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Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. **Pricing Term Sheet**

Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. Issuer:

\$500,000,000 Size: Maturity: October 15, 2039

Coupon: 5.70% Price to Public: 99.344% Yield to Maturity: 5.746%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +175 basis points

Benchmark Treasury: 4.25% due May 15, 2039

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 3.996%

Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, commencing April

15, 2010

Make-Whole Call: Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points

October 5, 2009 Trade Date: Settlement Date: T+3; October 8, 2009

CUSIP / ISIN: 25271CAL6 / US25271CAL63

Ratings:* Baa1 (stable outlook) / A- (stable outlook)

Joint Book-Running Managers: Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Comerica Securities Co-Managers: Fortis Securities LLC HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

Mizuho Securities USA Inc. UniCredit Capital Markets, Inc. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

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