

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009**

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Commission File No. 1-2960  
Newpark Resources, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**72-1123385**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2700 Research Forest Drive, Suite 100  
The Woodlands, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77381**  
(Zip Code)

**(281) 362-6800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and small reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller Reporting Company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

As of April 24, 2009, a total of 88,657,033 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, were outstanding.



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**FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED**  
**MARCH 31, 2009**

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#### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. We also may provide oral or written forward-looking statements in other materials we release to the public. The words anticipates, believes, estimates, expects, intends, and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying them. These forward-looking statements reflect the current views of our management; however, various risks, uncertainties and contingencies, including the risks identified in Item 1A, Risk Factors, in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and those set forth from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements, including the success or failure of our efforts to implement our business strategy.

We assume no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities laws. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q might not occur.

For further information regarding these and other factors, risks and uncertainties affecting us, we refer you to the risk factors set forth in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

**Table of Contents****PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****Newpark Resources, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

| (In thousands, except share data)   | <b>March 31,<br/>2009<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2008</b> |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |   |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 9,309                                  | \$ 8,252                     |
| Receivables, net  | 134,310                                   | 211,366                      |
| Inventories   | 142,423                                   | 149,304                      |
| Deferred tax asset  | 18,004                                    | 22,809                       |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 9,074                                     | 11,062                       |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>313,120</b>                            | <b>402,793</b>               |
| Property, plant and equipment, net  | 227,710                                   | 226,627                      |
| Goodwill  | 59,614                                    | 60,268                       |
| Deferred tax asset, net   | 176                                       | 707                          |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 18,090                                    | 18,940                       |
| Other assets  | 4,011                                     | 4,344                        |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 622,721</b>                         | <b>\$ 713,679</b>            |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>  |   |                              |
| Foreign bank lines of credit  | \$ 8,775                                  | \$ 11,302                    |
| Current maturities of long-term debt  | 10,513                                    | 10,391                       |
| Accounts payable  | 57,639                                    | 89,018                       |
| Accrued liabilities   | 29,002                                    | 38,946                       |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  | <b>105,929</b>                            | <b>149,657</b>               |
| Long-term debt, less current portion  | 143,967                                   | 166,461                      |
| Deferred tax liability  | 7,074                                     | 15,979                       |
| Other noncurrent liabilities  | 2,589                                     | 3,700                        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>259,559</b>                            | <b>335,797</b>               |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized 91,387,536 and 91,139,966 shares issued, respectively | 914                                       | 911                          |
| Paid-in capital   | 457,540                                   | 457,012                      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income   | (1,749)                                   | 1,296                        |
| Retained deficit  | (78,091)                                  | (66,087)                     |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 2,730,503 and 2,646,409 shares, respectively   | (15,452)                                  | (15,250)                     |
| <b>Total stockholders equity</b>  | <b>363,162</b>                            | <b>377,882</b>               |

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| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 622,721 | \$ 713,679 |
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See Accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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**Newpark Resources, Inc.**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(Unaudited)

| (In thousands, except per share data)                        | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2009</b>                         | <b>2008</b> |
| Revenues   | \$ 126,938                          | \$ 194,736  |
| Cost of revenues   | 123,512                             | 155,120     |
| Gross profit   | 3,426                               | 39,616      |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                 | 16,230                              | 19,191      |
| Other income, net  | (25)                                | (189)       |
| Operating (loss) income                                      | (12,779)                            | 20,614      |
| Foreign currency exchange loss                               | 29                                  | 296         |
| Interest expense, net  | 1,650                               | 3,227       |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes | (14,458)                            | 17,091      |
| Provision for income taxes                                   | (2,454)                             | 5,695       |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations                     | (12,004)                            | 11,396      |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax                |                                     | (45)        |
| Net (loss) income  | \$ (12,004)                         | \$ 11,351   |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding             | 88,323                              | 90,099      |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding           | 88,323                              | 90,332      |
| (Loss) income per common share basic and diluted:            |                                     |             |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations                     | \$ (0.14)                           | \$ 0.13     |
| Loss from discontinued operations                            |                                     |             |
| Net (loss) income per common share                           | \$ (0.14)                           | \$ 0.13     |

See Accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements



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**Newpark Resources, Inc.**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income**  
(Unaudited)

| (In thousands)                                    | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2009</b>                         | <b>2008</b> |
| Net (loss) income                                 | \$ (12,004)                         | \$ 11,351   |
| Changes in interest rate swap and cap, net of tax | 72                                  | (781)       |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments          | (3,117)                             | 2           |
| Comprehensive (loss) income                       | \$ (15,049)                         | \$ 10,572   |

