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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2005

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-2960 72-1123385
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3850 North Causeway, Suite 1770
Metairie, Louisiana
(Address of principal executive offices)

70002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 838-8222

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

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# ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 7, 2005, Newpark Resources, Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. The press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation by reference language in such filing.

## ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on November 7, 2005.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

Dated: November 7, 2005 By: /s/ Matthew W. Hardey

Matthew W. Hardey, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release, dated as of November 7, 2005

#### NEWPARK RESOURCES REPORTS THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS EARNINGS

METAIRIE, La., Nov. 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) today announced that, in the third quarter of 2005, it earned net income of \$5.0 million equal to \$.06 per share, on revenue of \$139.1 million. This compares to 2004 third quarter net income of \$735,000, equal to \$0.01 per diluted share, on revenue of \$110.8 million.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, Newpark earned net income of \$14.7 million, equal to \$0.17 per share, on revenue of \$409.7 million. This compares to 2004 net income of \$3.5 million or \$.04 per share, on revenue of \$319.7 million.

James D. Cole, Newpark's CEO, stated: "Over the past several years, we have worked to diversify Newpark's revenue base to new markets beyond our historic Gulf Coast base. More than half of our revenue now comes from new markets entered as we diversified the company. The profit reported in the recent quarter was earned from these new markets and points out the progress that we have made implementing that strategy."

"Newpark would have earned approximately \$0.10 per share in the third quarter, excluding \$0.01 of tax benefits, but for the tropical storms in the period which cost us \$.05 per share. Approximately half of that amount should be recovered from business interruption and other insurance in future periods," he continued. "We expect to demonstrate continuing improvement in earnings in the fourth quarter in spite of the lingering effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Company's Venice, La., facilities have been out of service since the passage of Hurricane Katrina and are expected to remain idled until early next year. We have been able to service our customers operations from other Newpark sites pending the restoration of service. All other Newpark facilities are operating, although the Cameron sites damaged by Hurricane Rita are providing only limited services to drilling fluids and E&P waste customers until repairs currently underway are completed in December. We anticipate that we will see more activity in that key offshore support market in the first quarter of 2006, as customers return to more normal operating patterns."

#### Drilling Fluids Sales and Engineering

The Drilling Fluids unit continued its strong growth pattern in the third quarter. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, drilling fluids revenue totaled \$282.6 million, an increase of 44% from \$196.0 million reported in the 2004 period. Third quarter segment revenue increased 46% to \$104.3 million compared to \$71.4 million in the year-ago quarter, and increased sequentially by 8.0% or \$7.7 million from the second quarter of 2005 despite the impact of the storms in the recent quarter. Operating income for the nine months improved to \$29.1 million, or 10.3% of revenue, versus \$13.8 million or 7.0% in the prior year period. For the third quarter, operating contribution rose to \$12.7 million, or 12.2% of revenues, compared to a contribution in the 2004 quarter of \$5.0 million, or 7.0% of revenue. Margins improved sequentially by 220 basis points compared to 10.0% in the second quarter of 2005.

"We believe that Hurricane Katrina reduced drilling fluids revenue by at least \$9.0 million in the third quarter, with a corresponding operating income effect of over \$3.5 million. While the after-effects of Katrina and Rita will be felt in the fourth quarter and early in 2006, we believe that the recent pattern of revenue and margin improvement should continue through 2006," Cole continued. "Next year we should also begin to realize the benefits of the recently-announced formation of Newpark Drilling Fluids of Brazil, a joint venture with Brasil Supply, and we anticipate that first revenue from the Brazilian market should be recorded in the first quarter of 2006."

#### Mat and Integrated Services

For the nine-months ended September 30, 2005, mat operations generated operating income of \$9.0 million on revenues of \$82.3 million compared to \$4.2 million from 2004 operations on revenue of \$76.1 million. Third quarter segment revenue totaled \$21.3 million, down 11% from the corresponding quarter of 2004, and off 26% sequentially as a result of storm-related interruptions in operations. Third quarter operating profit of \$165,000 compares to an operating profit of \$1.2 million in the year-ago period and \$3.0 million in the second quarter of 2005. The earnings decline in both comparisons is attributable to the decline in revenue.

"The key factor affecting the quarter was the revenue decline in the most profitable parts of the mat rental business. We already have indications that the oilfield segment of the market is beginning to rebound, with work scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter already above the third quarter total. We believe that this pattern should continue into 2006 as funds are allocated to

new drilling projects," Cole said.

Rental volume installed in the oilfield market declined by 1.1 million square feet year-over-year, and 1.0 million sequentially to 2.3 million square feet, while pricing improved fractionally to \$1.09 per square foot from \$1.03 a year ago. Non-oilfield rentals, a market focused on electric utility expansion, declined by \$1.7 million as customers shifted their focus to service restorations following four tropical storms in the quarter.

