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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2014
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 number 1-13167

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Texas

74-1611874

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas

77094

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (281) 749-7800

N/A

(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 (§ 232.405 of this chapter) 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 the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer 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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of January 30, 2015, there were 64,622,000 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

| (In thousands, except per share amounts) | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| REVENUES: | | |
| Contract drilling | \$336,761 | \$273,557 |
| Revenues related to reimbursable expenses | 14,965 | 11,149 |
| Total revenues | 351,726 | 284,706 |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES: | | |
| Contract drilling | 136,465 | 123,162 |
| Reimbursable expenses | 11,907 | 8,414 |
| Depreciation | 44,575 | 32,544 |
| General and administrative | 17,409 | 19,822 |
| Asset impairment | 60,777 | — |
| (Gain) loss on sale of equipment | 9,806 | (1,637) |
| | 280,939 | 182,305 |
| OPERATING INCOME | \$70,787 | \$102,401 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | |
| Interest expense, net of capitalized interest | (15,504) | (8,211) |
| Interest income | 57 | 70 |
| | (15,447) | (8,141) |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 55,340 | 94,260 |
| PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | 9,122 | 10,863 |
| NET INCOME | \$46,218 | \$83,397 |
| EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE (NOTE 2): | | |
| Basic | \$0.72 | \$1.30 |
| Diluted | \$0.71 | \$1.28 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING (NOTE 2): | | |
| Basic | 64,405 | 64,112 |
| Diluted | 65,015 | 65,026 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (UNAUDITED)

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended December | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|
| | 31, 2014 | 2013 |
| Net income | \$46,218 | \$83,397 |
| Other comprehensive gains (losses): | | |
| Derivative financial instruments: | | |
| Unrealized holding gain (loss) | 1,065 | (743) |
| Gain/(loss) reclassified to net income | (40) |) 381 |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) | 1,025 | (362) |
| Comprehensive income | \$47,243 | \$83,035 |

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ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (In thousands, except par value) | December 31, 2014 (Unaudited) | September 30, 2014 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 121,803 | \$ 80,080 |
| Accounts receivable | 214,719 | 242,684 |
| Income tax receivable | 6,977 | 6,260 |
| Inventories of materials and supplies | 126,242 | 132,368 |
| Prepaid expenses, deferred costs and other current assets | 31,103 | 36,415 |
| Total current assets | 500,844 | 497,807 |
| Property and equipment, net | 4,013,173 | 3,967,028 |
| Other receivables | 11,831 | 11,831 |
| Deferred income taxes | 278 | 589 |
| Deferred costs and other assets | 23,905 | 29,973 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,550,031 | \$ 4,507,228 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 81,887 | \$ 94,315 |
| Accrued liabilities | 18,012 | 19,158 |
| Dividends payable | 16,090 | 16,090 |
| Short-term debt | 5,954 | 11,885 |
| Interest payable | 19,426 | 8,099 |
| Income tax payable | 12,901 | 14,234 |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities | 4,763 | 3,596 |
| Total current liabilities | 159,033 | 167,377 |
| Long-term debt | 1,741,834 | 1,742,122 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,022 | 783 |
| Deferred credits | 4,036 | 4,100 |
| Other | 36,531 | 37,322 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 1,783,423 | 1,784,327 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 8) | | |
| Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000 shares authorized, none outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 180,000 shares authorized with 64,551 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 180,000 shares authorized and 64,362 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2014 | 64,551 | 64,362 |
| Paid-in capital | 206,083 | 201,464 |
| Retained earnings | 2,332,355 | 2,286,137 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | 4,586 | 3,561 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 2,607,575 | 2,555,524 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 4,550,031 | \$ 4,507,228 |

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ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
 (UNAUDITED)

| (In thousands) | Common Stock | | Paid-in | Retained | Accumulated | Total |
|--|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|---|-------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Capital | Earnings | Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Stockholders' Equity |
| September 30, 2014 | 64,362 | \$64,362 | \$201,464 | \$2,286,137 | \$ 3,561 | \$2,555,524 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 46,218 | — | 46,218 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | 1,025 | 1,025 |
| Vesting of restricted stock awards | 137 | 137 | (137) | — | — | — |
| Exercise of employee stock options | 52 | 52 | 732 | — | — | 784 |
| Stock option and restricted stock award compensation expense | — | — | 4,024 | — | — | 4,024 |
| December 31, 2014 | 64,551 | \$64,551 | \$206,083 | \$2,332,355 | \$ 4,586 | \$2,607,575 |

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ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (UNAUDITED)

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended December | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | 31, 2014 | 2013 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$46,218 | \$83,397 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 44,575 | 32,544 |
| Amortization | 2,504 | 1,172 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts and inventory obsolescence | — | 430 |
| Deferred income tax provision (benefit) | (3,380) |) 196 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 4,024 | 3,354 |
| Asset impairment | 60,777 | — |
| (Gain) loss on sale of assets | 9,806 | (1,637) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 27,965 | 26,868 |
| Income tax receivable | (717) |) (859) |
| Inventories of materials and supplies | (6,771) |) 10,842 |
| Prepaid expenses, deferred costs and other current assets | 5,095 | 6,458 |
| Deferred costs and other assets | 62 | (8,165) |
| Accounts payable | (14,248) |) (13,556) |
| Accrued liabilities | 14,866 | 11,223 |
| Income tax payable | (1,333) |) (3,767) |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities | 5,263 | 9,695 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 194,706 | 158,195 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (149,042) |) (462,620) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 1,348 | 13,277 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (147,694) |) (449,343) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt | — | 340,000 |
| Repayments on short-term debt, net | (5,931) |) (6,046) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 784 | 823 |
| Debt issuance costs paid | (142) |) (72) |
| Net cash (used) provided by financing activities | (5,289) |) 334,705 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 41,723 | 43,557 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period | 80,080 | 88,770 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period | \$121,803 | \$132,327 |
| Non-cash activities: | | |
| Decrease in accrued liabilities related to capital expenditures | \$(4,525) |) \$(11,092) |

