

Newpark Resources Reports Net Income Of \$0.20 Per Diluted Share For The Third Quarter 2012

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas, Oct. 25, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) today announced results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2012. Total revenues for the third quarter of 2012 were \$259.6 million compared to \$245.8 million for the second quarter of 2012 and \$261.2 million for the third quarter of 2011. Net income for the third quarter of 2012 was \$18.7 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, compared to \$14.5 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2012, and \$23.0 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2011.

The third quarter 2012 provision for income taxes was \$7.4 million, reflecting an effective tax rate of 28.3%. The provision included a \$1.0 million benefit (\$0.01 per diluted share) associated with increased U.S. tax deductions identified for prior years, along with an increase in estimated U.S. tax deductions available for the 2012 fiscal year.

Paul Howes, Newpark's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased with our performance in the third quarter, which was achieved despite a softening market in North America. In particular, the results in our Mats and Integrated Services segment were outstanding, achieving record levels in both revenue and operating income during the quarter. Operating results in our fluids business also improved sequentially, driven by strengthening in our international operations as all international regions posted sequential improvements in both revenues and operating income. Meanwhile, not unlike other service companies, our North American fluids business is facing dual headwinds of the declining U.S. rig count and a slow seasonal recovery in Canada. While our profit improvement initiatives in this business have continued, their impact has been somewhat muted by the North American market conditions.

"In the last few quarters, we have also focused on reducing customer receivables in our U.S. fluids business, and we are pleased to report that receivables in this business declined by \$34 million during the third quarter, contributing to a \$38 million reduction in long-term debt during the period.

"Looking ahead, we remain focused on introducing differentiating technologies in both our fluids and mats businesses. To that end, we expect to complete our first Evolution® well outside of North America, and we also anticipate having our spill containment system ready for deployment in the field by the end of the year," concluded Howes.

SEGMENT RESULTS

The Fluids Systems and Engineering segment generated revenues of \$211.5 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$202.4 million in the second quarter of 2012 and \$216.2 million in the third quarter of 2011. Segment operating income was \$14.8 million (7.0% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$13.5 million in the second quarter of 2012 (6.7% operating margin) and \$25.6 million (11.9% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2011.

The Mats and Integrated Services segment generated revenues of \$35.1 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$30.1 million in the second quarter of 2012 and \$30.2 million in the third quarter of 2011. Segment operating income was \$16.0 million (45.6% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$13.1 million in the second quarter of 2012 (43.5% operating margin) and \$14.5 million (48.1% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2011.

The Environmental Services segment generated revenues of \$13.1 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$13.3 million in the second quarter of 2012 and \$14.9 million in the third quarter of 2011. Segment operating income was \$3.1 million (23.6% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$3.5 million in the second quarter of 2012 (26.4% operating margin) and \$5.0 million (33.4% operating margin) in the third quarter of 2011.

SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

Consistent with its previously-announced program and in accordance with a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company repurchased a total of 1,640,458 outstanding shares of Newpark common stock at an average cost of \$6.62 per share during the third quarter. Combined with purchases completed earlier in the year, the Company has repurchased a total of 5.2 million outstanding shares at an average cost of \$6.80 through the end of the third quarter 2012.

CONFERENCE CALL

Newpark has scheduled a conference call to discuss third quarter 2012 results, which will be broadcast live over the Internet, on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time / 9:00 a.m. Central Time. To participate in the call, dial 480-629-9692 and ask for the Newpark Resources conference call at least 10 minutes prior to the start time, or access it live over the Internet at www.newpark.com. For those who cannot listen to the live call, a replay will be available through November 9, 2012 and may be accessed by dialing (303) 590-3030 and using pass code 4567351#. Also, an archive of the webcast will be available shortly after the call at www.newpark.com for 90 days.

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. For more information, visit our website at www.newpark.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future, including Newpark's strategy for growth, product development, market position, expected expenditures and financial results are forward-looking statements. Some of the forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "intends," "projects," "indicates," and similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Newpark, particularly its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. These risk factors include, but are not limited to, the availability of raw materials and skilled personnel, the impact of restrictions on offshore drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico, our customer concentration and cyclical nature of our industry, our market competition, the cost and continued availability of borrowed funds, our international operations, legal and regulatory matters, including environmental regulations, inherent limitations in insurance coverage, potential impairments of long-lived intangible assets, technological developments in our industry, the impact of severe weather, particularly in the U.S. Gulf Coast, and our ability to execute our business strategy and make successful capital investments and business acquisitions. Newpark's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission can be obtained at no charge at www.sec.gov, as well as through our website at www.newpark.com.