Sales of DuraBase(TM) and Bravo(TM) composite mats generated revenue of \$4.9 million in the recent quarter, compared to \$5.6 million a year ago. Bravo(TM) mat units sold doubled to over 7,500 units in the September quarter compared to the same quarter of 2004 on improved market acceptance of the product. Sales of the stronger and more expensive DuraBase(TM) units declined from 3,300 units a year-ago to 1,200 in the third quarter.

#### E&P Waste Disposal

E&P revenues for the three quarters ended September 30, 2005 totaled \$44.8 million, a decline of \$2.8 million or 5.8% from the same period of 2004. Third quarter revenue was \$13.5 million, 12% below the \$15.4 million reported in the third quarter of 2004. Operating income for the nine month period declined by \$2.2 million or 39% to \$3.4 million from \$5.6 million in 2004. For the quarter, operations resulted in a loss of \$150,000 compared to a \$1.2 million profit in the year-ago quarter as a result of the lower revenue.

"We believe that the weather's impact on Gulf Coast operations in the quarter amounted to \$3.2 million in revenue and \$2.5 million in operating income," said Cole. "Longer term, the damage to the service infrastructure, docks and drilling rig fleet resulting in lower current drilling activity, will impact the E&P waste unit during the fourth quarter and until all rigs are back in service in 2006. In both revenue comparisons, the decline also relates to changes in our strategy with respect to the Canadian market, which has focused on supporting the development of the new water technology operation and borne much of that start-up cost. Key Gulf Coast market revenues have improved over the same period on higher rig activity and improving pricing."

E&P volume in the third quarter increased 7% to 683,000 barrels compared to 640,000 in the year-ago quarter. Pricing averaged \$12.59 per barrel in the third quarter of 2005, an increase of 5.1% from \$11.97 a year ago. Operations in the 2004 quarter were slowed by a processing change that limited capacity in the period.

#### Water Processing Technology

During the quarter, commercial operation of the Boulder, Wyo., facility began, though at limited volumes during a period of training and testing the capabilities of the facility. "As a result of favorable test results in the water produced at the plant, we have accelerated plans to increase the plant's throughput capacity, and have initiated several additions to the original plant design aimed at raising output to as much as 8,000 barrels per day. These developments should be fully in place by mid-December," Cole indicated.

Two testing and demonstration plants have been transported to the Canadian market, and are expected to begin testing in late November in the Fort McMurray Oil Sands market. Construction of the new 20,000 barrel per day Gillette, Wyo., plant is nearing completion and the first water is expected to be tested in the facility in November, with operations beginning in December.

#### Liquidity and Balance Sheet

During the quarter, Newpark invested \$5.4 million in capital assets, with \$2.0 million concentrated in acquisition of equipment and facilities for the new water treatment business and a like amount used to expand the Gulf Coast infrastructure supporting the drilling fluids operation. Long-term debt at the end of the period totaled \$193.2 million or 36% of long term capital. Borrowings under the Company's bank credit facility included \$13.9 million of letters of credit and cash advances of \$33.1 million, with \$23 million available for cash advances.

Newpark Resources, Inc. provides integrated fluids management, environmental and oilfield services to the exploration and production industry.

#### THREE PAGES OF FINANCIAL DATA FOLLOW

Investor Conference Call

Newpark will host a conference call at 10:00 AM EST on Tuesday, November 8th to discuss these results and the outlook for the company. Investors may access the conference call by dialing (800) 862-9098. The call will be webcast and can be accessed from Newpark's Investor Relations page at http://www.newpark.com .

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 Newpark, reference is made to the risk factors set forth in the Prospectus included in Newpark'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 Newpark 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 Newpark's services and reduce Newpark's revenues and income. You are strongly urged to review these sections for a more detailed discussion of these risks and uncertainties. Newpark's SEC filings can be obtained at no charge at http://www.sec.gov , as well as through our Website, http://www.newpark.com .

# Newpark Resources, Inc. Year-Ago Quarter Comparison (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	3Q05		3Q04	
Segment revenue Drilling Fluids	\$	104,298	\$	71,448
E&P Waste Disposal Mat & Integrated Services	\$	13,523 21,322 139,143	\$	15,363 23,979 110,790
Segment Gross Profit Drilling Fluids E&P Waste Disposal	\$	12,708 (150)	\$	4,978 1,243
Mat & Integrated Services		165 12,723		1,168 7,389
Corporate G&A Operating income Foreign currency (gain) loss		2,480 10,243 (352)		2,122 5,267 76
Interest income Interest expense Pre-tax income		(126) 4,122 6,599		(118) 3,760 1,549
Income tax Net income Preferred dividends		1,554 5,045 59		589 960 225
Net income to common	\$	4,986	\$	735
Common share equivalents, diluted Diluted EPS	\$	87,940 0.06	\$	84,253 0.01
EBITDA Pre-tax Interest	\$	6,599 4,122	\$	1,549 3,760
Depreciation & amortization Total % of revenue	\$	6,234 16,955 12.2%	\$	5,148 10,457 9.4%
Drilling Fluids Data Average rigs - Newpark's Domestic Market Average rigs serviced		1,059 220		925 180
Market Share Annualized revenue per rig (000's)	\$	20.8% 1,524	\$	19.5% 1,353
Mat Rental Data - Gulf Coast (dollars in millions, except per square foot amounts)			•	0.5
Installation Re-rental Total U.S. oilfield mat rental	\$ \$	2.5 2.0 4.5	\$ \$	3.5 1.5 5.0
Non-oilfield mat rental Integrated services and other Canadian operations Composite mat sales	•	0.1 11.4 0.4 4.9	Ť	1.8 10.8 0.8 5.6
Average price per square foot Square feet installed (MM)	\$ \$	21.3 1.09 2.3	\$ \$	24.0 1.03 3.4
Waste Data (dollars in millions, except per barrel amounts)		222		2.12
Gulf Coast E&P waste volume (000's) Gulf Coast average revenue per barrel	\$	683 12.59	\$	640 11.97
Gulf Coast E&P revenue NORM Industrial	\$	8.8 0.6 0.7	\$	9.3 1.0 0.2
Total Gulf Coast market Non-Gulf Coast markets	\$	10.1 3.4	\$	10.5 4.9
	\$	13.5	\$	15.4

