# Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Announces First Quarter Results

January 25, 2018

- Quarterly U.S. Land revenue days (activity) increased by approximately 4%
- H&P's spot pricing in the U.S. Land market continued to increase (approximately 4%) from the date of the fourth quarter results announcement (November 16, 2017) to January 25, 2018
- Quarterly U.S. Land adjusted average rig margin per day increased by approximately  $11\%^{(1)}$
- H&P's U.S. Land contracted rig count increased by approximately 4% from 197 rigs at September 30, 2017 to 204 rigs at December 31, 2017, compared to a slight decline in the industry rig count<sup>(2)</sup>
- Upgraded 16 FlexRigs to super-spec<sup>(3)</sup> capacity during the first fiscal quarter of 2018

TULSA, Okla., Jan. 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (NYSE:HP) reported net income of \$500 million or \$4.55 per diluted share from operating revenues of \$564 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018. Net income per diluted share includes \$4.57 of after-tax gains comprised of select items<sup>(4)</sup>, the most significant of which is a non-cash gain of approximately \$501 million related to a reduction of H&P's deferred income tax liability as a result of applying the new corporate tax rate enacted by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act<sup>(5)</sup>.

President and CEO John Lindsay commented, "Our team continued to deliver better-than-expected results. Setting aside the significant and favorable impact of the non-cash adjustment related to the new tax law, our operational results exceeded expectations in the first fiscal quarter. We are encouraged by an improving macro outlook for oil prices, and the prospect of an increasing level of rig activity that it portends.

"One of the primary factors driving rig pricing is the continued demand for high capacity super-spec rigs and the near full utilization of that portion of the U.S. fleet. A significant driver for super-spec rig demand last year was an average 15% increase in the length of laterals, and we expect this trend to continue. H&P has over 40% of the active super-spec rigs and with that portion of the industry fleet fully utilized we believe pricing should continue to improve. We also have a significant advantage for future growth as we have roughly half of the 200 to 250 upgradeable rigs available in the U.S. market today that could be readily upgraded to super-spec capacity.

"We are well equipped for the industry's digital evolution. With our acquisitions of Motive Drilling Technologies and MagVAR we can provide additional value for our customers through improved wellbore quality and placement. Both companies are technology leaders in their respective space and the demand for their offerings is increasing as the importance of wellbore accuracy grows with longer laterals and tighter well spacing.

"Our people, performance, technology, reliability and uniform FlexRig fleet remain our strongest competitive advantages. Our most recent acquisitions add an attractive dimension to our strategic vision and further differentiate us from others in the market. Along with our scale and financial rigor, we are able to continue to provide superior value to customers and shareholders."

### **Operating Segment Results for the First Quarter of Fiscal 2018**

### **U.S. Land Operations:**

Segment operating income increased by \$28.9 million to \$24.7 million sequentially. For the third quarter in a row, the favorable change was primarily attributable to an increase in quarterly revenue days and a higher average rig margin per day. The segment's Depreciation expense for the quarter includes non-cash charges of \$7.2 million for abandonments of used drilling rig components related to rig upgrades, compared to similar non-cash charges of \$15.4 million during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2017.

The number of quarterly revenue days increased sequentially by approximately 4%. Adjusted average rig revenue per day increased by \$483 to \$22,167<sup>(1)</sup> as pricing continued to improve throughout the quarter. The average rig expense per day decreased sequentially by \$359 to \$13,546; the decrease in the average was mostly attributable to lower than anticipated self-insurance expenses. The corresponding adjusted average rig margin per day increased sequentially by \$842 to \$8.621<sup>(1)</sup>.

### **Offshore Operations:**

Segment operating income increased by \$3.7 million to \$8.7 million sequentially primarily as a result of higher management contract contributions and slightly higher average rig margins during the quarter. Management contracts on customer-owned platform rigs contributed approximately \$6.5 million to the segment's operating income, compared to approximately \$2.5 million during the prior quarter. The number of quarterly revenue days on H&P-owned platform rigs decreased sequentially by approximately 6%, and the average rig margin per day increased sequentially by \$287 to \$12,375.

