



## Superior Energy Services, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2002 Results

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HARVEY, La., May 2, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Superior Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE:SPN) today announced results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2002. For the quarter, revenues were \$104.8 million resulting in net income of \$5.8 million or \$0.08 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenues of \$91.3 million and net income from operations of \$11.9 million or \$0.17 diluted earnings per share, exclusive of goodwill amortization, for the first quarter of 2001.

### Well Intervention Group Segment

First quarter revenues for the Well Intervention Group were \$36.3 million, a 13% increase from the first quarter of 2001 and a 20% decrease from the fourth quarter of 2001. On a sequential basis, activity declined for most services, reflecting an overall decline in demand and seasonality often associated with the first quarter. Activity levels improved during March.

### Rental Tools Segment

Revenues for the Rental Tools segment were \$32.0 million, 17% higher than the first quarter of 2001 and 2% lower than the fourth quarter of 2001. Rentals of drill pipe and accessories to customers in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico remained strong throughout the period. Although demand decreased for shallow water and land rentals such as stabilizers, hole openers and on-site accommodations, rentals of those products showed improvement in March.

### Marine Segment

Superior's marine revenues were \$14.6 million, a 12% increase as compared to the first quarter of 2001 and a 21% decrease as compared to the fourth quarter of 2001. Utilization decreased for most of the Company's liftboat classes as activity levels were impacted by weaker demand and seasonal weather-related factors, particularly in January. Liftboat dayrates and utilization increased as the quarter progressed. The segment benefited from additional revenues generated by the Company's 230-ft. class liftboat, the Superior Champion, which was added to the fleet in mid-November.

In April, Superior took delivery of the 250-ft. class Dixie Endeavor, the sister liftboat to the 250-ft. class Dixie Legacy. Superior now owns three liftboats with leg lengths of 230-ft. and greater. The Company anticipates taking delivery of the 245-ft. class Superior Storm in the second quarter and the 245-ft. class Superior Gale in the fourth quarter. As a result, by year end Superior will own and operate five of the industry's 10 liftboats with leg lengths of 230-ft. and greater currently operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

Liftboat Average Dayrates and Utilization by Class Size  
Three Months Ended March 31, 2002  
(\$ actual)

Class	Liftboats	Average Dayrate	Utilization
105'	8	\$ 2,620	69.7%
120-135'	9	3,196	80.4%
145-155'	11	6,064	68.5%
160'-175'	6	7,052	44.3%
200'	4	9,485	53.9%
230'	1	11,638	100.0%
250'	1	18,868	58.9%

### Other Oilfield Services Segment

The Company has combined its Field Management and Environmental/Other Segments to create the "Other Oilfield Services" segment. Revenues in this segment were \$22.0 million, a 17% increase over the first quarter of 2001 and a 4% decrease over the fourth quarter of 2001. The primary factors impacting this segment's performance were fewer construction and fabrication projects as well as decreased demand for maintenance cleaning, and offshore and dockside services.

### President and CEO Terry Hall Comments

President and CEO Terry Hall commented, "Gulf of Mexico activity levels improved toward the end of the quarter after starting slowly and bottoming in late January and into early February. We believe our increased earnings power as a result of executing our bundled services strategy and the contribution of acquisitions and asset purchases made during the past 12 months puts Superior in an excellent position to leverage the industry's strengthening fundamentals.

"Superior historically has grown its asset base and earnings power through cycles, and this cycle is no different. The company can offer the industry a unique package of rig-less, production-related services and rental tools supported by large liftboats and a staff of experienced, in-house engineers. In

addition, Superior's diversified business mix allows it to participate in several geographic, product and service arenas."

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](http://www.superiorenergy.com), or by telephone at 800-763-5557. The replay telephone number is 800-642-1687 and the replay passcode is 4000694. The replay is available beginning two hours after the call and ending May 9, 2002.

Superior Energy Services, Inc. provides a broad range of specialized oilfield services and equipment primarily to major and independent oil and gas companies engaged in the exploration, production and development of oil and natural gas properties offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the Gulf Coast region. These services and equipment include the rental of liftboats, rental of specialized oilfield equipment, electric and mechanical wireline services, well plug and abandonment services, coiled tubing services and engineering services. 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  
Consolidated Statements of Operations  
Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 and 2001  
(in thousands, except earnings per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001 (A)
Revenues	\$ 104,826	\$ 91,256
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of services	59,238	48,318
Depreciation and amortization	9,522	6,769
General and administrative	21,213	14,618
Total costs and expenses	89,973	69,705
Income from operations	14,853	21,551
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(5,409)	(3,570)
Interest income	185	460
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	9,629	18,441
Income taxes	3,804	7,561
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	5,825	10,880
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax expense	-	2,589
Net income	\$ 5,825	\$ 13,469
Basic earnings per share:		
Earnings before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.16
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	0.04
Earnings per share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings per share:		
Earnings before cumulative effect		

of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.16
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	0.04
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Earnings per share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.20
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Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings per share:		
Basic	70,305	67,943
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Diluted	71,310	69,017
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(A) Earnings per diluted share before cumulative effect of change in accounting principal, excluding goodwill amortization, net of taxes, was \$0.17 (SFAS 142)

# SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

MARCH 31, 2002 AND DECEMBER 31, 2001

(in thousands)

	03/31/2002 (Unaudited)	12/31/2001 (Audited)
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,758	\$ 3,769
Accounts receivable - net	102,958	109,835
Income taxes receivable	6,099	11,694
Prepaid insurance and other	12,867	10,181
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Total current assets	131,682	135,479
Property, plant and equipment - net	364,655	345,878
Goodwill - net	154,424	148,729
Notes receivable	8,898	23,062
Other assets - net	7,665	12,372
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Total assets	\$ 667,324	\$ 665,520
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 22,616	\$ 34,843
Accrued expenses	25,625	26,841
Deferred income taxes	1,130	510
Current maturities of long-term debt	17,161	16,727
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Total current liabilities	66,532	78,921
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Deferred income taxes	50,640	47,390
Long-term debt	234,982	269,633
Total stockholders' equity	315,170	269,576
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 667,324	\$ 665,520
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Superior Energy Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Segment Highlights

Three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, and December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

(in thousands)

Revenue	March 2002	December 2001	March 2001
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Well Intervention			
Group	\$36,288	\$45,374	\$32,066
Marine	14,586	18,565	13,007
Rental Tools	31,965	32,627	27,339
Other Oilfield			

Services	21,987	22,975	18,844
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Total	\$104,826	\$119,541	\$91,256
Gross Profit			
Well Intervention			
Group	13,495	\$17,688	\$14,012
Marine	5,038	8,506	6,857
Rental Tools	22,777	23,575	17,577
Other Oilfield			
Services	4,278	4,330	4,492
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Total	\$45,588	\$54,099	\$42,938

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