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**Newpark Resources, Inc.**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(Unaudited)

| (In thousands)   | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |                |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|
|  | <b>2009</b>                         | <b>2008</b>    |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>                                   |                                     |                |
| Net (loss) income  | \$ (12,004)                         | \$ 11,351      |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operations: |                                     |                |
| Net loss from discontinued operations  |                                     | 45             |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 6,927                               | 7,024          |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 427                                 | 1,656          |
| Provision for deferred income taxes  | (3,596)                             | 4,808          |
| Provision for doubtful accounts  | 587                                 | 660            |
| Gain on sale of assets   | (224)                               | (16)           |
| Change in assets and liabilities:  |                                     |                |
| Decrease (increase) in receivables   | 74,374                              | (27,024)       |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories   | 5,520                               | (11,271)       |
| Decrease in other assets   | 2,543                               | 1,840          |
| Decrease in accounts payable   | (30,958)                            | (540)          |
| (Decrease) increase in accrued liabilities and other                           | (10,558)                            | 1,961          |
| Net operating activities of continuing operations                              | 33,038                              | (9,506)        |
| Net operating activities of discontinued operations                            |                                     | 1,978          |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>                     | <b>33,038</b>                       | <b>(7,528)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>                                   |                                     |                |
| Capital expenditures   | (7,540)                             | (5,809)        |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment                            | 533                                 | 16             |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>                                   | <b>(7,007)</b>                      | <b>(5,793)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>                                   |                                     |                |
| Net (payments) borrowings on lines of credit                                   | (24,957)                            | 22,401         |
| Principal payments on notes payable and long-term debt                         | (96)                                | (592)          |
| Long-term borrowings   | 740                                 |                |
| Proceeds from employee stock plans   | 103                                 |                |
| Purchase of treasury stock   | (202)                               | (3,197)        |
| Net financing activities of continuing operations                              | (24,412)                            | 18,612         |
| Net financing activities of discontinued operations                            |                                     | (52)           |
| <b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>                     | <b>(24,412)</b>                     | <b>18,560</b>  |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash  | (562)                               | (2,230)        |

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| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 1,057    | 3,009    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period     | 8,252    | 5,741    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period           | \$ 9,309 | \$ 8,750 |
| Cash paid for:                                       |          |          |
| Income taxes (net of refunds)                        | \$ 1,853 | \$ 854   |
| Interest   | \$ 1,426 | \$ 3,081 |

See Accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**Table of Contents****NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.****NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Note 1 Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Newpark Resources, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries, which we refer to as we, our or us, have been prepared in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X for interim financial statements required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), and do not include all information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our fiscal year end is December 31, and our first quarter represents the three month period ending March 31. The results of operations for the first quarter of 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position as of March 31, 2009, the results of our operations for the first quarter of 2009 and 2008, and our cash flows for the first quarter of 2009 and 2008. All adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Our balance sheet at December 31, 2008 reflects the audited financial statements at that date. Selling, general and administrative expenses, as reported in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the first quarter of 2009 and 2008, include all expenses of this nature from our operating segments, as well as our corporate office. Previously, selling, general and administrative expense within our operating segments were reported within Cost of Revenues. As a result of this reclassification, \$14.4 million of expenses previously reported in cost of revenues for the first quarter of 2008 are now reflected in selling, general and administrative expenses.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. For further information, see Note 1 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

***New Accounting Standards***

On January 1, 2009, we adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 ( SFAS 161 ). SFAS 161 changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (1) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (2) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS 133 ), and its related interpretations, and (3) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted FASB Staff Position 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets ( FSP 142-3 ). FSP 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ( SFAS 142 ). The objective of FSP 142-3 is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141(R), Business Combinations, and other U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. FSP 142-3 was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). This standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 introduces a fair value hierarchy (levels 1 through 3) to prioritize inputs to fair value and classifies the measurements for disclosure purposes.

In January 2008, we entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix the underlying LIBOR rate on our borrowings under our \$50.0 million term loan. These swap agreements are valued based upon level 2 fair value criteria under the guidelines of SFAS 157, where the fair value of these instruments is determined using other observable inputs, including quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities and market corroborated inputs as well as quoted prices in inactive markets. The fair value of the interest rate swap arrangements was a liability of \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, net of tax as of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FASB staff position 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset is Not Active, ( FSP 157-3 ). FSP 157-3 clarifies the application of SFAS 157 in a market that is not active and provides an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active. FSP 157-3 was effective upon issuance. Upon adoption, the provisions of SFAS 157 were to be applied prospectively with limited exceptions.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted SFAS No. 141(R) (revised 2007), Business Combinations, ( SFAS 141(R) ) which provides revised guidance on the accounting for acquisitions of businesses. This standard changes the current guidance, requiring that all acquired assets, liabilities, minority interest and certain contingencies be measured at fair value, and certain other acquisition-related costs be expensed rather than capitalized. SFAS 141(R) applies to acquisitions that are effective after December 31, 2008, and application of the standard to acquisitions prior to that date is not permitted. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51 ( FAS 160 ). FAS 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling (minority) interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements and establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation. SFAS No. 160 was effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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The following table presents the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator for calculating income per share:

| (In thousands, except per share data)   | <b>First Quarter</b> |             |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2009</b>          | <b>2008</b> |
| Net (loss) income   | \$ (12,004)          | \$ 11,351   |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding  | 88,323               | 90,099      |
| Add: Net effect of dilutive stock options and warrants  |                      | 233         |
| Adjusted weighted average number of common shares outstanding   | 88,323               | 90,332      |
| Net (loss) income per common share:   |                      |             |
| Basic   | \$ (0.14)            | \$ 0.13     |
| Diluted   | \$ (0.14)            | \$ 0.13     |
| Stock options, restricted stock and warrants excluded from calculation of diluted earnings per share because anti-dilutive for the period | 5,361                | 5,051       |

For the three months ended March 31, 2009, we did not have any dilutive stock options or restricted stock. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, we had dilutive stock options and restricted stock of approximately 0.7 million shares. The resulting net effects of stock options and restricted stock were used in calculating diluted income per share for this period.

