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Form 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013

or

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

For the transition period from to

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS 74-1611874  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

15835 Park Ten Place Drive Houston, Texas 77084  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
281-749-7800

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:  
Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered  
Common Stock \$1.00 par value New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:  
None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filings requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a Smaller Reporting Company) Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which our Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such Common Stock, as of March 31, 2013 was \$3.5 billion.

The number of shares outstanding of our Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, as of October 31, 2013: 64,062,000.

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DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

(1) Proxy Statement for 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders - Referenced in Part III of this report.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this Form 10-K regarding future financial performance, capital sources and results of operations and other statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements are those concerning strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations and performance. When used in this report, the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “intends,” “estimates,” “projects,” “could,” “may,” or similar expressions are intended to be among the statements that identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are beyond our ability to control, including, but not limited to:

- prices of oil and natural gas and industry expectations about future prices;
- market conditions, expansion and other development trends in the drilling industry and the global economy in general;
- the operational risks involved in drilling for oil and gas;
- the highly competitive and volatile nature of our business;
- the impact of governmental or industry regulation, both in the United States and internationally;
- the risks of and disruptions to international operations, including political instability and the impact of terrorist acts, acts of piracy, embargoes, war or other military operations;
- our ability to obtain and retain qualified personnel to operate our vessels;
- our ability to enter into, and the terms of, future drilling contracts, including contracts for our newbuild units and for rigs whose contracts are expiring:
  - timely access to spare parts, equipment and personnel to maintain and service our fleet;
- customer requirements for drilling capacity and customer drilling plans;
- the adequacy of sources of liquidity for us and for our customers;
- changes in tax laws, treaties and regulations;
- the risks involved in the construction, upgrade, and repair of our drilling units;
- unplanned downtime and repairs on our rigs;
- the termination or renegotiation of contracts by customers or payment or other delays by our customers; and
- such other risks discussed in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of this Form 10-K and in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon management’s current plans, expectations, estimates, assumptions and beliefs concerning future events impacting us and therefore involve a number of risks and uncertainties. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements, which are applicable only on the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## PART I

## ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (which together with its subsidiaries is identified as the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our,” except where stated or the context requires otherwise) is a global offshore drilling contractor engaged in the drilling and completion of exploratory and developmental oil and gas wells. We currently own a diversified fleet of 13 mobile offshore drilling units located in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea, offshore West Africa, offshore Southeast Asia and offshore Australia, and are constructing four ultra-deepwater drillships for delivery in fiscal years 2014 through 2016. We were founded in 1968 and are headquartered in Houston, Texas with support offices in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

During our 45 year history, the majority of our drilling units have operated outside of United States waters, and we have conducted drilling operations in most of the major offshore exploration areas of the world. In the three fiscal years prior to 2013, at least 95% of our contract revenues were derived from foreign operations. In fiscal year 2013, only 83% of our contract revenues were derived from foreign operations as a result of our newest ultra-deepwater, semisubmersible drilling rig, the Atwood Condor, having operated in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for the entire fiscal year. For information relating to the contract revenues and long-lived assets attributable to specific geographic areas of operations, see Note 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

We report our offshore contract drilling operation as a single reportable segment: Offshore Contract Drilling Services. The mobile offshore drilling units and related equipment comprising our offshore rig fleet operate in a single, global market for contract drilling services and are often redeployed globally due to changing demands of our customers, which consist largely of major integrated oil and natural gas companies and independent oil and natural gas companies.

The following table presents our rig fleet as of November 1, 2013, all of which are wholly owned:

Rig Name	Rig Type	Construction Completed/Last Upgraded (Calendar Year)	Water Depth Rating (feet)
Atwood Condor	Semisubmersible	construction completed 2012	10,000
Atwood Osprey	Semisubmersible	construction completed 2011	8,200
Atwood Eagle	Semisubmersible	upgraded 2002	5,000
Atwood Falcon	Semisubmersible	upgraded 2012	5,000
Atwood Hunter	Semisubmersible	upgraded 2001	5,000
Atwood Mako	Jackup	construction completed 2012	400
Atwood Manta	Jackup	construction completed 2012	400
Atwood Orca	Jackup	construction completed 2013	400
Atwood Beacon	Jackup	construction completed 2003	400
Atwood Aurora	Jackup	construction completed 2009	350
Vicksburg <sup>(1)</sup>	Jackup	upgraded 1998	300
Atwood Southern Cross <sup>(2)</sup>	Semisubmersible	upgraded 2006	2,000
Seahawk <sup>(3)</sup>	Semisubmersible Tender Assist	upgraded 2006	1,800

(1) On October 3, 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of the Vicksburg. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in January 2014 following the completion of the unit’s contract with its current customer.

(2) Currently cold-stacked and not actively marketed.

(3) On October 31, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement for the sale of the Seahawk. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in November 2013 subject to customary closing conditions.

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In addition to the above drilling units, we are in the process of constructing four additional drilling units. The following table presents our current newbuild projects as of November 1, 2013:

Rig Name	Rig Type	Shipyard	Scheduled Delivery Date	Expected Cost (in millions)	Water Depth Rating (feet)
Atwood Advantage	Drillship	Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. ("DSME")	November 30, 2013	\$ 635	12,000
Atwood Achiever	Drillship	DSME	June 30, 2014	\$ 635	12,000
Atwood Admiral	Drillship	DSME	March 31, 2015	\$ 635	12,000
Atwood Archer	Drillship	DSME	December 31, 2015	\$ 635	12,000

The Atwood Advantage, Atwood Achiever, Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer are DP-3 dynamically-positioned, dual derrick, ultra-deepwater drillships rated to operate in water depths up to 12,000 feet and are currently under construction at the DSME shipyard in South Korea. These drillships will have enhanced technical capabilities, including two seven-ram BOPs, three 100-ton knuckle boom cranes, a 165-ton active heave "tree-running" knuckle boom crane and 200 person accommodations. The Atwood Advantage, Atwood Achiever, Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer are scheduled to be delivered in November 2013, June 2014, March 2015 and December 2015, respectively, at a total cost, including project management, drilling and handling tools and spares, of approximately \$635 million each. As of September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$1.5 billion of total remaining firm commitments related to the construction of these four drillships.

We have an option to build an additional ultra-deepwater drillship with DSME that expires March 31, 2014. At this time, we have not made any determination as to whether the option will be exercised. In determining whether to exercise the option, we will consider several factors, including oil and natural gas prices, the magnitude of our contract drilling revenue backlog, current and prospective supply and demand dynamics of the ultra-deepwater drilling market, current ultra-deepwater contract day rates, newbuild drillship construction prices and our ability to incur debt financing to finance a portion of the construction contract.

Maintaining high equipment utilization and revenue efficiency through the industry cycles is a significant factor in generating cash flow to satisfy current and future obligations and has been one of our primary performance excellence initiatives. We had a 100% available utilization rate in fiscal year 2013 for our in-service rigs, while our available utilization rate for in-service rigs averaged approximately 94% during the past five fiscal years. See "Item 6: Selected Financial Data" for further discussion on in-service rigs and the calculation of available utilization rates.

As of November 1, 2013 our eleven in-service rigs had approximately 96% and 63% of our available rig days contracted for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, respectively. The Atwood Southern Cross and Seahawk are currently cold-stacked and not actively marketed. We have entered into a stock purchase agreement for the sale of the Seahawk which is expected to close in November 2013.

The following table presents information regarding the contract status of our drilling units as of November 1, 2013:

Rig Name	Percentage of FY 2013 Revenues	Location at November 1, 2013	Customer	Contract Status at November 1, 2013
<b>ULTRA-DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES AND DRILLSHIPS</b>				
Atwood Advantage	N/A	N/A	Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble")	Under construction in South Korea with expected delivery in late November 2013. Upon delivery from the shipyard, the rig will mobilize to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea to commence a drilling program with Noble which extends to

Atwood Achiever	N/A	N/A	Kosmos Energy Ltd. ("Kosmos")	February 2017. Under construction in South Korea with scheduled delivery in June 2014. Upon delivery from the shipyard, the rig will mobilize to Morocco to commence a drilling program with Kosmos which extends to September 2017.
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Atwood Admiral	N/A	N/A	None	Under construction in South Korea with scheduled delivery in March 2015.
Atwood Archer	N/A	N/A	None	Under construction in South Korea with scheduled delivery in December 2015.
Atwood Condor	17%	U.S. Gulf of Mexico	Shell Offshore Inc. ("Shell")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Shell which extends to November 2016.
Atwood Osprey	16%	Offshore Australia	Chevron Australia Pty. Ltd. ("Chevron Australia")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Chevron Australia which extends to May 2017.
<b>DEEPWATER SEMISUBMERSIBLES</b>				
Atwood Eagle	13%	Offshore Australia	Woodside Energy Ltd. ("Woodside")/Apache Energy Ltd. ("Apache")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Woodside and Apache which extends to June 2014. Following this, the rig will commence a drilling program with Woodside offshore Australia which extends to June 2016.
Atwood Falcon	13%	Offshore Australia	Apache	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Apache with extends to November 2014.
Atwood Hunter	14%	Offshore Equatorial Guinea	Noble	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Noble offshore West Africa which extends to December 2013. Following this, the rig will commence a drilling program with Guinea Ecuatorial de Petroleos offshore West Africa which extends to February 2014.
<b>JACKUPS</b>				
Atwood Mako	5%	Offshore Thailand	Salamander Energy (Bualuang) Limited ("Salamander")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Salamander which extends to September 2014.
Atwood Manta	4%	Offshore Malaysia/Thailand	CEC International, Ltd. ("CEC")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with CEC which extends to December 2015.
Atwood Orca	3%	Offshore Thailand	Mubadala Petroleum ("Mubadala")	The rig is currently working under a drilling program with



Atwood Aurora	5%	Offshore Cameroon	Glencore Exploration Cameroon Ltd ("Glencore")	<p>Mubadala which extends to May 2015.</p> <p>The rig is currently working under a drilling program for Glencore offshore West Africa which extends to May 2014. Upon completion of the drilling program with Glencore, the rig will commence a drilling program with Addax Petroleum Cameroon Limited offshore West Africa which extends to May 2015.</p>
Atwood Beacon	6%	Eastern Mediterranean Sea	Shemen Oil and Gas Resources Ltd. ("Shemen")	<p>The rig is currently working under a drilling program with Shemen which extends to early November 2013. Upon completion of the drilling program with Shemen, the rig will commence a drilling program with ENI S.p.A. offshore Italy which extends to November 2015.</p>
Vicksburg	4%	Offshore Thailand	CEC	<p>The rig is currently working under a drilling program for CEC offshore Thailand which extends to December 2013.</p>

## OTHER

Atwood Southern Cross	N/A	Malta	None	The rig is currently cold-stacked and is not being actively marketed.
Seahawk	N/A	Ghana	None	The rig is currently cold-stacked and is not being actively marketed.

Our contract backlog at September 30, 2013 was approximately \$3.8 billion, representing an approximate 46% increase compared to our contract backlog of \$2.6 billion at September 30, 2012. See Item 1A. “Risk Factors—Our current backlog of contract drilling revenue may not be ultimately realized” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Market Outlook—Contract Backlog” in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

## OFFSHORE DRILLING EQUIPMENT

Each type of drilling rig is uniquely designed for different purposes and applications, for operations in different water depths, bottom conditions, environments and geographical areas, and for different drilling and operating requirements. We classify rigs with the ability to operate in 5,000 feet of water or greater as deepwater rigs and rigs with the ability to operate in 7,500 feet of water or greater as ultra-deepwater rigs. The following descriptions of the various types of drilling rigs we own or are constructing illustrate the diversified range of applications of our rig fleet.

**Ultra-Deepwater Drillships.** Drillships are self-propelled vessels, shaped like conventional ships, and are the most mobile of the major rig types. Our high-specification drillships currently under construction are dynamically-positioned, which allows them to maintain position without anchors through the use of their onboard propulsion and station-keeping systems. Drillships typically have greater load capacity than semisubmersible rigs, which enables them to carry more supplies on board, often making them better suited for drilling in remote locations where resupply is more difficult. Drillships are designed to operate in greater water depths than bottom support drilling rigs. Drillships are a subset of floating rigs or floaters.

**Semisubmersible Rigs.** Semisubmersible drilling units typically have two hulls, the lower of which is capable of being flooded. Drilling equipment is mounted on the main hull. After the drilling unit is towed to location, the ballast tanks in the lower hull are flooded, lowering the entire drilling unit to its operating draft, and the drilling unit is either anchored in place (conventionally-moored drilling unit) or maintains position without anchors through the use of onboard propulsion and station-keeping systems (dynamically-positioned drilling unit). On completion of operations, the lower hull is deballasted, raising the entire drilling unit to its towing draft. Similar to drillships, this type of drilling unit is designed to operate in greater water depths than bottom supported drilling rigs. Semisubmersibles also operate in more severe sea conditions than other types of drilling units. Semisubmersible rigs are also a subset of floating rigs or floaters.

**Jackup Drilling Rigs.** A jackup drilling rig consists of a single hull supported by at least three legs positioned on the sea floor. It is typically towed to the well site and once on location, its legs are lowered to the sea floor and the unit is raised out of the water by jacking the hull up the legs. Jackup drilling units typically operate in water depths no greater than 500 feet.

**Semisubmersible Tender Assist Rigs.** Semisubmersible tender assist rigs operate similar to semisubmersible rigs except that their drilling equipment is temporarily installed on permanently constructed offshore support platforms. Semisubmersible tender assist rigs provide crew accommodations, storage facilities and other support for drilling operations.

## INDUSTRY TRENDS

Our industry is subject to intense price competition and volatility. Periods of high demand and higher day rates are often followed by periods of low demand and lower day rates. Offshore drilling contractors can build new drilling rigs, mobilize rigs from one region of the world to another, “idle” or scrap rigs (taking them out-of-service) or reactivate idled rigs in order to adjust the supply of existing equipment in various markets to meet demand. The market for drilling services is typically driven by global hydrocarbon demand and changes in actual or anticipated oil and gas prices. Generally, sustained high energy prices result in higher cash flow generation by oil and gas companies. This can translate into increased exploration and production spending by these oil and gas companies, which in turn results

in increased drilling activity and demand for equipment like ours.

Our customers are increasingly demanding newer, higher specification drilling rigs to perform contract drilling services either as a response to increased technical challenges or for the safety, reliability and efficiency typical of the newer, more capable rigs. This trend is commonly referred to as the bifurcation of the drilling fleet. Bifurcation is occurring in both the jackup and floater rig classes and is evidenced by the higher specification drilling rigs operating at generally higher overall utilization levels and day rates than the lower specification or standard drilling rigs. As the offshore drilling sector continues to construct and deliver a larger number of newer, higher specification drilling units, we expect lower specification units to

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experience reduced overall utilization and day rates leading to a significant number of rigs being either warm or cold-stacked or scrapped.

Floating drilling rigs are outfitted with highly sophisticated subsea well control equipment. The number of original equipment manufacturer ("OEM") vendors manufacturing and servicing this equipment is limited and their ability to service the drilling industry on a timely basis is challenged. Demand for trained service personnel for both subsea well control equipment, station-keeping and drilling equipment has sharply increased and delivery times for this equipment have lengthened, driven by the significant increase in the number of rigs under construction, related demand for new blowout preventers ("BOPs") and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") regulations requiring that only OEM vendors service and/or recertify BOPs and other well control equipment.

The offshore drilling markets where we currently operate, including the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea, offshore West Africa, offshore Southeast Asia and offshore Australia are rich in hydrocarbon deposits and thus offer the potential for high rig utilization over the long-term.

Offshore drilling market fundamentals remain robust despite slower global economic growth in 2013. Economic growth expectations, specifically for non-OECD countries, have improved recently which is fueling optimism for continued high rates of hydrocarbon demand. Commodity prices have been at relatively stable levels over the past year which is promoting continued investment in exploration and development drilling globally.

#### DRILLING CONTRACTS

We obtain the contracts under which we operate our units either through direct negotiation with customers or by submitting proposals in competition with other contractors. Our contracts vary in their terms and rates depending on the nature of the operation to be performed, the duration of the work, the amount and type of equipment and services provided, the geographic areas involved, market conditions and other variables.

The initial term of contracts for our units has ranged from the length of time necessary to drill one well to several years. It is not unusual for contracts to contain renewal provisions, which in time of weak market conditions are usually at the option of the customer, and in strong market conditions are usually mutually agreeable.

Generally, contracts for drilling services specify a basic rate of compensation computed on a day rate basis. Contracts generally provide for a reduced day rate payable when operations are interrupted by equipment failure and subsequent repairs, field moves, adverse weather conditions or other factors beyond our control. Some contracts also provide for revision of the specified day rates in the event of material changes in certain items of cost. Any period during which a rig is not earning a full operating day rate because of the above conditions or because the rig is idle and not on contract will have an adverse effect on operating profits. An over-supply of drilling rigs in any market area can adversely affect our ability to employ our drilling units in these market areas.

For any long rig moves outside of in-field relocations, we may obtain from our customers either a lump sum or a day rate as mobilization compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the period in transit. In a weaker market environment, we may not fully recover our relocation costs or receive mobilization compensation. However, in a stronger market environment, we are generally able to obtain full reimbursement of relocation costs plus a partial or full day rate as mobilization compensation. We can give no assurance that we will receive full or partial recovery of any future relocation costs beyond that for which we have already contracted.

Certain of our contracts may be canceled upon specified notice at the option of the customer upon payment of an early termination fee. Contracts also customarily provide for either automatic termination or termination at the option of the customer in the event of total loss of the drilling rig, if a rig is not delivered to the customer, if a rig does not pass acceptance testing within the period specified in the contract, if drilling operations are suspended for extended periods of time by reason of excessive rig downtime for repairs, or other specified conditions, including force majeure or failure to meet minimum performance criteria. Early termination of a contract may result in a rig being idle for an extended period of time. Not all of our contracts require the customer to fully compensate us for the loss of the contract.

Operation of our drilling equipment is subject to the offshore drilling requirements of petroleum exploration companies and agencies of local or foreign governments. These requirements are, in turn, subject to changes in government policies, world demand and prices for petroleum products, proved reserves in relation to such demand and the extent by which such demand can be met from onshore sources.

The majority of our contracts are denominated in U.S. dollars, but occasionally all or a portion of a contract is payable in local currency. To the extent there is a local currency component in a contract, we attempt to match revenue in the local currency to operating costs paid in the local currency such as local labor, shore base expenses, and local taxes, if any.

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## INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Our operations are subject to the usual hazards associated with the drilling of oil and gas wells, such as blowouts, explosions and fires. In addition, our equipment is subject to various risks particular to our industry which we seek to mitigate by maintaining insurance. These risks include, among others, leg damage to jackups during positioning, capsizing, grounding, collision and damage from severe weather conditions. Any of these risks could result in damage or destruction of drilling rigs and oil and gas wells, personal injury and property damage, suspension of operations or environmental damage through oil spillage or extensive, uncontrolled fires. Therefore, in addition to general business insurance policies, we maintain the following insurance relating to our rigs and rig operations, among others: hull and machinery, protection and indemnity, mortgagee's interest, cargo, war risks, casualty and liability (including excess liability) and, in certain instances, we may carry loss of hire. Our casualty and liability insurance policies are subject to self-insured deductibles. With respect to hull and machinery, we maintain a deductible of \$5 to \$7.5 million per occurrence. For general and marine third-party liabilities, we generally maintain a \$1 million per occurrence deductible on personal injury liability for crew claims. Our rigs are insured at values ranging from book value, for the cold-stacked rigs, to estimated market value, for our in-service rigs. In addition, the Atwood Condor is insured against up to \$150 million of damage as a result of a U.S. Gulf of Mexico windstorm.

We believe that we are adequately insured against normal and foreseeable risks in our operations in accordance with industry standards; however, such insurance may not be adequate to protect us against liability from all consequences of well disasters, marine perils, extensive fire damage, and damage to the environment or disruption due to terrorism. To date, we have not experienced difficulty in obtaining insurance coverage, although we can provide no assurance as to the future availability of such insurance or the cost thereof. The occurrence of a significant event against which we are not adequately insured could have a material adverse effect on our financial position. See "Operating hazards increase our risk of liability; we may not be able to fully insure against all of these risks." in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of this Form 10-K.

## CUSTOMERS

During fiscal year 2013, we performed operations for 14 customers. Due to the relatively limited number of customers for which we can operate at any given time, revenues from four different customers amounted to 10% or more of our revenues in fiscal year 2013 as indicated below:

Customer	Percentage of Revenues	
Chevron Australia Pty. Ltd.	19	%
Apache Energy Ltd.	15	%
Hess Corporation	15	%
Noble Energy Inc.	14	%

Our business operations are subject to the risks associated with a business having a limited number of customers for our products or services, and the loss of, or a decrease in the drilling programs of, these customers may adversely affect our revenues and, therefore, our results of operations and cash flows.

