. In addition, the increase in overall operating and overhead costs also reflects the impact of higher prices throughout the offshore drilling industry and support businesses.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. Revenues generated by our rigs in the Australia/Asia/Middle East region decreased \$5.4 million to \$47.7 million for the first nine months of 2006 as compared to revenues of \$53.1 million in the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to the relocation of the *Ocean Baroness* from this market to the GOM

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in the latter half of 2005. Prior to its departure to the GOM, the *Ocean Baroness* generated \$18.2 million in revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The decrease in revenues for the region was partially offset by a \$12.8 million increase in revenues generated by the *Ocean Rover* during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, primarily due to an increase in the dayrate earned by the unit in the 2006 period as compared to the prior year period. Average operating revenue per day during the first nine months of 2006 for the *Ocean Rover* increased from \$135,300 to \$175,800.

Contract drilling expenses in this region decreased \$11.8 million during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to the relocation of the *Ocean Baroness* to the GOM (\$14.7 million). This decrease was partially offset by an increase in operating costs for the *Ocean Rover* during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period of 2005, primarily related to higher personnel-related costs as a result of late 2005 and March 2006 pay increases, increased agency fee costs (which are based on a percentage of revenues) and higher other miscellaneous operating expenses.

South America. Revenues for our high-specification rigs operating offshore Brazil increased \$43.9 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to higher average dayrates earned by our rigs in this market (\$38.9 million). Average operating revenue per day earned by the *Ocean Alliance* and the *Ocean Clipper* increased to \$179,700 during the first nine months of 2006 up from \$105,300 during the comparable period in 2005 as a result of contract renewals for both rigs in the latter part of 2005. Utilization for our rigs offshore Brazil increased from 87% during the first nine months of 2005 to 96% during the first nine months of 2006, contributing \$5.0 million in additional revenues in 2006, primarily due to less downtime in the first nine months of 2006 for repairs.

Contract drilling expenses for our operations offshore Brazil increased \$10.2 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in costs is primarily due to higher labor, benefits and other personnel-related costs as a result of 2005 and March 2006 pay increases and other compensation enhancement programs, increased agency fee costs (which are based on a percentage of revenues), higher freight costs and higher maintenance and project costs.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	2005	
	(In thousands)		
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$ 156,800	\$ 70,173	\$ 86,627
Mexican GOM	62,351	63,753	(1,402)
Australia/Asia/Middle East	139,257	80,133	59,124
Europe/Africa	146,971	74,961	72,010
South America	56,945	36,614	20,331
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$562,324	\$325,634	\$236,690
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 59,192	\$ 33,536	\$ 25,656
Mexican GOM	49,090	42,009	7,081
Australia/Asia/Middle East	64,597	62,146	2,451
Europe/Africa	82,713	70,672	12,041
South America	38,227	30,490	7,737
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$293,819	\$238,853	\$ 54,966
OPERATING INCOME	\$268,505	\$ 86,781	\$181,724

GOM. Revenues generated in the first nine months of 2006 by our intermediate semisubmersible fleet operating in the GOM increased \$86.6 million due to a combination of higher dayrates earned (\$42.2 million) and higher utilization of our fleet in this market (\$44.4 million) as compared to the first nine months of 2005. Average operating revenue per day increased to \$127,800 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to \$74,900 for the same period in 2005. The increase in overall utilization for our intermediate semisubmersibles during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 is primarily due to the reactivation of the *Ocean New Era* in December 2005.

Contract drilling expense for our intermediate semisubmersibles operations in the GOM increased \$25.7 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to normal operating costs for the *Ocean New Era* in 2006 (\$5.7 million), higher labor and benefits costs as a result of September 2005 and March 2006 wage increases for our rig-based personnel, higher maintenance and other miscellaneous operating costs, mobilization costs associated with mooring upgrades for the *Ocean Concord* and *Ocean Voyager* and rental of mooring lines and chains as temporary replacements for equipment lost during the 2005 hurricanes in the GOM.