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Newpark Resources, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, June 30, September 30, September 30,						
(In thousands, except per share data)	2012	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Revenues	\$ 259,599	\$ 245,756	\$ 261,193	\$ 767,691	\$ 694,666		
Cost of revenues	210,276	201,534	201,272	626,712	539,185		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	20,878	19,944	20,802	62,135	57,770		
Other operating income, net	(311)	(477)	(60)	(802)	(1,012)		
Operating income	28,756	24,755	39,179	79,646	98,723		
Foreign currency exchange loss	185	461	485	416	340		
Interest expense, net	2,416	2,553	2,464	7,337	6,821		
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Income from operations before income taxes	26,155	21,741	36,230	71,893	91,562		
Provision for income taxes	7,413	7,278	13,233	23,054	33,431		
Net income	\$ 18,742	\$ 14,463	\$ 22,997	\$ 48,839	\$ 58,131		
Income per common share -basic:	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.65		
Income per common share -diluted:	\$ 0.20	•	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.58		
Calculation of Diluted EPS:							
Net income	\$ 18,742	, ,	\$ 22,997	\$ 48,839	\$ 58,131		
Assumed conversion of Senior Notes	1,396	1,283	1,236	3,944	3,674		
Adjusted net income	\$ 20,138	\$ 15,746	\$ 24,233	\$ 52,783	\$ 61,805		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding-basic	86,423	88,600	90,212	88,491	89,877		
Add: Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock awards	•	457	1,025	756	883		
Dilutive effect of Senior Notes	15,682	15,682	15,682	15,682	15,682		

Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding_	102,800 104,739		10	06,919	104,929		106,442		
Income per common share - diluted	\$	0.20\$	0.15	\$	0.23	\$	0.50	\$	0.58

Newpark Resources, Inc. Operating Segment Results

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended			
	September 30, June 30, September 30,			
(In thousands)	2012 2012	2011		
Revenues				
Fluids systems and engineering	\$ 211,457\$ 202,3	\$88 \$216,160		
Mats and integrated services	35,067 30,0	71 30,179		
Environmental services	13,075 13,2	97 14,854		
Total revenues	\$ 259,599\$ 245,7	\$ 261,193		
Operating income (loss) Fluids systems and engineering Mats and integrated services Environmental services Corporate office Total operating income	\$ 14,798 \$ 13,4 15,992 13,0 3,089 3,5 (5,123) (5,3 \$ 28,756 \$ 24,7	75 14,509 14 4,958 14) (5,936)		
Segment operating margin Fluids systems and engineering Mats and integrated services Environmental services	7.0% 6.7 45.6% 43.4 23.6% 26.4			

Newpark Resources, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	September 30,D	September 30,December 31,			
(In thousands, except share data)	2012	2011			
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,457	\$ 25,247			
Receivables, net	312,040	328,590			
Inventories	181,188	175,929			
Deferred tax asset	14,438	13,224			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,361	10,828			
Total current assets	554,484	553,818			
Property, plant and equipment, net	247,329	231,055			
Goodwill	75,796	71,970			
Other intangible assets, net	18,317	20,850			
Other assets	8,529	9,144			
Total assets	\$ 904,455	\$ 886,837			
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Short-term debt	\$ 799	\$ 2,232			
Accounts payable	95,670	97,168			
Accrued liabilities	36,767	47,443			
Total current liabilities	133,236	146,843			
Long-term debt, less current portion	200,838	189,876			
Deferred tax liability	43,501	46,844			
Other noncurrent liabilities	13,821	5,428			

Total liabilities	391,396	388,991
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized		
and 95,652,486 and 94,497,526 shares issued, respectively	957	945
Paid-in capital	482,886	477,204
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(3,042)	789
Retained earnings	83,822	34,983
Treasury stock, at cost; 8,035,100 and 2,803,987 shares, respectively	(51,564)	(16,075)
Total stockholders' equity	513,059	497,846
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 904,455	\$ 886,837

Newpark Resources, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

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	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 35,457	\$ 62,902	

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