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ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1—UNAUDITED INTERIM INFORMATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. for interim financial information. Unless otherwise indicated, references to “we”, “us”, “our” and the “Company” refer collectively to Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and its subsidiaries. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from the audited financial statements as of September 30, 2014. Although these financial statements and related information have been prepared without audit and certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted, we believe that the note disclosures are adequate to make the information not misleading. The interim financial results may not be indicative of results that could be expected for a full fiscal year. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2014. In our opinion, the unaudited interim financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued new guidance intended to change the criteria for reporting discontinued operations while enhancing disclosures for discontinued operations, which changes the criteria and requires additional disclosures for reporting discontinued operations. The guidance is effective for all disposals of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015. We do not expect that our adoption will have a material impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued new guidance intended to change the criteria for recognition of revenue. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve this core principle, an entity should apply the following five steps: (1) Identify contracts with customers, (2) Identify the performance obligations in the contracts, (3) Determine the transaction price, (4) Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligation in the contract, and (5) Recognize revenue as the entity satisfies performance obligations. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early application is not permitted. We are currently evaluating what impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In June 2014, the FASB issued amended guidance on the accounting for certain share-based employee compensation awards. The amended guidance applies to share-based employee compensation awards that include a performance target that affects vesting when the performance target can be achieved after the requisite service period. These targets are to be treated as a performance condition. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award and compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved. The amendments are effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We do not expect that our adoption will have a material impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued guidance on disclosures of uncertainties about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The guidance requires management's evaluation of whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued. This assessment must be made in connection with preparing financial statements for

each annual and interim reporting period. Management's evaluation should be based on the relevant conditions and events that are known and reasonably knowable at the date the financial statements are issued. If conditions or events raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, but this doubt is alleviated by management's plans, the entity should disclose information that enables the reader to understand what the conditions or events are, management's evaluation of those conditions or events and management's plans that alleviate that substantial doubt. If conditions or events raise substantial doubt and the substantial doubt is not alleviated, the entity must disclose this in the footnotes. The entity must also disclose information that enables the reader to understand what the conditions or events are, management's evaluation of those conditions or events and management's plans that are intended to alleviate that substantial doubt. The guidance is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods

beginning after December 15, 2016. We do not expect that our adoption will have a material impact on our financial statements or disclosures in our financial statements.

NOTE 2—EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

| (In thousands, except per share amounts) | Net Income | Shares | Per Share Amount |
|--|------------|--------|------------------|
| Three Months Ended December 31, 2014 | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$46,218 | 64,405 | \$0.72 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Stock options | — | 99 | — |
| Restricted stock and performance units | — | 511 | (0.01) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$46,218 | 65,015 | \$0.71 |
| Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$83,397 | 64,112 | \$1.30 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Stock options | — | 307 | (0.01) |
| Restricted stock and performance units | — | 607 | (0.01) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$83,397 | 65,026 | \$1.28 |

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2014, there were approximately 600,000 anti-dilutive stock options and for the three months ended December 31, 2013, there were no anti-dilutive stock options.

NOTE 3—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property and equipment by classification is as follows:

| (In thousands) | December 31, 2014 | September 30, 2014 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Drilling vessels and equipment | \$4,021,901 | \$4,181,774 |
| Construction work in progress | 437,939 | 319,548 |
| Drill pipe | 40,141 | 31,265 |
| Office equipment and other | 35,842 | 35,566 |
| Total cost | 4,535,823 | 4,568,153 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (522,650) | (601,125) |
| Property and equipment, net | \$4,013,173 | \$3,967,028 |

Asset Impairment

The Atwood Hunter was under contract until early in December 2014, and since the date that contract ended, we have been unable to obtain new work for this rig. Based on the current lack of contracting opportunities and the further deterioration of commodity prices, we determined that it was not likely to obtain additional work in the foreseeable future. Therefore in January 2015, we made the decision to scrap the rig. The Atwood Hunter was written down to its salvage value. We recorded a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$60.8 million (\$56.1 million, net of tax, or \$0.86 per diluted share), which is included in Asset Impairment on the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended December 31, 2014. This impairment charge includes write-downs of property and equipment of \$48.0 million and \$8.4 million for our inventory of material and supplies that was specific to the Atwood Hunter.

Sale of Assets

During December 2014, we completed the sale of our rig, the Atwood Southern Cross, for recycling. We received \$2.1 million in proceeds and incurred related costs of \$2.0 million. We recorded a loss of approximately \$8.0 million (\$7.1 million, net of tax, or \$0.11 per diluted share), which is included in (Gain) Loss on Sale of Equipment on the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended December 31, 2014.

Construction Projects

As of December 31, 2014, we had expended approximately \$418 million towards our two ultra-deepwater drillships under construction at the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. ("DSME") yard in South Korea. Total remaining firm commitments for these two drillships under construction were approximately \$704 million at December 31, 2014.

NOTE 4—DEBT

A summary of long-term debt is as follows:

| (In thousands) | December 31, 2014 | September 30, 2014 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6.5% Senior Notes due 2020 ("Senior Notes") | \$656,834 | \$657,122 |
| Revolving Credit Facility | 1,085,000 | 1,085,000 |
| Total long-term debt | \$1,741,834 | \$1,742,122 |

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2014, our Senior Notes had an aggregate principal amount of \$650 million. Our Senior Notes are unsecured obligations and are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. We received a premium of \$8.5 million as part of the net proceeds for the Senior Notes issued. This premium is being amortized over the life of our Senior Notes.