## COMPETITION

The offshore drilling industry is very competitive, with no single offshore drilling contractor being dominant. We compete with a number of offshore drilling contractors for work, which varies by job requirements and location. Many of our competitors are substantially larger than we are and possess appreciably greater financial and other resources and assets than we do. Our competitors include, among others, the six members of our self-determined peer group including Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., Ensco plc, Noble Corporation, Rowan Companies plc, Seadrill Limited, and Transocean Ltd.

Technical capability, location, rig availability and price competition are generally the most important factors in the offshore drilling industry; however, when there is high worldwide utilization of equipment, rig availability and suitability become more important factors in securing contracts than price. Other competitive factors include work force experience, efficiency and condition of equipment, safety performance, reputation and customer relations. We

believe that we compete favorably with respect to these factors.

**INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS**

During our history, we have operated in most of the major offshore exploration areas of the world. In the three fiscal years prior to 2013, at least 95% of our contract revenues were derived from foreign operations. In fiscal year 2013, only 83% of our

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contract revenues were derived from foreign operations as a result of our newest ultra-deepwater, semisubmersible drilling rig, the Atwood Condor, having operated in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for the entire fiscal year. Because of our experience in a number of geographic areas and the mobility of our equipment, we believe we are not dependent upon any one area for our long-term operations.

For information about risk associated with our foreign operations, see Item 1A, “Risk Factors—Our international operations may involve risks not generally associated with domestic operations.” and “A change in tax laws in any country in which we operate could result in higher tax expense” of this Form 10-K.

#### EMPLOYEES

As of November 1, 2013, we had approximately 1,830 personnel engaged, including those through labor contractors or agencies. In connection with our foreign drilling operations, we are often required by the host country to hire a substantial percentage of our work force in that country and, in some cases, these employees are represented by foreign unions. To date, we have experienced little difficulty in complying with such requirements, and our drilling operations have not been significantly interrupted by strikes or work stoppages. Our success also depends to a significant extent upon the efforts and abilities of our executive officers and other key management personnel. There is no assurance that these individuals will continue in such capacity for any particular period of time.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

Our operations are subject to a variety of U.S. and foreign environmental regulation and to international environmental conventions. We monitor environmental regulation in each country in which we operate and, while we have experienced an increase in general environmental regulation, we do not believe compliance with such regulations will have a material adverse effect upon our business or results of operations. Past environmental issues, such as the Macondo incident, have led to higher drilling costs, a more difficult and lengthy well permitting process and, in general, have adversely affected decisions of oil and gas companies to drill in these areas.

In the United States, regulations applicable to our operations include those that (i) require the acquisition of permits to conduct regulated activities; (ii) restrict the types, quantities and concentration of various substances that can be released into the environment in connection with operations; (iii) limit or prohibit drilling activities in certain protected areas; (iv) require remedial measures to mitigate pollution from former and ongoing operations, such as requirements to plug abandoned wells; (v) impose specific safety and health criteria addressing worker protection; and (vi) impose substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from drilling and production operations. Any failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the imposition of corrective or remedial obligations and the issuance of orders enjoining performance of some of our operations. Laws and regulations protecting the environment have become more stringent, and may in some cases impose strict liability, rendering a person liable for environmental damage without regard to negligence or fault on the part of such person. Some of these laws and regulations may expose us to liability for the conduct of or conditions caused by others or for acts which were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time they were performed. The application of these requirements or the adoption of new requirements could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We believe all of our rigs satisfy current environmental requirements and certifications, if any, required to operate in the jurisdictions where they currently operate, but can give no assurance that in the future they will satisfy new environmental requirements or certifications, if any, or that the costs to satisfy such requirements or certifications, if any, would not materially affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. As a result of the Macondo incident, there is pending legislation which, if enacted, would likely affect liability limits under existing U.S. environmental laws and regulations. If and when such proposed legislation is enacted, we will be able to better assess its impact on us. The description below of U.S. environmental laws and regulations is based upon those currently in effect. While laws vary widely in each jurisdiction, each of the laws and regulations below addresses environmental issues similar to those in most of the other jurisdictions in which we operate.

The U.S. Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act, prohibits the discharge of specified substances into waters of the United States without a permit. The regulations implementing the Clean Water Act require permits to be obtained by an operator before specified exploration activities occur. Offshore facilities must also prepare plans addressing spill prevention control and countermeasures. Violations of monitoring,



reporting and permitting requirements or other provisions of the Clean Water Act can result in the imposition of administrative, civil and criminal penalties or remedial or mitigation measures.

The U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or OPA, and related regulations impose a variety of requirements on “responsible parties” related to the prevention of oil spills and liability for damages resulting from such spills. Few defenses exist to the strict liability imposed by OPA, and the liability could be substantial. Failure to comply with ongoing requirements or inadequate cooperation in the event of a spill could subject a responsible party to civil or criminal enforcement action. OPA

assigns joint and several, strict liability, without regard to fault, to each liable party for all containment and oil removal costs and a variety of public and private damages including, but not limited to, the costs of responding to a release of oil, natural resource damages, and economic damages suffered by persons adversely affected by an oil spill. The U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, or CERCLA, also known as the “Superfund” law, imposes liability without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct on some classes of persons that are considered to have contributed to the release of a “hazardous substance” into the environment. Such persons include the owner or operator of a facility where a release occurred and companies that disposed of or arranged for the transport or disposal of the hazardous substances found at a particular site. Persons who are or were responsible for releases of hazardous substances under CERCLA may be subject to joint and several liabilities for the cost of cleaning up the hazardous substances that have been released into the environment, for damages to natural resources, and for the costs of certain health studies. CERCLA also authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) and, in some instances, third parties to act in response to threats to the public health or the environment and to seek to recover from the responsible classes of persons the costs they incur. It is also not uncommon for third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the hazardous substances released into the environment. We generate materials in the course of our operations that may be regulated as hazardous substances.

The U.S. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”), and similar state and local laws and regulations govern the management of wastes, including the treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes. RCRA imposes stringent operating requirements, and liability for failure to meet such requirements, on a person who is either a “generator” or “transporter” of hazardous waste or an “owner” or “operator” of a hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility. RCRA specifically excludes from the definition of hazardous waste drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil and natural gas. A similar exemption is contained in many of the state counterparts to RCRA, leaving them to be regulated as solid waste. As a result, a substantial portion of RCRA's requirements do not apply as our operations generate minimal quantities of hazardous wastes (i.e., industrial wastes such as solvents, waste compressor oils, etc.). However, a petition is currently before the EPA to revoke the oil and natural gas exploration and production exemption. Any repeal or modification of this or similar exemption in similar state statutes, would increase the volume of hazardous waste we are required to manage and dispose of, and would cause us, as well as our competitors, to incur increased operating expenses with respect to our U.S. operations.

The federal Clean Air Act regulates emissions of various air pollutants through air emissions standards, construction and operating permitting programs and the imposition of other compliance requirements. These laws and regulations may require us to obtain and strictly comply with stringent air permit requirements or utilize specific equipment or technologies to control emissions of certain pollutants. Compliance with these requirements could increase our costs of development and production.

#### OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

Our operations are subject to various international conventions, laws and regulations in the countries in which we operate, including laws and regulations relating to the importation of and operation of drilling units, currency conversions and repatriation, oil and gas exploration and development, taxation of offshore earnings and earnings of expatriate personnel, environmental protection, the use of local employees and suppliers by foreign contractors and duties on the importation and exportation of drilling units and other equipment. Governments in some foreign countries have become increasingly active in regulating and controlling the ownership of concessions and companies holding concessions, the exploration for oil and gas and other aspects of the oil and gas industries in their countries. In some areas of the world, this governmental activity has adversely affected the amount of exploration and development work done by major oil and gas companies and may continue to do so. Operations in less developed countries can be subject to legal systems that are not as mature or predictable as those in more developed countries, which can lead to greater uncertainty in legal matters and proceedings.

Our newest active ultra-deepwater, semisubmersible drilling rig, the Atwood Condor, is currently in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico under contract with Shell as of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 and, at this time, is our only rig operating in the U.S. Our U.S. operations are subject to various U.S. laws and regulations, including the new drilling safety

rules and workplace safety rules set forth by the BOEM and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE"), which are designed to improve drilling safety by strengthening requirements for safety equipment, well control systems, and blowout prevention practices on offshore oil and gas operations, and improve workplace safety by reducing the risk of human error. Implementation of new BOEM or BSEE guidelines or regulations may subject us to increased costs or limit the operational capabilities of our U.S. based rigs and could materially and adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") and other similar laws and regulations govern the protection of the health and safety of employees. Please see Item 1A. "Risk Factors — Government regulation and environmental risks could reduce our business opportunities and increase our costs" of this Form 10-K.

We believe we are in compliance in all material respects with the health, safety and other regulations affecting the operation of our rigs and the drilling of oil and gas wells in the jurisdictions in which we operate. Historically, we have made significant capital expenditures and incurred additional expenses to ensure that our equipment complies with applicable local and international health and safety regulations. Although such expenditures may be required to comply with these governmental laws and regulations, such compliance has not, to date, materially adversely affected our earnings, cash flows or competitive position.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the internet at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Our website address is [www.atwd.com](http://www.atwd.com). We make available free of charge on or through our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and a Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers which are available on our website. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement regarding any changes in or waivers from our codes of ethics by posting such information on our website or by filing a Form 8-K for such event. Unless stated otherwise, information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this report or made a part hereof for any purpose. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room and copy charges.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors in addition to the other information included in this Form 10-K. These risks and uncertainties may affect our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows, as well as an investment in our common stock.

Our business depends on the level of activity in the oil and natural gas industry, which is significantly impacted by the volatility in oil and natural gas prices.

Our business depends on the conditions of the offshore oil and natural gas industry. Demand for our services depends on oil and natural gas industry exploration and production activity and expenditure levels, which are directly affected by trends in oil and natural gas prices. Oil and natural gas prices, and market expectations regarding potential changes to these prices, significantly affect oil and natural gas industry activity. Higher oil and natural gas prices do not necessarily translate into increased activity because demand for our services is typically driven by our customers' expectations of future commodity prices. Commodity prices have historically been volatile. Oil and natural gas prices are impacted by many factors beyond our control, including:

- the demand for oil and natural gas;
- the cost of exploring for, developing, producing and delivering oil and natural gas;
- the strength of the global economy;
- expectations about future prices;
- domestic and international tax policies;
- political and military conflicts in oil producing regions or other geographical areas or acts of terrorism in the U.S. or elsewhere;
- technological advances;
- the development and exploitation of alternative fuels;
- local and international political, economic and weather conditions;
- the ability of The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") to set and maintain production levels and pricing;
- the level of production by OPEC and non-OPEC countries; and
- environmental and other laws and governmental regulations regarding exploration and development of oil and natural gas reserves.

The level of offshore exploration, development and production activity and the price for oil and natural gas is volatile and is likely to continue to be volatile in the future. A decline in the worldwide demand for oil and natural gas or prolonged low oil or natural gas prices in the future would likely result in reduced exploration and development of offshore areas and a decline in

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the demand for our services. Even during periods of high prices for oil and natural gas, companies exploring for oil and gas may cancel or curtail programs, or reduce their levels of capital expenditures for exploration and production for a variety of reasons. These factors could cause our revenues and margins to decline, reduce day rates and utilization of our rigs and limit our future growth prospects and, therefore, could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Our industry is subject to intense price competition and volatility.

The contract drilling business is highly competitive with numerous industry participants. Drilling contracts are traditionally awarded on a competitive bid basis. Price competition is often the primary factor in determining which qualified contractor is awarded a job, although rig availability, the quality and technical capability of service and equipment and safety record are also factors. We compete with a number of offshore drilling contractors, many of which are substantially larger than we are and which possess appreciably greater financial and other resources and assets than we do.

The industry in which we operate historically has been volatile, marked by periods of low demand, excess rig supply and low day rates, followed by periods of high demand, low rig availability and increasing day rates. Periods of excess rig supply intensify the competition in the industry and often result in rigs being idled. We may be required to idle additional rigs or to enter into lower-rate contracts in response to market conditions in the future. Presently, there are numerous recently constructed ultra-deepwater vessels and high-specification jackups that have entered the market and more are under contract for construction. Many of these units do not have drilling contracts in place. The entry into service of these new units has increased and will continue to increase rig supply and could curtail a strengthening, or trigger a reduction, in day rates and utilization as rigs are absorbed into the active fleet. The deepwater segment has recently seen a decrease in marketed utilization which may lead to lower day rates in the future. Any further increases in construction of new units may increase the negative impact on day rates and utilization. In addition, rigs may be relocated to markets in which we operate, which could result in or exacerbate excess rig supply which may lower day rates in those markets.

Lower utilization and day rates in one or more of the regions in which we operate would adversely affect our revenues and profitability. Prolonged periods of low utilization and day rates could also result in the recognition of impairment charges on certain of our drilling rigs if future cash flow estimates, based upon information available to management at the time, indicate that the carrying value of these rigs may not be recoverable.

Our business relies heavily on a limited number of customers and a limited number of drilling units and the loss of a significant customer, the loss of a rig, significant downtime for our rigs, or the inability of our customers to perform could materially and adversely impact our business.

Our customer base includes a small number of major and independent oil and gas companies as well as government-owned oil companies. In fiscal year 2013, four customers each accounted for over 10% of our operating revenues: Chevron Australia Pty. Ltd., 19%; Apache Energy Ltd., 15%, Hess Corporation, 15% and Noble Energy Inc., 14%. The contract drilling business is subject to the usual risks associated with having a limited number of customers for our services. Further, consolidation among oil and natural gas exploration and production companies may reduce the number of available customers. Our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected if any of our major customers terminate their contracts with us, fail to renew our existing contracts, refuse to award new contracts to us or experience difficulties in obtaining financing to fund their drilling programs. In addition, we currently have only 13 drilling units, of which only 11 are currently in operation and actively marketed. As a result, if any one or more of our drilling units were idled for a prolonged period of time or if a customer were unable to perform due to liquidity or solvency issues, our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

High levels of capital expenditures will be necessary to keep pace with the bifurcation of the drilling fleet.

The market for our services is characterized by continual and rapid technological developments that have resulted in, and will likely continue to result in, substantial improvements in the functionality and performance of rigs and equipment. Our customers are increasingly demanding the services of newer, higher specification drilling rigs. This results in a bifurcation of the drilling fleet for both the jackup and floater rig classes and is evidenced by the higher specification drilling rigs generally operating at higher overall utilization levels and day rates than the lower

specification or standard drilling rigs. In addition, a significant number of lower specification rigs are being stacked. As a result of this bifurcation, a high level of capital expenditures will be required to maintain and improve existing rigs and equipment and purchase and construct newer, higher specification drilling rigs to meet the increasingly sophisticated needs of our customers.

If we are not successful in acquiring or building new rigs and equipment or upgrading our existing rigs and equipment in a timely and cost-effective manner, we could lose market share. In addition, current competitors or new market entrants may

develop new technologies, services or standards that could render some of our services or equipment obsolete, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Rig upgrade, repair and construction projects are subject to risks, including delays, cost overruns, and failure to secure drilling contracts.

As of November 1, 2013, there were 97 ultra-deepwater drillships and semisubmersibles under construction for delivery through May 2020 and 123 newbuild jackup rigs under construction with expected delivery dates through calendar year 2017. As a result, shipyards and third-party equipment vendors are under significant resource constraints to meet delivery obligations. Such constraints may lead to delivery and commissioning delays and/or equipment failures and/or quality deficiencies. Furthermore, new drilling rigs may face start-up or other operational complications following completion of construction work or other unexpected difficulties including equipment failures, design or engineering problems that could result in significant downtime at reduced or zero day rates or the cancellation or termination of drilling contracts.

As of November 1, 2013, we had four ultra-deepwater drillships under construction. Two of our four drillships currently under construction do not have long-term drilling contracts in place. We may also commence the construction of additional rigs for our fleet from time to time without first obtaining drilling contracts covering any such rig. Our failure to secure drilling contracts for rigs under construction, including our remaining uncontracted newbuild drillships, prior to delivery from the shipyard could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Since 2010, we have invested or committed to invest over \$4.5 billion in the expansion of our fleet, including ultra-deepwater and jackup rigs. Depending on available opportunities, we may construct additional rigs for our fleet in the future. In addition, we incur significant upgrade, refurbishment and repair expenditures on our fleet from time to time. Some of these expenditures are unplanned. These projects are subject to risks of delay or cost overruns inherent in any large construction project resulting from numerous factors, including the following:

- shortages of equipment, materials or skilled labor;
- unscheduled delays in the delivery of ordered materials and equipment and failure of third-party equipment to meet quality and/or performance standards;
- unanticipated actual or purported change orders;
- unanticipated increases in the cost of equipment, labor and raw materials, particularly steel;
- damage to shipyard facilities or construction work in progress or delays in construction, resulting from fire, explosion, flooding, severe weather, terrorism, war or other armed hostilities;
- difficulties in obtaining necessary permits or in meeting permit conditions;
- design and engineering problems;
- client acceptance delays;
- political, social and economic instability, war and civil disturbances;
- delays in customs clearance of critical parts or equipment;
- financial or other difficulties or failures at shipyards and suppliers;
- claims of force majeure events;
- disputes with shipyards and suppliers;
- work stoppages and other labor disputes; and
- foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations impacting overall cost.

All four of our rigs currently under construction are located at a single shipyard, and any such events that affect the shipyard may impact all of our rigs under construction. Delays in the delivery of rigs being constructed or undergoing upgrade, refurbishment or repair may result in delay in contract commencement, resulting in a loss of revenue to us, and may cause our customers to seek to terminate or shorten the terms of their contract under applicable late delivery clauses, if any. In the event of termination of one of these contracts, we may not be able to secure a replacement contract on as favorable terms, if at all. The estimated capital expenditures for rig upgrades, refurbishments and construction projects could materially exceed our planned capital expenditures. Moreover, our rigs undergoing upgrade, refurbishment and repair may not earn a day rate during the period they are out-of-service.





Our business may experience reduced profitability if our customers terminate or seek to renegotiate our drilling contracts.

Currently, our contracts with customers are day rate contracts, in which we charge a fixed amount per day regardless of the number of days needed to drill the well. During depressed market conditions, a customer may no longer need a rig that is currently under contract or may be able to obtain a comparable rig at a lower day rate. Customers may seek to renegotiate the terms of their existing drilling contracts or avoid their obligations under those contracts. In addition, certain of our contracts may be canceled upon specified notice at the option of the customer upon payment of an early termination fee. Contracts also customarily provide for either automatic termination or termination at the option of the customer in the event of total loss of the drilling rig, if a rig is not delivered to the customer, if a rig does not pass acceptance testing within the period specified in the contract, if drilling operations are suspended for extended periods of time by reason of excessive rig downtime for repairs, or other specified conditions, including force majeure or failure to meet minimum performance criteria. Early termination of a contract may result in a rig being idle for an extended period of time. Not all of our contracts require the customer to fully compensate us for the loss of the contract. Our revenues may be adversely affected by customers' early termination of contracts, especially if we are unable to re-contract the affected rig within a short period of time. The termination or renegotiation of a number of our drilling contracts could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Our business will be adversely affected if we are unable to secure contracts on economically favorable terms. The drilling markets in which we compete frequently experience significant fluctuations in the demand for drilling services, as measured by the level of exploration and development expenditures, and the supply of capable drilling equipment. We have one contract that will expire during fiscal year 2014 with no immediate follow-on work currently scheduled. Our ability to renew these contracts or obtain new contracts and the terms of any such contracts will depend on market conditions. We may be unable to renew our expiring contracts or obtain new contracts for the rigs under contracts that have expired or been terminated, and the day rates under any new contracts may be substantially below the existing day rates, which could materially reduce our revenues and profitability. We can, as we have done in the past, relocate drilling rigs from one geographic area to another, but only when such moves are economically justified, or we can idle rigs temporarily to save operating expenses and reduce rig supply. If demand for our rigs declines, rig utilization and day rates are generally adversely affected, which in turn, would adversely affect our revenues.

Our current backlog of contract drilling revenue may not be ultimately realized.

As of September 30, 2013, our contract drilling backlog was approximately \$3.8 billion for future revenues under firm commitments. We may not be able to perform under these contracts due to events beyond our control, and our customers may seek to cancel or renegotiate our contracts for various reasons, including those described above. In addition, some of our customers could experience liquidity or solvency issues or could otherwise be unable or unwilling to perform under the contract, which could ultimately lead a customer to go into bankruptcy or to otherwise encourage a customer to seek to repudiate, cancel or renegotiate a contract. Our inability or the inability of our customers to perform under our or their contractual obligations may have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Further, approximately \$1.4 billion of the total contract drilling backlog relates to backlog for two of our drillships currently under construction. See Item 1A. "Risk Factors—Rig upgrade, repair and construction projects are subject to risks, including delays, cost overruns, and failure to secure drilling contracts" for a discussion on our construction risks as such risks have the potential to impact the timing of our future backlog. Our customers may be unable or unwilling to indemnify us.

