
**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): April 15, 2011

DiamondRock Hospitality Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		20814 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(240) 744-1150**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On April 15, 2011, two subsidiaries of DiamondRock Hospitality Company ("**DiamondRock**") closed on a limited recourse real estate loan in the amount of \$100 million (the "**Loan**") pursuant to a loan agreement with the Royal Bank of Scotland, PLC. The Loan is secured by a mortgage on DiamondRock's Hilton Minneapolis hotel and matures on April 1, 2021. The Loan bears interest at an annual fixed interest rate of 5.464% and amortizes on a 25-year schedule. The loan agreement for this Loan includes customary events of default that are usual for loans of this type.

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 18, 2011, DiamondRock issued a press release reporting the closing of the loan described in Item 2.03. A copy of that press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K ("**Current Report**") as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. The press release has also been posted in the investor relations/presentations section of its website at www.drhc.com.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

See Index to Exhibits attached hereto.

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.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

Date: April 18, 2011

By: /s/ William J. Tennis
William J. Tennis
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated April 18, 2011

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011****DIAMONDROCK RAISES \$100 MILLION THROUGH SECURED FINANCING ON THE HILTON MINNEAPOLIS**

BETHESDA, MD, April 18, 2011 – DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the “Company”) (NYSE: DRH) today announced that it has closed on a new \$100 million loan (the “Loan”). The Loan is limited recourse and secured by a mortgage on the Hilton Minneapolis. The Loan has a 10-year term, bears interest at an annual fixed rate of 5.464% and will amortize on a 25-year schedule. The Company acquired the Hilton Minneapolis in June 2010 for approximately \$157 million and the hotel was previously unencumbered by debt.

“The \$100 million in cash proceeds from this loan bolsters the Company’s already strong cash position and further positions DiamondRock to be a preferred buyer in this hotel acquisition market. At the mid-point of our guidance, we project to have over \$300 million of cash available for acquisitions in 2011, not including any incremental debt. The Company will continue to focus on the attractive pipeline of acquisition opportunities on the market,” stated Mark W. Brugger, Chief Executive Officer of DiamondRock Hospitality Company.

About the Company

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a leading self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT) that is an owner of premium hotel properties throughout the United States. The Company owns 23 hotels with over 10,700 rooms and holds the senior loan on a 443-room hotel. For further information, please visit DiamondRock Hospitality Company’s website at www.drhc.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws and regulations. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “project,” “anticipate,” and other similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions and forecasts of future results. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made. These risks include, but are not limited to: national and local economic and business conditions that will affect occupancy rates at our hotels and the demand for hotel products and services; operating risks associated with the hotel business; risks associated with the level of our indebtedness and our ability to meet covenants in our debt agreements; our ability to complete acquisitions; the performance of acquired properties after they are acquired; necessary capital expenditures on the acquired properties; and our ability to continue to satisfy complex rules in order for us to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes; and other risks and uncertainties associated with our business described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that the expectations will be attained or that any deviation will not be material. All information in this release is as of the date of this release, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in our expectations.