Revolving Credit Facility

As of December 31, 2014, we had \$1.1 billion of outstanding borrowings and \$5.9 million letters of credit issued under our senior secured revolving credit facility, which will mature May 2018 (the "Credit Facility"). Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin ranging from 1.75% to 2.00% and the commitment fee on the unused portion of the underlying commitment ranges from 0.30% to 0.40% per annum, in each case based on our corporate credit ratings. Our Credit Facility is secured primarily by first preferred mortgages on nine of our active drilling units as well as liens on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such drilling units. Our Credit Facility contains various financial covenants and as of December 31, 2014, we were in compliance with those covenants.

The weighted-average effective interest rate on our long-term debt was approximately 2.3% per annum at December 31, 2014. The effective rate was determined after giving consideration to the effect of our interest rate swaps accounted for as hedges and the amortization of premiums or discount. Interest capitalized for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was approximately \$4 million and \$10 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$459 million available for borrowings under the Credit Facility.

Short-term Debt

As of December 31, 2014, our short-term debt was \$6.0 million and was incurred in financing our primary insurance program covering against casualty and liability risks. The current financing arrangement bears an interest rate of 1.57% and is amortizing over a period of nine months.

NOTE 5—FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We have certain assets and liabilities that are required to be measured and disclosed at fair value. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. Priority is given to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to

the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, which may affect the valuation of the fair value of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. The determination of the fair values, stated below, takes into account the market for our financial assets and liabilities, the associated credit risk and other considerations.

We have classified and disclosed fair value measurements using the following levels of the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Measurement based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable for objective sources (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

Fair value of Certain Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of their short term maturities.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Independent third party services are used to determine the fair value of our financial instruments using quoted market prices and observable inputs. When independent third party services are used, we obtain an understanding of how the fair values are derived and selectively corroborate fair values by reviewing other readily available market based sources of information.

Senior Notes – The carrying value of our Senior Notes, net of unamortized premium is \$657 million (\$650 million principal amount) while the fair value of our Senior Notes was \$658 million at December 31, 2014. The fair value is determined by a market approach using quoted period-end bond prices. We have classified this as a Level 2 fair value measurement as valuation inputs for fair value measurements are quoted market prices at December 31, 2014 that can only be obtained from independent third party sources. The fair value amount has been calculated using these quoted prices. However, no assurance can be given that the fair value would be the amount realized in an active market exchange.

Credit Facility - Our Credit Facility is variable-rate and the carrying amounts of our variable-rate debt approximates fair value because such debt bears short-term, market-based interest rates. We have classified the fair value measurement of this instrument as Level 2 as valuation inputs for purposes of determining our fair value disclosure are readily available published Eurodollar rates.

Derivative financial instruments - Our derivative financial instruments consist of our interest rate swap contracts and our foreign currency forward exchange contracts. We record our derivative contracts at fair value on our consolidated balance sheets. The fair values of our interest rate swaps and our foreign currency forward exchange contracts are based upon valuations calculated by an independent third party. The derivatives were valued according to the "Market approach" where possible, and the "Income approach" otherwise. A third party independently valued each instrument using forward price data obtained from reputable data providers (e.g., Bloomberg and Reuters) and reviewed market activity and similarity of pricing terms to determine appropriate reliability level assertions for each instrument. The contribution of the credit valuation adjustment to total fair value is less than 1% for all derivatives and is therefore not significant. Based on valuation inputs for fair value measurement and independent review performed by third party consultants, we have classified our derivative contracts as Level 2 as they were valued based upon observable inputs from dealer markets.

The following table sets forth the estimated fair value of our derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014, which are measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis:

| (In thousands) | Balance Sheet Classification | December 31, 2014 | September 30, 2014 |
|--|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Derivative assets designated as hedges: | | | |
| Short-term foreign currency forwards | Prepaid expenses, deferred costs and other current assets | \$5,973 | \$3,930 |
| Long-term foreign currency forwards | Deferred costs and other assets | 443 | 1,125 |
| Long-term interest rate swaps | Deferred costs and other assets | 110 | 275 |
| Derivative liabilities designated as hedges: | | | |
| Short-term interest rate swaps | Accrued liabilities | (678 |) (838 |
| Total derivative contracts, net | | \$5,848 | \$4,492 |

NOTE 6—SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

A summary of our share-based compensation expense during the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

| (In thousands, except average service periods) | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Share-based compensation recognized | \$4,024 | \$3,354 |
| Unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures | 29,089 | 30,106 |
| Remaining weighted-average service period (years) | 2.3 | 2.3 |

Restricted Stock Units

A summary of our restricted stock activity for the three months ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

| | Number of Shares (000s) | Weighted. Average Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Unvested at October 1, 2014 | 622 | \$ 47.62 |
| Granted | 304 | 37.56 |
| Vested | (184 |) 41.60 |
| Forfeited | — | — |
| Unvested at December 31, 2014 | 742 | 44.99 |

Performance Units

During the three months ended December 31, 2014, we granted to certain employees share-based awards that are subject to market-based performance conditions ("performance units"). The grant date fair value of these performance units was determined through use of the Monte Carlo simulation method. A summary of performance unit stock activity for fiscal year 2014 is as follows:

| | Number of Shares (000s) | Weighted Average Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unvested at October 1, 2014 | 264 | \$45.87 |
| Granted | 133 | 37.08 |
| Vested | — | — |
| Forfeited | — | — |
| Unvested at December 31, 2014 | 397 | 42.92 |

Stock Options

A summary of stock option activity for the three months ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

| | Number of Options (000s) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000s) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Outstanding at October 1, 2014 | 833 | \$33.52 | | |
| Granted | — | — | | |
| Exercised | (52 |) 15.06 | | \$1,012 |
| Forfeited | (8 |) 12.31 | | |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2014 | 773 | 34.98 | 5.0 | 1,641 |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2014 | 713 | 34.42 | 5.0 | 1,641 |

NOTE 7— INCOME TAXES

Our consolidated effective income tax rate for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was approximately 17%, as compared to 12% for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The effective tax rate for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was higher than the rate for the three months ended December 31, 2013 primarily due to non-deductible charges against the Atwood Hunter. Our effective tax rate was lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% as a result of working in certain lower tax jurisdictions outside the United States. We record estimated accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense. At December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$14.6 million of reserves for uncertain tax positions, including estimated accrued interest and penalties of \$3.5 million, which are included in Other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. None of our reserves for uncertain tax positions relate to timing differences. All \$14.6 million of the net uncertain tax liabilities would affect the effective tax rate if realized.