Consistent with standard industry practice, we typically obtain contractual indemnification from our customers whereby they agree to protect and indemnify us for liabilities resulting from various hazards associated with the drilling industry, including liabilities resulting from pollution or contamination originating below the surface of the water. Enforcement of these contractual rights to indemnification may be limited by public policy or applicable law and, in any event, may not adequately cover our losses from such incidents. We can provide no assurance, however, that our customers will be willing or financially able to meet these indemnification obligations. Also, we may choose not to enforce these indemnities because of business reasons.

Operating hazards increase our risk of liability; we may not be able to fully insure against all of these risks.

Our operations are subject to various operating hazards and risks, including:

- well blowouts, loss of well control and reservoir damage;
- fires and explosions;

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- catastrophic marine disaster;
- adverse sea and weather conditions;
- mechanical failure;
- navigation errors;
- collision;
- oil and hazardous substance spills, containment and clean up;
- lost or stuck drill strings;
- equipment defects;
- security breaches of our information systems or other technological failures;
- labor shortages and strikes;
- damage to and loss of drilling rigs and production facilities; and
- war, sabotage, terrorism and piracy.

These risks present a threat to the safety of personnel and to our rigs, cargo, equipment under tow and other property, as well as the environment. Our operations and those of others could be suspended as a result of these hazards, whether the fault is ours or that of a third party. In certain circumstances, governmental authorities may suspend drilling operations as a result of these hazards, and our customers may cancel or terminate their contracts. Third parties may have significant claims against us for damages due to personal injury, death, property damage, pollution and loss of business if such event were to occur in our operations.

Our offshore drilling operations are also subject to marine hazards, either at offshore sites or while drilling equipment is under tow, such as vessel capsizings, sinkings, collisions or groundings. In addition, raising and lowering jackup drilling rigs, flooding semisubmersible ballast tanks and drilling into high-pressure formations are complex, hazardous activities, and we can encounter problems.

We have had accidents in the past due to some of the hazards described above. Because of the ongoing hazards associated with our operations:

- we may experience accidents;
- our insurance coverage may prove inadequate to cover our losses;
- our insurance deductibles may increase; or
- our insurance premiums may increase to the point where maintaining our current level of coverage is prohibitively expensive or we may be unable to obtain insurance at all.

We maintain insurance coverage against casualty and liability risks and have renewed our primary insurance program through June 30, 2014. Certain risks, however, such as pollution, reservoir damage and environmental risks generally are not fully insurable. Although we believe our insurance is adequate, our policies and contractual indemnity rights may not adequately cover all losses or may have exclusions of coverage for certain losses. We do not have insurance coverage or rights to indemnity for all risks. In addition, we may be unable to renew or maintain our existing insurance coverage at commercially reasonable rates or at all. If a significant accident or other event occurs and is not fully covered by insurance or contractual indemnity, it could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. There is no assurance that our insurance coverage will be available or affordable and, if available, whether it will be adequate to cover future claims that may arise. Additionally, there is no assurance that those parties with contractual obligations to indemnify us will necessarily be financially able or willing to indemnify us against all these risks.

The U.S. Gulf of Mexico experiences hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions on a relatively frequent basis. In recent years, hurricanes have caused damage to a number of rigs in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. As a result, insurance companies have reduced the nature and amount of insurance coverage available for losses arising from named windstorm damage in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and have increased the costs of such coverage. Our current windstorm insurance policy for the Atwood Condor has a policy limit of \$120 million and a per occurrence deductible of \$10 million. Our limited windstorm insurance coverage exposes us to a significant level of risk if the Atwood Condor were to experience significant damage or loss related to severe weather conditions caused by hurricanes or tropical storms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

Our drilling contracts provide for varying levels of indemnification from our customers and in most cases may require us to indemnify our customers. Under offshore drilling contracts, liability with respect to personnel and property is customarily assigned on a “knock-for-knock” basis, which means that we and our customers assume liability for our respective personnel and property. However, in certain cases we may have liability for damage to our customer’s property and other third-party

property on the rig. Our customers typically assume responsibility for and indemnify us from any loss or liability resulting from pollution or contamination, including clean-up and removal and third-party damages, arising from operations under the contract and originating below the surface of the water, including as a result of blow-outs or cratering of the well. In some drilling contracts, however, we may have liability for third-party damages resulting from such pollution or contamination caused by our gross negligence, or, in some cases, ordinary negligence, subject to negotiated caps. We generally indemnify the customer for legal and financial consequences of spills of industrial waste and other liquids originating from our rigs or equipment above the surface of the water.

The above description of our insurance program and the indemnification provisions of our drilling contracts is only a summary and is general in nature. Our insurance program and the terms of our drilling contracts may change in the future. In addition, the indemnification provisions of our drilling contracts may be subject to differing interpretations, and enforcement of those provisions may be limited by public policy and other considerations.

Our drilling contracts with national oil companies may expose us to greater risks than we normally assume in drilling contracts with non-governmental customers.

Contracts with national oil companies are often non-negotiable and may expose us to greater commercial, political and operational risks than we assume in other contracts, such as exposure to materially greater environmental liability and other claims for damages (including consequential damages) and personal injury related to our operations, or the risk that the contract may be terminated by our customer without cause on short-term notice, contractually or by governmental action, under certain conditions that may not provide us an early termination payment, collection risks and political risks. In addition, our ability to resolve disputes or enforce contractual provisions may be negatively impacted with these contracts. While we believe that the financial, commercial and risk allocation terms of these contracts and our operating safeguards mitigate these risks, we can provide no assurance that the increased risk exposure will not have an adverse impact on our future operations or that we will not increase the number of rigs contracted to national oil companies with commensurate additional contractual risks.

Our long-term contracts are subject to the risk of cost increases, which could adversely impact our profitability. In periods of rising demand for offshore rigs, a drilling contractor generally would prefer to enter into well-to-well or other short-term contracts less than one year in duration that would allow the contractor to profit from increasing day rates, while customers with reasonably definite drilling programs would typically prefer long-term contracts in order to maintain day rates at a consistent level. Conversely, in periods of decreasing demand for offshore rigs, a drilling contractor generally would prefer long-term contracts to preserve day rates and utilization, while customers generally would prefer well-to-well or other short-term contracts that would allow the customer to benefit from the decreasing day rates. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, a majority of our revenue was derived from long-term day rate contracts greater than one year in duration, and substantially all of our backlog as of September 30, 2013 was attributable to long-term day rate contracts. As a result, our inability to fully benefit from increasing day rates in an improving market may limit our profitability.

In general, our costs increase as the business environment for drilling services improves and demand for oilfield equipment and skilled labor increases. While many of our contracts include cost escalation provisions that allow changes to our day rate based on stipulated cost increases or decreases, the timing and amount earned from these day rate adjustments may differ from our actual increase in costs. Additionally, if our rigs incur idle time between contracts, we typically do not remove personnel from those rigs because we utilize the crew to prepare the rig for its next contract. During times of reduced activity, reductions in costs may not be immediate as portions of the crew may be required to prepare our rigs for stacking, after which time the crew members are assigned to active rigs or dismissed. Moreover, as our rigs are mobilized from one geographic location to another, the labor and other operating and maintenance costs can vary significantly. In general, labor costs increase primarily due to higher salary levels and inflation. Equipment maintenance expenses fluctuate depending upon the type of activity the unit is performing and the age and condition of the equipment. Contract preparation expenses vary based on the scope and length of contract preparation required and the duration of the firm contractual period over which such expenditures are amortized. A change in tax laws in any country in which we operate could result in higher tax expense.

We conduct our worldwide operations through various subsidiaries. Tax laws and regulations are highly complex and subject to interpretation. Consequently, we are subject to changing tax laws, treaties and regulations in and between countries in which we operate. Our income tax expense is based on our interpretation of the tax laws in effect at the time the expense was incurred. Tax legislation is proposed from time to time which could, among other things, limit our ability to defer the taxation of non-U.S. income and would increase current tax expense. A change in tax laws, treaties or regulations, or in the interpretation thereof, could result in a materially higher tax expense or a higher effective tax rate on our worldwide earnings.

We file periodic tax returns that are subject to review and audit by various revenue agencies in the jurisdictions in which we operate. Taxing authorities may challenge any of our tax positions. We are currently contesting tax assessments that could have a material impact on our financial statements and we may contest future assessments where we believe the assessments are in error. Determinations by such authorities that differ materially from our recorded estimates, favorably or unfavorably, may have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Government regulation and environmental risks could reduce our business opportunities and increase our costs. We must comply with extensive government regulation in the form of international conventions, federal, state and local laws and regulations in jurisdictions where our vessels operate and are registered. These conventions, laws and regulations govern oil spills and matters of environmental protection, worker health and safety, and the manning, construction and operation of vessels, and vessel and port security. We believe that we are in material compliance with all applicable environmental, health and safety and vessel and port security laws and regulations as currently in effect. We are not a party to any pending governmental litigation or similar proceeding, and we are not aware of any threatened governmental litigation or proceeding which, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and even criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, the denial or revocation of permits or other authorizations and the issuance of injunctions that may limit or prohibit our operations. In addition, compliance with environmental, health and safety and vessel and port security laws increases our costs of doing business.

Environmental, health and safety and vessel and port security laws change frequently, and we may not be able to anticipate such changes or the impact of such changes. There is no assurance that we can avoid significant costs, liabilities and penalties imposed as a result of governmental regulation in the future. Changes in laws or regulations regarding offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities, the cost or availability of insurance, and decisions by customers, governmental agencies, or other industry participants could reduce demand for our services or increase our costs of operations, which could have a negative impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, but we cannot reasonably or reliably estimate that such changes will occur, when they will occur, or if they will impact us. Such changes can occur quickly within a region, similar to the increases in regulatory requirements in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in recent years following the Macondo well incident in April 2010, which may impact both the affected region and global utilization and day rates, and we may not be able to respond quickly, or at all, to mitigate such changes.

Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or foreign anti-bribery legislation could have an adverse impact on our business.

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”) and similar anti-bribery laws in other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom Bribery Act 2010, generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. We operate in many parts of the world that have experienced governmental corruption to some degree and, in certain circumstances, strict compliance with anti-bribery laws may conflict with local customs and practices and impact our business. Although we have programs in place covering compliance with anti-bribery legislation, any failure to comply with the FCPA or other anti-bribery legislation could subject us to civil and criminal penalties or other sanctions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We could also face fines, sanctions and other penalties from authorities in the relevant foreign jurisdictions, including prohibition of our participating in or curtailment of business operations in those jurisdictions and the seizure of rigs or other assets.

Our international operations may involve risks not generally associated with domestic operations.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from operations outside the United States. Our operations are subject to risks inherent in conducting business internationally, such as:

- legal and governmental regulatory requirements;
- difficulties and costs of staffing and managing international operations;
- political, social and economic instability;
- terrorist acts, piracy, kidnapping, extortion, war and civil disturbances;



language and cultural difficulties;  
potential vessel seizure, expropriation or nationalization of assets or confiscatory taxation;  
import-export quotas or other trade barriers;  
renegotiation, nullification or modification of existing contracts;  
difficulties in collecting accounts receivable and longer collection periods;

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- foreign and domestic monetary policies;
- work stoppages;
- complications associated with repairing and replacing equipment in remote locations;
- limitations on insurance coverage, such as war risk coverage, in certain areas;
- wage and price controls;
- assaults on property or personnel, including kidnappings;
- travel limitations or operational problems caused by public health or security threats;
- imposition of currency exchange controls;
- solicitation by governmental officials for improper payments or other forms of corruption;
- currency exchange fluctuations and devaluations; or,
- potentially adverse tax consequences, including those due to changes in laws or interpretation of existing laws.

Our non-U.S. operations are subject to various laws and regulations in certain countries in which we operate, including laws and regulations relating to the import and export, equipment and operation of drilling units, currency conversions and repatriation, oil and gas exploration and development, and taxation of offshore earnings and earnings of expatriate personnel. Governments in some foreign countries have become increasingly active in regulating and controlling the ownership of concessions and companies holding concessions, the exploration for oil and gas and other aspects of the oil and gas industries in their countries, including local content requirements for participating in tenders for certain drilling contracts. Many governments favor or effectively require the awarding of drilling contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction. In addition, government action, including initiatives by OPEC, may continue to cause oil or gas price volatility. In some areas of the world, this governmental activity has adversely affected the amount of exploration and development work by major oil companies and may continue to do so. Operations in less developed countries can be subject to legal systems which are not as mature or predictable as those in more developed countries, which can lead to greater uncertainty in legal matters and proceedings.

Some of our drilling contracts are partially payable in local currency. Those amounts may exceed our local currency needs, leading to the accumulation of excess local currency, which, in certain instances, may be subject to either temporary blocking or other difficulties converting to U.S. dollars. Excess amounts of local currency may be exposed to the risk of currency exchange losses.

The shipment of goods, services and technology across international borders subjects us to extensive trade and other laws and regulations. Our import and export activities are governed by unique customs laws and regulations in each of the countries where we operate. Moreover, many countries, including the U.S., control the import and export of certain goods, services and technology and impose related import and export recordkeeping and reporting obligations, the laws and regulations related to which are complex and constantly changing. These laws and regulations may be enacted, amended, enforced or interpreted in a manner materially impacting our operations. Shipments may be delayed and denied import or export for a variety of reasons, some of which are outside our control, and such delays or denials could cause unscheduled operational downtime. Any failure to comply with these applicable legal and regulatory obligations also could result in criminal and civil penalties and sanctions, such as fines, imprisonment, debarment from government contracts, seizure of shipments and loss of import and export privileges.

In the past, these conditions or events have not materially affected our operations. However, we cannot predict whether any such conditions or events might develop in the future. Also, we organized our subsidiary structure and our operations, in part, based on certain assumptions about various foreign and domestic tax laws, currency exchange requirements, and capital repatriation laws. While we believe our assumptions are correct, there can be no assurance that taxing or other authorities will reach the same conclusion. If our assumptions are incorrect, or if the relevant countries change or modify such laws or the current interpretation of such laws, we may suffer adverse tax and financial consequences, including the reduction of cash flow available to meet required debt service and other obligations. Any of these factors could materially adversely affect our international operations and, consequently, our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Our business is subject to war, sabotage, terrorism and piracy, which could have an adverse effect.

It is unclear what impact the current United States military campaigns or possible future campaigns will have on the energy industry in general, or us in particular, in the future. Uncertainty surrounding retaliatory military strikes or a sustained military campaign may affect our operations in unpredictable ways, including changes in the insurance markets, disruptions of fuel supplies and markets, particularly oil, and the possibility that infrastructure facilities, including pipelines, production facilities, refineries, electric generation, transmission and distribution facilities, could be direct targets of, or indirect casualties of, an act of terror. War or risk of war may also have an adverse effect on the economy.

Acts of war, sabotage, terrorism, piracy and social unrest, brought about by world political events or otherwise, have caused instability in the world's financial and insurance markets in the past and may continue to do so in the future. Such acts could be directed against companies such as ours, and could also adversely affect the oil, gas and power industries and restrict their future growth. Insurance premiums could increase and coverage may be unavailable in the future.

Failure to obtain and retain key personnel could impede our operations.

We depend to a significant extent upon the efforts and abilities of our executive officers and other key management personnel. There is no assurance that these individuals will continue in such capacity for any particular period of time. The loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers or other personnel could adversely affect our operations.

We require highly skilled personnel to operate our drilling rigs and provide technical services and support for our business worldwide. Historically, competition for the labor required for drilling operations and construction projects, has intensified as the number of rigs activated, added to worldwide fleets or under construction increased, leading to shortages of qualified personnel in the industry and creating upward pressure on wages and higher turnover. We may experience increased competition for the crews necessary to operate our rigs. If increased competition for labor were to intensify in the future, we may experience increases in costs or reductions in experience levels which could impact operations. The shortages of qualified personnel or the inability to obtain and retain qualified personnel could also negatively affect the quality, safety and timeliness of our work.

Significant part or equipment shortages, supplier capacity constraints, supplier production disruptions, supplier quality and sourcing issues or price increases could increase our operating costs, decrease our revenues and adversely impact our operations.

Our operations rely on a significant supply of capital and consumable spare parts and equipment to maintain and repair our fleet. We also rely on the supply of ancillary services, including supply boats and helicopters. Certain high specification parts and equipment we use in our operations may be available only from a small number of suppliers, manufacturers or service providers, or in some cases must be sourced through a single supplier, manufacturer or service provider. A disruption in the deliveries from such third-party suppliers, manufacturers or service providers, capacity constraints, production disruptions, price increases, quality control issues, recalls or other decreased availability of parts and equipment could adversely affect our ability to meet our commitments to customers, adversely impact our operations and revenues, delay our rig upgrade, repair or construction projects, or increase our operating costs.

Unionization efforts and labor regulations in certain countries in which we operate could materially increase our costs or limit our flexibility.

Certain of our employees and contractors in international markets are represented by labor unions and work under collective bargaining or similar agreements, which are subject to periodic renegotiation. Efforts may be made from time to time to unionize portions of our workforce. In addition, we may in the future be subject to strikes or work stoppages and other labor disruptions. Additional unionization efforts, new collective bargaining agreements or work stoppages could materially increase our costs, reduce our revenues or limit our flexibility.

Climate change legislation or regulations restricting emissions of greenhouse gases could result in increased operating costs and reduced demand for the oil and natural gas we produce.

There is a concern that emissions of greenhouse gases ("GHG") may alter the composition of the global atmosphere in ways that affect the global climate. Climate change, including the impact of global warming, may create physical and financial risk. Physical risks from climate change include an increase in sea level and changes in weather conditions. Given the maritime nature of our business, we do not believe that physical climate change is likely to have a material adverse effect on us. Financial risks relating to climate change are likely to arise from increasing legislation and regulation, as compliance with any new rules could be difficult and costly.

United States federal legislation has been proposed in Congress to reduce GHG emissions and federal legislation limiting GHG emissions may be enacted in the United States. In addition, the EPA has undertaken new efforts to collect information regarding GHG emissions and their effects and has begun adopting and implementing regulations to restrict emissions of GHGs under existing provisions of the federal Clean Air Act, one of which requires a

reduction in emissions of GHGs from motor vehicles and the other of which established a permitting requirement for emissions of GHGs from certain large stationary sources, effective January 2, 2011. The EPA has also adopted rules requiring the reporting of GHG emissions from specified large GHG emission sources in the United States on an annual basis, as well as certain onshore and offshore oil and natural gas production facilities on an annual basis, beginning in 2012 for emissions occurring in 2011. Foreign jurisdictions are also addressing climate changes by legislation or regulation. The adoption of legislation and regulatory programs to reduce

emissions of GHGs could require us to incur increased energy, environmental and other costs and capital expenditures to comply. Consequently, legislation and regulatory programs to reduce emissions of GHGs could have an adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Adverse impacts upon the oil and gas industry relating to climate change may also affect us as demand for our services depends on the level of activity in offshore oil and natural gas exploration, development and production. Although we do not expect that demand for oil and gas will lessen dramatically over the short term, concerns about climate change may reduce the demand for oil and gas in the long term. In addition, increased regulation of GHG may create greater incentives for use of alternative energy sources. Any long term material adverse effect on the oil and gas industry may have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, but we cannot reasonably or reliably estimate if it will occur, when it will occur or that it will impact us.

We are subject to the anti-takeover provisions of our constitutive documents and Texas law.

Holders of the shares of an acquisition target often receive a premium for their shares upon a change of control. Texas law and provisions of constitutive documents could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control and could prevent holders of our common stock from receiving such a premium. For example, Texas law prohibits us from engaging in a business combination with any shareholder for three years from the date that person became an affiliated shareholder by beneficially owning 20% or more of our outstanding common stock, in the absence of certain board of director or shareholder approvals.

In addition, under our By-laws, special meetings of shareholders may not be called by anyone other than our Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, our President and Chief Executive Officer, or the holders of at least 10% of the shares of our capital stock entitled to vote at such meeting.

Covenants in our debt agreements restrict our ability to engage in certain activities.

Our debt agreements restrict our ability to, among other things:

- incur, assume or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain stock;
- pay dividends or distributions or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock or subordinated debt;
- make loans and other types of investments;
- incur liens;
- restrict dividends, loans or asset transfers from our subsidiaries;
- sell or otherwise dispose of assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries;
- consolidate or merge with or into, or sell substantially all of our assets to, another person;
- acquire assets or businesses;
- enter into transactions with affiliates; and
- enter into new lines of business.

