



Newpark Resources to Present at Raymond James Conference

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METAIRIE, La., Mar 4, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Newport Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) will speak to the investment community on Wednesday, March 5 at 8:40 am Eastern Time, at the Raymond James & Associates 23rd Annual Institutional Investor Conference held in Orlando, Florida. In the presentation, James D. Cole, Newport'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 conference presentation will be webcast and available to viewers who pre-register at the following site:
<http://customer.nvglb.com/RaymondJames/Institutional/>

Listeners should go to this site at least 15 minutes prior to the event to register and download and install any necessary software, Microsoft Windows Media Player or RealPlayer. Pre-registration is currently available. For those unable to listen to the live broadcast, a replay will be available for 30 days by accessing the above address above. There is no charge to access the event.

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

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The foregoing discussion contains 'forward-looking statements' within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. There are risks and uncertainties that could cause future events and results to differ materially from those anticipated by management in the forward-looking statements included in this press release. For further information regarding these and other factors, risks and uncertainties affecting Newport, reference is made to the risk factors set forth in the Prospectus included in Newport's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on May 8, 2002 (File No. 333-87840), and to the section entitled "Forward Looking Statements" on page 17 of that Prospectus. In particular, as described on page 9 of that Prospectus, any material decline in the level of oil and gas exploration and production activity could result in fewer opportunities being available for the service industry in general and Newport in particular, and may adversely affect the demand for our services. In addition, as described on page 13 of that Prospectus, and rescission or relaxation of governmental regulations, including in the discharge regulations recently implemented, could reduce the demand for Newport's services and reduce Newport's revenues and income. You are strongly urged to review these sections for a more detailed discussion of these risks and uncertainties. Newport's SEC filings can be obtained at no charge at www.sec.gov, as well as through our Website, www.newpark.com.

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