NOTE 8—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

We are party to a number of lawsuits which are ordinary, routine litigation incidental to our business, the outcome of which is not expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Other Matters

The Atwood Beacon operated in India from early December 2006 to the end of July 2009. A service tax was enacted in India in 2004 on revenues derived from seismic and exploration activities. This service tax law was subsequently amended in June 2007 and again in May 2008 to state that revenues derived from mining services and drilling services were specifically subject to this service tax. The contract terms with our customer in India provided that any liability incurred by us related to any taxes pursuant to laws not in effect at the time the contract was executed in 2005 was to be reimbursed by our customer. We believe any service taxes assessed by the Indian tax authorities under the 2007 or 2008 amendments are an obligation of our customer. Our customer is disputing this obligation on the basis of its contention that revenues derived from drilling services were taxable under the initial 2004 law, and are, therefore, our obligation.

After reviewing the status of the drilling services we provided to our customer, the Indian tax authorities assessed service tax obligations on revenues derived from the Atwood Beacon commencing on June 1, 2007. The relevant Indian tax authority issued an extensive written ruling setting forth the application of the June 1, 2007 service tax regulation and confirming the position that drilling services, including the services performed under our contract with our customer prior to June 1, 2007, were not covered by the 2004 service tax law. In August 2012, the Indian Custom Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal issued an Order in our favor confirming our position that service tax did not apply to drilling services performed prior to June 1, 2007. The Indian Service Tax Authority has appealed this ruling to the Indian Supreme Court.

As of December 31, 2014, we had paid to the Indian government \$10.5 million in service taxes and have accrued \$1.3 million of additional service tax obligations in accrued liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets, for a total of \$11.8 million relating to service taxes. We recorded a corresponding \$11.8 million long-term other receivable due from our customer relating to service taxes due under the contract. We continue to pursue collection of such amounts from our customer and expect to collect the amount recorded as receivable.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2014 and for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 included with this report and with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. The following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 and elsewhere in this report. See "Forward-Looking Statements" below.

OVERVIEW

The following discussion is intended to assist in understanding our financial position at December 31, 2014, and our results of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. Financial and operating results for the three months ended December 31, 2014, include:

- Operating revenues totaling \$352 million on 1,023 operating days as compared to operating revenues of \$285 million on 1,009 operating days for the three months ended December 31, 2013;
- Net income of \$46 million as compared to net income of \$83 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013;
- Capital expenditures of \$149 million as compared to capital expenditures of \$463 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013; and
- Increase in existing cash on hand of \$42 million for the three months ended December 31, 2014.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Industry Conditions

The level of activity in the offshore drilling industry, which affects the sector's profitability, is cyclical and highly dependent on the capital expenditure spending patterns of exploration and production ("E&P") companies. E&P company capital expenditure budgets are influenced by both the price of oil and gas and expectations about future price, company-specific cash flow levels, historical project returns and other capital allocation strategies. After a multi-year increase in E&P spending on drilling programs, we are experiencing a significant slowdown in E&P spending since late 2013. This slowdown is now accelerating with the dramatic drop in oil prices, which is primarily due to sharply increased U.S. shale production coupled with a stronger U.S. dollar and slowing demand from the European and Chinese economies. Since July 2014, oil prices have dropped by more than 50% to less than \$50 per barrel in January 2015. The result of the slowdown has been a delay or cancellation of previously anticipated floater-based drilling programs, leading to a material reduction in new drilling contract awards for floaters in 2014 and early 2015, as compared to recent years. Recently published E&P capital expenditure spending surveys for 2015 suggest the slowdown in activity may continue throughout 2015. Further decreases in oil prices, or anticipated decreases in oil prices, may lead to further reductions in capital expenditures by E&P companies on drilling programs, which in turn could materially and adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. See "Our business depends on the level of activity in the oil and natural gas industry, which is significantly impacted by the volatility in oil and natural gas prices" under Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

The supply and demand balance between floating drilling rigs and suitable drilling contracts is being further affected as drilling companies continue to take delivery of newer, more capable floaters which were ordered earlier in the cycle. As a result, a lower percentage of marketed floaters are being re-contracted, especially among the older, less capable floaters, and lower day rates are being contracted across all floater classes. Customers continue to prefer newer, high specification floaters over the older, less capable rigs, especially for drilling programs with a high degree of technical complexity or conducted in more remote geological basins. This bifurcation of utilization and day rates across different generations of floaters has been especially detrimental to the older, less capable floaters resulting in

these older rigs being idled or scrapped.

Similar to the floater market, the jackup market is now beginning to experience an unfavorable supply and demand imbalance due to the delivery of newbuild jackups from shipyards. Certain markets, especially Southeast Asia, which is closer to the shipyards constructing the majority of newbuild jackups, are particularly susceptible to oversupply and to lower utilization and day rates. While high specification jackup rigs continue to experience higher levels of utilization and day rates than less capable jackup rigs, the risk of further market weakness created by the supply and demand imbalance is expected to continue through at least 2015 given the high number of newbuild jackups scheduled for delivery during this period.

