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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
December 20, 2012**

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**DiamondRock Hospitality Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-32514**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-1180098**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**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)

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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))
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**ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 20, 2012, DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the closing of a \$74 million loan secured by a mortgage on its Westin Washington D.C. City Center hotel. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. The press release has also been posted in the investor relations/presentations section of the Company’s website at [www.drhc.com](http://www.drhc.com).

The information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**ITEM 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 20, 2012, the Company closed on a \$74 million loan secured by a mortgage on its Westin Washington D.C. City Center hotel. The loan has a term of 10 years and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.99 percent. The Company used the net proceeds from the loan to repay a portion of the outstanding borrowings under its senior unsecured credit facility.

**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: December 21, 2012

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 December 20, 2012

**COMPANY CONTACT**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012****DIAMONDROCK CLOSES \$74 MILLION SECURED FINANCING ON THE WESTIN WASHINGTON D.C. CITY CENTER HOTEL**

**BETHESDA, MD, December 20, 2012** – **DiamondRock Hospitality Company** (the “Company”) (NYSE: **DRH**) today announced that it closed on a \$74 million loan secured by a mortgage on the Westin Washington D.C. City Center. The loan bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.99% and has a term of ten years.

“This financing accomplished several positives for DiamondRock by locking-in low interest rates for 10 years, significantly reducing outstanding borrowings on the Company’s credit facility, and further laddering our maturity schedule. We are very pleased with the attractive long-term financing for this loan.” stated Sean M. Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer of DiamondRock Hospitality Company.

The loan proceeds will be utilized to repay the majority of the outstanding borrowings on the Company’s credit facility. The Company expects to end the year with \$20 million outstanding on its \$200 million senior unsecured credit facility. After completion of this loan, DiamondRock Hospitality Company has 15 of its 27 hotels unencumbered by any property-specific debt.

**About the Company**

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a self-advised real estate investment trust (REIT) that is an owner of premium hotel properties. The Company owns 27 premium hotels with approximately 11,600 rooms and holds the senior mortgage loan on another premium hotel. The Company’s hotels are generally operated under globally recognized brands such as Hilton, Marriott, and Westin. For further information, please visit DiamondRock Hospitality Company’s website at [www.drhc.com](http://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.*