



Newpark Resources Announces Two Deepwater Contract Awards

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas, April 18, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) today announced that it has been awarded two deepwater contracts. In Brazil, the Company was awarded a two-year contract from a subsidiary of Total S.A., to provide drilling fluids and related services for a series of wells planned in the Campos Basin. The Company was also awarded a contract by another supermajor to provide drilling fluids and related services for a series of wells to be drilled in the Black Sea. Work under both contracts is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Bruce Smith, President of Newpark Drilling Fluids, stated, "These deepwater contract awards represent significant milestones in our continued penetration of the offshore market and our expanding global presence. Partnering with these two world-class organizations on these offshore drilling campaigns further solidifies our position as a leading global provider of high-performance fluids systems and engineering."

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, 2012, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. These risk factors include, but are not limited to, our ability to execute our business strategy and make successful business acquisitions and capital investments, our customers' activity levels in exploration and drilling, operating hazards inherent in the oil and natural gas industry, particularly offshore, our international operations, the availability of raw materials and skilled personnel, our customer concentration and cyclical nature of our industry, our market competition, the cost and continued availability of borrowed funds, legal and regulatory matters, including environmental regulations, inherent limitations in insurance coverage, potential impairments of long-lived intangible assets, technological developments in our industry, and the impact of severe weather, particularly in the U.S. Gulf Coast. 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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