On June 1, 2000, we completed the sale of 120,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock"), and a warrant (the "Series B Warrant") to purchase up to 1,900,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$10.075 per share, subject to anti-dilution adjustments. Prior to 2006, all outstanding shares of the Series B Preferred Stock were converted to common stock. The Series B Warrant was originally issued with a seven year life, expiring June 1, 2007. This warrant contains certain registration provisions, which, if not met, reduce the exercise price of the warrant by 2.5%, for each year we are not in compliance with the registration requirements, and extend the term of the warrant. Effective May 1, 2009, we are now in compliance with the registration requirements for the warrant. Previously, we were not in compliance with these requirements which resulted in adjustments to the exercise price and extended the term of the warrant. As of March 31, 2009, the Series B Warrant, as adjusted for certain anti-dilution provisions, remains outstanding and provides for the right to purchase up to 2,094,765 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$9.14. The remaining life of the warrant is approximately 33 months.

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Receivables consists of the following:

| (In thousands)                  | <b>March 31,<br/>2009</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2008</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Trade receivables               | \$ 114,518                | \$ 168,320                   |
| Unbilled receivables            | 19,850                    | 42,692                       |
| Gross trade receivables         | 134,368                   | 211,012                      |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (4,728)                   | (4,259)                      |
| Net trade receivables           | 129,640                   | 206,753                      |
| Notes and other receivables     | 4,670                     | 4,613                        |
| Total receivables, net          | \$ 134,310                | \$ 211,366                   |

**Note 4 Inventory**

Inventory consists of the following:

| (In thousands)                              | <b>March 31,<br/>2009</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2008</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Finished goods mats                         | \$ 4,826                  | \$ 4,701                     |
| Raw materials and components:               |                           |                              |
| Drilling fluids raw material and components | 136,834                   | 144,138                      |
| Supplies and other                          | 763                       | 465                          |
| Total raw materials and components          | 137,597                   | 144,603                      |
| Total                                       | \$ 142,423                | \$ 149,304                   |

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In December 2007, we entered into a \$225.0 million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ( Credit Agreement ) which consists of a \$175.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$50.0 million term loan. The Credit Agreement contains covenants normal and customary for lending facilities of this nature. The financial covenants include the following:

|                                     | Covenant         | March 31, 2009 | December 31,<br>2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Fixed charge coverage ratio         | 1.20<br>minimum  | 1.72           | 2.92                 |
| Consolidated leverage ratio         | 3.00<br>maximum  | 2.46           | 1.82                 |
| Funded debt-to-capitalization ratio | 45.0%<br>maximum | 29.8%          | 31.8%                |

We were in compliance with all financial covenants as of March 31, 2009. However, continued compliance with our covenants, particularly the fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, are largely dependent on our ability to generate sufficient levels of EBITDA, as defined in the Credit Agreement, and reduce our debt levels. If there continues to be reduced drilling activity in the oil and gas industry, we expect to have difficulty complying with these covenants in 2009 based upon our current and expected financial condition and results of operations. As a result, we have initiated discussions with our lead bank, in an effort to explore our options, which may include a waiver or amendment to our Credit Agreement. Any waiver or amendment to the Credit Agreement may increase the cost of our borrowings and impose additional limitations over certain types of activities.

**Note 6 Commitments and Contingencies****Shareholder Actions***Settlement of Shareholder Derivative and Class Action Litigation*

In connection with our announcement regarding an internal investigation commissioned by our Audit Committee in April 2006, and subsequent announcements, we were served with a number of shareholder class action and derivative lawsuits. These suits asserted claims against us and certain of our former officers and current and former directors alleging damages resulting from the loss of value in our common stock and, derivatively, for damages we allegedly suffered.

In April 2007, we announced that we reached a settlement of our pending derivative and class action litigation. The settlement received final approval from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on October 9, 2007. This settlement resolved all pending shareholder class and derivative litigation against us, our former and current directors, and former officers. As part of the settlement, however, we preserved certain claims against our former Chief Executive Officer and former Chief Financial Officer for matters arising from invoicing irregularities at Soloco Texas, LP and the backdating of stock options.



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*James D. Cole Arbitration*

By letter dated April 25, 2007, counsel for James D. Cole, our former Chief Executive Officer and former director, notified us that Mr. Cole was pursuing claims against us for breach of his employment agreement and other causes of action. Mr. Cole sought recovery of approximately \$3.1 million purportedly due under his employment agreement and reimbursement of certain defense costs incurred in connection with the shareholder litigation, the SEC's investigation, and our internal investigation. Mr. Cole also claimed \$640,000 pursuant to the non-compete provision of his employment agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the employment contract, the matter was submitted to arbitration. We also submitted to the same arbitration proceedings the claims preserved against Mr. Cole arising from the derivative litigation referenced above. In the first quarter of 2009, we concluded a settlement agreement with Mr. Cole under which we have paid Mr. Cole a lump sum and released any claims we have against him arising from the derivative litigation. Our decision to settle this case was influenced by the fact that our internal investigation did not conclude that Mr. Cole gained direct personal financial benefit from the transactions that were the subject of the investigation. As part of the settlement, Mr. Cole, has released us from all remaining claims under his employment contract (including the non-compete provision) and his indemnity agreement.