# Newpark Resources, Inc. Year-Ago Nine Month Comparison (in thousands, except per share amounts)

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Segment revenue Drilling Fluids E&P Waste Disposal	\$	282,560 44,846	\$	196,042 47,619	
Mat & Integrated Services Segment Gross Profit	\$	82,286 409,692	\$	76,072 319,733	
Drilling Fluids E&P Waste Disposal Mat & Integrated Services	\$	29,137 3,399 8,962 41,498	\$	13,778 5,613 4,232 23,623	
Corporate G&A Operating income Foreign currency (gain) loss Interest income Interest expense Pre-tax income Income tax Net income Preferred dividends Net income to common	\$	7,180 34,318 (343) (250) 12,398 22,513 7,300 15,213 509 14,704	\$	6,993 16,630 217 (1,255) 10,885 6,783 2,578 4,205 713 3,492	
Common share equivalents, diluted	Ψ	85,797	Ψ	83,818	
Diluted EPS	\$	0.17	\$	0.04	
EBITDA Pre-tax Interest Depreciation & amortization Total % of revenue	\$	22,513 12,398 18,974 53,885 13.2%	\$ \$	6,783 10,885 15,340 33,008 10.3%	
Drilling Fluids Data Average rigs - Newpark's Domestic Market Average rigs serviced Market Share Annualized revenue per rig (000's)	\$	1,011 201 19.9% 1,534	\$	886 154 17.4% 1,362	
Mat Rental Data - Gulf Coast (dollars in millions, except per square foot amounts) Installation	\$	11.0	\$	12.3	
Re-rental Total U.S. oilfield mat rental Non-oilfield mat rental Integrated services and other Canadian operations Composite mat sales	\$	7.2 18.2 4.2 33.6 9.5 16.8	\$	4.4 16.7 3.0 33.7 4.9 17.8	
Average price per square foot Square feet installed (MM)	\$ \$	82.3 1.11 9.9	\$ \$	76.1 0.97 12.6	
Waste Data (dollars in millions, except per barrel amounts) Gulf Coast E&P waste volume (000's) Gulf Coast average revenue per barrel	\$	2,267 12.96	\$	2,354 11.90	
Gulf Coast E&P revenue NORM Industrial Total Gulf Coast market Non-Gulf Coast markets	\$	30.1 2.7 2.2 35.0 9.8	\$	29.2 2.1 2.0 33.3 14.3	
	\$	44.8	\$	47.6	

# Newpark Resources, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2005		December 31, 2004	
ASSETS				
Current assets:    Cash and cash equivalents    Trade accounts receivable, less allowance    of \$1,107 in 2005 and \$3,260 in 2004    Notes and other receivables    Inventories    Deferred tax asset    Other current assets    Total current assets	\$	10,318 132,608 10,158 83,746 10,585 13,236 260,651	\$	7,022 100,587 7,321 84,044 12,501 13,275 224,750
Property, plant and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation Goodwill and other intangibles Deferred tax asset Other assets	\$	236,765 135,560  6,648 639,624	\$	210,514 132,769 4,063 18,018 590,114
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities: Foreign bank lines of credit Notes payable and current maturities of long-term debt Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Total current liabilities	\$	10,514 10,037 41,278 38,794 100,623	\$	8,017 5,031 38,822 26,875 78,745
Long-term debt Other non-current liabilities		193,187 3,336		186,286 2,118
Stockholders' equity: Preferred Stock Common Stock Paid-in capital Unearned restricted stock compensation Accumulated other comprehensive income Retained deficit Total stockholders' equity	\$	884 427,280 (294) 7,754 (93,146) 342,478 639,624	\$	20,000 840 402,248 (472) 8,199 (107,850) 322,965 590,114
Ratio of long-term debt to total capital		36.1%		36.6%

SOURCE Newpark Resources, Inc.

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