



Superior Energy Services Reports Third Quarter Results; Earnings Up 512 Percent

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HARVEY, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 31, 2000--Superior Energy Services, Inc. (NASDAQ:[SESI](#)) today announced results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2000. For the quarter, revenues were \$71.3 million resulting in net income of \$6.0 million or \$0.09 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenue of \$33.7 million and net income before extraordinary item of \$1.0 million or \$0.02 diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 1999. Net income in the third quarter of 2000 increased 512 percent over the third quarter of 1999.

The Company's third quarter results improved over the second quarter of fiscal 2000 as revenue increased 23.7 percent, EBITDA increased 37.3 percent and net income increased 55.7 percent.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Company recorded revenue of \$176.1 million and net income of \$11.4 million or \$0.18 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenue of \$69.0 million and a net loss before extraordinary item of \$(3.8) million or \$(0.24) diluted loss per share for the same period a year ago.

"The key driver through the first three quarters of 2000 continues to be increasing activity levels in the Gulf of Mexico market as producers focus on enhancing production," said Terry Hall, Superior Energy Services' President and CEO. "In addition to strong revenue growth in the third quarter, we experienced improved margins for most of our production-related services, particularly in the Well Service, Wireline, and Marine segments. We are encouraged with the growth experienced so far this year and will continue to position Superior for growth by leveraging cross-selling opportunities across our various disciplines to meet customers' production-related requirements."

The Company will host a conference call at 10:30 a.m. Central Time today. The call can be accessed from Superior's website at www.superiorenergy.com, or by telephone at 888/855-5487. A replay of the call is available starting at 1:30 p.m. Central time today and will be available through Friday, November 3, 2000. The replay telephone number is 888/203-1112 and the passcode for the replay call is 559456.

Superior Energy Services, Inc. provides specialized oilfield services and equipment focusing on serving the production-related needs of oil and gas companies in the Gulf of Mexico. These services and equipment include the rental of specialized oilfield equipment, coiled tubing services, electric wireline service, well pumping and stimulation services, data acquisition services, well plug and abandonment services, mechanical wireline services, and the rental of liftboats. Additional services provided include contract operating and supplemental labor, offshore construction and maintenance services, offshore and dockside environmental cleaning services, the manufacture and sale of drilling instrumentation and the manufacture and sale of oil spill containment equipment.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are: volatility of the oil and gas industry, including the level of exploration, production and development activity; risks associated with the Company's rapid growth; changes in competitive factors and other material factors that are described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual events, circumstances, effects and results may be materially different from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Consequently, the forward-looking statements contained herein should not be regarded as representations by Superior or any other person that the projected outcomes can or will be achieved.

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations
Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2000 and 1999
(in thousands, except earnings per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Revenues	\$ 71,251	\$ 33,729	\$ 176,117	\$ 68,974
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of services	40,203	18,692	101,896	42,627
Depreciation and amortization	6,302	4,099	15,974	8,226
General and administrative	11,842	6,579	30,826	13,927
Total costs and expenses	58,347	29,370	148,696	64,780

Income from operations	12,904	4,359	27,421	4,194
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(3,145)	(3,061)	(9,133)	(9,975)
Interest income	561	140	1,395	140
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Income (loss) before income taxes and extraordinary loss	10,320	1,438	19,683	(5,641)
Income taxes	4,335	460	8,267	(1,805)
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Income (loss) before extraordinary loss	5,985	978	11,416	(3,836)
Extraordinary loss, net of income tax benefit	--	(4,514)	--	(4,514)
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Net income (loss)	\$ 5,985	\$ (3,536)	\$ 11,416	\$ (8,350)
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Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Earnings (loss) before extraordinary loss	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.24)
Extraordinary loss	--	(0.09)	--	(0.21)
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Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.45)
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Diluted earnings (loss) per share				
Earnings (loss) before extraordinary loss	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.24)
Extraordinary loss	--	(0.09)	--	(0.21)
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Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.45)
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Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	67,616	51,302	64,052	21,538
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Diluted	68,672	51,302	64,972	21,538
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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999
(in thousands; unaudited)

	09/30/2000	12/31/1999
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ASSETS		
Current assets	\$ 73,658	\$ 56,122
Property, plant and equipment - net	182,104	134,723
Goodwill - net	91,501	78,641
Note receivable	18,928	8,898
Other assets - net	4,158	3,871
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Total assets	\$ 370,349	\$ 282,255
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities	\$ 39,582	\$ 30,917

Long-term debt, less current portion	118,187	117,459
Deferred income taxes	13,345	12,392
Stockholders' equity	199,235	121,487
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 370,349	\$ 282,255
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Superior Energy Services, Inc.
Revenue and Gross Profit Breakdown
(Unaudited)
Three Months Ended September 30, 2000

(\$ in thousands)	Revenue	Gross Profit	GP %
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Well Service	\$15,336	\$6,150	40.1%
Wireline	9,141	3,148	34.4%
Marine	10,074	4,690	46.6%
Rental Tools	21,485	14,097	65.6%
Environmental	4,351	1,328	30.5%
Field Management	9,989	1,077	10.8%
Other	875	558	63.8%
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Total	\$71,251	\$31,048	43.6%
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Superior Energy Services, Inc.
Revenue and Gross Profit Breakdown
(Unaudited)
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2000

(\$ in thousands)	Revenue	Gross Profit	GP %
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Well Service	\$37,639	\$14,035	37.3%
Wireline	24,632	7,849	31.9%
Marine	23,121	9,702	42.0%
Rental Tools	50,288	33,852	67.3%
Environmental	12,492	4,635	37.1%
Field Management	24,805	2,529	10.2%
Other	3,140	1,619	51.6%
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Total	\$176,117	\$74,221	42.1%
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