*Matthew Hardey Lawsuit*

On November 2, 2007, we were served with a lawsuit filed on behalf of Matthew Hardey, our former Chief Financial Officer, against Newpark Resources and Paul L. Howes, our current Chief Executive Officer. The lawsuit was filed on October 9, 2007, in the 24th Judicial District Court in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. We have removed this case to Federal Court (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana). The lawsuit includes a variety of allegations arising from our internal investigation and Mr. Hardey's termination, including breach of contract, unfair trade practices, defamation, and negligence. The lawsuit does not specify the amount of damages being sought by Mr. Hardey. We dispute the allegations in the lawsuit and intend to vigorously defend our position.

*SEC Investigation*

On March 12, 2007, we were advised that the SEC has opened a formal investigation into the matters disclosed in Amendment No. 2 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed on October 10, 2006. We are cooperating with the SEC in their investigation.

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Summarized financial information concerning our reportable segments is shown in the following table (net of inter-segment transfers):

| (In thousands)                 | First Quarter |            |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
|                                | 2009          | 2008       |
| <b>Revenues</b>                |               |            |
| Fluids systems and engineering | \$ 106,588    | \$ 157,216 |
| Mats and integrated services   | 8,863         | 21,251     |
| Environmental services         | 11,487        | 16,269     |
| Total revenues                 | \$ 126,938    | \$ 194,736 |
| <b>Operating (loss) income</b> |               |            |
| Fluids systems and engineering | \$ (5,574)(1) | \$ 21,107  |
| Mats and integrated services   | (3,414)(1)    | 51         |
| Environmental services         | 1,157         | 4,237      |
| Corporate office               | (4,948)(1)    | (4,781)    |
| <b>Operating (loss) income</b> | \$ (12,779)   | \$ 20,614  |

(1) In response to the significant declines in industry activity in North America, we have initiated cost reduction programs including workforce reductions. Through April 2009, we have reduced our North American employee base by 386 since December 31, 2008, in addition to eliminating contract employee

positions. Our operating loss for the first quarter of 2009 includes employee termination and related charges of \$2.6 million, of which \$0.9 million was recorded as a liability as of March 31, 2009. The \$2.6 million includes \$2.0 million in fluids systems and engineering, \$0.4 million in mats and integrated services and \$0.2 million in our corporate office. Substantially all accrued employee termination costs at March 31, 2009 were subsequently paid in April 2009.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion of our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements contained in this report as well as our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our fiscal year end is December 31, and our first quarter represents the three month period ending March 31.

**Overview**

We are a diversified oil and gas industry supplier, and have three reportable segments: Fluids Systems and Engineering, Mats and Integrated Services, and Environmental Services. We provide these products and services principally to the exploration and production ( E&P ) industry in the U.S. Gulf Coast, West Texas, U.S. mid-continent, U.S. Rocky Mountains, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, United Kingdom ( U.K. ) and certain areas of Europe and North Africa. Further, we are expanding our presence outside the E&P sector through our Mats and Integrated Services segment, where we are marketing to utilities, municipalities and government sectors.

Our operating results depend, to a large extent, on oil and gas drilling activity levels in the markets we serve, as well as the depth of drilling, which governs the revenue potential of each well. The drilling activity in turn, depends on oil and gas commodity pricing, inventory levels and product demand.

The current economic recession, the instability in the credit markets and declines in oil and natural gas commodity prices have significantly impacted North American drilling activity during the first quarter of 2009. This decline in E&P spending negatively impacted operating results during the first quarter of 2009, and is expected to continue to negatively impact operating results for the remainder of 2009, as compared to the results achieved during 2008.

Rig count data is the most widely accepted indicator of drilling activity. Average North American rig count data for the first quarter of 2009, as compared to the previous quarter and comparable quarter of the prior year is as follows:

|                    | <b>First<br/>Quarter<br/>2009</b> | <b>Fourth<br/>Quarter<br/>2008</b> | <b>First<br/>Quarter<br/>2008</b> | <b>Change from<br/>Fourth<br/>Quarter 2008</b> |          | <b>Change from First<br/>Quarter 2008</b> |          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------|---|----------|
|                    |                                   |                                    |                                   | <b>Count</b>                                   | <b>%</b> | <b>Count</b>                              | <b>%</b> |
| U.S. Rig Count     | 1,344                             | 1,904                              | 1,770                             | (560)  | (29%)    | (426)                                     | (24%)    |
| Canadian Rig Count | 332                               | 411                                | 516                               | (79)   | (19%)    | (184)                                     | (36%)    |
| North America      | 1,676                             | 2,315                              | 2,286                             | (639)  | (28%)    | (610)                                     | (27%)    |

Source: Baker Hughes Incorporated

The U.S. and Canadian rig counts were 955 and 65 during the week ended April 24, 2009, respectively.