Ultra-deepwater and Deepwater Rig Markets

Industry-wide, the percentage of marketed ultra-deepwater rigs under contract decreased to 91%, while the percentage of marketed deepwater rigs under contract reduced to 85%. New contracts totaling 110 rig years were awarded in 2014, the lowest level since 2009. This represents only 36% of the marketed floater fleet's available rig years.

As of February 2, 2015, 67 ultra-deepwater floaters were under construction with scheduled deliveries through January 2020. Forty-four of these newbuild ultra-deepwater floaters were contracted, including 30 under long-term contracts with Petrobras that are primarily being constructed in shipyards located in Brazil. The number of new ultra-deepwater rig deliveries is expected to peak in 2015 with 26 scheduled to be delivered this calendar year. An additional 41 units are scheduled for delivery in 2016 and beyond. As of February 2, 2015, 14 of the 26 scheduled to be delivered in 2015 were uncontracted. As several drilling contractors, including Atwood, have actively delayed drillship deliveries, fewer rigs may actually be delivered during 2015.

With approximately 84% of ultra-deepwater rigs operating in deepwater and mid-water water depths (i.e., well below these rigs' maximum water depth capabilities), demand for deepwater rigs and older, less capable ultra-deepwater rigs may be negatively impacted by the increased supply of newer ultra-deepwater rigs. This may result in the older, less capable rigs having to price more aggressively to avoid displacement by the newer, more capable rigs, leading to generally lower day rates for the ultra-deepwater and deepwater rig markets.

Our Ultra-deepwater Rigs and Deepwater Rigs

The Atwood Achiever, a dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater drillship, is operating offshore Morocco and is contracted through approximately November 2017. The Atwood Advantage, a dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater drillship, is operating in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and is contracted through April 2017.

The Atwood Condor, a dynamically-positioned, ultra-deepwater semisubmersible, is operating in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and is contracted through November 2016. The Atwood Osprey, an ultra-deepwater semisubmersible, is operating offshore Australia and is contracted through May 2017.

The Atwood Eagle and Atwood Falcon, both deepwater semisubmersibles, are operating offshore Australia and are contracted through August 2016 and March 2016, respectively.

During December 2014, the Atwood Hunter completed its contract in Equatorial Guinea and was towed to a stacking location in Ghana. Since that contract ended, we have been unable to obtain new work for this rig. Based on the current lack of contracting opportunities and the further deterioration of commodity prices, we determined that it was not likely to obtain additional work in the foreseeable future. Therefore in January 2015, we made the decision to scrap the rig.

The Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer are DP-3 dynamically-positioned, dual derrick, ultra-deepwater drillships rated to operate in water depths up to 12,000 feet, and are currently under construction at the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co., Ltd. ("DSME") shipyard in South Korea. These drillships will have enhanced technical capabilities, including two seven-ram BOPs, three 100-ton knuckle boom cranes, a 165-ton active heave "tree-running" knuckle boom crane and 200 person accommodations. Total cost, including project management, drilling and handling tools and spares, is approximately \$635 million per drillship.

The Atwood Admiral and Atwood Archer were scheduled to be delivered in March 2015 and December 2015, respectively. Due to lack of suitable drilling programs, we have not secured the initial drilling contracts for these rigs. Therefore, we have entered into amendments to our construction contracts with DSME to delay the delivery of these two rigs by six months each. The Atwood Admiral is now scheduled for delivery on September 30, 2015 and the Atwood Archer on June 30, 2016. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to obtain drilling contracts for these rigs prior to their delivery.

Jackup Rig Market

Bifurcation in day rates and utilization between high specification jackups and standard jackups continues to characterize contracting activity in the jackup market. We expect this bifurcation trend to become more pronounced in the future. As a result of newbuild jackup construction programs initiated in 2005 and continuing through 2014, the jackup supply continues to increase. As of February 2, 2015, there were 129 newbuild jackup rigs under construction. Of the 65 scheduled for delivery in 2015, only 3 of these were contracted as of February 2, 2015. The remaining 64 rigs are scheduled for delivery in 2016 and 2017. This increase in the marketed supply of jackups, most of which are high specification, is expected to exceed customer demand leading to lower day rates for jackup rigs of all classes in the future.

The percentage of marketed high specification jackup rigs (i.e., rigs equal to or greater than 350-foot water depth capability) under contract was approximately 93% as compared to 84% for the remainder of the global jackup fleet. Despite the expected increase in global jackup supply due to the continued delivery of high specification newbuild rigs through the end of 2017, we expect demand for high specification jackup rigs to remain elevated as operators continue to prefer contracting newer, more capable rigs for their drilling programs.

Our High Specification Jackup Rigs

The Atwood Mako, a 400-foot water depth Pacific Class jackup, is operating offshore Malaysia through March 2015. Thereafter, the rig is scheduled to begin a 70 day program offshore Vietnam through June 2015. The Atwood Manta and the Atwood Orca, both 400-foot water depth Pacific Class jackups, are operating offshore Thailand and are contracted through December 2015 and February 2016, respectively.

The Atwood Aurora, a 350-foot water depth jackup, is operating offshore West Africa and is contracted through September 2016. The Atwood Beacon, a 400-foot water depth jackup, is operating in the Mediterranean Sea and is contracted into January 2016.

Idled Rigs

During December 2014, we completed the sale of our mid-water floater semisubmersible, the Atwood Southern Cross. The Atwood Hunter, a deepwater semisubmersible, was idled in December 2014 and in January 2015, we made the decision to scrap the rig.