In addition, our revolving credit facility contains various financial covenants that impose a maximum leverage ratio of 4.0 to 1.0, a debt to capitalization ratio of 0.5 to 1.0, a minimum interest expense coverage ratio of 3.0 to 1.0 and a minimum collateral maintenance of 150% of the aggregate amount outstanding under the Credit Facility. Our ability to meet these covenants or requirements may be affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will satisfy such covenants and requirements in the future. Such restrictions may limit our ability to successfully execute our business plans, which may have adverse consequences on our operations.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our debt obligations depends on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or

delay investment decisions and capital expenditures, or to sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial position at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with

more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. In addition, any failure to make payments of interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness on a timely basis would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. Our existing debt agreements restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from the disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain the proceeds that we could realize from them and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. If we breach our covenants under our senior secured revolving credit facility and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under our senior secured revolving credit facility, the lenders could exercise their rights and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. See “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources-Revolving Credit Facility.”



**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

We are currently engaged in discussions with the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) regarding an unresolved staff comment with respect to our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012 relating to our revenue and expense recognition policies for day rates received and the corresponding expenses incurred during the initial mobilization of the Atwood Condor during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012. While we continue to work with the SEC staff to resolve this comment, we may in the future determine to revise our revenue and expense recognition policies and to revise our historical financial statements accordingly which would result in a positive impact to our results of operations for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 and a negative impact to our results for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. However, there will be no change to the timing or amount of cash flows under this contract.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

Our property consists primarily of mobile offshore drilling rigs and ancillary equipment. Seven of our rigs (the Atwood Aurora, the Atwood Beacon, the Atwood Eagle, the Atwood Falcon, the Atwood Hunter, the Atwood Osprey, and the Atwood Condor) are pledged under our senior secured revolving credit facility. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Revolving Credit Facility” in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

We lease our office at our corporate headquarters in the United States and own or lease support offices in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

We incorporate by reference in response to this item the information set forth in Item 1, Item 7 and Note 4 of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-K.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We have certain actions, claims and other matters pending as discussed and reported in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. As of September 30, 2013, we were also involved in a number of lawsuits which have arisen in the ordinary course of business and for which we do not expect the liability, if any, resulting from these lawsuits to have a material adverse effect on our current consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any of these matters described above or any such other proceeding or threatened litigation or legal proceedings. There can be no assurance that our beliefs or expectations as to the outcome or effect of any lawsuit or other matters will prove correct and the eventual outcome of these matters could materially differ from management’s current estimates.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE**

Not applicable.

## PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

As of November 7, 2013, there were approximately 72 record owners of our common stock. Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ATW".

We did not pay cash dividends in fiscal years 2013 or 2012 and we do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the next fiscal year because of the capital-intensive nature of our business and restrictions in our debt agreements. To enable us to maintain our highly competitive profile in the industry, we expect to utilize cash reserves at the appropriate time to construct additional equipment or to upgrade existing equipment. Our senior secured revolving credit facility prohibits payments of cash dividends on our common stock without lender approval, and, subject to certain exceptions, the indenture governing our senior notes restricts payments of cash dividends on our common stock without noteholder approval.

## STOCK PRICE INFORMATION

The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices per share of common stock as reported by the NYSE for the periods indicated.

Quarters Ended	Fiscal 2013		Fiscal 2012	
	Low	High	Low	High
December 31	\$43.21	\$50.18	\$30.64	\$45.64
March 31	46.18	55.49	39.48	48.91
June 30	43.91	56.71	34.93	45.85
September 30	51.84	59.49	37.11	49.75

## COMMON STOCK PRICE PERFORMANCE GRAPH

Below is a comparison of five-year cumulative total returns among Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and the center for research in security prices ("CRSP") index for the NYSE/AMEX/NASDAQ stock markets, and our self-determined peer group of drilling companies.

## COMPARISON OF FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN (1)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CRSP Total Returns Index for:						
Atwood Oceanics, Inc.	100.0	96.9	83.7	94.4	124.9	151.2
NYSE/AMEX/Nasdaq Stock Markets (U.S. Companies)	100.0	89.6	100.5	101.0	131.1	153.8
Self-determined Peer Group	100.0	83.7	73.7	64.7	81.4	88.6
Constituents of the Self-determined Peer Group (weighted according to market capitalization):						
Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.	Transocean Ltd.		Rowan Companies plc			
EnSCO plc	Noble Corporation		Seadrill Limited			

(1) Total returns assume (i) that \$100 was invested in each on September 30, 2008; (ii) dividends, if any, were reinvested; and (iii) a September 30 fiscal year end.

The performance graph above is furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The performance graph is not soliciting material subject to Regulation 14A.

## UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

None.

## ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth for the period indicated certain information with respect to repurchases by us of our shares:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
June 2013	2,000,000	\$53.63	—	—

(1) On May 23, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement with Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. ("H&P"), a subsidiary of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., under which we agreed to repurchase 2,000,000 shares of our common stock from H&P and to make a payment at closing to H&P of \$107.1 million. On June 13, 2013, we and H&P amended the agreement to extend the closing date from June 13, 2013 to June 27, 2013 resulting in an increase to the amount paid at closing to H&P by \$200,000. The share repurchase closed on June 27, 2013. Following the share repurchase, we canceled such shares. H&P is considered a related party as a member of our board of directors serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a director, of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Selected financial data for each of the last five fiscal years is presented below:

(In thousands, except per share amounts, fleet data and ratios)	At or For the Years Ended September 30,					
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
<b>STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA:</b>						
Total revenues	\$1,063,663	\$787,421	\$645,076	\$650,562	\$586,507	
Contract drilling costs and reimbursable expenses	(458,925 )	(347,179 )	(223,565 )	(252,427 )	(221,709 )	
Depreciation	(117,510 )	(70,599 )	(43,597 )	(37,030 )	(35,119 )	
General and administrative	(56,786 )	(49,776 )	(44,407 )	(40,620 )	(31,639 )	
Other, net	(971 )	(457 )	(4,847 )	1,855	402	
Operating income	429,471	319,410	328,660	322,340	298,442	
Other (expense) income	(24,670 )	(6,106 )	(3,813 )	(2,361 )	(2,011 )	
Tax provision	(54,577 )	(41,133 )	(53,173 )	(62,983 )	(45,686 )	
Net Income	\$350,224	\$272,171	\$271,674	\$256,996	\$250,745	
<b>PER SHARE DATA:</b>						
Earnings per common share:						
Basic	\$5.38	\$4.17	\$4.20	\$3.99	\$3.91	
Diluted	\$5.32	\$4.14	\$4.15	\$3.95	\$3.89	
Average common shares outstanding:						
Basic	65,073	65,267	64,754	64,391	64,167	
Diluted	65,845	65,781	65,403	65,028	64,493	
<b>FLEET DATA:</b>						
Rig count (at end of period)						
All rigs	13	11	10	9	9	
In-service rigs <sup>(1)</sup>	11	9	7	9	9	
Utilization rate - full <sup>(2)</sup>						
All rigs	83	% 75	% 61	% 87	% 84	%
In-service rigs <sup>(1)</sup>	100	% 96	% 91	% 87	% 84	%
Utilization rate - available <sup>(3)</sup>						
All rigs	84	% 78	% 63	% 88	% 85	%
In-service rigs <sup>(1)</sup>	100	% 100	% 95	% 88	% 85	%
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$88,770	\$77,871	\$295,002	\$180,523	\$100,259	
Working capital	296,888	232,887	301,608	266,534	191,259	
Property and equipment, net	3,164,724	2,537,340	1,887,321	1,343,961	1,184,300	
Total assets	3,657,266	2,943,762	2,375,391	1,724,440	1,509,402	
Total debt	1,263,232	830,000	520,000	230,000	275,000	
Shareholders' equity <sup>(4)</sup>	2,207,371	1,939,422	1,652,787	1,370,134	1,102,293	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	2.89	2.69	2.89	3.85	2.70	

(1) In-service rigs exclude idled rigs which are not actively marketed. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Market Outlook" for further discussion of idled rigs.

(2) Full utilization rate is calculated by dividing the actual number of days a rig was under contract during the year by 365 days.

(3) Available utilization rate is calculated by dividing the actual number of days a rig was under contract during the period by the number of days a rig was available to be under contract during the period, which excludes out of

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service time for planned shipyard projects between contracts. During fiscal year 2013, there were 18 days of planned out of service time related to the Atwood Eagle.

(4) We have never paid any cash dividends on our common stock.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion is intended to assist in understanding our financial position at September 30, 2013 and 2012, and our results of operations for each of the fiscal years for the three year period ended September 30, 2013, and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. The following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under Item 1A "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Form 10-K. See "Forward-Looking Statements".

OVERVIEW

Financial and operating results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, include:

• Record operating revenues totaling \$1,064 million on 3,718 operating days as compared to operating revenues of \$787 million on 2,577 operating days for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012;

• Record net income of \$350 million as compared to net income of \$272 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012;

• Diluted earnings per share of \$5.32 as compared to diluted earnings per share of \$4.14 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012;

• Net cash provided by operating activities of \$432 million as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$256 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012;

• Debt to capitalization ratio of 37% at September 30, 2013

MARKET OUTLOOK

Industry Conditions

The level of activity in the offshore drilling industry, which affects the drilling sector's profitability, is highly correlated to the price of oil and, to a lesser extent, natural gas. The price of oil is determined by the balance between global and/or regional supply and demand. The state of the global economy and associated degree of economic growth are important factors in determining the level of demand for commodities, including oil and natural gas. The strength and sustainability of the global economic recovery remains uncertain, with economic growth rates slowing in most major economies. This is partially offset by improving economic growth in the U.S. during the year. In addition, geopolitical developments, mainly in North Africa and the Middle East, have resulted in oil supply disruptions, strengthening international crude oil prices. Although oil prices have continued to be volatile, they remain relatively strong compared to historical price levels, with the price of Brent sustained above \$100 per barrel. While future oil prices are difficult to predict, we believe that the current oil price levels are sufficient to support continued strong demand for offshore drilling services.

Global economic issues have not meaningfully impacted demand for offshore drilling services as rig demand generally remains strong in all major global markets and across most rig types. Strong demand for offshore drilling rigs, as evidenced by high levels of marketed rigs under contract, has led to sustained favorable day rates in the ultra-deepwater segment and increasing day rates in the jackup segment. The deepwater segment has recently seen a decrease in marketed utilization which may lead to lower day rates in the future. We continue to see variability in day rates primarily due to rig capabilities and age, followed by rig location and contract term.

The pace of new ultra-deepwater rig orders has declined dramatically with only 18 additional floater orders being placed in 2013 as compared to 44 orders in 2012. Access to equity and debt capital, combined with shortages in highly skilled offshore and onshore personnel, continue to provide a significant entry barrier for the ultra-deepwater rig market. As a result, the majority of ultra-deepwater drilling rigs currently under construction have been ordered by established drilling companies.



In contrast to the ultra-deepwater market, 61 high specification jackups have been ordered since January 1, 2013. Thirty of these rigs are being constructed in Chinese shipyards, indicating a shifting trend towards lower cost shipyards with large back-end weighted payment terms. Globally, the strength in all regional jackup markets is being driven by operator demand for newer, more capable rigs to replace the existing old and less capable fleet. The high level of drilling activity, together with the backlog of rigs under construction, is creating capacity constraints in the global offshore rig equipment supply chain. As a result, equipment delivery lead times remain challenging which is leading

to delayed rig deliveries. Additionally, the industry is facing a shortage of skilled personnel, which could increase operating costs in certain operating areas in the future.

#### Ultra-deepwater and Deepwater Rig Markets

Industry-wide, the percentage of marketed ultra-deepwater rigs under contract remains at approximately 100%, while the percentage of marketed deepwater rigs under contract remains at approximately 94%. In addition, all 13 newbuild floaters estimated to be delivered throughout the remainder of calendar year 2013 are currently contracted. Some recent contract fixtures suggest that the day rates and demand for deepwater rigs and older, less capable ultra-deepwater rigs may be impacted negatively by the increased supply of newer ultra-deepwater rigs, with the older, less capable rigs having to price more aggressively to retain or attract demand by operators.

As of November 1, 2013, there were 97 ultra-deepwater drillships and semisubmersibles under construction for delivery through May 2020. This number includes 29 ultra-deepwater rigs under long-term contracts with Petrobras and primarily being constructed in shipyards located in Brazil. Of the remaining 68 ultra-deepwater rigs under construction, 34 are currently uncontracted.

#### Our Ultra-deepwater Rig and Deepwater Rigs

The Atwood Condor, an ultra-deepwater, dynamically-positioned semisubmersible, is operating in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and is contracted through November 2016. The Atwood Osprey, an ultra-deepwater semisubmersible, is operating offshore Australia and is contracted through May 2017.

The Atwood Eagle and Atwood Falcon, both deepwater semisubmersibles, are operating offshore Australia and are contracted through June 2016 and November 2014, respectively. The Atwood Hunter, a deepwater semisubmersible, is operating offshore Equatorial Guinea and is contracted through February 2014.

The Atwood Advantage, Atwood Achiever, Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer are DP-3 dynamically-positioned, dual derrick, ultra-deepwater drillships rated to operate in water depths up to 12,000 feet, and are currently under construction at the DSME shipyard in South Korea. These drillships will have enhanced technical capabilities, including two seven-ram BOPs, three 100-ton knuckle boom cranes, a 165-ton active heave “tree-running” knuckle boom crane and 200 person accommodations. The Atwood Advantage, Atwood Achiever, Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer are scheduled to be delivered in November 2013, June 2014, March 2015 and December 2015, respectively, at a total cost, including project management, drilling and handling tools and spares, of approximately \$635 million each.

Upon delivery from the shipyard, the Atwood Advantage will mobilize to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea to commence a three-year drilling program. The Atwood Achiever will mobilize to Morocco to commence a three-year drilling program upon its delivery from the shipyard. Although, presently, we do not have drilling contracts for the Atwood Admiral or the Atwood Archer, we expect that the long-term demand for ultra-deepwater drilling services in established and emerging basins should provide us with opportunities to contract these two rigs prior to their respective delivery dates.

We have an option to build an additional ultra-deepwater drillship with DSME that expires March 31, 2014. At this time, we have not made any determination as to whether the option will be exercised. In determining whether to exercise the option, we will consider several factors, including oil and natural gas prices, the magnitude of our contract drilling revenue backlog, current and prospective supply and demand dynamics of the ultra-deepwater drilling market, current ultra-deepwater contract day rates, newbuild drillship construction prices and our ability to incur debt financing to finance a portion of the construction contract.

#### Jackup Rig Market

Bifurcation in day rates and utilization between high specification jackups and standard jackups continues to characterize contracting activity in the jackup market. We expect this bifurcation trend to become more pronounced in the future. The percentage of marketed high specification jackup rigs (i.e., rigs equal to or greater than 350-foot water depth capability) under contract is approximately 99% as compared to 95% for the remainder of the global jackup fleet. Despite the expected increase in global jackup supply due to the continued delivery of high specification newbuild rigs through the end of 2017, we expect demand for high specification jackup rigs will remain elevated as operators continue to prefer contracting newer, more capable rigs for their drilling programs.

As a result of newbuild jackup construction programs initiated in 2005 and continuing through 2013, the jackup supply continues to increase. As of November 1, 2013, there were 123 newbuild jackup rigs under construction. Twenty-two of these jackups are scheduled for delivery during the remainder of 2013, of which six are contracted and six are not considered high

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specification. The remaining 101 rigs are scheduled for delivery in 2014 through 2017. This increase in the marketed supply of high specification jackups may exceed customer demand leading to lower day rates in the future.

#### Our Jackup Rigs

The Atwood Mako and the Atwood Orca, both high specification jackups, are operating offshore Thailand and are contracted through September 2014 and May 2015, respectively. The Atwood Manta, a high specification jackup identical to the Atwood Mako and the Atwood Orca, is operating offshore Malaysia and is contracted through December 2015. The Atwood Aurora, a high specification jackup, is operating offshore West Africa and is contracted through May 2015. The Atwood Beacon, a high specification jackup, is operating in the Mediterranean Sea and is contracted into November 2015.

The Vicksburg, a standard jackup, is operating offshore Thailand and is contracted through December 2013. On October 3, 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of the Vicksburg to Gulf Drilling International Ltd (Q.S.C.) for a sales price of \$55.4 million. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in January 2014 following the completion of the unit's contract with its current customer, CEC International, Ltd. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions.

#### Idled Rigs

The Atwood Southern Cross and Seahawk were idle as of September 30, 2013. We anticipate that the Atwood Southern Cross will not return to service during fiscal year 2014 due to the lack of sufficient continuous demand, and thus, we are not actively marketing the rig at this time. On October 31, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement for the sale of one of our wholly owned subsidiaries which is the owner of our semisubmersible tender assist drilling rig, the Seahawk, to Delta Group FZE for a sales price of \$6.0 million. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying value of the rig and its related inventory approximates its sales price. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in November 2013 subject to customary closing conditions.

#### Contract Backlog

We maintain a backlog of commitments for contract drilling revenues. Our contract backlog at September 30, 2013 was approximately \$3.8 billion, representing a 46% increase compared to our contract backlog of \$2.6 billion at September 30, 2012. We calculate our contract backlog by multiplying the day rate under our drilling contracts by the number of days remaining under the contract, assuming full utilization. The calculation does not include any revenues related to other fees such as for mobilization, demobilization, contract preparation, customer reimbursables and bonuses. The amount of actual revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned will be different from amounts disclosed in our backlog calculations due to a lack of predictability of various factors, including newbuild rig delivery dates, unscheduled repairs, maintenance requirements, weather delays and other factors. Such factors may result in lower applicable day rates than the full contractual day rate and/or delays in receiving the full contractual operating rate. In addition, under certain circumstances, our customers may seek to terminate or renegotiate our contracts. See Item 1A., "Risk Factors—Our business may experience reduced profitability if our customers terminate or seek to renegotiate our drilling contracts" of this Form 10-K.

The following table sets forth as of September 30, 2013 the amount of our contract drilling revenue backlog and the percent of available operating days committed for our actively-marketed drilling units for the periods indicated:

Contract Drilling Revenue Backlog	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018 and thereafter	Total
(Dollars in millions)						
Ultra-deepwater	\$557	\$819	\$830	\$449	\$24	\$2,679
Deepwater	361	187	122	—	—	670
Jackups	300	179	16	—	—	495
	\$1,218	\$1,185	\$968	\$449	\$24	\$3,844
Percent of Available Operating Days Committed	96	% 66	% 38	% 16	% 1	%



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## Fiscal Year 2013 versus Fiscal Year 2012

Revenues—Revenues for fiscal year 2013 increased \$276.3 million, or 35%, compared to the prior fiscal year. Fiscal year 2013 included 3,718 operating days versus 2,577 operating days in fiscal year 2012. A comparative analysis of revenues for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

(In millions)	REVENUES		
	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2012	Variance
Atwood Condor	\$170.2	\$32.7	\$137.5
Atwood Osprey	165.0	166.5	(1.5 )
Atwood Eagle	131.0	132.9	(1.9 )
Atwood Falcon	133.7	93.4	40.3
Atwood Hunter	150.3	190.2	(39.9 )
Atwood Aurora	50.6	53.7	(3.1 )
Atwood Beacon	56.9	48.1	8.8
Atwood Mako	52.9	4.1	48.8
Atwood Manta	42.8	—	42.8
Atwood Orca	24.5	—	24.5
Vicksburg	40.1	34.3	5.8
Reimbursable	45.7	31.5	14.2
	\$1,063.7	\$787.4	\$276.3

The increase in revenues for the Atwood Condor for the current fiscal year is due to the rig operating for the full fiscal year after commencing operations during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012 when it was mobilizing from the shipyard in Singapore to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

The increase in revenues for the Atwood Falcon for the current fiscal year is due to a higher day rate contract offshore Australia compared to the prior fiscal year when the rig was working at a lower day rate offshore Malaysia, in addition to the rig undergoing a shipyard upgrade project from February 2012 to May 2012 during which time 96 days at zero-rate were incurred.

The decrease in revenues for the Atwood Hunter for the current fiscal year is primarily due to the rig working at a lower day rate offshore West Africa under a new drilling contract as compared to the prior fiscal year.

The increase in revenues for the Atwood Beacon for the current fiscal year is primarily due to the rig working on a higher day rate contract offshore Israel as compared to the prior fiscal year when the rig was working at a lower day rate offshore South America.

The Atwood Mako, the Atwood Manta and the Atwood Orca were delivered from the shipyard and commenced drilling operations offshore Thailand in September 2012, December 2012 and May 2013, respectively, and thus earned little to no revenue during the prior fiscal year while the rigs were predominantly under construction.

The increase in revenues for the Vicksburg for the current fiscal year is primarily due to the rig working for the same customer on a higher day rate contract offshore Thailand.