In response to the significant declines in activity and the increasing price competition, we have initiated cost reduction programs including workforce reductions, reduced discretionary spending, a temporary salary reduction for substantially all North American employees including executive officers, as well as reductions in capital expenditures. As part of this cost reduction program, we have reduced our North American employee base by 386 since December 31, 2008 in addition to eliminating contract employee positions. As a result of these workforce reductions, our first quarter 2009 operating results include \$2.6 million of charges associated with employee termination costs.

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During the first quarter of 2009, our total debt balance was reduced by \$24.9 million to \$163.3 million at March 31, 2009. We anticipate that our debt levels will continue to decline in the near-term, as working capital requirements for our operations will continue to decline in the current environment of lower revenue levels. Further, capital expenditures are being reduced in response to the current market environment. Cash generated by operations including the anticipated decreases in working capital levels, along with availability under our existing credit agreement is expected to be adequate to fund our anticipated capital needs. In December 2007, we entered into a \$225.0 million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ( Credit Agreement ) which consists of a \$175.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$50.0 million term loan. The Credit Agreement contains covenants normal and customary for lending facilities of this nature. The financial covenants include the following:

|                                     | Covenant         | March 31, 2009 | December 31,<br>2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Fixed charge coverage ratio         | 1.20<br>minimum  | 1.72           | 2.92                 |
| Consolidated leverage ratio         | 3.00<br>maximum  | 2.46           | 1.82                 |
| Funded debt-to-capitalization ratio | 45.0%<br>maximum | 29.8%          | 31.8%                |

We were in compliance with all financial covenants as of March 31, 2009. However, continued compliance with our covenants, particularly the fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, are largely dependent on our ability to generate sufficient levels of EBITDA, as defined in the Credit Agreement, and reduce our debt levels. If there continues to be reduced drilling activity in the oil and gas industry, we expect to have difficulty complying with these covenants in 2009 based upon our current and expected financial condition and results of operations. To address this, we have initiated discussions with our lead bank, in an effort to explore our options, which may include a waiver or amendment to our Credit Agreement. Any waiver or amendment to the Credit Agreement may increase the cost of our borrowings and impose additional limitations over certain types of activities.

**Table of Contents****Results of Operations**

Summarized financial information for our reportable segments is shown in the following table (net of inter-segment transfers):

| (In thousands)                  | First Quarter |            | 2009 vs 2008 |       |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------|
|                                 | 2009          | 2008       | \$           | %     |
| <b>Revenues</b>                 |               |            |              |       |
| Fluids systems and engineering  | \$ 106,588    | \$ 157,216 | \$ (50,628)  | (32%) |
| Mats and integrated services    | 8,863         | 21,251     | (12,388)     | (58%) |
| Environmental services          | 11,487        | 16,269     | (4,782)      | (29%) |
| Total revenues                  | \$ 126,938    | \$ 194,736 | \$ (67,798)  | (35%) |
| <b>Operating (loss) income</b>  |               |            |              |       |
| Fluids systems and engineering  | \$ (5,574)    | \$ 21,107  | \$ (26,681)  |       |
| Mats and integrated services    | (3,414)       | 51         | (3,465)      |       |
| Environmental services          | 1,157         | 4,237      | (3,080)      |       |
| Corporate office                | (4,948)       | (4,781)    | (167)        |       |
| <b>Operating (loss) income</b>  | \$ (12,779)   | \$ 20,614  | \$ (33,393)  |       |
| <b>Segment operating margin</b> |               |            |              |       |
| Fluids systems and engineering  | (5.2%)        | 13.4%      |              |       |
| Mats and integrated services    | (38.5%)       | 0.2%       |              |       |
| Environmental services          | 10.1%         | 26.0%      |              |       |

**First Quarter 2009 Compared to First Quarter 2008****Fluids Systems and Engineering***Revenues*

Total revenues for this segment consisted of the following:

| (In thousands)                  | First Quarter |            | 2009 vs 2008 |       |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------|
|                                 | 2009          | 2008       | \$           | %     |
| Drilling fluids and engineering | \$ 60,936     | \$ 90,007  | \$ (29,071)  | (32%) |
| Completion fluids and services  | 8,919         | 21,966     | (13,047)     | (59%) |
| Industrial minerals             | 8,885         | 16,586     | (7,701)      | (46%) |
| Total North America             | 78,740        | 128,559    | (49,819)     | (39%) |
| Mediterranean                   | 25,037        | 28,260     | (3,223)      | (11%) |
| Brazil                          | 2,811         | 397        | 2,414        | 608%  |
| Total                           | \$ 106,588    | \$ 157,216 | \$ (50,628)  | (32%) |

North American revenues decreased 39% to \$78.7 million for the first quarter of 2009, as compared to \$128.6 million for the first quarter of 2008. Drilling fluids and engineering revenues decreased 32% which is largely attributable to the decline in industry drilling activity noted above, along with increased pricing pressure as the number of rigs

serviced by this business segment decreased 29%. North American completion fluids and services and wholesale industrial minerals revenues were down a combined 54%, on the lower industry activity.

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Mediterranean revenues decreased 11% compared to the first quarter of 2008, primarily due to the impact of the strengthening US dollar, as international revenue levels have remained relatively stable in local currency terms. Brazil revenues were \$2.8 million in the first quarter of 2009, compared to \$0.4 million in the first quarter of 2008, reflecting the ramp-up in activity under contracts entered into during 2008.

