# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2015

## SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction)

001-34037 (Commission File Number) 75-2379388 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2900 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77002 (Zip Code)

 $(713)\ 654\text{-}2200$  (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following isions:
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 19, 2015, Superior Energy Services, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information presented in this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Description

99.1 Press release issued by Superior Energy Services, Inc., February 19, 2015.

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

/s/ Robert S. Taylor Robert S. Taylor Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 20, 2015



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# SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2014 RESULTS

Houston – February 19, 2015 – Superior Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: SPN) today announced net income from continuing operations of \$73.4 million, or \$0.48 per diluted share, on revenue of \$1,178.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2014 and net income of \$66.1 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share.

These results compare with the fourth quarter of 2013 net loss from continuing operations of \$176.7 million, or \$1.11 per share, and net loss of \$313.5 million, or a \$1.97 loss per share, on revenue of \$1,075.6 million. Included in the results from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2013 were pretax charges of \$305.7 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company's net income from continuing operations was \$280.8 million, or \$1.79 per diluted share, on revenue of \$4,556.6 million as compared with income from continuing operations of \$45.5 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, on revenue of \$4,350.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

David Dunlap, President and CEO of the Company, commented, "The fourth quarter of 2014 concluded a very successful year for our organization. Strong operating performance in 2014 and our focus on capital and cost discipline have our balance sheet in great shape heading into what appears to be a challenging year for our industry.

"Record free cash flow generation and obtaining an investment grade credit rating in 2014 were just two milestones that we believe validate our approach to managing the business. We expect to continue to generate free cash during 2015 and maintain ample liquidity to be able to pursue further growth opportunities.

"International expansion continues to be a core strategy for Superior Energy. Our focus has been on several targeted countries, and we believe we have set the stage during 2014 for future growth in these areas. With the competitive landscape in international markets set to change, and product lines tailor-made for international expansion, we are very excited about our opportunities overseas.

"Given the US rig count's rapid decline and an uncertain commodity price environment, we currently anticipate cutting our capital expenditures at least 35% from 2014. Our experienced leadership team reacted quickly to changes in the market by beginning the process of rationalizing costs during the fourth quarter and will be responsive to any further shifts in these markets."

During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company repurchased and retired approximately 4.4 million shares of its common stock for a total purchase price of \$114.3 million. Through December 31, 2014, the Company has repurchased and retired approximately 10.2 million shares for a total purchase price of approximately \$300 million.

#### Fourth Quarter 2014 Geographic Breakdown

U.S. land revenue was \$805.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared with \$673.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$814.1 million in the third quarter of 2014. Gulf of Mexico revenue was \$193.5 million, as compared with \$218.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$210.8 million in the third quarter of 2014. International revenue was \$179.9 million, as compared with \$184.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$184.1 million in the third quarter of 2014.

#### **Drilling Products and Services Segment**

Drilling Products and Services segment revenue in the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$238.5 million, a 7% increase from fourth quarter 2013 revenue of \$223.6 million and a slight decrease from third quarter 2014 revenue of \$239.2 million.

U.S. land revenue increased 3% sequentially to \$88.2 million and Gulf of Mexico revenue increased 3% sequentially to \$92.0 million due to increased rentals across all product lines, including bottom hole assemblies, accommodations and premium drill pipe. International revenue decreased 8% to \$58.3 million due to decreased rentals of premium drill pipe and bottom hole assemblies.

#### **Onshore Completion and Workover Services Segment**

Onshore Completion and Workover Services segment revenue was \$469.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, a 25% increase from fourth quarter 2013 revenue of \$374.5 million, and essentially flat with third quarter 2014 revenue of \$470.8 million, even with seasonality and a declining US rig count.

#### **Production Services Segment**

Production Services segment revenue was \$342.1 million, a 2% decrease from fourth quarter 2013 revenue of \$349.4 million and a 2% decrease from third quarter 2014 revenue of \$348.8 million.

