



Newpark Resources to Present at Raymond James Conference

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METAIRIE, La., Mar 6, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) will speak to the investment community today at the Raymond James & Associates 23rd Annual Institutional Investor Conference held in Orlando, Florida. In the presentation, James D. Cole, Newpark's Chairman and CEO will discuss the Company's position as a cyclical growth company providing integrated fluids management, environmental and oilfield services, principally to the North American natural gas exploration and production industry. The Company's three primary business segments include:

Drilling Fluids -- Newpark Resources has developed the DeepDrill(TM) system of patented high-performance products that replace environmentally harmful substances in traditional drilling fluids, and specializes in the application of these products to highly technical drilling projects involving complex conditions. Newpark's fluid services are often integrated with its E&P Waste Disposal Services to provide a "Performance Services" package. This approach can reduce the volume of fluids required, reduce the volume of waste created, and increase drilling productivity, thereby lowering the customers total cost for the project.

Mat and Integrated Services -- Using patented wooden and the new Dura-Base(TM) composite mat systems, the Company rents and sells temporary work sites and access roads necessary to support heavy equipment in unstable soil conditions. In addition to its primary Gulf Coast rental business, Newpark sold over 21 thousand of these mats for use in oilfield and construction applications throughout North America during 2001. Newpark also provides other site-related construction and environmental services to oilfield customers throughout major markets of North America.

E&P Waste Disposal Services -- The Company provides environmentally safe solutions for the disposal of oilfield waste products throughout North America using recycling, composting, deep well injection and other technologies. The Company also disposes of other oilfield and industrial wastes. □

A copy of the investor presentation can be obtained in Adobe PDF format by clicking the "Presentation" link on the Investor Relations page of Newpark's web site at www.newpark.com .

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