Mexican GOM. Revenues generated by our four intermediate semisubmersible rigs which operated in the Mexican GOM during the first nine months of 2006 decreased \$1.4 million compared to the same period of 2005. The net decrease in revenues during the first nine months of 2006 is primarily due to PEMEX's cancellation of its contract for the *Ocean Whittington* in July 2006, which was three months earlier than anticipated, partially offset by increased revenues for the *Ocean Worker* as a result of a small dayrate increase in December 2005. The remaining three rigs continue operating under long-term contracts, which we entered into with PEMEX in 2003, until late 2006 or 2007. Operating costs in the Mexican GOM increased \$7.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006,

compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to the effect of 2005 and March 2006 wage increases for our rig-based personnel, as well as higher repair and maintenance, other miscellaneous operating costs and overheads. In addition, we incurred additional costs associated with the demobilization of the *Ocean Whittington* from offshore Mexico to the GOM and commencement of a five-year survey upon its arrival in the GOM.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. Our intermediate semisubmersibles working in the Australia/Asia/Middle East region generated revenues of \$139.3 million during the first nine months of 2006, compared to revenues of \$80.1 million in the same period of 2005. The \$59.1 million increase in operating revenues was primarily due to an increase in average operating revenue per day from \$79,700 during the first nine months of 2005 to \$127,800 for the first nine months of 2006, as all of our four semisubmersible rigs in this region are currently working at contracted dayrates higher than those earned in the comparable period of 2005. The increase in average dayrates for the first nine months of 2006 generated \$58.1 million in additional revenues in 2006. In addition, the full utilization of the

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Ocean Epoch during the first nine months of 2006 generated an additional \$5.2 million in revenues, compared to the first nine months of 2005 when this drilling unit only worked for approximately four months due to scheduled downtime for a 5-year survey, other regulatory inspections and contract preparation work in advance of its relocation offshore Malaysia.

During the first nine months of 2005, we recognized \$5.7 million in lump-sum mobilization revenue in connection with the 2004 mobilization of the *Ocean Patriot* from South Africa to New Zealand and the Bass Strait. We did not recognize any mobilization revenue for rig moves in this region during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. However, during the first nine months of 2006, we recognized \$1.2 million in revenues related to lump-sum fees received from two of our customers in connection with capital improvements to one of our rigs and a drilling option for another rig.

Contract drilling expense for the Australia/Asia/Middle East region increased slightly from \$62.1 million during the first nine months of 2005 to \$64.6 million during the same period in 2006. The \$2.5 million net increase in costs for the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005 is primarily the result of higher labor costs (due to wage increases in late 2005 and March 2006), higher repair and maintenance costs, higher revenue-based agency fees and higher other operating costs. These unfavorable costs trends were partially offset by lower survey costs for the *Ocean Epoch* in connection with its 5-year survey in 2005 and the recognition of \$4.2 million in deferred mobilization expenses for the *Ocean Patriot* during the first nine months of 2005.

Europe/Africa. Operating revenues for our intermediate semisubmersibles working in this region increased \$72.0 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to an increase in the average operating revenue per day earned by our rigs in this market, which generated \$49.3 million in additional revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Average dayrates for our rigs operating in this market increased from \$86,000 in the first nine months of 2005 to \$141,500 in the comparable period of 2006, primarily due to dayrate increases for our three rigs operating in the U.K. sector of the North Sea.

Average utilization for our rigs in the Europe/Africa region increased from 80% in the first nine months of 2005 to 92% in the first nine months of 2006, generating \$18.8 million in additional revenues. The increase in average utilization is primarily due to higher utilization in the first nine months of 2006 for the *Ocean Vanguard*, compared to the first nine months of 2005 when this unit experienced more than five months of downtime due to an anchor winch failure and for a 5-year survey and related repairs. Utilization of our three rigs operating in the U.K. sector of the North Sea remained unchanged at 91% due to the effect of the nearly full utilization of the *Ocean Nomad* during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005 when the rig was ready-stacked for almost three weeks and experienced almost a full month of downtime for repairs, partially offset by decreased utilization for the *Ocean Princess* which was in a shipyard for 48 days for an intermediate survey during the first nine months of 2006. In comparison, the *Ocean Princess* operated for nearly the entire first nine months of 2005.