Reimbursable revenues are primarily driven by clients and contracts and are dependent on the timing of the client requests and work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The increase in reimbursable revenues for the current fiscal

year is primarily due to the growth of our fleet as a result of the delivery of four newly constructed rigs and commencement of operations in July 2012 through May 2013.

Drilling Costs—Drilling costs for fiscal year 2013 increased \$111.7 million, or 32%, compared to the prior fiscal year. Fiscal year 2013 included 3,718 operating days versus 2,577 operating days in fiscal year 2012. A comparative analysis of drilling costs for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

(In millions)	DRILLING COSTS		
	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2012	Variance
Atwood Condor	\$61.0	\$12.7	\$48.3
Atwood Osprey	63.8	63.4	0.4
Atwood Eagle	65.4	59.9	5.5
Atwood Falcon	58.3	52.0	6.3
Atwood Hunter	44.5	47.2	(2.7 )
Atwood Aurora	25.7	30.1	(4.4 )
Atwood Beacon	33.7	32.4	1.3
Atwood Mako	19.9	2.9	17.0
Atwood Manta	16.6	—	16.6
Atwood Orca	8.8	—	8.8
Vicksburg	19.1	20.3	(1.2 )
Reimbursable	32.7	18.7	14.0
Other	9.4	7.6	1.8
	\$458.9	\$347.2	\$111.7

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Condor for the current fiscal year is due to the rig operating for the full fiscal year after commencing operations during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012 when it was mobilizing from the shipyard in Singapore to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Eagle for the current fiscal year is primarily due to the rig undergoing regulatory inspections, planned maintenance, and upgrades in December 2012.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Falcon for the current fiscal year is primarily the result of working offshore Australia, which has significantly higher personnel costs as compared to working offshore Malaysia in the prior fiscal year.

The decrease in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Aurora for the current fiscal year is primarily attributable to amortization charges relating to mobilization to West Africa recorded in the prior fiscal year as compared to none in the current fiscal year since the rig has continued to operate in West Africa.

The Atwood Mako, the Atwood Manta and the Atwood Orca were delivered from the shipyard and commenced drilling operations offshore Thailand in September 2012, December 2012, and May 2013, respectively, and thus incurred little to no contract drilling costs during the prior fiscal year while the rigs were predominantly under construction.

Reimbursable costs are primarily driven by clients and contracts and are dependent on the timing of the client requests and work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The increase in reimbursable costs for the current fiscal year is primarily due to the growth of our fleet as a result of the delivery of four newly constructed rigs and commencement of operations in July 2012 through May 2013.





Depreciation—Depreciation expense for the fiscal year 2013 increased \$46.9 million, or 66%, compared to the prior fiscal year. A comparative analysis of depreciation expense by rig for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

(In millions)	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE		
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Variance
	2013	2012	
Atwood Condor	\$32.0	\$7.9	\$24.1
Atwood Osprey	26.6	24.8	1.8
Atwood Eagle	5.6	5.5	0.1
Atwood Falcon	8.0	6.4	1.6
Atwood Hunter	6.7	6.5	0.2
Atwood Aurora	7.3	7.4	(0.1)
Atwood Beacon	5.6	4.9	0.7
Atwood Mako	7.6	0.6	7.0
Atwood Manta	6.4	—	6.4
Atwood Orca	3.2	—	3.2
Vicksburg	2.2	1.9	0.3
Other	6.3	4.7	1.6
	\$117.5	\$70.6	\$46.9

The increase in depreciation for the Atwood Condor for the current fiscal year is due to the rig being placed into service at the beginning of July 2012 and incurring only three months of depreciation expense while mobilizing in the prior fiscal year.

The increase in depreciation for the Atwood Falcon for the current fiscal year is primarily due to certain upgrades made to the rig during the shipyard project that was completed in May 2012.

The increase in depreciation for the Atwood Mako, the Atwood Manta and the Atwood Orca for the current fiscal year is due to the rigs being placed into service in September 2012, December 2012 and May 2013, respectively, and incurring little to no depreciation expense in the prior fiscal year.

The increase in other depreciation expense is due to the acquisition of enterprise resource planning business management software and implementation on October 1, 2012 at our headquarters in Houston as well as all our supporting offices.

General and administrative—General and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2013 increased approximately \$7.0 million, or 14%, compared to the prior fiscal year primarily due to higher personnel-related costs, including an increase in headcount, and higher professional fees to support our larger fleet.

Interest Expense, net of capitalized interest—Interest expense, net of capitalized interest for fiscal year 2013 increased approximately \$18.4 million, compared to the prior fiscal year primarily due to higher outstanding debt and a higher weighted average borrowing cost.

Income taxes—Our effective tax rate was 13% for fiscal year 2013, which is consistent with the prior fiscal year. The prior fiscal period included the benefit from the favorable resolution of a prior period tax examination. Absent this benefit, our effective tax rate for fiscal year 2013 is lower than the prior fiscal year due to the change in the geographical mix of income. Our effective tax rates were lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% as a result of working in certain lower tax jurisdictions outside the United States.



## Fiscal Year 2012 versus Fiscal Year 2011

Revenues—Revenues for fiscal year 2012 increased \$142.3 million, or 22%, compared to fiscal year 2011. Fiscal year 2012 included 2,577 operating days versus 2,097 operating days in fiscal year 2011. A comparative analysis of revenues for fiscal years 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(In millions)	REVENUES		
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011	Variance
Atwood Condor	\$32.7	\$—	\$32.7
Atwood Osprey	166.5	58.7	107.8
Atwood Eagle	132.9	138.6	(5.7 )
Atwood Falcon	93.4	152.6	(59.2 )
Atwood Hunter	190.2	181.5	8.7
Atwood Aurora	53.7	28.7	25.0
Atwood Beacon	48.1	43.5	4.6
Atwood Mako	4.1	—	4.1
Vicksburg	34.3	33.6	0.7
Reimbursable	31.5	7.9	23.6
	\$787.4	\$645.1	\$142.3

Our newest ultra-deepwater, semisubmersible drilling rig, the Atwood Condor, which commenced operations under its initial contract during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012, earned mobilization revenue as it relocated from the shipyard in Singapore to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

The increase in revenues for the Atwood Osprey was due to the fact that the rig commenced drilling operations offshore Australia in late May 2011 and thus did not earn a full year of revenue in fiscal year 2011. The rig continued on contract offshore Australia for all of fiscal year 2012.

The decrease in revenues for the Atwood Falcon was due to the rig working on a long-term contract offshore Malaysia for all of fiscal year 2011. This contract ended during the second quarter of fiscal year 2012. From February 2012 through May 2012, the rig underwent a shipyard project in Singapore for upgrades. Following completion of such upgrades, the rig relocated to work offshore Australia and began operations in late May 2012 that continued through the end of fiscal year 2012.

The increase in revenues for the Atwood Hunter was primarily due to out-of-service time related to a planned regulatory inspection during fiscal year 2011 compared to no out-of-service time during fiscal year 2012. The Atwood Hunter worked offshore West Africa during both fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

Revenues for the Atwood Aurora increased as the rig was fully utilized during fiscal year 2012 working offshore West Africa. In fiscal year 2011, the rig worked offshore Egypt until completion of its contract commitment in May 2011. The contract was followed by a planned shipyard project through June 2011, after which the rig was idle for most of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011 until it resumed work under a contract that commenced in September 2011.

Our newest active jackup drilling unit, the Atwood Mako, was delivered from the shipyard and commenced drilling operations in September 2012 offshore Thailand, and thus earned no revenue in fiscal year 2011.

Reimbursable revenues are primarily driven by clients and contracts and are dependent on the timing of the client requests and work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The increase in reimbursable revenues was primarily due to the Atwood Osprey operating for the full fiscal year 2012 after commencing operations in late May 2011 as well as the Atwood Condor commencing operations in fiscal year 2012.

Drilling Costs—Drilling costs for fiscal year 2012 increased \$123.6 million, or 55%, compared to fiscal year 2011. Fiscal year 2012 included 2,577 operating days versus 2,097 operating days in fiscal year 2011. A comparative analysis of drilling costs for fiscal years 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(In millions)	DRILLING COSTS		
	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2011	Variance
Atwood Condor	\$12.7	\$—	\$12.7
Atwood Osprey	63.4	22.2	41.2
Atwood Eagle	59.9	61.8	(1.9)
Atwood Falcon	52.0	29.0	23.0
Atwood Hunter	47.2	37.9	9.3
Atwood Aurora	30.1	18.3	11.8
Atwood Beacon	32.4	27.8	4.6
Atwood Mako	2.9	—	2.9
Vicksburg	20.3	16.1	4.2
Reimbursable	18.7	4.7	14.0
Other	7.6	5.8	1.8
	\$347.2	\$223.6	\$123.6

The Atwood Condor incurred costs as it relocated from the shipyard in Singapore to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012 while on contract. No drilling costs were incurred in fiscal year 2011 while the rig was under construction.

The Atwood Osprey commenced drilling operations in May 2011, incurring approximately four months of drilling costs in fiscal year 2011 as compared to a full twelve months of drilling costs in fiscal year 2012 while working offshore Australia.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Falcon in fiscal year 2012 as compared to fiscal year 2011, was primarily due to increased maintenance activities during the shipyard project from February 2012 to May 2012 and the subsequent commencement of drilling operations offshore Australia which has significantly higher personnel costs than costs for its previous contract offshore Malaysia.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Hunter was due primarily to increased equipment-related costs associated with maintenance projects and inspections as compared to fiscal year 2011.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Aurora in fiscal year 2012 as compared to fiscal year 2011, was primarily attributable to increased costs for monthly amortization charges for mobilization to offshore West Africa in fiscal year 2012 as well as lower operating expenses incurred at the end of fiscal year 2011 due to a planned shipyard project and substantial idle time prior to commencing its next contract offshore West Africa.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Atwood Beacon was primarily due to increased equipment-related costs associated with maintenance projects and inspections incurred while the rig relocated from South America to the Mediterranean Sea during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012.

The Atwood Mako was delivered from the shipyard and commenced drilling operations in Thailand in September 2012. No drilling costs were incurred in fiscal year 2011 while the rig was under construction.

The increase in contract drilling costs for the Vicksburg was attributable to increased equipment-related costs associated with maintenance projects when compared to fiscal year 2011.

Reimbursable costs are primarily driven by clients and contracts and are dependent on the timing of the client requests and work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The increase in reimbursable costs was primarily due to the Atwood Osprey operating for the full fiscal year 2012 after commencing operations in late May 2011 as well as the Atwood Condor commencing operations in fiscal year 2012.



Depreciation—Depreciation expense for fiscal year 2012 increased \$27.0 million, or 62%, as compared to fiscal year 2011. A comparative analysis of depreciation expense by rig for fiscal years 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(In millions)	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE		
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Variance
	2012	2011	
Atwood Condor	\$7.9	\$—	\$7.9
Atwood Osprey	24.8	8.3	16.5
Atwood Eagle	5.5	4.9	0.6
Atwood Falcon	6.4	5.1	1.3
Atwood Hunter	6.5	6.4	0.1
Atwood Aurora	7.4	7.4	—
Atwood Beacon	4.9	4.6	0.3
Atwood Mako	0.6	—	0.6
Vicksburg	1.9	2.0	(0.1 )
Other	4.7	4.9	(0.2 )
	\$70.6	\$43.6	\$27.0

The Atwood Condor, which was placed into service at the beginning of July 2012, incurred no depreciation expense in fiscal year 2011.

The Atwood Osprey, which was placed into service in late May 2011, incurred only four months of depreciation expense in fiscal year 2011.

The increase in depreciation for the Atwood Falcon was due to certain upgrades made to the rig during the shipyard project which was completed in May 2012.

The Atwood Mako, which was placed into service at the beginning of September 2012, incurred no depreciation expense in fiscal year 2011.

General and administrative—General and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2012 increased approximately \$5.4 million, or 12%, compared to the fiscal year 2011 primarily due to higher personnel-related costs resulting from an increase in headcount to support our larger fleet.

Other, net —The decrease in Other expenses is primarily due to a \$5.0 million charge related to an impairment of certain of our idled equipment during fiscal year 2011.

Income taxes—Our effective tax rate was 13% for fiscal year 2012, as compared to fiscal year 2011 effective tax rate of 16%. The lower effective income tax was primarily due to the favorable resolution of prior period tax examinations.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At September 30, 2013, we had \$89 million in cash and cash equivalents. At any time, we may require a significant portion of our cash on hand for working capital and other purposes. During the year ended September 30, 2013, we relied principally on our cash flows from operations, cash on hand, borrowings under our credit facility and proceeds from the issuance of additional Senior Notes described below to meet liquidity needs and fund our cash requirements including our capital expenditures of \$745 million.

Working capital increased from \$233 million as of September 30, 2012 to \$297 million as of September 30, 2013 due to an increase in our accounts receivable and inventory which is attributable to our larger fleet. Net cash from operating activities for the year ended September 30, 2013 was \$432 million, which compared to \$256 million for the year ended September 30, 2012. The increase in cash from operating activities in 2013 as compared to 2012 was primarily attributable to an increase in net income.

To date, general inflationary trends have not had a material effect on our operating revenues or expenses.

### 6.50% Senior Notes due 2020

In January 2012, we issued \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.50% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes"). We received net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of approximately \$440 million. We used the net proceeds to reduce outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facility (as defined below). On June 21, 2013, we issued an additional \$200 million aggregate principal amount (the "Additional Notes") of our Senior Notes. The two issuances of Senior Notes together form a single series under the indenture with an aggregate principal amount of \$650 million. We received net proceeds from the Additional Notes, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of approximately \$211.6 million. This amount includes \$5.1 million of accrued interest due from February 1, 2013 through the date of issuance. The net proceeds also include a premium of \$8.5 million to be amortized through maturity on February 1, 2020. The receipt of a premium results in an effective interest rate of 5.72% for the Additional Notes and an effective interest rate of 6.26% on the aggregate principal amount of \$650 million.

The Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and are not currently guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. Interest is payable on the Senior Notes semi-annually in arrears. The indenture governing the Senior Notes contains provisions that limit our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; sell assets; make investments; create liens; enter into agreements that restrict dividends or other payments from our restricted subsidiaries to us; and consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. Many of these restrictions will terminate if the Senior Notes become rated investment grade. The indenture governing the Senior Notes also contains customary events of default, including payment defaults; defaults for failure to comply with other covenants in the indenture; cross-acceleration and entry of final judgments in excess of \$50.0 million; and certain events of bankruptcy, in certain cases subject to notice and grace periods. We are required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes in connection with specified change in control events or with excess proceeds of asset sales not applied for permitted purposes.

At any time prior to February 1, 2015, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price set forth in the indenture governing the Senior Notes. At any time prior to February 1, 2016, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem the Senior Notes in whole or in part at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes redeemed plus a "make whole" premium. On and after February 1, 2016, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem the Senior Notes in whole or in part at the redemption price set forth in the indenture governing the Senior Notes.



### Revolving Credit Facility

As of September 30, 2013, we had \$605 million of outstanding borrowings under our five-year aggregate \$1.1 billion senior secured revolving credit facility.

The original five-year \$750 million senior-secured revolving credit facility was entered into in May 2011 and matures in May 2016 (the "Credit Facility"). Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited ("AOWL"), is the borrower under the Credit Facility, and we and certain of our other subsidiaries are guarantors under the facility. Except as described below, borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin of 2.5%. Currently, certain borrowings effectively bear interest at a fixed rate due to our interest rate swaps. See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. The average interest rate for borrowings under the Credit

Facility was approximately 3.0% per annum at September 30, 2013, after considering the impact of our interest rate swaps. The Credit Facility also provides for the issuance, when requested, of standby letters of credit. The Credit Facility has a commitment fee of 1.0% per annum on the unused portion of \$750 million of the underlying commitment. As of September 30, 2013, we had standby letters of credit issued in the aggregate amount of \$0.1 million.

In July 2013, we and AOWL amended the Credit Facility to, among other things, eliminate all scheduled commitment reductions totaling \$200 million under the Credit Facility. In addition, AOWL entered into an Incremental Commitment Agreement further modifying the Credit Facility. The Incremental Commitment Agreement provides for an additional tranche of commitments and increases the amount of the Credit Facility by \$350 million to an aggregate of \$1.1 billion. The maturity date of all borrowings under the Credit Facility remains May 6, 2016. Borrowings under the incremental tranche of commitments bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin ranging from 2.00% to 2.25%, based on our corporate credit ratings and a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on the unused portion of the additional tranche. In connection with the Incremental Commitment Agreement, we mortgaged as additional collateral under the Credit Facility the Atwood Condor, as well as pledged the equity interests in our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, the Atwood Condor. No other terms of the Credit Facility were amended by the Incremental Commitment Agreement, and all other terms and conditions of the Credit Facility, including the financial and other restrictive covenants set forth therein, are applicable to the incremental tranche of commitments. Subsequent to September 30, 2013, no additional borrowings were made under the Credit Facility.

Subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent and the agreement by the lenders, the Credit Facility accordion may be exercised further to increase commitments by up to an additional \$200 million for a total commitment of up to \$1.3 billion.

The Credit Facility contains various financial covenants that impose a maximum leverage ratio of 4.0 to 1.0, a debt to capitalization ratio of 0.5 to 1.0, a minimum interest expense coverage ratio of 3.0 to 1.0 and a minimum collateral maintenance of 150% of the aggregate amount outstanding under the Credit Facility. In addition, the Credit Facility contains limitations on our and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to incur liens; merge, consolidate or sell substantially all assets; pay dividends (including restrictions on AOWL's ability to pay dividends to us); incur additional indebtedness; make advances, investments or loans; and transact with affiliates. The Credit Facility also contains customary events of default, including but not limited to delinquent payments, bankruptcy filings, material adverse judgments, guarantees or security documents not being in full effect, non-compliance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, cross-defaults under other debt agreements, or a change of control. The Credit Facility is secured primarily by first preferred mortgages on seven of our active drilling units (the Atwood Aurora, the Atwood Beacon, the Atwood Eagle, the Atwood Falcon, the Atwood Hunter, the Atwood Osprey, and the Atwood Condor), as well as liens on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such drilling units. In addition, if we exercise the accordion feature and increase the total commitments, the Credit Facility requires that we provide a first preferred mortgage on the Atwood Mako and the Atwood Manta, as well as a lien on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such rigs. We were in compliance with all financial covenants under the Credit Facility at September 30, 2013, and we anticipate that we will continue to be in compliance for the next fiscal year.

#### Repurchase and Retirement of Common Shares

On May 23, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement with Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. ("H&P"), a subsidiary of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., under which we agreed to repurchase 2,000,000 shares of our common stock from H&P and to make a payment at closing to H&P of \$107.1 million. On June 13, 2013, we and H&P amended the agreement to extend the closing date from June 13, 2013 to June 27, 2013 and to increase the amount to be paid at closing to H&P by \$200,000. The share repurchase closed on June 27, 2013. Following the share repurchase, we canceled such shares. H&P is considered a related party as a member of our board of directors serves

as the President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a director, of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

#### Capital Expenditures

Our capital expenditures, including maintenance capital expenditures, for fiscal year 2013 totaled \$745 million. We estimate that our total capital expenditures for fiscal year 2014 will be approximately \$950 million, substantially all of which is contractually committed. These capital expenditures are expected to be funded with existing cash balances on hand, cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility including the additional \$200 million accordion.

As of September 30, 2013, we had expended approximately \$732 million on our four drilling units under construction at such time. The expected remaining costs including firm commitments, project management, capitalized interest and drilling and handling tools and spares for our four drilling units under construction are as follows (in millions):

Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Total
\$867	\$485	\$456	\$—	\$1,808

We believe that we will be able to fund all additional construction costs with cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility, which has provisions to increase the total commitment to \$1.3 billion as described above.

#### Other

From time to time, we may seek possible expansion and acquisition opportunities relating to our business, which may include the construction or acquisition of rigs or other businesses in addition to those described in this Form 10-K. Such determinations will depend on market conditions and opportunities existing at that time, including with respect to the market for drilling contracts and day rates and the relative costs associated with such expansions or acquisitions. The timing, success or terms of any such efforts and the associated capital commitments are not currently known. In addition to cash on hand, cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility, we may seek to access the capital markets to fund such opportunities. Our ability to access the capital markets depends on a number of factors, including, among others, our credit rating, industry conditions, general economic conditions, market conditions and market perceptions of us and our industry. In addition, we continually review the possibility of disposing of assets that we do not consider core to our long-term business plan.