### **International Land Operations:**

The segment had operating income this quarter as compared to an operating loss during the previous quarter. The \$5.5 million sequential increase in operating income was primarily attributable to a higher number of revenue days during the quarter. Revenue days increased during the quarter by 23% to 1,587. The average rig margin per day decreased by \$1,035 to \$11,351. Both the first fiscal quarter and the prior quarter benefited from favorable adjustments that are not expected to recur going forward.

### Operational Outlook for the Second Quarter of Fiscal 2018

### **U.S. Land Operations:**

- Quarterly revenue days expected to increase by approximately 1% to 2% sequentially (representing a 3% to 4% increase in the average number of active rigs given the lower number of calendar days during the second fiscal quarter)
- Average rig revenue per day expected to be roughly flat to slightly up as compared to the first fiscal quarter (excluding any impact from early termination revenue)
- Average rig expense per day expected to be roughly \$13,900

### **Offshore Operations:**

- Quarterly revenue days expected to decrease by approximately 2% sequentially (as a result of the lower number of calendar days during the second fiscal quarter)
- Average rig margin per day expected to be approximately \$11,500

• Management contracts expected to generate approximately \$4 million in operating income

### **International Land Operations:**

- Quarterly revenue days expected to decrease by approximately 4% sequentially (representing a 2% decline in the average number of active rigs given the lower number of calendar days during the second fiscal quarter)
- Average rig margin per day expected to be roughly \$8,000

#### Other Estimates for Fiscal 2018

- Given the continued improvement in market conditions and corresponding opportunities, fiscal 2018 capital expenditures are now expected to be approximately \$350 million, up from our original estimate of \$250 to \$300 million.
- The estimate for general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2018 is now approximately \$180 million.

### **Other Highlights**

- On December 8, 2017 H&P continued to add to its Family of Solutions by acquiring Magnetic Variation Services, LLC (MagVAR), an industry leader in enhancing the accuracy of directional drilling and wellbore placement.
- Since November 16, 2017, 10 AC drive FlexRigs were upgraded to super-spec<sup>(3)</sup> capacity resulting in 171 super-spec rigs in our fleet today.
- On December 5, 2017, Directors of the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.70 per share on the Company's common stock payable March 1, 2018 (as filed on Form 8<sub>-</sub>K at the time of the declaration).

#### Select Items Included in Net Income (or Loss) per Diluted Share

## First Quarter of Fiscal 2018 net income of \$4.55 per diluted share included \$4.57 in after-tax gains comprised of the following:

- \$4.55 of income tax adjustments related to the recognition of the new corporate tax rate under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in calculating the Company's new deferred income tax liability
- \$0.03 of after-tax income from long-term contract early termination compensation from customers
- \$0.04 of after-tax gains related to the sale of used drilling equipment
- \$(0.05) of after-tax losses from abandonment charges related to the decommissioning of used drilling equipment

## Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017 net loss of \$(0.21) per diluted share included \$(0.07) in after-tax losses comprised of the following:

- \$0.03 of after-tax income from long-term contract early termination compensation from customers
- \$0.02 of after-tax gains related to the sale of used drilling equipment
- \$0.03 of after-tax gains related to a favorable adjustment to interest and other expenses as a result of the reversal of previously booked uncertain tax positions where the statute of limitations has expired
- \$(0.11) of after-tax losses from abandonment charges related to the decommissioning of used drilling equipment
- \$(0.04) of income tax adjustments related to a net operating loss carryback to a prior fiscal year that caused a reduction of prior year Section 199 domestic production deductions

### About Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

Helmerich & Payne, Inc. is primarily a contract drilling company. As of January 25, 2018, the Company's fleet includes 350 land rigs in the U.S., 38 international land rigs, and eight offshore platform rigs. The Company's global fleet has a total of 388 land rigs, including 373 AC drive FlexRigs.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and such statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this release, including, without limitation, statements regarding the registrant's future financial position, operations outlook, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. For information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's business, please refer to the "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" sections of the Company's SEC filings, including but not limited to its annual report on Form 10.K and quarterly reports on Form 10.Q. As a result of these factors, Helmerich & Payne, Inc.'s actual results may differ materially from those indicated or implied by such forward-looking statements. We undertake no duty to update or revise our forward-looking statements based on changes in internal estimates, expectations or otherwise, except as required by law.

