

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**  
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**VIA EDGAR**

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Attention: Irene Barberena-Meissner

Re: *Newpark Resources, Inc.*  
*Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-211406)*

Pursuant to Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Newpark Resources, Inc. (the "Company") hereby requests acceleration of the effective date of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-211406) (the "Registration Statement"). We respectfully request that the Registration Statement become effective as of 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 31, 2016, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Company hereby acknowledges that:

- should the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the Company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the Company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Very truly yours,

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

By: /s/ Mark J. Airola  
Name: Mark J. Airola  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
And Chief Administrative Officer