



Superior Energy Services, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2003 Results

August 5, 2003

HARVEY, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 5, 2003--Superior Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: SPN) today announced results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2003. For the quarter, revenues were \$128.9 million resulting in net income of \$8.3 million or \$0.11 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenues of \$112.7 million and net income of \$8.5 million or \$0.11 diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2002.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, revenues were \$252.1 million and net income was \$15.8 million or \$0.21 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenues of \$217.6 million and net income of \$14.3 million or \$0.20 diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2002.

President and CEO Terry Hall Comments

President and CEO Terry Hall commented, "The rental tools segment continues to be a strong growth business, establishing a quarterly record in revenue and operating income as activity increased in certain international markets, and domestically in Texas and the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. We anticipate rentals internationally will continue to grow during the second half of the year. Activity increased for most of our well intervention services during the quarter, continuing a trend that started midway through the first quarter. Liftboat utilization overall did not improve as compared to the first quarter, which is attributable to lower demand in some of our mid-sized classes."

Well Intervention Group Segment

Second quarter revenues for the Well Intervention Group were \$46.4 million, a 16% increase from the second quarter of 2002 and a 12% increase from the first quarter of 2003. On a sequential basis, activity increased for most production-related services, led by sharp increases in hydraulic workover and plug and abandonment services, including the completion of the Company's first subsea well intervention project. These were offset by lower well control activity.

Rental Tools Segment

Revenues for the Rental Tools segment were a record \$36.4 million, 24% higher than the second quarter of 2002 and 5% higher than the first quarter of 2003. Rentals of drill pipe, on-site accommodations and handling tools and accessories to customers in Texas and the deepwater Gulf of Mexico were the key drivers to revenue growth during the period. In addition, rentals of on-site accommodations increased in Trinidad and rentals of drill pipe increased in Trinidad and Canada.

Marine Segment

Superior's marine revenues were \$18.5 million, a 4% increase as compared to the second quarter of 2002 and a 1% decrease as compared to the first quarter of 2003. Average fleet utilization was 66% as compared to 67% for the first quarter of 2002 and 72% for the second quarter of 2002.

Liftboat Average Dayrates and Utilization by Class Size
Three Months Ended June 30, 2003
(\$ actual)

Class	Liftboats	Average Dayrate	Utilization
105'	8	\$ 2,876	59.6%
120-135'	9	3,440	82.8%
145-155'	11	5,767	61.0%
160'-175'	6	7,944	45.1%
200'	3	10,218	89.7%
230'-245'	3	13,797	67.5%
250'	2	19,888	59.3%

Other Oilfield Services Segment

Revenues in this segment were \$27.6 million, an 8% increase as compared to the second quarter of 2002 and a 3% decrease as compared to the first quarter of 2003. Decreases in non-hazardous oilfield waste treatment and sales of oil spill response equipment were partially offset by seasonal increases in construction and fabrication projects.

The Company will host a conference call at 10 a.m. Central Time today. The call can be accessed from Superior's website at www.superiorenergy.com, or by telephone at 800-763-5557. The replay telephone number is 800-642-1687 and the replay passcode is 1747566. The replay is available beginning two hours after the call and ending August 12, 2003.

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, well control, 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 and Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2002
(in thousands, except earnings per share amounts)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Revenues	\$128,857	\$112,730	\$252,052	\$217,556
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of services	74,291	62,140	144,448	121,378
Depreciation and amortization	12,072	10,456	23,827	19,978
General and administrative	23,689	21,426	47,378	42,639
Total costs and expenses	110,052	94,022	215,653	183,995
Income from operations	18,805	18,708	36,399	33,561
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(5,567)	(5,181)	(11,082)	(10,405)
Equity in income of affiliates	305	145	432	145
Income before income taxes	13,543	13,672	25,749	23,301
Income taxes	5,215	5,167	9,914	8,971
Net income	\$ 8,328	\$ 8,505	\$ 15,835	\$ 14,330
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.20
Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings per share:				
Basic	73,936	73,737	73,882	72,030
Diluted	75,124	74,970	74,842	73,142

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2003 AND DECEMBER 31, 2002
(in thousands)

	6/30/2003	12/31/2002
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,992	\$ 3,480
Accounts receivable - net	113,874	108,352
Income taxes receivable	-	6,087
Prepaid insurance and other	14,571	11,663
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Total current assets	140,437	129,582
Property, plant and equipment - net	415,874	418,047
Goodwill - net	168,526	160,366
Investments in affiliates	12,775	12,343
Other assets - net	6,591	7,282
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Total assets	\$ 744,203	\$ 727,620
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 16,178	\$ 21,010
Accrued expenses	44,275	33,871
Income taxes payable	1,046	-
Current maturities of long-term debt	13,727	13,730
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Total current liabilities	75,226	68,611
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Deferred income taxes	75,825	67,333
Long-term debt	240,269	256,334
Total stockholders' equity	352,883	335,342
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 744,203	\$ 727,620
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Superior Energy Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Segment Highlights
Three months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, and March 31, 2003
(Unaudited)
(in thousands)

Revenue June 2003 June 2002 March 2003

Well Intervention Group	\$ 46,416	\$ 40,186	\$ 41,399
Marine	18,487	17,760	18,665
Rental Tools	36,396	29,310	34,600
Other Oilfield Services	27,558	25,474	28,531
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Total	\$ 128,857	\$ 112,730	\$ 123,195

Gross Profit

Well Intervention Group	\$ 18,087	\$ 17,904	\$ 16,645
Marine	5,820	6,799	5,998
Rental Tools	25,014	20,110	23,486
Other Oilfield Services	5,645	5,777	6,909
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Total	\$ 54,566	\$ 50,590	\$ 53,038

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