UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2014

DiamondRock Hospitality Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-32514 (Commission File Number) 20-1180098 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1500 Bethesda, MD 20814 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(240) 744-1150

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 19, 2014, DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the "<u>Company</u>") appointed Briony Quinn as its Chief Accounting Officer, effective immediately. Ms. Quinn will be the Company's principal accounting officer reporting to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Sean Mahoney. Accordingly, Mr. Mahoney will no longer serve as the Company's principal accounting officer.

Ms. Quinn, age 41, served as the Company's Vice President and Corporate Controller since September 2008. Previously, Ms. Quinn served as the Company's Vice President and Assistant Controller since joining the Company in June 2007. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Quinn was the Vice President, Finance and Accounting at MeriStar Hospitality Corporation from 2004 to 2007. Ms. Quinn is a certified public accountant and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Providence College in 1995.

Ms. Quinn has no family relationships with any director, executive officer, or person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer of the Company. Ms. Quinn is not a party to any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Ms. Quinn will continue working under her existing compensation arrangement. Ms. Quinn has not entered into any material plan, contract, arrangement or amendment in connection with her appointment as Chief Accounting Officer. Ms. Quinn will not receive any grant or award as a result of her appointment.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Ms. Quinn's appointment as Chief Accounting Officer is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

 Exhibit
 Description

 90.1
 Press Release dated February 24, 2014

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 24, 2014

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Tennis

William J. Tennis Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary



COMPANY CONTACT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

DIAMONDROCK ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF BRIONY R. QUINN TO CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

BETHESDA, Maryland, Monday, February 24, 2014 – DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the "Company") (NYSE: DRH) today announced the promotion of Briony R. Quinn to Chief Accounting Officer.

Ms. Quinn, age 41, joined the Company in June 2007 as its Vice President and Assistant Corporate Controller and was promoted to Vice President and Corporate Controller in September 2008. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Quinn was the Vice President, Finance and Accounting at MeriStar Hospitality Corporation. Ms. Quinn has a broad range of professional experience, including positions at Arthur Andersen LLP and Beers + Cutler. Ms. Quinn is a certified public accountant and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Providence College.

"Briony has been a valuable member of our management team for almost 7 years. She is a great leader in our Company with excellent judgment and a deep understanding of our business and strategy. This is a well-deserved promotion and I look forward to continuing to work with Briony in the coming years," said Sean M. Mahoney, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

About the Company

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT) that is an owner of a leading portfolio of geographically diversified hotels concentrated in top gateway markets and destination resort locations. The Company owns 26 premium quality hotels with over 11,100 rooms. The Company has strategically positioned its hotels to generally be operated under the leading global brands such as Hilton, Marriott, and Westin. For further information on the Company and its portfolio, please visit DiamondRock Hospitality Company's website at <u>www.drhc.com</u>.

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