We also recognized \$4.3 million in revenues during the first nine months of 2006 related to the amortization of lump-sum fees received from customers for capital improvements to the *Ocean Guardian* and *Ocean Vanguard*.

Contract drilling expenses for our intermediate semisubmersible rigs operating in the Europe/Africa region increased \$12.0 million during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to increased costs for the *Ocean Guardian* and *Ocean Princess*, which underwent surveys and performed related repairs, including mobilization costs, during the 2006 period. Also contributing to the increase were higher personnel and related costs, reflecting the impact of wage increases after September 2005 and higher overall other operating costs. These cost increases in the first nine months of 2006 were partially offset by lower maintenance costs for the *Ocean Vanguard* in 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005 and the absence of mobilization costs in the first nine months of 2006 related to the *Ocean Nomad*'s relocation from Gabon to the North Sea at the end of 2004, which were fully recognized in 2005.

South America. Our intermediate semisubmersibles working offshore Brazil generated revenues of \$56.9 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to revenues of \$36.6 million in the same period of 2005. The increase in revenues was primarily the result of an increase in the average operating revenue per day earned by our two rigs in this market. As a result of contract extensions for the *Ocean Yatzy* and *Ocean Winner* in the fourth quarter of 2005 and in mid-March 2006, respectively, average operating revenue per day increased from \$68,700 to \$115,000 in the nine

months ended September 30, 2006. This increase in average operating revenue per day generated \$23.1 million in additional revenue during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005.

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Reduced utilization for our two intermediate semisubmersible rigs operating offshore Brazil during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, is the result of additional downtime for repairs during the 2006 period, including 35 days of downtime for a thruster change-out on the *Ocean Yatzy*. This decrease in utilization resulted in a \$2.8 million reduction in revenues generated during the first nine months of 2006.

Operating expenses for the *Ocean Yatzy* and *Ocean Winner* increased \$7.7 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to increased labor costs for our rig-based personnel as a result of wage increases and other compensation enhancement programs implemented after the third quarter of 2005, higher revenue-based agency fees, higher repair, maintenance and freight costs and other routine operating costs in the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005.

Jack-Ups.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
	2006	2005	
		(In thousands)	
CONTRACT DRILLING REVENUE			
GOM	\$245,877	\$156,640	\$ 89,237
Australia/Asia/Middle East	48,230	36,194	12,036
Europe/Africa	29,363		29,363
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	\$323,470	\$192,834	\$130,636
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
GOM	\$ 83,792	\$ 72,143	\$ 11,649
Australia/Asia/Middle East	19,128	18,444	684
Europe/Africa	10,303		10,303
Total Contract Drilling Expense	\$113,223	\$ 90,587	\$ 22,636
OPERATING INCOME	\$210,247	\$102,247	\$108,000

GOM. Our operating results in this region are reflective of the improvement in average operating dayrates for jack-up rigs in the GOM during the first nine months of 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005. Excluding the *Ocean Warwick* which was declared a constructive total loss in the third quarter of 2005, our average operating revenue per day increased to \$97,900 during the first nine months of 2006 from \$49,800 during the same period in 2005, generating additional revenues of \$121.1 million. Average utilization for our jack-up fleet in the GOM decreased from 97% during the first nine months of 2005 to 84% for the first nine months of 2006. Utilization for our jack-up fleet in the GOM during the first nine months of 2006 was negatively impacted by the relocation of the *Ocean Spur* to Tunisia in the first quarter of 2006, over five months of downtime for the *Ocean Nugget* in connection with a special survey, related repairs and contract preparation work in connection with the rig's 912-day contract with PEMEX and nearly three months of downtime for the *Ocean Spartan* for leg repairs and its ready-stacking while waiting on a contract. The decrease in utilization for the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period of 2005, resulted in reduced revenues of \$20.0 million. During the first nine months of 2005, the *Ocean Warwick* generated revenues of \$11.8 million.