Note Regarding Trademarks. Helmerich & Payne, Inc. owns or has rights to the use of trademarks, service marks and trade names that it uses in conjunction with the operation of its business. Some of the trademarks that appear in this release include FlexRig and Family of Solutions, which may be registered or trademarked in the U.S. and other jurisdictions.

- <sup>(1)</sup> See the Selected Statistical & Operational Highlights table(s) for details on the revenues or charges excluded on a per revenue day basis. The inclusion or exclusion of these amounts results in adjusted revenue, expense, and/or margin per day figures, which are all non-GAAP measures.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The overall market's decrease of seven rigs (less than 1%) was calculated using the U.S. Land rig counts corresponding to the last weeks of the third and fourth calendar quarters of 2017 as publicly published by BHGE.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The term "super-spec" herein refers to rigs with the following specifications: AC drive, 1,500 hp drawworks, 750,000 lbs. hookload rating, 7,500 psi mud circulating system and multiple-well pad capability.
- (4) See the corresponding section of this release for details regarding the select items.
- <sup>(5)</sup> On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 was signed into law, effective January 1, 2018. H&P continues to analyze the effect of the new tax law on the Company's tax position, which may result in further adjustments to our income tax provision.

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# HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC. Unaudited (in thousands, except per share data)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS	Three Months Ended December 31 September 2017 2017		otember 30			December 3 2016			
Operating Revenues: Drilling — U.S. Land Drilling — Offshore Drilling — International Land Other	\$	461,640 33,366 63,214 5,867 564,087		\$	439,404 32,505 55,109 5,286 532,304		\$	263,636 33,812 68,031 3,111 368,590	
Operating costs and expenses: Operating costs, excluding depreciation and amortization		373,083			367,346			247,679	
Depreciation and amortization General and administrative Research and development Income from asset sales		143,267 46,548 3,234 (5,565 560,567	)		153,876 40,331 3,462 (3,034 561,981	)		133,847 34,262 2,808 (842 417,754	)
Operating income (loss)		3,520			(29,677	)		(49,164	)
Other income (expense): Interest and dividend income Interest expense Other		1,724 (5,773 530 (3,519	)		1,887 (2,244 2,125 1,768	)		990 (5,055 387 (3,678	)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes Income tax benefit Income (loss) from continuing operations		1 (500,641 500,642	)		(27,909 (6,198 (21,711	)		(52,842 (18,288 (34,554	) )
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, before income taxes Income tax provision Loss from discontinued operations		(519 17 (536	)		580 1,401 (821	)		(424 85 (509	)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	500,106		\$	(22,532	)	\$	(35,063	)
Basic earnings per common share: Income (loss) from continuing operations Loss from discontinued operations	\$ \$	4.57 —		\$ \$	(0.20 (0.01	)	\$ \$	(0.33	)

Net income (loss)	\$	4.57	\$	(0.21	) \$	(0.33	)
Diluted earnings per common share: Income (loss) from continuing operations Loss from discontinued operations	\$ \$	4.55 —	\$ \$	(0.20 (0.01	) \$	(0.33	)
Net income (loss)	\$	4.55	\$	(0.21	) \$	(0.33	)
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic Diluted		108,683 109,095		108,588 108,588		108,276 108,276	

### HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

Unaudited (in thousands)

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS	ecember 31 017	September 30 2017		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Other current assets Current assets of discontinued operations Total current assets Investments Net property, plant, and equipment Other assets	\$ 383,664 42,541 740,139 2 1,166,346 83,943 4,950,400 161,407	\$	521,375 44,491 669,398 3 1,235,267 84,026 5,001,051 119,644	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,362,096	\$	6,439,988	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities Current liabilities of discontinued operations Total current liabilities Non-current liabilities Non-current liabilities of discontinued operations Long-term debt less unamortized discount and debt issuance costs Total shareholders' equity	\$ 355,668 94 355,762 918,346 4,470 493,168 4,590,350	\$	344,311 74 344,385 1,434,098 4,012 492,902 4,164,591	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 6,362,096	\$	6,439,988	