In addition, in the future, we may seek to redeploy our assets to more active regions if we have the opportunity to do so on attractive terms. We frequently bid for or negotiate with customers regarding multi-year contracts that could require significant capital expenditures and mobilization costs. We expect to fund these opportunities primarily with cash on hand, cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements as that term is defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

#### COMMITMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table summarizes our obligations and commitments as of September 30, 2013:

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018 and thereafter	Total
Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$8,093	\$—	\$605,000	\$—	\$650,000	\$1,263,093
Interest <sup>(2)</sup>	63,686	61,979	54,087	42,250	98,738	320,740
Purchase Commitments <sup>(3)</sup>	731,000	369,000	428,000	—	—	1,528,000
Operating Leases <sup>(4)</sup>	3,982	2,857	2,389	2,139	13,263	24,630
	\$806,761	\$433,836	\$1,089,476	\$44,389	\$762,001	\$3,136,463

(1) Debt amounts include principal payments on the Senior Notes and Credit Facility and short-term notes payable.

Interest amounts include fixed interest payments on the Senior Notes and swaps (assuming September 30, 2013

(2) LIBOR for floating rate) as well as interest and commitment fees on the Credit Facility (assuming September 30, 2013 LIBOR for floating rate and the debt outstanding and the unused portion of the underlying commitment as of September 30, 2013.)

(3) Purchase commitment amounts include commitments related to our four drilling units under construction as of September 30, 2013 (excludes project management, capitalized interest and drilling and handling tools and spares.)

We enter into operating leases in the normal course of business. Some lease agreements provide us with the option (4) to renew the leases. Our future operating lease payments would change if we exercised these renewal options and if we entered into additional operating lease agreements.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Significant accounting policies are included in Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2013. These policies, along with the underlying assumptions and judgments made by management in their application, have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements. We identify our most critical accounting policies as those that are the most pervasive and important to the portrayal of our financial position and results of operations, and that require the most difficult, subjective and/or complex judgments by management regarding estimates about matters that are inherently uncertain. Our most critical accounting policies are those related to revenue recognition, deferred fees and costs, property and equipment, and income taxes.

### Revenue Recognition

We account for contract drilling revenue in accordance with the terms of the underlying drilling contract. These contracts generally provide that revenue is earned and recognized on a daily rate (i.e. "day rate") basis, and day rates are typically earned for a particular level of service over the life of a contract assuming collectability is reasonably assured. Day rate contracts can be performed for a specified period of time or the time required to drill a specified well or number of wells. Revenues from day rate contracts for drilling and other operations performed during the term of a contract (including during mobilization) are classified under contract drilling services.

Fees received as compensation for the relocating drilling rigs from one major operating area to another, equipment and upgrade costs reimbursed by the customer, as well as receipt of advance billings of day rates are recognized as earned during the expected term of the related drilling contract, as are the day rates associated with such contracts. However, fees received upon termination of a drilling contract are generally recognized as earned during the period termination occurs as the termination fee is usually conditional based on the occurrence of an event as defined in the drilling contract, such as not obtaining follow on work to the contract in progress or relocation beyond a certain distance when the contract is completed. If receipt of such fees are not conditional, they will be recognized as earned on a straight-line method over the expected term of the related drilling contract.

### Deferred costs

We defer the mobilization costs relating to moving a drilling rig to a new area, which are incurred prior to the commencement of the drilling operations and customer requested equipment purchases that will revert to the customer at the end of the applicable drilling contract. We amortize such costs on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the applicable drilling contract. Contract revenues and drilling costs are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations at their gross amounts.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost, reduced by provisions to recognize economic impairment in value whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. At September 30, 2013, the carrying value of our property and equipment totaled approximately \$3.2 billion, which represents approximately 87% of our total assets. The carrying value reflects the application of our property and equipment accounting policies, which incorporate estimates, assumptions and judgments by management relative to the useful lives and salvage values of our units. Once rigs and related equipment are placed in service, they are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, with depreciation discontinued only during the period when a drilling unit is out-of-service while undergoing a significant upgrade that extends its useful life. The estimated useful lives of our drilling units and related equipment, including drill pipe, can range from 3 years to 35 years and our salvage values are generally estimated at 5% of capitalized costs. Any future increases or decreases in our estimates of useful lives or salvage values will have the effect of decreasing or increasing future depreciation expense, respectively.

We evaluate our property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss on our property and equipment exists when the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset. In determining an asset's fair value, we consider a number of factors such as estimated future cash flows, appraisals and current market value analysis. If an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value. Asset impairment evaluations are, by nature, highly subjective. Operations of our drilling equipment are subject to the offshore drilling requirements of oil and gas exploration and production companies and agencies of foreign governments. These requirements are, in turn, subject to fluctuations in government policies,

world demand and price for petroleum products, proved reserves in relation to such demand and the extent to which such demand can be met from onshore sources. The critical estimates which result from these dynamics include projected utilization, day rates, and operating expenses, each of which impacts our estimated future cash flows. Over the last five years, our full utilization rate for all rigs has averaged approximately 78%; however, if a drilling unit

incurs significant idle time or receives day rates below operating costs, its carrying value could become impaired. See "Item 6: Selected Financial Data" for further discussion on the calculation of full utilization rates.

The estimates, assumptions and judgments used by management in the application of our property and equipment and asset impairment policies reflect both historical experience and expectations regarding future industry conditions and operations. The use of different estimates, assumptions and judgments, especially those involving the useful lives of our rigs and vessels and expectations regarding future industry conditions and operations, would likely result in materially different carrying values of assets and results of operations.

#### Income Taxes

We conduct operations and earn income in numerous foreign countries and are subject to the laws of taxing jurisdictions within those countries, as well as United States federal and state tax laws. At September 30, 2013, we have an approximate \$0.5 million net deferred income tax liability. This balance reflects the application of our income tax accounting policies. Such accounting policies incorporate estimates, assumptions and judgments by management relative to the interpretation of applicable tax laws, the application of accounting standards, and future levels of taxable income. The estimates, assumptions and judgments used by management in connection with accounting for income taxes reflect both historical experience and expectations regarding future industry conditions and operations. Changes in these estimates, assumptions and judgments could result in materially different provisions for deferred and current income taxes.

A comprehensive model is used to account for uncertain tax positions, which includes consideration of how we recognize, measure, present and disclose uncertain tax positions taken or to be taken on a tax return. The income tax laws and regulations are voluminous and are often ambiguous. As such, we are required to make many subjective assumptions and judgments regarding our tax positions that can materially affect amounts recognized in our consolidated balance sheets and statements of income.

#### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" for an entity to provide enhanced disclosures that will enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on an entity's financial position. Further, in January 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-01, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" to address implementation issues and unintended consequences with regard to the scope of ASU 2011-11. We adopted the amendments in both ASU 2011-11 and ASU 2013-01 effective January 1, 2013, with no material impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, "Other Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income" requiring an entity to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by respective line items of net income if required under GAAP to be reclassified in its entirety to net income or by cross-reference to other disclosures that provide additional detail for those amounts not required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified in their entirety to net income in the same reporting period. We adopted the amendments in ASU 2013-02 effective January 1, 2013, with no material impact on our consolidated financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-04, "Liabilities (Topic 405): Obligations Resulting from Joint and Several Liability Arrangements for Which the Total Amount of the Obligation is Fixed at the Reporting Date" to provide guidance for the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date. This would include debt arrangements, other contractual obligations, and settled litigation and judicial rulings. We will adopt the amendments in ASU 2013-04 effective October 1, 2014. We do not expect that our adoption will have an impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

**ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

We are exposed to market risk, including adverse changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates as discussed below.

**Interest Rate Risk**

The provisions of our Credit Facility provide for a variable interest rate cost on our \$605 million outstanding as of September 30, 2013. However, we employed an interest rate risk management strategy that utilizes derivative instruments with respect to \$250 million of our debt as of September 30, 2013 in order to minimize or eliminate unanticipated fluctuations in earnings and cash flows arising from changes in, and volatility of, interest rates. Effectively, only \$355 million of our variable long-term debt outstanding as of September 30, 2013 is subject to changes in interest rates. Thus, a 10% change in the interest rate on the floating rate debt would have an immaterial impact on our annual earnings and cash flows.

**Foreign Currency Risk**

As a multinational company, we conduct business in numerous foreign countries. Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Certain of our subsidiaries have monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than our functional currency. Based on September 30, 2013 amounts, a decrease in the value of 10% in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would not have a material effect to our annual earnings and cash flows. We did not have any open derivative contracts relating to foreign currencies at September 30, 2013.

**Market Risk**

Our Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed interest rate. Fair value of our Senior Notes will fluctuate based on changes in prevailing market interest rates and market perceptions of our credit risk. The fair value of our Senior Notes was approximately \$662.0 million at September 30, 2013, compared to the principal amount of \$650 million. If prevailing market interest rates had been 10% lower at September 30, 2013, the change in fair value of our Senior Notes would have been immaterial.



ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (which together with its subsidiaries is identified as the "Company," "we" or "our," unless stated otherwise or the context requires otherwise) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control over financial reporting was designed by management, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;  
provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that
- (ii) receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2013. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control-Integrated Framework.

Based on our evaluation under the criteria in Internal Control-Integrated Framework, management has concluded that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2013.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2013, which appears on the following page.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

by

/s/ Robert J. Saltiel  
Robert J. Saltiel  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Mark L. Mey  
Mark L. Mey  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

November 14, 2013

November 14, 2013

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Atwood Oceanics, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in shareholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and its subsidiaries at September 30, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2013 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2013, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas

November 14, 2013

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Years Ended September 30,		
	2013	2012	2011
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Contract drilling	\$1,017,923	\$755,969	\$637,199
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	45,740	31,452	7,877
Total revenues	1,063,663	787,421	645,076
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Contract drilling	426,198	328,485	218,883
Reimbursable expenses	32,727	18,694	4,682
Depreciation	117,510	70,599	43,597
General and administrative	56,786	49,776	44,407
Other, net	971	457	4,847
	634,192	468,011	316,416
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$429,471</b>	<b>\$319,410</b>	<b>\$328,660</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>			
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(24,903	) (6,460	) (4,530
Interest income	233	354	717
	(24,670	) (6,106	) (3,813
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>404,801</b>	<b>313,304</b>	<b>324,847</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>54,577</b>	<b>41,133</b>	<b>53,173</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$350,224</b>	<b>\$272,171</b>	<b>\$271,674</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE (NOTE 2):</b>			
Basic	\$5.38	\$4.17	\$4.20
Diluted	\$5.32	\$4.14	4.15
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING (NOTE 2):</b>			
Basic	65,073	65,267	64,754
Diluted	65,845	65,781	65,403

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)	Years Ended September 30,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net income	\$350,224	\$272,171	\$271,674
Other comprehensive gains (losses), net of tax			
Interest rate swaps:			
Unrealized holding loss	(244	) (3,094	) (1,934
Reclassification adjustment for loss included in net income	1,774	1,610	407
Total other comprehensive gain (loss)	1,530	(1,484	) (1,527
Comprehensive income	\$351,754	\$270,687	\$270,147

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)	September 30,	
	2013	2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$88,770	\$77,871
Accounts receivable	199,689	167,186
Income tax receivable	4,672	5,750
Inventories of materials and supplies	121,833	80,290
Prepaid expenses and deferred costs	38,796	39,437
Total current assets	453,760	370,534
Property and equipment, net	3,164,724	2,537,340
Other receivables	11,831	11,875
Deferred costs and other assets	26,951	24,013
Total assets	\$3,657,266	\$2,943,762
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	\$95,827	\$83,592
Accrued liabilities	17,653	19,603
Notes payable	8,071	5,148
Interest payable	7,945	4,875
Income tax payable	16,554	10,691
Deferred credits	10,822	13,738
Total current liabilities	156,872	137,647
Long-term debt	1,263,232	830,000
Deferred income taxes	485	321
Deferred credits	1,176	8,928
Other	28,130	27,444
Total long-term liabilities	1,293,023	866,693
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		
Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000 shares authorized, none outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 90,000 shares authorized with 64,057 and 65,452 issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively	64,057	65,452
Paid-in capital	183,390	160,540
Retained earnings	1,961,405	1,716,441
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,481	) (3,011 )
Total shareholders' equity	2,207,371	1,939,422
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$3,657,266	\$2,943,762
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.		



Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN  
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(In thousands)	Common Stock		Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Gain/(Loss)	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				
September 30, 2010	64,443	\$64,443	\$133,095	\$1,172,596	\$ —	\$1,370,134
Net income	—	—	—	271,674	—	271,674
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(1,527)	(1,527)
Restricted stock awards	102	102	(102)	—	—	—
Exercise of employee stock options	415	415	5,777	—	—	6,192
Stock option and restricted stock award compensation expense	—	—	6,314	—	—	6,314
September 30, 2011	64,960	64,960	145,084	1,444,270	(1,527)	1,652,787
Net income	—	—	—	272,171	—	272,171
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(1,484)	(1,484)
Restricted stock awards	207	207	(207)	—	—	—
Exercise of employee stock options	285	285	5,261	—	—	5,546
Stock option and restricted stock award compensation expense	—	—	10,402	—	—	10,402
September 30, 2012	65,452	65,452	160,540	1,716,441	(3,011)	1,939,422
Net income	—	—	—	350,224	—	350,224
Other comprehensive gain	—	—	—	—	1,530	1,530
Restricted stock awards	168	168	(168)	—	—	—
Exercise of employee stock options	437	437	8,787	—	—	9,224
Stock option and restricted stock award compensation expense	—	—	14,231	—	—	14,231
Repurchase and retirement of common shares	(2,000)	(2,000)	—	(105,260)	—	(107,260)
September 30, 2013	64,057	\$64,057	\$183,390	\$1,961,405	\$ (1,481)	\$2,207,371

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.





Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)	Years Ended September 30,		
	2013	2012	2011
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$350,224	\$272,171	\$271,674
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	117,510	70,599	43,597
Amortization of debt issuance costs and bond premium, net	4,184	3,625	2,363
Amortization of deferred items	1,040	(4,337)	) 3,333
Provision for doubtful accounts	3,871	—	—
Provision for inventory obsolescence	1,711	765	735
Deferred income tax benefit	(816)	) (989)	) (1,065)
Share-based compensation expense	14,231	10,402	6,314
Other, net	977	457	4,847
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(36,330)	) (80,013)	) 13,214
Income tax receivable	1,078	(119)	) 10,421
Inventory	(43,254)	) (23,395)	) (6,249)
Prepaid expenses	(712)	) (6,386)	) 845
Deferred costs and other assets	(19,706)	) (32,597)	) (10,379)
Accounts payable	11,440	27,536	(1,173)
Accrued liabilities	1,430	(7,096)	) 4,440
Bond premium	8,500	—	—
Income tax payable	5,863	1,250	(17,906)
Deferred credits and other liabilities	10,869	23,730	14,777
Net cash provided by operating activities	432,110	255,603	339,788
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(745,223)	) (785,083)	) (514,858)
Proceeds from sale of assets	147	7,646	218
Net cash used by investing activities	(745,076)	) (777,437)	) (514,640)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	200,000	450,000	—
Proceeds from bank credit facilities	400,000	310,000	345,000
Principal payments on bank credit facilities	(175,000)	) (450,000)	) (55,000)
Proceeds from notes payable	14,095	5,148	9,092
Principal payments on notes payable	(11,172)	) (5,461)	) (3,631)
Repurchase and retirement of common shares	(107,260)	) —	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	9,224	5,546	6,192
Debt issuance costs paid	(6,022)	) (10,530)	) (12,322)
Net cash provided by financing activities	323,865	304,703	289,331
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$10,899	\$(217,131)	) \$114,479
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period	\$77,871	\$295,002	\$180,523
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$88,770	\$77,871	\$295,002

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



#### NOTE 1—NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and its subsidiaries, which are collectively referred to herein as the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” except where stated or the context indicates otherwise, are a global offshore drilling contractor engaged in the drilling and completion of exploratory and developmental oil and gas wells. We currently own a diversified fleet of 13 mobile offshore drilling units located in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea, offshore West Africa, offshore Southeast Asia and offshore Australia and are constructing four ultra-deepwater drillships for delivery in fiscal year 2014 through 2016. We were founded in 1968 and are headquartered in Houston, Texas with support offices in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

#### NOTE 2—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and all of its domestic and foreign subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in banks and highly liquid debt instruments, which mature within three months of the date of purchase.

##### Foreign exchange

The U.S. Dollar is the functional currency for all areas of our operations. Accordingly, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are re-measured to U.S. Dollars at the rate of exchange in effect at the end of the fiscal year, items of income and expense are re-measured at average monthly rates, and property and equipment and other nonmonetary amounts are re-measured at historical rates. Gains and losses on foreign currency transactions and re-measurements are included in contract drilling costs in our consolidated statements of operations. We recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$2.8 million during fiscal year 2013, a gain of \$1.5 million during fiscal year 2012 and a loss of \$0.9 million during fiscal year 2011. We did not disclose the effect of exchange rate changes on cash held in foreign currencies on the statement of cash flows due to the immaterial nature of the amounts.

##### Accounts receivable

We record accounts receivable at the amount we invoice our customers. Our customers are major international corporate entities and government organizations with stable payment experience. Included within accounts receivable at September 30, 2013 and 2012 are unbilled receivable balances totaling \$1.1 million and \$8.6 million, respectively, which represent amounts for which services have been performed, revenue has been recognized based on contractual provisions and for which collection is deemed reasonably assured. Such unbilled amounts were billed subsequent to their respective fiscal year end. Historically, our uncollectible accounts receivable have been immaterial, and typically, we do not require collateral for our receivables. We provide an allowance for uncollectible accounts, as necessary, on a specific identification basis. We have no allowance for doubtful accounts at September 30, 2013 and 2012. The change in our provision for bad debts for the year ended September 30, 2013 was \$3.9 million. No bad debt expense was recorded for the years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. Bad debt expense is reported as a component of "Contract drilling" costs in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

##### Inventories of material and supplies

Inventories consist of spare parts, material and supplies held for consumption and are stated principally at average cost, net of reserves for excess and obsolete inventory of \$4.1 million and \$2.6 million at September 30, 2013, and 2012, respectively. To the extent the cost of inventory is not recoverable, we recognize a loss.

##### Income taxes

Deferred income taxes are recorded to reflect the tax consequences on future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year-end given the provisions of enacted tax laws in each respective jurisdiction. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, based upon management's estimates, it is more likely than not that a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized in a future period. In addition, we accrue for income tax contingencies, or uncertain tax positions, that we believe are more likely than not to be realized. See Note 7 for further discussion.



### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at historical cost. Interest costs related to property under construction are capitalized as a component of construction costs. Interest capitalized during fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011 was \$33.2 million, \$32.9 million and \$8.2 million, respectively.

Once rigs and related equipment are placed in service, they are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, with depreciation discontinued only during the period when a drilling unit is out-of-service while undergoing a significant upgrade that extends its useful life. Our estimated useful lives of our various classifications of assets are as follows:

	Years
Drilling vessels and related equipment	5-35
Drill pipe	3
Furniture and other	3-10

Maintenance, repairs and minor replacements are charged against income as incurred. Major replacements and upgrades are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset, as determined upon completion of the work. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold, retired or otherwise disposed are removed from the accounts at the time of disposition, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the applicable periods.

### Impairment of property and equipment

We evaluate our property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss on our property and equipment exists when the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset. In determining an asset's fair value, we consider a number of factors such as estimated future cash flows, appraisals and current market value analysis. If an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value.

### Deferred drydocking costs

We defer the costs of scheduled drydocking and charge such costs to contract drilling expense over the period to the next scheduled drydocking (normally 30 months). At September 30, 2013, and 2012, deferred drydocking costs totaling \$2.6 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, were included in Deferred Costs in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### Revenue recognition

We account for contract drilling revenue in accordance with the terms of the underlying drilling contract. These contracts generally provide that revenue is earned and recognized on a daily rate (i.e. "day rate") basis, and day rates are typically earned for a particular level of service over the life of a contract assuming collectability is reasonably assured. Day rate contracts can be performed for a specified period of time or the time required to drill a specified well or number of wells. Revenues from day rate contracts for drilling and other operations performed during the term of a contract (including during mobilization) are classified under contract drilling services.

Fees received as compensation for the relocating drilling rigs from one major operating area to another, equipment and upgrade costs reimbursed by the customer, as well as receipt of advance billings of day rates are recognized as earned during the expected term of the related drilling contract, as are the day rates associated with such contracts. However, fees received upon termination of a drilling contract are generally recognized as earned during the period termination occurs as the termination fee is usually conditional based on the occurrence of an event as defined in the drilling contract, such as not obtaining follow on work to the contract in progress or relocation beyond a certain distance when the contract is completed. If receipt of such fees are not conditional, they will be recognized as earned on a straight-line method over the expected term of the related drilling contract.

At September 30, 2013 and 2012, deferred fees associated with mobilization, related equipment purchases and upgrades and receipt of advance billings of day rates totaled \$12.0 million and \$22.7 million, respectively. Deferred fees are classified as current or long-term deferred credits in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets based on the expected term of the applicable drilling contracts.