Contract drilling expenses for our jack-ups operating in the GOM increased \$11.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in operating expenses in the first nine

months of 2006 is primarily due to higher labor and other personnel-related costs as a result of late 2005 and March 2006 wage increases, costs associated with a special survey for the *Ocean Nugget* and leg/spud can repairs for the *Ocean Spartan*, higher overheads, catering and other miscellaneous operating expenses. These increases in contract drilling expenses were partially offset by the absence of operating costs for the *Ocean Warwick* during the 2006 period and lower operating costs for the *Ocean Spur* (which only operated in the GOM for 45 days during the first nine months of 2006 before relocating to Tunisia as compared to working the entire first nine months of 2005) in the GOM.

Australia/Asia/Middle East. Revenues for our jack-ups in the Australia/Asia and Middle East regions were \$48.2 million for the first nine months of 2006 compared to \$36.2 million for the same period in 2005. The \$12.0 million increase in revenues in this region during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of

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2005 is primarily attributable to higher average operating dayrates and utilization for both of our jack-up rigs in this region (\$11.1 million) partially offset by the lower recognition of deferred mobilization revenues in 2006 (\$2.8 million). Average dayrates for our jack-up rigs in this region increased from \$72,400 during the first nine months of 2005 to \$93,400 during the first nine months of 2006 and average rig utilization increased from 84% in the first nine months of 2005 to 94% in the first nine months of 2006. The net increase in utilization in 2006 is primarily due to the nearly full utilization of the *Ocean Heritage* during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005 when the rig experienced downtime associated with its relocation from India to Qatar and leg repairs, which was partially offset by the effect of approximately one month of downtime for the *Ocean Sovereign* for an inspection and leg repairs in the third quarter of 2006.

Contract drilling expenses for our jack-ups in the Australia/Asia and Middle East regions increased slightly from \$18.4 million during the first nine months of 2005 to \$19.1 million during the first nine months of 2006. Higher labor costs in the first nine months of 2006 as a result of 2005 and early 2006 wage increases, higher maintenance and revenue-based agency fees were partially offset by the incurrence of costs during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 related to an insurance deductible for leg damage to the *Ocean Heritage* and increased mobilization costs related to relocation of the *Ocean Sovereign* to locations offshore Bangladesh and Indonesia during the first nine months of 2005, which did not recur during the comparable period of 2006.

Europe/Africa. The *Ocean Spur* began operating offshore Tunisia in mid-March 2006 and generated \$29.4 million in revenues, including the recognition of \$3.7 million in deferred mobilization revenue, and incurred operating expenses of \$10.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. We did not have any of our jack-up rigs working in this region during the same period in 2005.

Other Contract Drilling.

Other contract drilling expenses increased \$7.2 million during the first nine months of 2006, compared to the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to the inclusion of \$5.9 million in costs related to anchor boat rental and other costs associated with our mooring enhancement and hurricane preparedness activities, which were implemented in response to mooring issues which arose during the 2005 hurricane season.

Reimbursable expenses, net.

Revenues related to reimbursable items, offset by the related expenditures for these items, were \$5.8 million and \$4.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Reimbursable expenses include items that we purchase, and/or services we perform, at the request of our customers. We charge our customers for purchases and/or services performed on their behalf at cost, plus a mark-up where applicable. Therefore, net reimbursables fluctuate based on customer requirements, which vary.

Depreciation.

Depreciation expense increased \$10.9 million to \$148.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$137.9 million during the same period in 2005 primarily due to depreciation associated with capital additions in 2005 and the first nine months of 2006, partially offset by lower depreciation expense resulting from the declaration of a constructive total loss of the *Ocean Warwick* in the third quarter of 2005.

General and Administrative Expense.

We incurred general and administrative expense of \$29.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$27.6 million for the same period in 2005. The \$2.2 million increase in overhead costs between the periods was primarily due to stock-based compensation expense recorded in connection with our adoption of SFAS 123 (R), effective January 1, 2006.

Gain (Loss) on