Contract Backlog

We maintain a backlog of commitments for contract drilling revenues. Our contract backlog at December 31, 2014 was approximately \$2.7 billion, representing a 25% decrease compared to our contract backlog of \$3.9 billion at December 31, 2013. We calculate our contract backlog by multiplying the day rate under our drilling contracts by the number of days remaining under the contract, assuming full utilization. The calculation does not include any revenues related to other fees such as for mobilization, demobilization, contract preparation, customer reimbursables and bonuses. The amount of actual revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned will be different from the amounts disclosed in our backlog calculations due to a lack of predictability of various factors, including newbuild rig delivery dates, unscheduled repairs, maintenance requirements, weather delays and other factors. Such factors may result in lower applicable day rates than the full contractual day rate and/or delays in receiving the full contractual operating rate. In addition, under certain circumstances, our customers may seek to terminate or renegotiate our contracts. See "Risks Related to our Business-Our business may experience reduced profitability if our customers terminate or seek to renegotiate our drilling contracts" under Item 1A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

The following tables set forth the amount of our contract drilling revenue backlog and the percentage of available operating days committed for our actively-marketed drilling units for the periods indicated as of December 31, 2014. These tables exclude the Atwood Hunter, which was idled in December 2014.

| Contract Drilling Revenue Backlog | Remaining Fiscal 2015 | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 | Fiscal 2019 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| (In millions) | | | | | | |
| Ultra-deepwater | \$621 | \$809 | \$458 | \$22 | \$— | \$1,910 |
| Deepwater | 246 | 224 | — | — | — | 470 |

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|---------|---------|---------|-------|------|-----|---------|
| Jackups | 205 | 103 | — | — | — | 308 |
| Total | \$1,072 | \$1,136 | \$458 | \$22 | \$— | \$2,688 |

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| Percentage of Available Operating Days Committed | Remaining Fiscal 2015 | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 | Fiscal 2019 |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ultra-deepwater | 100 % | 76 % | 38 % | 2 % | 0 % |
| Deepwater | 100 % | 68 % | 0 % | 0 % | 0 % |
| Jackups | 92 % | 34 % | 0 % | 0 % | 0 % |
| Total | 96 % | 58 % | 17 % | 1 % | 0 % |

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Revenues—Revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2014 increased approximately \$67 million, or 24%, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013. A comparative analysis of revenues by rig category is as follows:

| (In millions) | REVENUES | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------|-----|----------|
| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | | |
| | 2014 | 2013 | Variance | % | Variance |
| Ultra-Deepwater | \$167 | \$87 | \$80 | 92 | % |
| Deepwater | 98 | 108 | (10) | (9) |)% |
| Jackups | 72 | 79 | (7) | (9) |)% |
| Reimbursable | 15 | 11 | 4 | 36 | % |
| | \$352 | \$285 | \$67 | 24 | % |

Our ultra-deepwater fleet realized average revenues of \$480,000 per day on 348 operating days as compared to \$430,000 per day on 203 operating days for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in operating days and average revenue per operating day for the three months ended December 31, 2014 is largely due to the Atwood Advantage and Atwood Achiever, our "A-Class" ultra-deepwater drillships, being delivered and commencing mobilization to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and Northwest Africa in December 2013 and September 2014, respectively under their initial drilling contracts.

Our deepwater fleet realized average revenues of \$395,000 per day on 249 operating days as compared to \$420,000 per day on 254 operating days for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The decrease in average revenue per operating day for the three months ended December 31, 2014, is primarily due to the Atwood Hunter working on a lower day rate contract during the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 as compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

Our jackup fleet realized average revenues of \$170,000 per day on 426 operating days as compared to \$140,000 per day on 552 operating days for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The decrease in operating days for the three months ended December 31, 2014 is primarily due to the sale of the Vicksburg in January 2014 and the Atwood Mako remaining idle subsequent to rolling off contract in November 2014 awaiting to commence its next contract in January 2015. Overall, the jackup fleet realized higher average revenue per operating day for the three months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013 due primarily to higher average day rates realized by two of our initial high specification jackups, the Atwood Aurora and the Atwood Beacon, partially offset by the sale of the Vicksburg.

Reimbursable revenues are primarily driven by our clients' requests for equipment, fuel, services and/or personnel that are not typically included in the contractual operating day rate. Thus, these revenues vary depending on the timing of the clients' requests and the work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Contract Drilling Costs—Drilling costs for the three months ended December 31, 2014, increased approximately \$16 million, or 12%, respectively, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013. An analysis of contract drilling costs by rig category is as follows:

| (In millions) | CONTRACT DRILLING COSTS | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------|------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | | |
| | 2014 | 2013 | Variance | % | Variance |
| Ultra-Deepwater | \$63 | \$35 | \$28 | 80 | % |
| Deepwater | 41 | 49 | (8) | (16) | % |
| Jackups | 31 | 37 | (6) | (16) | % |
| Reimbursable | 12 | 8 | 4 | 50 | % |
| Other | 1 | 3 | (2) | (67) | % |
| | \$148 | \$132 | \$16 | 12 | % |

Ultra-deepwater drilling costs increased for the three months ended December 31, 2014, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013, as a result of the addition of the Atwood Achiever and Atwood Advantage. The average drilling cost per calendar day remained relatively stable at approximately \$170,000 for both the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 and first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

Deepwater drilling costs decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2014, as compared to the three months ended December 30, 2013. Average drilling costs per calendar day for our deepwater rigs decreased from approximately \$180,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2013, to approximately \$150,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2014, mainly due to the Atwood Hunter commencing its regulatory and maintenance project in December 2013 and Atwood Falcon undergoing regulatory inspections and planned maintenance in December 2013.