Deferred costs

We defer the mobilization costs relating to moving a drilling rig to a new area incurred prior to the commencement of the drilling operations and customer requested equipment purchases that will revert to the customer at the end of the applicable

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drilling contract. We amortize such costs on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the applicable drilling contract. Contract revenues and drilling costs are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations at their gross amounts.

At September 30, 2013 and 2012, deferred costs associated with mobilization and related equipment purchases and upgrades totaled \$17.4 million and \$24.4 million, respectively. Deferred costs are classified as current or long-term deferred costs in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets based on the expected term of the applicable drilling contracts.

#### Share-based compensation

Share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date, based on the calculated fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense over the requisite service period (generally the vesting period of the equity grant). See Note 3 for additional information regarding share-based compensation.

#### Capital Stock

For repurchases and cancellations of our common stock, we elect to take the excess of cash received above par value of the common shares entirely to retained earnings.

#### Earnings per common share

Basic EPS excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the assumed effect of the issuance of additional shares in connection with the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock. We have also included the impact of pro forma deferred tax assets in calculating the potential windfall and shortfall tax benefits to determine the amount of diluted shares using the treasury stock method.

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for each of the past three fiscal years is as follows:

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Net Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
Fiscal 2013			
Basic earnings per share	\$ 350,224	65,073	\$5.38
Effect of dilutive securities—			
Stock options	—	354	(0.03 )
Restricted stock	—	418	(0.03 )
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 350,224	65,845	\$5.32
Fiscal 2012			
Basic earnings per share	\$ 272,171	65,267	\$4.17
Effect of dilutive securities—			
Stock options	—	255	(0.01 )
Restricted stock	—	259	(0.02 )
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 272,171	65,781	\$4.14
Fiscal 2011			
Basic earnings per share	\$ 271,674	64,754	\$4.20
Effect of dilutive securities—			
Stock options	—	245	(0.02 )
Restricted stock	—	404	(0.03 )
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 271,674	65,403	\$4.15

In fiscal year 2013, there were no anti-dilutive options. The calculation of diluted earnings per share for fiscal years 2012 and 2011 excludes 656,000 and 664,000 anti-dilutive options, respectively.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) requires management to make extensive use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets





and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

#### NOTE 3—SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date, based on the calculated fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of the equity award. On December 7, 2012, our Board of Directors adopted, and our shareholders subsequently approved on February 14, 2013, the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan"). Under our 2013 Plan, up to 2,200,000 shares of common stock were authorized for issuance to eligible participants in the form of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards (which we refer to as "restricted stock awards"), performance awards or upon exercise of stock appreciation rights or stock options granted pursuant to the 2013 Plan. We also maintain two other stock incentive plans approved by our shareholders, the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, the "2007 Plan") and the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended, the "2001 Plan"). Up to 4,000,000 shares of common stock were authorized for issuance under each of the 2007 Plan and the 2001 Plan to eligible participants in the form of restricted stock awards or upon exercise of stock options granted. No additional awards of any kind have or will be made under the 2001 Plan since the implementation of the 2007 Plan, and no additional awards of any kind have or will be made under the 2007 Plan since the implementation of the 2013 Plan. All stock incentive plans currently in effect have been approved by our shareholders.

A summary of shares available for issuance and outstanding stock option and restricted stock awards for our three stock incentive plans as of September 30, 2013 is as follows:

(In shares)	2013 Plan	2007 Plan	2001 Plan
Shares available for future awards or grants	2,199,194	—	—
Outstanding stock option grants	—	806,648	182,550
Outstanding unvested restricted stock awards	26,246	823,229	—

Awards of restricted stock and stock options have both been granted under our stock incentive plans as of September 30, 2013. We deliver newly issued shares of common stock for restricted stock awards upon vesting and upon exercise of stock options.

We recognize compensation expense on grants of share-based compensation awards on a straight-line basis over the required service period for each award. Unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to awards of stock options and restricted stock and the related remaining weighted-average service period is as follows:

(In thousands, except average service periods)	September 30,	
	2013	2012
Unrecognized compensation cost		
Stock options	\$3,577	\$6,484
Restricted stock awards	16,321	12,999
Total	\$19,898	\$19,483
Remaining weighted average service period (Years)	1.8	2.2

#### Stock Options

Under our stock incentive plans, the exercise price of each stock option must be equal to or greater than the fair market value of one share of our common stock on the date of grant, with all outstanding options having a maximum term of 10 years. Options vest ratably over a period ranging from the end of the first to the fourth year from the date of grant for stock options. Each option is for the purchase of one share of our common stock.



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The total fair value of stock options vested during fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011 was \$3.2 million, \$2.5 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. No stock options were granted during fiscal year 2013. The per share weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options granted during fiscal years 2012 and 2011 was \$16.90 and \$15.72, respectively. For fiscal years 2012 and 2011, we estimated the fair value of each stock option on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes pricing model and the following assumptions:

	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011		
Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.9	% 1.9		%
Expected Volatility	44	% 44		%
Expected Life (Years)	5.4	5.2		
Dividend Yield	None	None		

The average risk-free interest rate is based on the five-year U.S. treasury security rate in effect as of the grant date. We determined expected volatility using a six-year historical volatility figure and determined the expected term of the stock options using 10 years of historical data. The expected dividend yield is based on the expected annual dividend as a percentage of the market value of our common stock as of the grant date.

A summary of stock option activity for fiscal year 2013 is as follows:

	Number of Options (000s)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000s)
Outstanding at October 1, 2012	1,450	\$29.74		
Granted	—	\$—		
Exercised	(437	) \$21.22		\$14,492
Forfeited	(24	) \$39.35		
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	989	\$33.21	5.9	\$21,592
Exercisable at September 30, 2013	627	\$29.47	4.9	\$16,033

#### Restricted Stock

We have awarded restricted stock to certain employees and to our non-employee directors. All current awards of restricted stock to employees are subject to a vesting and restriction period ranging from three to four years, subject to acceleration upon certain events as set forth in the terms of the grant. In addition, certain awards of restricted stock to employees are subject to market-based performance conditions. The number of shares that vest based on market-based performance conditions will depend on the degree of achievement of specified corporate performance criteria which are strictly market-based. All awards of restricted stock to non-employee directors are subject to a vesting and restriction period of a minimum of 13 months, subject to acceleration upon certain events as set forth in the terms of the grant. We value restricted stock awards based on the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant and also adjust to fair market value for any awards subject to market-based performance conditions, where applicable. A summary of restricted stock activity for fiscal year 2013 is as follows:

	Number of Shares (000s)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Unvested at October 1, 2012	701	\$38.54
Granted	350	\$46.80
Vested	(168	) \$35.46
Forfeited	(34	) \$42.30
Unvested at September 30, 2013	849	\$42.42



## NOTE 4—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property and equipment by classification is as follows:

(In thousands)	September 30,	
	2013	2012
Drilling vessels and equipment	\$2,979,503	\$2,523,895
Construction work in progress	715,320	438,081
Drill pipe	26,743	20,576
Office equipment and other	24,439	19,610
Cost	3,746,005	3,002,162
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(581,281 )	(464,822 )
Drilling and other property and equipment, net	\$3,164,724	\$2,537,340
Recently Completed Construction Projects		

During fiscal year 2008, we entered into construction contracts with Jurong Shipyard Pte. Ltd. to construct two Friede & Goldman ExD Millennium semisubmersible drilling units (the Atwood Osprey and the Atwood Condor). The Atwood Osprey was delivered in April 2011, and the Atwood Condor was delivered in June 2012.

During fiscal year 2011, we entered into turnkey construction agreements with PPL Shipyard PTE LTD in Singapore (“PPL”) to construct three Pacific Class 400 jackup drilling units (the Atwood Mako, the Atwood Manta and the Atwood Orca). The Atwood Mako was delivered in August 2012, the Atwood Manta was delivered in November 2012, and the Atwood Orca was delivered in April 2013.

#### New Construction Projects

In January 2011, we entered into a turnkey construction contract with Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co., Ltd (“DSME”) to construct an ultra-deepwater drillship, the Atwood Advantage, at the DSME yard in South Korea. The Atwood Advantage is scheduled for delivery in November 2013. In October 2011, we entered into a turnkey construction contract with DSME to construct an ultra-deepwater drillship, the Atwood Achiever, at the DSME yard in South Korea. The Atwood Achiever is scheduled for delivery in June 2014. In September 2012, we entered into a turnkey construction contract with DSME to construct a third ultra-deepwater drillship, the Atwood Admiral, at the DSME yard in South Korea. The Atwood Admiral is scheduled for delivery in March 2015. Most recently, in June 2013, we entered into a turnkey construction contract with DSME to construct a fourth ultra-deepwater drillship, the Atwood Archer, at the DSME yard in South Korea. The Atwood Archer is scheduled for delivery in December 2015. As of September 30, 2013, we had expended approximately \$732 million on our four ultra-deepwater drillships under construction. Total remaining firm commitments for these four drilling units under construction were approximately \$1.5 billion at September 30, 2013.

## NOTE 5—LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of long-term debt is as follows:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
Senior Notes, bearing fixed interest at 6.5% per annum, net of unamortized premium	\$658,232	\$450,000
2011 Revolving Credit Facility, bearing interest at approximately 3.0% <sup>(1)</sup> per annum at September 30, 2013 and 3.2% <sup>(1)</sup> per annum at September 30, 2012.	605,000	380,000
	\$1,263,232	\$830,000

(1) After the impact of our interest rate swaps.

## 6.5% Senior Notes due 2020

In January 2012, we issued \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.50% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes"). We received net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of approximately \$440 million. We used the net proceeds to reduce outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facility (as defined below). On June 21, 2013, we issued an additional \$200 million aggregate principal amount (the "Additional Notes") of our Senior Notes. The two issuances of Senior Notes together form a single series under the indenture with an aggregate principal amount of \$650 million. We received net proceeds from the Additional Notes, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, of approximately \$211.6 million. This amount includes \$5.1 million of accrued interest due from February 1, 2013 through the date of issuance. The net proceeds also include a premium of \$8.5 million to be amortized through maturity on February 1, 2020. The receipt of a premium results in an effective interest rate of 5.72% for the Additional Notes and an effective interest rate of 6.26% on the aggregate principal amount of \$650 million.

The Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and are not currently guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. Interest is payable on the Senior Notes semi-annually in arrears. The indenture governing the Senior Notes contains provisions that limit our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; sell assets; make investments; create liens; enter into agreements that restrict dividends or other payments from our restricted subsidiaries to us; and consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. Many of these restrictions will terminate if the Senior Notes become rated investment grade. The indenture governing the Senior Notes also contains customary events of default, including payment defaults; defaults for failure to comply with other covenants in the indenture; cross-acceleration and entry of final judgments in excess of \$50.0 million; and certain events of bankruptcy, in certain cases subject to notice and grace periods. We are required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes in connection with specified change in control events or with excess proceeds of asset sales not applied for permitted purposes.

At any time prior to February 1, 2015, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price set forth in the indenture governing the Senior Notes. At any time prior to February 1, 2016, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem the Senior Notes in whole or in part at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes redeemed plus a "make whole" premium. On and after February 1, 2016, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem the Senior Notes in whole or in part at the redemption price set forth in the indenture governing the Senior Notes.

## Revolving Credit Facility

As of September 30, 2013, we had \$605 million of outstanding borrowings under our five-year aggregate \$1.1 billion senior secured revolving credit facility.

The original five-year \$750 million senior secured revolving credit facility was entered into in May 2011 and matures in May 2016 (the "Credit Facility"). Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited ("AOWL"), is the borrower under the Credit Facility, and we and certain of our other subsidiaries are guarantors under the facility. Except as described below, borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin of 2.50%. Currently, certain borrowings effectively bear interest at a fixed rate due to our interest rate swaps. See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. The average interest rate for borrowings under the Credit Facility was approximately 3.0% per annum at September 30, 2013, after considering the impact of our interest rate swaps.

The Credit Facility also provides for the issuance, when requested, of standby letters of credit. The Credit Facility has a commitment fee of 1.0% per annum on the unused portion of \$750 million of the underlying commitment. As of September 30, 2013, we had standby letters of credit issued in the aggregate amount of \$0.1 million.

In July 2013, we and AOWL amended the Credit Facility to, among other things, eliminate all scheduled commitment reductions totaling \$200 million under the Credit Facility. In addition, AOWL entered into an Incremental Commitment Agreement further modifying the Credit Facility. The Incremental Commitment Agreement provides for an additional tranche of commitments and increases the amount of the Credit Facility by \$350 million to an aggregate of \$1.1 billion. The maturity date of all borrowings under the Credit Facility remains May 6, 2016. Borrowings under the incremental tranche of commitments bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin ranging from 2.00% to 2.25%, based on our corporate credit ratings and a commitment fee of 0.5% per annum on the unused portion of the additional tranche. In connection with the Incremental Commitment Agreement, we mortgaged as additional collateral under the Credit Facility the Atwood Condor, as well as pledged the equity interests in our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, the Atwood Condor. No other terms of the Credit Facility were amended by the Incremental Commitment Agreement, and all other terms and conditions of the Credit Facility, including the financial and other restrictive covenants set forth therein, are applicable to the incremental tranche of commitments. Subsequent to September 30, 2013, no additional borrowings were made under the Credit Facility.

Subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent and the agreement by the lenders, the Credit Facility accordion may be exercised further to increase commitments by an additional \$200 million for a total commitment of up to \$1.3 billion.

The Credit Facility contains various financial covenants that impose a maximum leverage ratio of 4.0 to 1.0, a debt to capitalization ratio of 0.5 to 1.0, a minimum interest expense coverage ratio of 3.0 to 1.0 and a minimum collateral maintenance of 150% of the aggregate amount outstanding under the Credit Facility. In addition, the Credit Facility contains limitations on our and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to incur liens; merge, consolidate or sell substantially all assets; pay dividends (including restrictions on AOWL's ability to pay dividends to us); incur additional indebtedness; make advances, investments or loans; and transact with affiliates. The Credit Facility also contains customary events of default, including but not limited to delinquent payments, bankruptcy filings, material adverse judgments, guarantees or security documents not being in full effect, non-compliance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, cross-defaults under other debt agreements, or a change of control. The Credit Facility is secured primarily by first preferred mortgages on seven of our active drilling units (the Atwood Aurora, the Atwood Beacon, the Atwood Eagle, the Atwood Falcon, the Atwood Hunter, the Atwood Osprey, and the Atwood Condor), as well as liens on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such drilling units. In addition, if we exercise the accordion feature and increase the total commitments, the Credit Facility requires that we provide a first preferred mortgage on the Atwood Mako and the Atwood Manta, as well as a lien on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such rigs. We were in compliance with all financial covenants under the Credit Facility at September 30, 2013.

#### NOTE 6—INTEREST RATE SWAPS

Our Credit Facility exposes us to short-term changes in market interest rates as our interest obligations on these instruments are periodically re-determined based on the prevailing Eurodollar rate. We enter into interest rate swaps to limit our exposure to fluctuations and volatility in interest rates. We do not engage in derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes and we are not a party to leveraged derivatives.

At September 30, 2013, we had five \$50.0 million notional interest rate swaps in effect. These interest rate swaps fix the interest on \$250 million in borrowings under the Credit Facility at a weighted average interest rate of 3.4% through September 2014.

#### Fair Value of Derivatives

The following table presents the carrying amount of our cash flow hedge derivative contracts included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2013 and 2012:



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(In thousands)		September 30,	
Type of Contract	Balance Sheet Classification	2013	2012
Short term interest rate swaps	Accrued liabilities	\$1,586	\$1,705
Long term interest rate swaps	Other long-term liabilities	—	1,414
Total derivative contracts, net		\$1,586	\$3,119

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We record the interest rate derivative contracts at fair value on our consolidated balance sheets (See Note 10). Hedging effectiveness is evaluated each quarter end using the “Dollar Off-Set Method”. Each quarter, changes in the fair values will adjust the balance sheet asset or liability, with an offset to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (“AOCI”) for the effective portion of the hedge.

The effective portion of the cash flow hedge will remain in AOCI until it is reclassified into earnings in the period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings or it is determined that the hedged transaction will not occur. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, we recognized a gain of approximately \$1.5 million and a loss of approximately \$1.5 million in each of fiscal years 2012 and 2011 in AOCI as a result of changes in fair value of our interest rate derivatives as well as realized losses associated with the effective and ineffective portion of the hedge. These realized losses, \$1.8 million, \$1.6 million and \$0.4 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively, were reclassified out of AOCI and were classified on our Consolidated Statement of Operations as interest expense, net of capitalized interest. As of September 30, 2013, the estimated amount of unrealized losses associated with our interest rate derivative contracts that will be reclassified to earnings during the next twelve months totals \$1.6 million. The unrealized losses associated with these interest rate derivative contracts will be reclassified to interest expense, net of capitalized interest.

For interest rate swaps, we compare all material terms between the swap and the underlying debt obligation to evaluate effectiveness. Any change in fair value resulting from ineffectiveness is recognized immediately in earnings. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, no loss was recognized on our Consolidated Statement of Operations due to hedge ineffectiveness and a loss of \$0.4 million was recognized due to hedge ineffectiveness for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. No loss was recognized due to hedge ineffectiveness for fiscal year 2011.

#### NOTE 7—INCOME TAXES

Domestic and foreign income before income taxes for the three-year period ended September 30, 2013 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
Domestic loss	\$(17,823 )	\$(35,685 )	\$(22,954 )
Foreign income	422,624	348,989	347,801
	\$404,801	\$313,304	\$324,847

The provision (benefit) for domestic and foreign taxes on income consists of the following:

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
Current—domestic	\$161	\$(1,048 )	\$29
Deferred—domestic	(862 )	(980 )	(980 )
Current—foreign	55,233	43,169	54,209
Deferred—foreign	45	(8 )	(85 )
	\$54,577	\$41,133	\$53,173

## Deferred Taxes

The components of the deferred income tax assets (liabilities) as of September 30, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

(In thousands)	September 30,	
	2013	2012
Deferred tax assets—		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$27,309	\$26,067
Tax credit carryforwards	1,246	1,246
Stock option compensation expense	9,666	8,047
Book accruals	5,604	4,859
	43,825	40,219
Deferred tax liabilities—		
Difference in book and tax basis of equipment	(2,500 )	(2,101 )
	(2,500 )	(2,101 )
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities) before valuation allowance	41,325	38,118
Valuation allowance	(41,810 )	(38,439 )
	\$(485 )	\$(321 )
Net current deferred tax assets	\$—	\$—
Net noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(485 )	(321 )
	\$(485 )	\$(321 )

For fiscal year 2013, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$3.3 million on net deferred tax assets primarily related to our United States net operating loss carry forward. The gross amount of federal net operating loss carry forwards as of September 30, 2013 is estimated to be \$131.5 million, which will begin to expire in 2025. Management does not expect that our tax credit carry forward of \$1.2 million will be utilized to offset future tax obligations before the credits begin to expire in 2015. Thus, a corresponding valuation allowance of \$1.2 million is recorded as of September 30, 2013.

We have approximately \$18.5 million of windfall tax benefits from previous stock option exercises that have not been recognized as of September 30, 2013. This amount will not be recognized until the deduction would reduce our United States income taxes payable. At such time, the amount will be recorded as an increase to paid-in-capital. We apply the “with-and-without” approach when utilizing certain tax attributes whereby windfall tax benefits are used last to offset taxable income.

We do not record federal income taxes on the undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries that we consider to be permanently reinvested in foreign operations. The cumulative amount of such undistributed earnings was approximately \$2.0 billion at September 30, 2013. If these earnings were distributed, we estimate approximately \$360 million in additional taxes would be incurred. These earnings could also become subject to additional taxes under the anti-deferral provisions within the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. However, we believe this is highly unlikely given our current structure and have not provided deferred income taxes on these foreign earnings as we consider them to be permanently invested abroad.

We record estimated accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. At September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$7.7 million of reserves for uncertain tax positions, including estimated accrued interest and penalties of \$2.6 million, which are included in Other Long Term Liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. All \$7.7 million of the net uncertain tax liabilities would affect the effective tax rate if recognized. A summary of activity related to the net uncertain tax positions including penalties and interest for fiscal year 2013 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Liability for Uncertain Tax Positions
Balance at October 1, 2012	\$ 8,164
Increases based on tax positions related to prior fiscal years	205

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Decreases due to the resolution of prior period tax examinations	(658	)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$ 7,711	

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We believe that it is reasonably possible that approximately \$2.1 million of our remaining unrecognized tax benefits may be recognized by the end of fiscal year 2014 as a result of a lapse of the statute of limitations.