### **HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

**Unaudited** (in thousands)

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	Three Mont December 3 2017			
		adjusted		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 500,106	\$ (35,063)		
Adjustment for loss from discontinued operations	536	509		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	500,642	(34,554)		
Depreciation and amortization	143,267	133,847		
Changes in assets and liabilities	(577,277)			
Income from asset sales	(5,565)	(842)		
Other	11,205	8,524		
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations	72,272	74,390		
Net cash used in operating activities from discontinued operations	(57)	(19)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	72,215	74,371		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Capital expenditures	(91,698)	(82,127)		
Purchase of short-term investments	(16,183)			
Payment for acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(47,832)	, ,		
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	18,120	13,900		
Proceeds from asset sales	8,749	1,209		
Net cash used in investing activities	(128,844)			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Dividends paid	(76,503)	(76,176)		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	(70,303 ) 892	10,253		
Payments for employee taxes on net settlement of equity awards	(5,471)			
Net cash used in financing activities	(81,082)	,		
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(137,711)	(79,668)		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	521,375	905,561		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 383,664	\$ 825,893		

"As adjusted" – Effective October 1, 2017, we adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. The cash flow statement for the three months ended December 31, 2016 has been adjusted to reflect changes that were applied retrospectively from that adoption.

SEGMENT REPORTING	2017			2017				2016		
	(ir	n thousand	ls, e	xcep	t days and	per (	day	amounts)		
U.S. LAND OPERATIONS Revenues Direct operating expenses General and administrative expense Depreciation	\$	461,640 299,064 13,993 123,838		\$	439,404 297,978 13,150 132,438		\$	263,636 170,606 11,642 112,276	,	
Segment operating income (loss)	\$	24,745		\$	(4,162	)	\$	(30,888	)	
Revenue days Average rig revenue per day Average rig expense per day Average rig margin per day Rig utilization	\$ \$ \$	18,362 22,400 13,546 8,854 57	%	\$ \$ \$	17,593 21,944 13,905 8,039 55	%	\$ \$ \$	9,784 24,788 15,204 9,584 31	%	
OFFSHORE OPERATIONS										
Revenues Direct operating expenses General and administrative expense Depreciation	\$	33,366 21,122 1,165 2,354		\$	32,505 24,069 918 2,469		\$	33,812 22,845 916 3,267		
Segment operating income	\$	8,725		\$	5,049		\$	6,784		
Revenue days Average rig revenue per day Average rig expense per day Average rig margin per day	\$ \$ \$	460 35,776 23,401 12,375	0/	\$ \$ \$	491 34,797 22,709 12,088	0/	\$ \$ \$	644 31,317 20,839 10,478	0/	
Rig utilization		63	%		67	%		78	%	
INTERNATIONAL LAND OPERATIONS										
Revenues Direct operating expenses General and administrative expense Depreciation	\$	63,214 46,737 1,132 11,811		\$	55,109 42,949 785 13,374		\$	68,031 53,350 669 13,187		
Segment operating income (loss)	\$	3,534		\$	(1,999	)	\$	825		
Revenue days Average rig revenue per day Average rig expense per day Average rig margin per day Rig utilization	\$ \$ \$	1,587 38,039 26,688 11,351 45	%	\$ \$ \$	1,291 40,540 28,154 12,386 37	%	\$ \$ \$	1,157 55,880 42,911 12,969 33	%	

Operating statistics exclude the effects of offshore platform management contracts, gains and losses

from translation of foreign currency transactions, and do not include reimbursements of "out-of-pocket" expenses in revenue per day, expense per day and margin calculations.

