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NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2015 EARNINGS

HOUSTON, TX, October 28, 2015 — National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (NYSE: NOV) today reported that for its third quarter ended September 30, 2015, it earned net income of \$155 million, or \$0.41 per fully diluted share, compared to second quarter ended June 30, 2015 net income of \$289 million, or \$0.74 per fully diluted share. Excluding other items and non-recurring charges from all periods, third quarter net income was \$232 million, or \$0.61 per fully diluted share, compared to \$0.77 in the second quarter of 2015 and \$1.62 in the third quarter of 2014. Third quarter 2015 other items were \$55 million in pre-tax intangible asset impairment charges and \$57 million in pre-tax severance, facility closure, and other charges.

Revenues for the third quarter of 2015 were \$3.31 billion, a decrease of 15 percent from the second quarter of 2015 and a decrease of 41 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Operating profit for the quarter, excluding the other items, was \$346 million, or 10.5 percent of sales. EBITDA, excluding other items, was \$511 million, or 15.5 percent of sales, down 19 percent sequentially and 58 percent from the prior year. Operating leverage, or the change in operating profit divided by the change in revenue, excluding other items, was 18 percent from the second quarter of 2015 to the third quarter of 2015. SG&A expenses declined 15 percent sequentially and 34 percent from the third quarter of last year.

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company completed its share repurchase program repurchasing and retiring 10.85 million shares of its common stock at an average price of \$40.98 per share for a total purchase price of \$444 million. Since initiating the share buyback program in September 2014, the Company repurchased 55.6 million shares, or 13 percent of its shares outstanding.

Ending backlog for the third quarter of 2015 was \$8.02 billion for the Company's Rig Systems segment and \$1.17 billion for the Company's Completion & Production Solutions segment.

Clay C. Williams, Chairman, President and CEO of National Oilwell Varco, stated, "The sharp decline in oil prices and activity since late last year has impacted each of our segments, and will drive activity lower in the fourth quarter. We believe our strong financial resources will enable National Oilwell Varco to invest in the extraordinary opportunities that will arise from this downturn, and we expect to emerge with greater capability and efficiency. In the meantime, with limited visibility into the timing of a recovery, we remain focused on managing costs and improving performance, while continuing to develop technologies that help our customers to improve their returns in a lower commodity price world."

Rig Systems Segment

Rig Systems generated revenues of \$1.50 billion in the third quarter of 2015, a decrease of 23 percent from the second quarter of 2015 and a decrease of 44 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Operating profit was \$275 million, or 18.4 percent of sales. EBITDA was \$300 million, or 20.1 percent of sales. Revenue out of backlog was \$1.30 billion.

Backlog for capital equipment orders for Rig Systems at September 30, 2015 was \$8.02 billion, down 11 percent from the second quarter of 2015, and down 44 percent from the third quarter of 2014. New orders during the quarter were \$367 million.

Rig Aftermarket Segment

Rig Aftermarket generated revenues of \$570 million in the third quarter of 2015, a decrease of 13 percent from the second quarter of 2015 and a decrease of 32 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Operating profit was \$146 million, or 25.6 percent of sales. EBITDA was \$154 million, or 27.0 percent of sales.

Wellbore Technologies Segment

Wellbore Technologies generated revenues of \$834 million in the third quarter of 2015, a decrease of 13 percent from the second quarter of 2015 and a decrease of 43 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Operating profit was \$22 million, or 2.6 percent of sales. EBITDA was \$119 million, or 14.3 percent of sales.

Completion & Production Solutions Segment

Completion & Production Solutions generated revenues of \$798 million in the third quarter of 2015, a decrease of nine percent from the second quarter of 2015 and a decrease of 33 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Operating profit was \$63 million, or 7.9 percent of sales. EBITDA was \$117 million, or 14.7 percent of sales. Revenues out of backlog were \$472 million.

Backlog for capital equipment orders for Completion & Production Solutions at September 30, 2015 was \$1.17 billion, flat from the second quarter of 2015, and down 44 percent from the third quarter of 2014. New orders during the quarter were \$467 million.

The Company has scheduled a conference call for October 28, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. Central Time to discuss third quarter results. The call will be broadcast through the Investor Relations link on National Oilwell Varco's web site at www.nov.com, and a replay will be available on the site for thirty days following the conference. Participants may also join the conference call by dialing 1-866-312-4825 within North America or 1-720-634-2948 outside of North America five to ten minutes prior to the scheduled start time and asking for the "National Oilwell Varco Earnings Conference Call."

National Oilwell Varco is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and sale of equipment and components used in oil and gas drilling and production operations, and the provision of oilfield services to the upstream oil and gas industry.