U.S. land revenue decreased slightly during the quarter to \$223.9 million, as increased revenue from remedial pumping services was offset by declines in revenues from coiled tubing and wireline. Gulf of Mexico revenue decreased 24% sequentially to \$28.4 million, primarily due to seasonality and declining drilling activity. International revenue increased 4% sequentially to \$89.8 million, primarily due to higher demand for workover and snubbing services.

#### **Technical Solutions Segment**

Technical Solutions segment revenue in the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$128.9 million, an increase from fourth quarter 2013 revenue of \$128.2 million and a 14% decrease from third quarter 2014 revenue of \$150.2 million.

U.S. land revenue decreased 26% sequentially to \$23.9 million primarily due to decreases in well control services and completion tools and products. Gulf of Mexico revenue decreased 13% sequentially to \$73.2 million primarily due to seasonality. International revenue decreased 6% sequentially to \$31.8 million as a result of decreased well control activity and reduced revenues from completion tools and products.

#### **Conference Call Information**

The Company will host a conference call at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, February 20, 2015. The call can be accessed from the Company's website at www.superiorenergy.com, or by telephone at 412-902-0030. For those who cannot listen to the live call, a telephonic replay will be available through March 6, 2015 and may be accessed by calling 201-612-7415 and using the pass code 13598867#. An archive of the webcast will be available after the call for a period of 60 days at www.superiorenergy.com.

Superior Energy Services, Inc. serves the drilling, completion and production-related needs of oil and gas companies worldwide through its brand name drilling products and its integrated completion and well intervention services and tools, supported by an engineering staff who plan and design solutions for customers.

The press release contains forward-looking statements within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Generally, the words "expects," "anticipates," "goals," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks" and "estimates," variations of such words and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this press release regarding the Company's financial position, financial performance, liquidity, strategic alternatives, market outlook, future capital needs, capital allocation plans, business strategies and other plans and objectives of the Company's management for future operations and activities are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Company's management in light of its experience and prevailing circumstances on the date such statements are made. Such forward-looking statements, and the assumptions on which they are based, are inherently speculative and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from such statements. Such uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the cyclicality and volatility of the oil and gas industry, including changes in prevailing levels of exploration, production and development activity; changes in prevailing oil and gas prices or expectations about future prices; operating hazards, including the significant possibility of accidents resulting in personal injury or death, property damage or environmental damage for which the Company may have limited or no insurance coverage or indemnification rights; the effect of regulatory programs and environmental matters on the Company's operations or prospects, including the risk that future changes in the regulation of hydraulic fracturing could reduce or eliminate demand for the Company's pressure pumping services; risks associated with the uncertainty of macroeconomic and business conditions worldwide; changes in competitive and technological factors affecting the Company's operations; the potential shortage of skilled workers; risks inherent in acquiring businesses; risks associated with business growth outpacing the capabilities of the Company's infrastructure and workforce; political, economic and other risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's international operations; the Company's continued access to credit markets on favorable terms; the impact that unfavorable or unusual weather conditions could have on the Company's operations; and the risks inherent in long-term fixed-price contracts. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, management can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Investors are cautioned that many of the assumptions on

which these forward-looking statements are based are likely to change after such statements are made, including for example the market prices of oil and gas and regulations affecting oil and gas operations, which the Company cannot control or anticipate. Further, management may make changes to the business strategies and plans (including the Company's capital spending and capital allocation plans) at any time and without notice, based on any changes in the above-listed factors, the assumptions or otherwise, any of which could or will affect the Company's results. For all these reasons, actual events and results may differ materially from those anticipated, estimated, projected or implied by the Company in the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements for any reason and, notwithstanding any changes in the assumptions, changes in the business plans, actual experience, or other changes. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof.

## SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## **Consolidated Statements of Operations**

#### Three and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

(in thousands, except earnings per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three Mo Decem	nths Ended	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Revenues	\$1,178,626	\$1,075,644	\$4,556,622	\$4,350,057	
Cost of services and rentals (exclusive of items shown separately below)	711,243	663,660	2,734,833	2,633,590	
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	157,377	158,009	650,814	604,441	
General and administrative expenses	166,740	156,966	624,371	597,778	
Reduction in value of assets		300,078		300,078	
Income (loss) from operations	143,266	(203,069)	546,604	214,170	
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense, net	(24,124)	(26,292)	(96,734)	(107,902)	
Other income (expense)	(6,201)	(4,668)	(7,681)	(4,627)	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt				(884)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	112,941	(234,029)	442,189	100,757	
Income taxes	39,577	(57,348)	161,399	55,272	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	73,364	(176,681)	280,790	45,485	
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income tax	(7,238)	(136,858)	(22,973)	(156,903)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 66,126	\$ (313,539)	\$ 257,817	\$ (111,418)	
Basic earnings (losses) per share:					
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.49	\$ (1.11)	\$ 1.81	\$ 0.29	
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.05)	(0.86)	(0.15)	(0.99)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.44	\$ (1.97)	\$ 1.66	\$ (0.70)	
Diluted earnings (losses) per share:					
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.48	\$ (1.11)	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.28	
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.05)	(0.86)	(0.14)	(0.97)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.43	\$ (1.97)	\$ 1.65	\$ (0.69)	
Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings per share:				<del></del>	
Basic	151,287	159,228	155,154	159,206	
Diluted	152,399	159,228	156,726	160,780	
Diluted	132,399	139,228	130,720	100,/80	

# SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

### December 31, 2014 and 2013

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 393,046	\$ 196,047
Accounts receivable, net	926,768	937,195
Deferred income taxes	32,138	8,785
Income taxes receivable	_	5,532
Prepaid expenses	74,750	70,421
Inventory and other current assets	185,429	258,449
Assets held for sale	116,680	
Total current assets	1,728,811	1,476,429
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,733,839	3,002,194
Goodwill	2,468,409	2,458,109
Notes receivable	25,970	23,708
Intangible and other long-term assets, net	420,360	450,867
Total assets	\$7,377,389	\$7,411,307
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 225,306	\$ 216,029
Accrued expenses	363,747	376,049
Income taxes payable	40,213	_
Current portion of decommissioning liabilities	<u> </u>	27,322
Current maturities of long-term debt	20,941	20,000
Liabilities held for sale	61,840	
Total current liabilities	712,047	639,400
Deferred income taxes	702,996	736,080
Decommissioning liabilities	88,000	56,197
Long-term debt, net	1,627,842	1,646,535
Other long-term liabilities	166,766	201,651
Total stockholders' equity	4,079,738	4,131,444
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$7,377,389</u>	\$7,411,307

# SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, AND DECEMBER 31, 2013

(unaudited) (in thousands)

		Three months ended,					
Revenue		December 31, 2014		September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
Drilling Products and Services	\$	238,453	\$	239,204	\$	223,591	
Onshore Completion and Workover Services		469,130		470,849		374,489	
Production Services		342,153		348,793		349,370	
Technical Solutions		128,890		150,180		128,194	
Total Revenues	\$	1,178,626	\$	1,209,026	\$	1,075,644	
Income (Loss) from Operations (1)	Dece	ember 31, 2014	Septe	mber 30, 2014	Dece	ember 31, 2013	
Drilling Products and Services	\$	78,138	\$	78,110	\$	68,294	
Onshore Completion and Workover Services		41,003		54,782		(3,613)	
Production Services		9,818		13,374		(26,840)	
Technical Solutions		14,307		16,055		(240,914)	
Total Income (Loss) from Operations	\$	143,266	\$	162,321	\$	(203,073)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Income from Continuing Operations for all prior periods has been adjusted for discontinued operations from the Technical Solutions segment.