Reimbursed amounts were as follows:

U.S. Land Operations	\$ 50,315	\$ 53,357	\$ 21,098
Offshore Operations	\$ 4,098	\$ 5,900	\$ 4,431
International Land Operations	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,762	\$ 3,377

Segment operating income for all segments is a non-GAAP financial measure of the Company's performance, as it excludes general and administrative expenses, corporate depreciation, income from asset sales and other corporate income and expense. The Company considers segment operating income to be an important supplemental measure of operating performance for presenting trends in the Company's core businesses. This measure is used by the Company to facilitate period-to-period comparisons in operating performance of the Company's reportable segments in the aggregate by eliminating items that affect comparability between periods. The Company believes that segment operating income is useful to investors because it provides a means to evaluate the operating performance of the segments and the Company on an ongoing basis using criteria that are used by our internal decision makers. Additionally, it highlights operating trends and aids analytical comparisons. However, segment operating income has limitations and should not be used as an alternative to operating income or loss, a performance measure determined in accordance with GAAP, as it excludes certain costs that may affect the Company's operating performance in future periods.

The following table reconciles operating income per the information above to income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes as reported on the Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands).

	Three Months Ended								
				September 30 2017			<b>December 3</b> 2 2016		
Operating income (loss)	_0	.,		_01	•				
U.S. Land	\$	24,745		\$	(4,162	)	\$	(30,888	)
Offshore		8,725			5,049			6,784	
International Land		3,534			(1,999	)		825	
Other		(7,317	)		(3,697	)		(2,049	)
Segment operating income (loss)	\$	29,687		\$	(4,809	)	\$	(25,328	)
Corporate general and administrative		(28,549	)		(24,506	)		(21,035	)
Other depreciation		(3,545	)		(3,796	)		(4,077	)
Inter-segment elimination		362			400			434	
Income from asset sales		5,565			3,034			842	
Operating income (loss)	\$	3,520		\$	(29,677	)	\$	(49,164	)
Other income (expense):									
Interest and dividend income		1,724			1,887			990	
Interest expense		(5,773	)		(2,244	)		(5,055	)
Other		530	ŕ		2,125			387	-

Total other income (expense)	(3,519	)	1,768		(3,678	)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 1	\$	(27,909	) \$	(52,842	)

### SUPPLEMENTARY STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The tables and information that follow are additional statistical information that may also help provide further clarity and insight into the operations of the Company.

### SELECTED STATISTICAL & OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Used to determine adjusted per revenue day statistics, which is a non-GAAP measure)

	Three M Decemb 2017	Ionths Ended er 31	September 2017	er 30
	(in dolla	rs per revenue day)		
U.S. Land Operations				
Early contract termination revenues	\$	233	\$	260
Total impact per revenue day:	\$	233	\$	260

### U.S. LAND RIG COUNTS & MARKETABLE FLEET STATISTICS

	January 25 2018	December 31 2017	September 30 2017	Q1FY18 Average
<b>U.S. Land Operations</b>				
Term Contract Rigs	109	102	100	101.7
Spot Contract Rigs	97	102	97	97.9
<b>Total Contracted Rigs</b>	206	204	197	199.6
Idle or Other Rigs	144	146	153	150.4
Total Marketable Fleet	350	350	350	350.0

### H&P GLOBAL FLEET UNDER TERM CONTRACT STATISTICS Number of Rigs Already Under Long-Term Contracts<sup>(1)</sup>

(Estimated Quarterly Average — as of 01/25/18)

Segment	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY19</b>
U.S. Land Operations	104.1	91.4	74.1	63.7	29.1	24.5	20.9
International Land Operations	10.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Offshore Operations	2.0	1.9	0.3				
Total	116.9	103.3	84.4	73.7	39.1	34.5	30.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> The above term contract coverage excludes long-term contracts for which the Company received early contract termination notifications as of 01/25/18. Given notifications as of 01/25/18, the Company expects to generate approximately \$4 million in the second fiscal quarter of 2018 and approximately \$6 million over the next 9 months from early terminations corresponding to long-term contracts and related to its U.S. Land segment. All of the above rig contracts have original terms equal to or in excess of six months and include provisions for early termination fees.



Source: Helmerich & Payne, Inc.