Jackup drilling costs decreased for the three months ended December 31, 2014, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013, primarily due to the sale of the Vicksburg in January 2014. The average drilling cost per calendar day remained relatively stable at approximately \$70,000 for both the first quarter of fiscal year 2015 and first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

Reimbursable costs are primarily driven by our clients' requests for equipment, fuel, services and/or personnel that are not typically included in the contractual operating day rate. Thus, these costs vary depending on the timing of the clients' requests and the work performed. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Depreciation—Depreciation expense for the three months ended December 31, 2014 increased approximately \$12 million or 36%, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013. A comparative analysis of depreciation expense by rig category is as follows:

| (In millions) | DEPRECIATION EXPENSE | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------|----------|------------|----|
| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | | | |
| | 2014 | 2013 | Variance | % Variance | |
| Ultra-Deepwater | \$28 | \$17 | \$11 | 65 | % |
| Deepwater | 6 | 5 | 1 | 20 | % |
| Jackups | 9 | 10 | (1 |) (10 |)% |
| Other | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100 | % |
| | \$45 | \$33 | \$12 | 36 | % |

Ultra-deepwater depreciation increased by \$11 million for the three months ended December 31, 2014, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013 due to the delivery of the Atwood Advantage and Atwood Achiever, which were placed into service in December 2013 and September 2014, respectively.

Asset Impairment— During the three months ended December 31, 2014, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$60.8 million (\$56.1 million, net of tax, or \$0.86 per diluted share) to write the Atwood Hunter down to its salvage value. See "Market Outlook " in Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis.

General and Administrative—For the three months ended December 31, 2014, general and administrative expenses decreased by approximately \$3 million to \$17 million, as compared to \$20 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in taxes and permits and professional fees. The decrease is also due to lower recruiting costs in the three months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013.

Loss on sale of equipment— Our loss on sale of equipment is primarily due to a loss of approximately \$8.0 million (\$7.1 million, net of tax, or \$0.11 per diluted share) for the three months ended December 31, 2014 for the sale of the Atwood Southern Cross.

Interest Expense, net of capitalized interest—For the three months ended December 31, 2014, interest expense, net of capitalized interest increased by approximately \$7 million to \$15 million, as compared to \$8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013. These increases were primarily due to higher outstanding debt balances.

Income Taxes—Our effective income tax rate for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was approximately 17%, compared to 12% for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The effective tax rate for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was higher than the rate for the three months ended December 31, 2013 primarily due to non-deductible charges against the Atwood Hunter. Our effective tax rate was lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% as a result of working in certain lower tax jurisdictions outside the United States.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Sources of Liquidity

Our sources of available liquidity include existing cash balances on hand, cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In addition, we may seek to access the capital markets and our ability to access the capital markets depends on a number of factors, including our credit rating, industry conditions, general economic conditions, market conditions and market perceptions of us and our industry.

At December 31, 2014, we had \$122 million in cash on hand. At any time, we may require a significant portion of our cash on hand for working capital and other purposes. During the quarter ended December 31, 2014, we relied principally on our cash flows from operations, cash on hand and borrowings under our credit facility to meet liquidity needs and fund our cash requirements including our capital expenditures of \$149 million. To date, general inflationary trends have not had a material effect on our operating revenues or expenses.

Cash Flows

| (In millions) | Three months ended December 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$194,706 | \$158,195 |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (147,694 |) (449,343 |
| Net cash (used) provided by financing activities | (5,289 |) 334,705 |

Working capital increased from \$330 million as of September 30, 2014 to \$342 million as of December 31, 2014. Net cash from operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was \$195 million, which compared to \$158 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013.

Investing Activities

Capital Expenditures

Our investing activities are primarily related to capital expenditures for property and equipment. Our capital expenditures, including maintenance capital expenditures, for the three months ended December 31, 2014 totaled \$149 million and our capital expenditures for the three months ended December 31, 2013 totaled \$463 million. As of December 31, 2014, we had expended approximately \$418 million on our drilling units under construction at that date. We believe that we will be able to fund all additional construction costs with cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The expected remaining costs including firm commitments, project management, capitalized interest, drilling tools, handling tools and spares for our drilling units under construction for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and 2016 are as follows (in millions):

| | |
|-------|-------|
| 2015 | \$420 |
| 2016 | 415 |
| Total | \$835 |

From time to time, we may seek possible expansion and acquisition opportunities relating to our business, which may include the construction or acquisition of rigs or other businesses in addition to those described in this Form 10-Q. Such determinations will depend on market conditions and opportunities existing at that time, including with respect to the market for drilling contracts and day rates and the relative costs associated with such expansions or acquisitions. The timing, success or terms of any such efforts and the associated capital commitments are not currently known.

Sale of assets

During December 2014, we completed the sale of our rig, the Atwood Southern Cross for recycling. We received \$2.1 million in proceeds and incurred related costs of \$2.0 million. We recorded a loss of approximately \$8.0 million (\$7.1 million, net of tax, or \$0.11 per diluted share), which is included in (Gain) Loss on Sale of Equipment on the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended December 31, 2014.

Financing Activities

Our financing activities primarily consist of borrowing and repayment of long-term and short-term debt. Proceeds received from issuances of long-term debt and borrowings from our bank credit facilities totaled \$340 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013. We did not increase our long-term debt in the three months ended December 31, 2014. We had repayments of short-term debt of \$6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2014 and \$6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013.

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2014, our Senior Notes have an aggregate principal amount of \$650 million. Our Senior Notes are unsecured obligations and are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries.

Revolving Credit Facility

As of December 31, 2014, we had \$1.1 billion of outstanding borrowings and \$5.9 million letters of credit issued under our senior secured revolving credit facility, which will mature May 2018 (the "Credit Facility"). Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at the Eurodollar rate plus a margin ranging from 1.75% to 2.00% and the commitment fee on the unused portion of the underlying commitment ranges from 0.30% to 0.40% per annum, in each case based on our corporate credit ratings. The Credit Facility is secured primarily by first preferred mortgages on nine of our active drilling units, as well as liens on the equity interests of our subsidiaries that own, directly or indirectly, such drilling units. Our Credit Facility contains various financial covenants and as of December 31, 2014, we were in compliance with those covenants.

