

Newpark Resources Announces New President of Mats and Integrated Services and Environmental Services Businesses

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Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) (the "Company") today announced that Jeff Juergens, age 54, has been named President of Newpark's Mats and Integrated Services and Environmental Services businesses, effective October 18, 2010. Mr. Juergens will also serve as an Executive Officer of the Company and will be based in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Paul Howes, Newpark's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are extremely pleased to welcome Jeff to our management team. He brings us over 30 years of widespread experience in the oil and gas services industry, including both domestic and international operations. He has a successful record of managing multiple operating locations for profitability and growth, and we look forward to his contribution and leadership."

Before joining Newpark, Mr. Juergens held the position of Chief Executive Officer of B&B Oilfield Services, where he successfully led and refocused the company to regain profitability. Previously from 2007 to 2009, he was at Omni Energy Services, where he led the company's Seismic Drilling Division as General Manager. Prior to 2007, he served SPS International, a wellbore cleanup tools and technology company, as Vice President International Operations, with responsibility for the development of operations in Canada and Latin America. Mr. Juergens began his career with BJ Services and also worked for Baker Hughes. Mr. Juergens has a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Arkansas State University and a Masters in Business Administration from University of Phoenix.

Newpark Resources, Inc. is a worldwide provider of drilling fluids, temporary worksites and access roads for oilfield and other commercial markets, and environmental waste treatment solutions.

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