Our United States tax returns for fiscal year 2010 and subsequent years remain subject to examination by tax authorities. As we conduct business globally, we have various tax years remaining open to examination in our international tax jurisdictions, including tax returns in Australia for fiscal years 2008 through 2013, as well as returns in Equatorial Guinea for calendar years 2010 through 2013. Although we cannot predict the outcome of ongoing or future tax examinations, we do not anticipate that the ultimate resolution of these examinations will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

As a result of working in foreign jurisdictions, we earned a high level of operating income in certain nontaxable and deemed profit tax jurisdictions, which significantly reduced our effective tax rate for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011 when compared to the United States statutory rate. There were no significant transactions that materially impacted our effective tax for fiscal years 2013, 2012 or 2011. The differences between the United States statutory and our effective income tax rate are as follows:

	Fiscal 2013		Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
Statutory income tax rate	35	%	35	%	35	%
Resolution of prior period tax items	—		(3	)	—	
Increase in tax rate resulting from—						
Valuation allowance	1		4		2	
Increases to the reserve for uncertain tax positions	—		—		2	
Decrease in tax rate resulting from—						
Foreign tax rate differentials, net of foreign tax credit utilization	(23	)	(23	)	(23	)
Effective income tax rate	13	%	13	%	16	%

#### NOTE 8—CAPITAL STOCK

##### Repurchase and Retirement of Common Shares

On May 23, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement with Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. ("H&P"), a subsidiary of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., under which we agreed to repurchase 2,000,000 shares of our common stock from H&P and to make a payment at closing to H&P of \$107.1 million. On June 13, 2013, we and H&P amended the agreement to extend the closing date from June 13, 2013 to June 27, 2013 resulting in an increase to the amount paid at closing to H&P by \$200,000. The share repurchase closed on June 27, 2013. Following the share repurchase, we canceled such shares. H&P is considered a related party as a member of our board of directors serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a director, of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

#### NOTE 9—RETIREMENT PLANS

We have two defined contribution retirement plans (the "Retirement Plans") under which qualified participants may make contributions, which together with our contributions, can be up to 100% of their compensation, as defined, to a maximum of \$51,000. In the first month following the date of hire, an employee can elect to become a participant in a Retirement Plan. Under the Plans, participant contributions of 1% to 5% are matched on a 2 to 1 basis. Our contributions vest 100% to each participant after three years of service with us including any period of ineligibility mandated by the Plans. If a participant terminates employment before becoming fully vested, the unvested portion is credited to our account and can be used only to offset our future contribution requirements.

During fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011, forfeitures of \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively, were used to reduce our cash contribution requirements. In fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011, our actual cash contributions totaled approximately \$6.8 million, \$4.6 million and \$4.3 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, there were approximately \$0.2 million of contribution forfeitures, which can be used to reduce our future cash contribution requirements.



## NOTE 10—FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We have certain assets and liabilities that are required to be measured and disclosed at fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The established GAAP fair value hierarchy prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. Priority is given to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, which may affect the valuation of the fair value of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. The determination of the fair values, stated below, takes into account the market for our financial assets and liabilities, the associated credit risk and other considerations.

We have classified and disclosed fair value measurements using the following levels of the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Measurement based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable for objective sources (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

## Fair value of Certain Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of their short term maturities.

## Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Independent third party services are used to determine the fair value of our financial instruments using quoted market prices and observable inputs. When independent third party services are used, we obtain an understanding of how the fair values are derived and selectively corroborate fair values by reviewing other readily available market based sources of information.

The following table sets forth the estimated fair value of certain financial instruments at September 30, 2013 and 2012, which are measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis:

(In thousands)		September 30, 2013				Estimated Fair Value
		Balance Sheet Classification	Carrying Amount	Level 1	Level 2	
Type of Contract						
Short term interest rate swaps	Accrued liabilities	\$1,586	\$—	\$1,586	\$—	\$1,586
Long term interest rate swaps	Other long-term liabilities	—	—	—	—	—
Total derivative contracts, net		\$1,586	\$—	\$1,586	\$—	\$1,586
(In thousands)		September 30, 2012				Estimated Fair Value
		Balance Sheet Classification	Carrying Amount	Level 1	Level 2	
Type of Contract						

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	Balance Sheet Classification	Amount				Estimated Fair Value
Short term interest rate swaps	Accrued liabilities	\$1,705	\$—	\$1,705	\$—	\$1,705
Long term interest rate swaps	Other long-term liabilities	1,414	—	1,414	—	1,414
Total derivative contracts, net		\$3,119	\$—	\$3,119	\$—	\$3,119

Interest rate swaps - The fair values of our interest rate swaps are based upon valuations calculated by an independent third party. The derivatives were valued according to the "Market approach" where possible, and the "Income approach"



otherwise. A third party independently valued each instrument using forward price data obtained from Bloomberg credit default swaps indexed to one month USD LIBOR as of September 30, 2013. It was determined that the contribution of the credit valuation adjustment to total fair value is less than 1.0% for all derivatives and is therefore not significant. Based on valuation inputs for fair value measurement and independent review performed by third party consultants, we have classified our derivative contracts as Level 2.

Long-term Debt - Our long-term debt consists of both our Senior Notes and our Credit Facility.

Credit Facility - The carrying amounts of our variable-rate debt approximates fair value because such debt bears short-term, market-based interest rates. We have classified this instrument as Level 2 as valuation inputs for purposes of determining our fair value disclosure are readily available published Eurodollar rates.

Senior Notes - The carrying value of our Senior Notes, net of unamortized premium is \$658.2 million (\$650 million principal amount) while the fair value of those Senior Notes is \$662.0 million, based upon a valuation calculated by an independent third party. The third party conducted independent research concerning interest rates and credit risk and relied on market sources to assess the LIBOR swap curve data as well as information provided in the debt purchase agreement. We have classified this instrument as Level 2 as valuation inputs for fair value measurements are quoted market prices that can only be obtained from independent third party sources on September 30, 2013. The fair value amount has been calculated using these quoted prices. However, no assurance can be given that the fair value would be the amount realized in an active market exchange.

## NOTE 11—CONCENTRATION OF MARKET AND CREDIT RISK

All of our customers are in the oil and gas offshore exploration and production industry. This industry concentration has the potential to impact our overall exposure to market and credit risks, either positively or negatively, in that our customers could be affected by similar changes in economic, industry or other conditions. However, we believe that the credit risk posed by this industry concentration is offset by the creditworthiness of our customer base.

Revenues from significant customers are as follows:

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
Chevron Australia Pty. Ltd.	\$197,242	\$265,731	\$199,685
Apache Energy Ltd.	159,369	—	—
Hess Corporation	154,973	—	—
Noble Energy Inc.	153,615	137,135	—
Sarawak Shell Bhd.	—	44,405	138,836
Kosmos Energy Ghana Inc.	—	90,088	136,205

## NOTE 12—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## Operating Leases

Future minimum lease payments for operating leases for fiscal years ending September 30 are as follows (in thousands):

2014	\$3,982
2015	\$2,857
2016	\$2,389
2017	\$2,139
2018 and thereafter	\$13,263

Total rent expense under operating leases was approximately \$7.4 million, \$5.5 million and \$4.4 million for fiscal years ended September 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, respectively.

## Purchase Commitments

At September 30, 2013, our purchase commitments, relating to our four drilling units under construction, were as follows (in thousands):

2014	\$731,000
2015	\$369,000
2016	\$428,000
2017	\$—
2018 and thereafter	\$—

## Litigation

We are party to a number of lawsuits which are ordinary, routine litigation incidental to our business, the outcome of which is not expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### Other Matters

The Atwood Beacon operated in India from early December 2006 to the end of July 2008. A service tax in India was enacted in 2004 on revenues derived from seismic and exploration activities. This service tax law was subsequently amended in June 2007 and again in May 2008 to state that revenues derived from mining services and drilling services were specifically subject to this service tax. The contract terms with our customer in India provided that any liability incurred by us related to any taxes pursuant to laws not in effect at the time the contract was executed in 2005 was to be reimbursed by our customer. We believe any service taxes assessed by the Indian tax authorities under the 2007 or 2008 amendments are an obligation of our customer. Our customer is disputing this obligation on the basis that revenues derived from drilling services were taxable under the initial 2004 law and are, therefore, our obligation. After reviewing the status of the drilling service we provided to our customer, the Indian tax authorities assessed service tax obligations on revenues derived from the Atwood Beacon commencing on June 1, 2007. The relevant Indian tax authority issued an extensive written ruling setting forth the application of the June 1, 2007 service tax regulation and confirming the position that drilling services, including the services performed under our contract with our customer prior to June 1, 2007, were not covered by the 2004 service tax law. In August 2012, the Indian Custom Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal issued an Order in our favor confirming our position that service tax did not apply to drilling services performed prior to June 1, 2007. The Indian Service Tax Authority has appealed this ruling to the Indian Supreme Court.

As of September 30, 2013, we had paid to the Indian government \$10.1 million in service taxes and have accrued \$1.8 million of additional service tax obligations in accrued liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets, for a total of \$11.9 million relating to service taxes. We recorded a corresponding \$11.9 million long-term other receivable due from our customer relating to service taxes due under the contract. We continue to pursue collection of such amounts from our customer and expect to collect the amount recorded as receivable.

### NOTE 13—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(In thousands)	Years Ended September 30,		
	2013	2012	2011
Cash paid during the period for:			
Domestic and foreign income taxes	\$49,105	\$49,636	\$55,062
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$21,200	\$1,849	\$3,003
Non-cash activities:			
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities related to capital expenditures	\$795	\$(56,965)	) \$77,164

### NOTE 14—RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" for an entity to provide enhanced disclosures that will enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on an entity's financial position. Further, in January 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-01, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" to address implementation issues and unintended consequences with regard to the scope of ASU 2011-11. We adopted the amendments in both ASU 2011-11 and ASU 2013-01 effective January 1, 2013, with no material impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, "Other Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income" requiring an entity to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by respective line items of net income if required under GAAP to be reclassified in its entirety to net income or by cross-reference to other disclosures that provide additional detail for those amounts not required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified in their entirety to net income in the same reporting period. We adopted the amendments in ASU 2013-02 effective January 1, 2013, with no material impact on our consolidated financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-04, "Liabilities (Topic 405): Obligations Resulting from Joint and Several Liability Arrangements for Which the Total Amount of the Obligation is Fixed at the Reporting Date" to provide guidance for the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which

the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date. This would include debt arrangements, other contractual obligations, and settled litigation and judicial rulings. We will adopt the amendments in ASU 2013-04 effective October 1, 2014. We do not expect that our adoption will have an impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

#### NOTE 15—OPERATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

We report our offshore contract drilling operation as a single reportable segment: Offshore Contract Drilling Services. The consolidation of our offshore contract drilling operations into one reportable segment is attributable to how we manage our business, including the nature of services provided and the type of customers of such services and the fact that all of our drilling fleet are dependent upon and able to service the worldwide oil industry. The mobile offshore drilling units and related equipment comprising our offshore rig fleet operate in a single, global market for contract drilling services and are often redeployed globally due to changing demands of our customers, which consist largely of major integrated oil and natural gas companies and independent oil and natural gas companies. Our offshore contract drilling services segment currently conducts offshore contract drilling operations located in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea, offshore West Africa, offshore Southeast Asia and offshore Australia.

The accounting policies of our reportable segment are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies (see Note 2). We evaluate the performance of our operating segment based on revenues from external customers and segment profit. A summary of revenues for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and long-lived assets by geographic areas as of September 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
REVENUES:			
Australia	\$445,538	\$363,400	\$199,685
Cameroon	64,436	35,362	625
Egypt	—	—	28,330
Equatorial Guinea	142,637	126,575	47,271
Ghana	113	90,076	136,206
Guyana	127	31,675	73
Israel	58,454	6,301	—
Malaysia	9,198	44,413	138,836
Singapore	—	—	14,607
Suriname	—	13,488	45,060
Thailand	159,853	39,598	34,274
United States	183,307	36,533	109
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,063,663	\$787,421	\$645,076

(In thousands)	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET:</b>			
Australia	\$704,158	\$738,504	\$697,450
Cameroon	172,606	235,573	186,224
Equatorial Guinea	52,085	3	61,454
Ghana	2,296	5,475	7,549
Israel	77,056	81,173	—
Korea <sup>(1)</sup>	715,320	353,641	161,996
Malaysia	188,241	169	52,405
Malta	3,968	4,768	5,443
Singapore <sup>(1)</sup>	—	84,443	572,911
Suriname	—	—	84,301
Thailand	390,420	208,303	19,127
United States	858,574	825,288	38,461
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</b>	<b>\$3,164,724</b>	<b>\$2,537,340</b>	<b>\$1,887,321</b>

(1) Long-lived assets in these geographic areas consist of assets under construction.

## NOTE 16—QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

Summarized quarterly results for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Quarters ended <sup>(1)</sup>			
	December 31	March 31	June 30	September 30
Fiscal 2013				
Revenues	\$245,093	\$253,161	\$272,688	\$292,721
Income before income taxes	84,087	97,432	105,130	118,152
Net income	72,831	85,519	89,981	101,893
Earnings per common share—				
Basic	1.11	1.30	1.38	1.59
Diluted	1.10	1.28	1.37	1.57
Fiscal 2012				
Revenues	\$184,672	\$171,621	\$178,603	\$252,525
Income before income taxes	77,931	63,492	61,990	109,891
Net income	65,468	59,466	51,711	95,526
Earnings per common share—				
Basic	1.01	0.91	0.79	1.46
Diluted	1.00	0.90	0.79	1.45

The sum of the individual quarterly net income per common share amounts may not agree with year-to-date net (1)income per common share as each quarterly computation is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during that period.

## NOTE 17—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 3, 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of our standard jackup drilling unit, the Vicksburg, to Gulf Drilling International Ltd (Q.S.C.) for a sales price of \$55.4 million. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying value of the rig and its related inventory was approximately \$21.5 million. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in January 2014 following the completion of the unit's contract with its current customer, CEC International, Ltd. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions.

On October 31, 2013, we entered into a stock purchase agreement for the sale of one of our wholly owned subsidiaries which is the owner of our semisubmersible tender assist drilling rig, the Seahawk, to Delta Group FZE for a sales price of \$6.0 million. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying value of the rig and its related inventory approximates its sales price. The closing of the sale is expected to occur in November 2013 subject to customary closing conditions.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report have been designed and are effective at the reasonable assurance level so that the information required to be disclosed by us in our periodic SEC filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specific in the SEC's rules, regulations, and forms and is communicated to management. We believe that a controls system, no matter how well designed and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the controls system are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

**(b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

A copy of our Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting is included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

**(c) Attestation Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.**

A copy of the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, is included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

**(d) Change in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

As of October 1, 2012, we implemented the use of SAP software across our Finance and Human Resource departments at our headquarters in Houston, Texas as well as our support offices in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. As appropriate, we are modifying the design and documentation of internal control processes and procedures relating to the new system and interfaces to simplify and synchronize our existing internal control over financial reporting. There were no additional changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal year covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.



PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

This information is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

This information is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

This information is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

This information is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

This information is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Financial Statements.

Our Consolidated Financial Statements, together with the notes thereto and the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP dated November 14, 2013, are included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules.

All financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable or not required, the information is not significant, or the information is presented elsewhere in the financial statements.

(3) Exhibits.

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation effective as of February 20, 2013 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Form 8-K filed on February 14, 2013).
- 3.2 By-Laws of Atwood Oceanics, Inc., effective March 7, 2013 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Form 8-K filed on March 7, 2013).
- 4.1 Indenture dated January 18, 2012 between Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, relating to debt securities (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- 4.2 First Supplemental Indenture dated January 18, 2012 between Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, including the form of 6.50% Senior Notes due 2020 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- 4.3 See Exhibit Nos. 3.1 and 3.2 hereof for provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation and By-Laws defining the rights of our shareholders (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibits 3.1 of our Form 8-K filed on February 14, 2013 and Exhibit 3.1 to our Form 8-K filed on March 7, 2013).
- 4.4 Credit Agreement dated May 6, 2011 among the Company, Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, Various Lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Form 8-K filed May 9, 2011).
- 4.5 First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated November 23, 2011, among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, various lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed January 18, 2012).
- 4.6 Second Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated January 18, 2012, among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, various lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- 4.7 Third Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated August 24, 2012, among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, various lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed August 24, 2012).
- 4.8 Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated July 24, 2013, among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, various lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed July 25, 2013).

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4.9 Incremental Commitment Agreement dated July 25, 2013 among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, various lenders and Nordea Bank Finland Plc, New York Branch (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 8-K filed July 25, 2013).

The Company and its subsidiaries are parties to several debt instruments that have not been filed with the SEC under which the total amount of securities authorized does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. Pursuant to paragraph 4(iii)(A) of Item 601(b) of Regulation S-K, the Company agrees to furnish a copy of such instruments to the SEC upon request.

†10.1 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Appendix D to our definitive proxy statement on Form DEF 14A filed January 13, 2006).

†10.2 Form of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Stock Option Agreement – 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3.7 of our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2005).

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- †10.3 Form of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Restricted Stock Award Agreement – 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3.8 of our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2005).
- †10.4 Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Form 8-K filed June 1, 2006).
- †10.5 Form of Stock Option Agreement – 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1.1 of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007).
- †10.6 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement – 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1.2 of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007).
- †10.7 Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement – 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1.15 of our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2009).
- †10.8 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Form DEF14A filed January 14, 2011).
- †10.9 First Amendment to Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- †10.10 Form of Notice of Restricted Stock Grant - 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- †10.11 Form of Notice of Non-employee Director Restricted Stock Grant - 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- †10.12 Form of Notice of Option Grant - 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- †10.13 Form of Notice of Performance Unit Grant - 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011).
- †10.14 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to our definitive proxy statement on Form DEF14A filed on January 3, 2013).
- †10.15 Form of Notice of Restricted Stock Unit Award - 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013).
- †10.16 Form of Notice of Non-employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Award - 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013).
- †10.17

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Form of Notice of Option Grant - 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013).

- †10.18 Form of Notice of Performance Unit Grant - 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013).
- †10.19 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Agreement with Robert J. Saltiel dated December 21, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).
- †10.20 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Clarifying Amendment to Restricted Stock Award with Robert J. Saltiel dated April 20, 2012 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).
- †10.21 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Agreement with Mark Mey dated December 21, 2010 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).
- †10.22 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Clarifying Amendment to Restricted Stock Award with Mark Mey dated April 20, 2012 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).
- †10.23 Form of Executive Change of Control Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed May 30, 2012).
- †10.24 Form of Retirement and Separation Agreement between the Company and Glen Kelley (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed September 28, 2012).
- †10.25 Form of Indemnification Agreement for Directors and Executive Officers (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).

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- †10.26 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Restated Executive Life Insurance Plan dated as of March 19, 1999 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011).
- †10.27 First Amendment, dated as of May 24, 2012, to the Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Salary Continuation Plan (formerly known as the Restated Executive Life Insurance Plan) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 8-K filed May 30, 2012).
- †10.28 Form of Salary Continuation Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Form 8-K filed May 30, 2012).
- †10.29 Atwood Oceanics, Inc. Benefits Equalization Plan Amended and Restated Effective as of January 1, 2013 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2012).
- †10.30 Amended and Restated Atwood Oceanics, Inc. 2007 Nonemployee Directors' Elective Deferred Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013).
- 10.31 Contract for Construction and Sale of Drillship by and between Atwood Oceanics Pacific Limited and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., dated January 28, 2011 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2011).
- 10.32 Contract for Construction and Sale of Drillship by and between Alpha Eagle Company and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., dated October 15, 2011 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011).
- 10.33 Contract for Construction and Sale of Drillship by and between Alpha Admiral Company and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. Ltd., dated September 27, 2012 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.42 to our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2012).
- 10.34 Contract for Construction and Sale of Drillship by and between Alpha Archer Company and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., dated June 24, 2013 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013).
- 10.35 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated May 23, 2013, by and among Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed May 30, 2013).
- 10.36 First Amendment to Stock Purchase Agreement, dated June 13, 2013, by and among Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed June 17, 2013).
- \*21.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- \*23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- \*31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

- \*\*32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*\*32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*101 Interactive data files.
- \* Filed herewith
- \*\* Furnished herewith
- † Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

/S/ ROBERT J. SALTIEL  
ROBERT J. SALTIEL  
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: November 14, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/S/ MARK L. MEY  
MARK L. MEY  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ PHIL D. WEDEMEYER  
PHIL D. WEDEMEYER  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ HANS HELMERICH  
HANS HELMERICH  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ JAMES R. MONTAGUE  
JAMES R. MONTAGUE  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ JEFFREY A. MILLER  
JEFFREY A. MILLER  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ ROBERT J. SALTIEL  
ROBERT J. SALTIEL  
President and Chief Executive Officer;  
Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ GEORGE S. DOTSON  
GEORGE S. DOTSON  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/S/ DEBORAH A. BECK  
DEBORAH A. BECK  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013

/s/ JACK E. GOLDEN  
JACK E. GOLDEN  
Director

Date: November 14, 2013