*Operating Income*

Operating income for this segment decreased \$26.7 million for the first quarter of 2009 on a \$50.6 million decrease in revenues, compared to the first quarter of 2008. Of this change, North American operations generated a \$24.9 million decline in operating income on a \$49.8 million decrease in revenues. This decrease in operating income is primarily attributable to the rapid decline in North American drilling activity throughout the first quarter of 2009, and the related increase in pricing pressure from competition. Further, the benefits of cost reduction initiatives taken during the first quarter of 2009 had minimal impact to the quarter, due to the timing of the actions, along with \$2.0 million of charges associated with employee termination costs. Operating income was further negatively impacted by lower gross profit on industrial mineral sales. During the first quarter of 2009, gross profits on industrial minerals were reduced by \$1.8 million, as a result of higher product costs, due to freight premiums paid on barite ore purchases.

Operating income from international operations decreased \$1.8 million on a \$0.8 million decrease in revenues. The lower operating income includes a \$0.9 million decrease from the Mediterranean operations, primarily due to the strengthening US dollar against the functional currencies in this region, as well as a \$0.9 million decrease from Brazil due to the increased operating costs being incurred, as this business continues to ramp-up and prepare for future contracts.

Following the workforce reductions during the first four months of 2009, the North American employee base of this segment has been reduced by 296, in addition to reductions in contracted personnel. As a result of these reductions, combined with the employee termination costs incurred during the first quarter of 2009, North American personnel expenses are anticipated to be reduced in the second quarter of 2009 by approximately \$5 million from first quarter 2009 levels.

**Mats and Integrated Services***Revenues*

Total revenues for this segment consisted of the following:

| (In thousands)                     | First Quarter |           | 2009 vs 2008 |       |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|                                    | 2009          | 2008      | \$           | %     |
| Mat rental and integrated services | \$ 7,421      | \$ 16,950 | \$ (9,529)   | (56%) |
| Mat sales                          | 1,442         | 4,301     | (2,859)      | (66%) |
| Total                              | \$ 8,863      | \$ 21,251 | \$ (12,388)  | (58%) |

The \$9.5 million decrease in mat rental and integrated services revenues is primarily attributable to declines in the Gulf Coast market served by this segment, while revenues in the Rocky Mountain market have remained relatively stable. The declines in the Gulf Coast revenues are primarily the result of decreases in coastal drilling activity caused by the overall decline in industry activity, as well as a continuing shift in focus away from coastal drilling toward more inland locations. The decline in revenue is further impacted by the increased pricing competition following the declines in market activity, and timing of projects from customers outside the E&P industry.



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Mat sales primarily consist of export sales of composite mats to various international markets, as well as to non-oilfield industries domestically. Mat sales volume decreased by \$2.9 million in the first quarter of 2009 from the first quarter of 2008, as mats sales volumes typically fluctuate significantly based on the specific timing of large order deliveries.

*Operating Income*

Mats and integrated services operating income decreased by \$3.5 million for the first quarter of 2009 on a \$12.4 million decrease in revenues compared to the first quarter of 2008. The decrease in operating margin is primarily attributable to the declines in revenues and pricing pressures, as well as the delayed impact of cost reductions. The benefits of cost reduction initiatives taken during the first quarter of 2009 had a minimal impact to the quarter's operating results, due to the timing of the actions, along with \$0.4 million of charges associated with employee termination costs.

Following the workforce reductions during the first four months of 2009, the employee base of this segment has been reduced by 78, in addition to reductions in contracted personnel. As a result of these reductions, combined with the employee termination costs incurred during the first quarter of 2009, North American personnel expenses are anticipated to be reduced in the second quarter of 2009 by approximately \$1 million from first quarter 2009 levels.

**Environmental Services***Revenues*

Total revenues for this segment consisted of the following:

| (In thousands)            | First Quarter |           | 2009 vs 2008 |       |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|                           | 2009          | 2008      | \$           | %     |
| E&P waste Gulf Coast      | \$ 8,393      | \$ 13,074 | \$ (4,681)   | (36%) |
| E&P waste West Texas      | 1,063         | 1,230     | (167)        | (14%) |
| NORM and industrial waste | 2,031         | 1,965     | 66           | 3%    |
| Total                     | \$ 11,487     | \$ 16,269 | \$ (4,782)   | (29%) |

E&P waste revenues in the Gulf Coast region decreased 36% to \$8.4 million in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008. Volumes processed by this region declined 52% during this period, consisting of 17% reduction from well blow-out disposals in the first quarter of 2008 which did not recur, and a 35% reduction reflective of the decline in Gulf Coast rig activity during this period. This decline in volumes processed was partially offset by changes in sales mix and pricing increases.

E&P waste revenues in West Texas decreased by 14% to \$1.1 million in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008. Volumes processed by this region declined 56% during this period; however, this was largely offset by improvements in pricing.

NORM and industrial waste revenues increased by 3% to \$2.0 million in the first quarter of 2009, compared to the first quarter of 2008.

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*Operating Income*

Environmental services operating income decreased by \$3.1 million on a \$4.8 million decline in revenues in the first quarter of 2009, compared to the first quarter of 2008. The \$4.8 million reduction in operating income resulting from the revenue decline was partially offset by \$1.7 million of operating expense reductions, including a \$1.3 million reduction in transportation costs and a \$0.3 million reduction in personnel expenses.

