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DIAMONDROCK ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER DIVIDEND OF \$0.1725 PER SHARE

BETHESDA, MD – DECEMBER 15, 2005, DiamondRock Hospitality Company ("DiamondRock") (NYSE:DRH) today announced that it will pay a dividend of \$0.1725 per share to its common shareholders of record as of December 30, 2005. This dividend will be paid on January 17, 2006.

About DiamondRock Hospitality Company

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a self-advised real estate company that owns and acquires upper upscale and upscale hotel properties located primarily in North America. To a lesser extent, it may invest, on a selective basis, in premium limited-service and extended-stay hotel properties in urban locations. The Company currently owns or has under firm contract 15 hotels representing 6,119 rooms in 10 states and one US territory. Moreover, the Company has a strategic acquisition sourcing relationship with Marriott International.