The following summarizes our availability under our Credit Facility at December 31, 2014 (in millions):

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Commitment under Facility | \$1,550 |
| Borrowings under Facility | 1,085 |
| Letters of Credit Outstanding | 6 |
| Availability | \$459 |

Dividends

Our board of directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock in September 2014. This dividend was paid on January 13, 2015 to shareholders of record on January 6, 2015. The declaration of future quarterly dividends is at the discretion of our board of directors and subject to our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and other factors and restrictions under applicable law and our debt instruments.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements as that term is defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Commitments and Contractual Obligations

For additional information about our commitments and contractual obligations as of September 30, 2014, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Commitments and Contractual Obligations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, other than payments made under our construction contracts, there were no other material changes to this disclosure regarding our commitments and contractual obligations.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this Form 10-Q regarding future financial performance, capital sources and results of operations and other statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements are those concerning strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations and performance. When used in this report, the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “intends,” “estimates,” “projects,” “could,” “may,” or similar expressions are intended to be among the statements that identify forward-looking statements.

Such statements are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are beyond our ability to control, including, but not limited to:

- prices of oil and natural gas and industry expectations about future prices;
- market conditions and level of activity in the drilling industry and the global economy in general;
- the level of capital expenditures by our customers;
- the termination or renegotiation of contracts or payment delays by our customers;
- the operational risks involved in drilling for oil and gas;
- the highly competitive and volatile nature of our business;
- our ability to enter into, and the terms of, future drilling contracts, including contracts for our newbuild units and for rigs whose contracts are expiring;
- the impact of governmental or industry regulation, both in the United States and internationally;
- the risks of and disruptions to international operations, including political instability and the impact of terrorist acts, acts of piracy, embargoes, war or other military operations;
- our ability to obtain and retain qualified personnel to operate our vessels;
- unplanned downtime and repairs on our rigs;
 - timely access to spare parts, equipment and personnel to maintain and service our fleet;
- customer requirements for drilling capacity and customer drilling plans;
- the adequacy of sources of liquidity for us and for our customers;
- changes in tax laws, treaties and regulations;
- the risks involved in the construction, upgrade, and repair of our drilling units; and
- such other risks discussed in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 and in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon management’s current plans, expectations, estimates, assumptions and beliefs concerning future events impacting us and therefore involve a number of risks and uncertainties. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements, which are applicable only on the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk, including adverse changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates as discussed below.

Interest Rate Risk

The provisions of our Credit Facility provide for a variable interest rate cost on our \$1.1 billion outstanding as of December 31, 2014. However, we have employed an interest rate risk management strategy that utilizes derivative instruments with respect to \$250 million of our debt as of December 31, 2014, in order to minimize unanticipated fluctuations in earnings and cash flows arising from changes in, and volatility of, interest rates. Effectively, \$835 million of our variable long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014 is subject to changes in interest rates. A change of 10% in the interest rate on the floating rate debt would have an immaterial impact on our annual earnings or cash flows.

Foreign Currency Risk

Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Certain of our subsidiaries have monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than our functional currency. The majority of our contracts are denominated in U.S. dollars, but occasionally all or a portion of a contract is payable in local currency. To the extent there is a local currency component in a contract, we attempt to match similar revenue in the local currency to the operating costs paid in the local currency such as local labor, shore base expenses, and local taxes, if any, in order to minimize foreign currency fluctuation impact.

From time to time, we enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to limit our exposure to fluctuations and volatility in currency exchange rates. In December 2013, we entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts for a portion of our anticipated euro receipts associated with revenues earned on a drilling contract from December 2013 to November 2015. These forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Based on December 31, 2014 amounts, a decrease in the value of 10% in foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would not have a material effect to our annual earnings or cash flows.

Market Risk

Our Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed interest rate. The fair value of our Senior Notes will fluctuate based on changes in prevailing market interest rates and market perceptions of our credit risk. The fair value of our Senior Notes was approximately \$658 million December 31, 2014, compared to the principal amount of \$650 million. If prevailing market interest rates had been 10% lower at December 31, 2014, the change in fair value of our Senior Notes would not have a material effect to our annual earnings or cash flows.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report have been designed and are effective at the reasonable assurance level so that the information required to be disclosed by us in our periodic SEC filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules, regulations and forms and have been accumulated and communicated to our management, including executive and financial officers, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. We believe that a controls system, no matter how well designed and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the controls system are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

(b) Change in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We have certain actions, claims and other matters pending as set forth in Note 8 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report, which is incorporated by reference in response to this item. As of December 31, 2014, we were also involved in a number of lawsuits which have arisen in the ordinary course of business and for which we do not expect the liability, if any, resulting from these lawsuits to have a material adverse effect on our current consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any of these matters described above or any such other proceeding or threatened litigation or legal proceedings. There can be no assurance that our beliefs or expectations as to the outcome or effect of any lawsuit or other matters will prove correct and the eventual outcome of these matters could materially differ from management's current estimates.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

For additional information about our risk factors, see Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits

- *4.1 First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 23, 2014, by and among Atwood Oceanics, Inc., Atwood Offshore Worldwide Limited, the Lenders party thereto and Nordea Bank Finland plc, London Branch, as Administrative Agent.
- *10.1 Supplemental Agreement No. 1 dated 1 November 2014 to Drillship Contract dated 27 September 2012 by and between Alpha Admiral Company and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd.
- *10.2 Supplemental Agreement No. 1 dated 1 November 2014 to Drillship Contract dated 24 June 2013 by and between Alpha Archer Company and Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Ltd.
- †10.3 Form of First Amendment to Executive Change of Control Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed January 2, 2015).
- *†10.4 Second Revised Form of Notice of Performance Unit Grant - 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- *31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
- *31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.
- **32.1 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002.
- **32.2 Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002.
- *101 Interactive data files.
- * Filed herewith
- ** Furnished herewith

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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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.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 5, 2015

/S/ MARK L. MEY
Mark L. Mey
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 5, 2015

/S/ MARK W. SMITH
Mark W. Smith
Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer
and Controller