Corporate Office

Corporate office expenses increased \$0.2 million to \$4.9 million for the first quarter of 2009 from the first quarter of 2008. The increase in expenses in the first quarter of 2009 is primarily attributable to legal expenses associated with the settlement of a lawsuit with our former Chief Executive Officer during the first quarter of 2009, as well as \$0.2 million in employee termination costs.

Interest Expense, net

Interest expense, net totaled \$1.7 million for the first quarter of 2009 compared to \$3.2 million for the first quarter of 2008. The decrease in interest expense is primarily attributable to lower interest rates in 2009, following the sharp decline in borrowing rates during the fourth quarter of 2008. As of March 31, 2009, the weighted average borrowing rate under our credit facilities was 3.52% compared to a weighted average borrowing rate of 5.22% at March 31, 2008.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the first quarter of 2009 was a \$2.5 million benefit, reflecting an income tax rate of 17.0%, compared to \$5.7 million of expense for the first quarter of 2008, reflecting an income tax rate of 33.3%. The low effective tax rate in the first quarter of 2009 is primarily due to the write off of a previously recognized net operating loss carryforward tax asset in Canada, along with losses generated in certain foreign countries during the quarter, for which the recording of a tax benefit is not permitted.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash provided by operating activities during the first quarter of 2009 totaled \$33.0 million. The net loss adjusted for non-cash items used \$7.9 million of cash during the period, while decreases in working capital provided \$40.9 million of cash. The decrease in working capital during the period includes a \$74.4 million decrease in receivables partially offset by a \$31.0 million decrease in accounts payable, primarily due to lower sales levels and corresponding lower purchases.

Net cash used in investing activities during the first quarter of 2009 was \$7.0 million, consisting primarily of capital expenditures which included \$3.7 million for our Brazil and Mediterranean operations. Net cash used in financing activities during the first quarter of 2009 was \$24.4 million which was primarily payments on our credit facilities.

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Our capitalization was as follows as of:

| (In thousands)               | March 31,<br>2009 | December 31,<br>2008 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Term credit facility         | \$ 40,000         | \$ 40,000            |
| Revolving credit facility    | 113,000           | 136,000              |
| Foreign bank lines of credit | 8,775             | 11,543               |
| Other                        | 1,481             | 611                  |
| Total                        | 163,256           | 188,154              |
| Stockholder s equity         | 363,162           | 377,882              |
| <br>                         |                   |                      |
| Total capitalization         | \$ 526,418        | \$ 566,036           |
| <br>                         |                   |                      |
| Total debt to capitalization | 31.0%             | 33.2%                |

In December 2007, we entered into a \$225.0 million Credit Agreement with a five-year term, expiring in December 2012. The Credit Agreement consists of a \$175.0 million revolving credit facility along with a \$50.0 million term loan ( Term Loan ), which is to be repaid through annual principal repayments of \$10.0 million which began in December 2008. There are no prepayment penalties should we decide to repay the Term Loan in part or in full prior to the scheduled maturity dates.

We can elect to borrow under the Credit Agreement at an interest rate either based on the prime rate plus a margin ranging from 0 to 100 basis points or at LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 150 to 250 basis points, both of which margins vary depending on our leverage. As of March 31, 2009, \$95.0 million of the outstanding principal of the revolving credit facility is bearing interest at LIBOR plus 200 basis points, or 2.54%, while the remaining \$18.0 million in outstanding principal is bearing interest at Prime Rate plus 50 basis points, or 3.75%. In January 2008, we entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix the underlying LIBOR rate on our borrowings under the Term Loan. The initial notional amount of the swap agreements totaled \$50.0 million, reducing by \$10.0 million each December, matching the required principal repayments under the Term Loan. As a result of the swap agreements, we will pay a fixed rate of 3.74% plus the applicable LIBOR margin, which was 200 basis points at March 31, 2009, over the term of the loan. The weighted average interest rate on the outstanding balances under our Credit Agreement including the interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were 3.52% and 3.46%, respectively.

The Credit Agreement is a senior secured obligation, secured by first liens on all of our U.S. tangible and intangible assets, including our accounts receivable and inventory. Additionally, a portion of the capital stock of our non-U.S. subsidiaries has also been pledged as collateral.

At March 31, 2009, \$11.1 million in letters of credit were issued and outstanding, including \$3.0 million required by insurance carriers in relation to our insurance programs. In addition, we had \$113.0 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility at March 31, 2009, leaving \$50.9 million of availability at that date.

As noted above, we were in compliance with these financial covenants as of March 31, 2009. However, continued compliance with our covenants, particularly the fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, are largely dependent on our ability to generate sufficient levels of EBITDA, as defined in the Credit Agreement, and reduce our debt levels. The Credit Agreement also contains covenants that allow for, but limit, our ability to pay dividends, repurchase our common stock, and incur additional indebtedness.



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*Critical Accounting Estimates*

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which requires us to make assumptions, estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported. We periodically evaluate our estimates and judgments related to uncollectible accounts and notes receivable, customer returns, reserves for obsolete and slow moving inventory, impairments of long-lived assets, including goodwill and other intangibles and our valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. Our estimates are based on historical experience and on our future expectations that we believe to be reasonable. The combination of these factors forms the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from our current estimates and those differences may be material.

For additional discussion of our critical accounting estimates and policies, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our critical accounting policies have not changed materially since December 31, 2008.

**ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates and changes in foreign currency rates. A discussion of our primary market risk exposure in financial instruments is presented below.

*Interest Rate Risk*

Our policy is to manage exposure to interest rate fluctuations by using a combination of fixed and variable-rate debt. At March 31, 2009, we had total debt outstanding of \$163.3 million.

In January 2008, we entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix the underlying LIBOR interest rate on our borrowings under the term loan portion of our credit facility. The initial notional amount of the swap agreements totaled \$50.0 million, reducing by \$10.0 million each December, matching the required principal repayments under the term loan. As of March 31, 2009, \$40.0 million remained outstanding under this term loan. As a result of the swap agreements, we will pay a fixed rate of 3.74% plus the applicable LIBOR margin, which was 200 basis points at March 31, 2009, over the term of the loan.

The remaining \$123.3 million of debt outstanding at March 31, 2009 bears interest at a floating rate. At March 31, 2009, the weighted average interest rate under our floating-rate debt was 2.92%. At the March 31, 2009 balance, a 200 basis point increase in market interest rates during 2009 would cause our annual interest expense to increase approximately \$2.5 million, resulting in a \$0.02 per diluted share reduction in annual net earnings.

*Foreign Currency*

Our principal foreign operations are conducted in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, U.K. and certain areas of Europe and North Africa. We have foreign currency exchange risks associated with these operations, which are conducted principally in the foreign currency of the jurisdictions in which we operate which include European euros, Canadian dollars and Brazilian reals. Historically, we have not used off-balance sheet financial hedging instruments to manage foreign currency risks when we enter into a transaction denominated in a currency other than our local currencies because the dollar amount of these transactions has not warranted our using hedging instruments.

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**ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**

Based on their evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

**Changes in internal control over financial reporting**

There has been no change in internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2009 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings**

The information set forth in the legal proceedings section of Note 6, Commitments and Contingencies, to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.

**ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

Information regarding risk factors appears in Item 1A to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. The risk factor described below updates, and should be read in conjunction with, the risk factors identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2008.

**Noncompliance with debt covenants contained in our credit agreement could adversely affect our ability to borrow under our credit agreement and could ultimately render our outstanding indebtedness immediately due and payable.**

Our Amended and Restated Credit Agreement contains certain financial covenants. Although we were in compliance with all of these covenants as of the end of the first quarter of 2009 and continue to be so as of the date of this Quarterly Report, our results of operations began deteriorating during the fourth quarter of 2008, as a consequence of the reduction in the U.S. rig count and related negative trends in the demand for our products and services. If there continues to be reduced drilling activity in the oil and gas industry, we expect to have difficulty complying with these covenants in 2009 based upon our current and expected financial conditions and results of operations. A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default under our credit agreement unless we are able to remedy any default within the applicable cure period or obtain, on a timely basis, the necessary waivers or amendments to the credit agreement. Any waiver or amendment to our credit agreement may require us to amend the terms of our credit agreement which could increase the cost of our borrowings, require the payment of additional fees, and adversely impact the results of operations. Upon the occurrence of any event of default that is not waived or otherwise cured within the applicable cure periods, the lenders under our credit agreement could elect to exercise any of their available remedies, which include the right to not lend any additional amounts to us or, in certain instances, to declare all outstanding borrowings, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. If we are unable to repay the borrowings under the credit agreement when due, the lenders could be permitted to proceed against their collateral. The election to exercise any such remedies could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following table details our repurchases of shares of our common stock, for the three months ended March 31, 2009:

| <b>Period</b>       | <b>Total Number<br/>of Shares<br/>Purchased</b> | <b>Average Price<br/>per Share</b> | <b>Total Number<br/>of Shares<br/>Purchased as<br/>Part of Publicly<br/>Announced<br/>Plans or<br/>Programs</b> | <b>Maximum<br/>Approximate<br/>Dollar Value of<br/>Shares that<br/>May Yet be<br/>Purchased<br/>Under the Plans<br/>or Programs</b> |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| January 1 31, 2009  |   |                                    |   |   |
| February 1 28, 2009 |   |                                    |   |   |
| March 1 31, 2009    | 84,094(1)                                       | \$ 2.40                            |   | \$9.9 million   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>84,094</b>                                   | <b>\$ 2.40</b>                     |   | <b>\$9.9 million</b>  |

(1) The shares purchased during the quarter ended March 31, 2009, represent shares surrendered in lieu of taxes under vesting of restricted stock awards.

**ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

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**ITEM 6. Exhibits**

- 10.1 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated December 31, 2008 by and between Newpark Resources, Inc. and Paul L. Howes. (1)
- 31.1 Certification of Paul L. Howes pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of James E. Braun pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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- (1) This copy of the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement is being filed again to correct a typographical error in the version originally filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K on January 7, 2009.



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**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.  
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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 1, 2009

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul L. Howes  
Paul L. Howes, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ James E. Braun  
James E. Braun, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Gregg S. Piontek  
Gregg Piontek, Vice President, Controller and  
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