Statements made in this press release that are forward-looking in nature are intended to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and may involve risks and uncertainties. These statements may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to documents filed by National Oilwell Varco with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report on Form 10-K, which identify significant risk factors which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except share data)

	Sept	tember 30, 2015	Dec	ember 31, 2014
	(Uı	naudited)		
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,846	\$	3,536
Receivables, net		3,325		4,416
Inventories, net		5,172		5,281
Costs in excess of billings		1,669		1,878
Deferred income taxes		391		447
Prepaid and other current assets		530		604
Total current assets		12,933		16,162
Property, plant and equipment, net		3,122		3,362
Deferred income taxes		520		503
Goodwill		8,465		8,539
Intangibles, net		4,087		4,444
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates		331		362
Other assets		170		190
	\$	29,628	\$	33,562
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	731	\$	1,189
Accrued liabilities	•	2,810	·	3,518
Billings in excess of costs		1,180		1,775
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings		2		152
Accrued income taxes		112		431
Deferred income taxes		358		309
Total current liabilities	_	5,193		7,374
Long-term debt		3,981		3,014
Deferred income taxes		1,826		1,972
Other liabilities		422		430
Total liabilities		11,422		12,790
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock – par value \$.01; 1 billion shares authorized; 375,735,085 and 418,977,608				
shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014		4		4
Additional paid-in capital		6,201		8,341
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,477)		(834)
Retained earnings		13,398		13,181
Total Company stockholders' equity		18,126		20,692
Noncontrolling interests		80		80
Total stockholders' equity		18,206		20,772
	\$	29,628	\$	33,562

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (In millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended					N	ded			
	20	<u>Septemb</u> 15		er 30, June 30, 2014 2015		<u>Septem</u> 2015		ber 30, 2014		
Revenue:)13		2014		.13)13		014
Rig Systems	\$	1,496	\$	2,659	\$	1,930	\$	5,949	\$	7,287
Rig Aftermarket		570		837		657		1,946		2,372
Wellbore Technologies		834		1,469		956		2,961		4,193
Completion & Production Solutions		798		1,191		873		2,619		3,320
Eliminations		(392)		(569)		(507)	(1,440)		(1,441)
Total revenue		3,306		5,587		3,909		12,035		15,731
Gross profit		700		1,524		872		2,750		4,270
Gross profit %		21.2%		27.3%		22.3%		22.9%		27.1%
Selling, general, and administrative		354		535		417		1,257		1,519
Other items		112		1		17		251		51
Operating profit		234		988		438		1,242		2,700
Interest and financial costs		(24)		(26)		(26)		(76)		(79)
Interest income		2		4		2		9		13
Equity income in unconsolidated affiliates		-		9		7		16		42
Other income (expense), net		(20)		9		(30)		(106)		(12)
Income before income taxes		192		984		391		1,085		2,664
Provision for income taxes		36		283		105		330		806
Income from continuing operations		156		701		286		755		1,858
Income from discontinued operations		_								52
Net income		156		701		286		755		1,910
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		1		2		(3)		1		3
Net income attributable to Company	\$	155	\$	699	\$	289	\$	754	\$	1,907
Per share data:										
Basic:										
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.41	\$	1.63	\$	0.75	\$	1.92	\$	4.34
Income from discontinued operations	\$		\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	0.12
Net income attributable to Company	\$	0.41	\$	1.63	\$	0.75	\$	1.92	\$	4.46
Diluted:										
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.41	\$	1.62	\$	0.74	\$	1.92	\$	4.31
Income from discontinued operations	\$	-	\$		\$		\$	-	\$	0.12
Net income attributable to Company	\$	0.41	\$	1.62	\$	0.74	\$	1.92	\$	4.43
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		380		429		387		392		428
Diluted		381		431		388		393		430

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC. OPERATING PROFIT – AS ADJUSTED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE (Unaudited) (In millions)

	Three Months Ended							Nine Months Ended				
	September 30,				ine 30,			nber 30				
	-	2015		2014		2015		2015		2014		
Revenue:												
Rig Systems	\$	1,496	\$	2,659	\$	1,930	\$	5,949	\$	7,287		
Rig Aftermarket		570		837		657		1,946		2,372		
Wellbore Technologies		834		1,469		956		2,961		4,193		
Completion & Production Solutions		798		1,191		873		2,619		3,320		
Eliminations		(392)		(569)		(507)		(1,440)		(1,441)		
Total revenue	\$	3,306		5,587	\$	3,909	\$	12,035		15,731		
Operating profit:												
Rig Systems	\$	275	\$	533	\$	395	\$	1,158	\$	1,485		
Rig Aftermarket		146		229		145		490		637		
Wellbore Technologies		22		278		47		193		771		
Completion & Production Solutions		63		184		81		252		485		
Unallocated expenses and eliminations		(160)		(235)		(213)		(600)		(627)		
Total operating profit (before other items)	\$	346	\$	989	\$	455	\$	1,493	\$	2,751		
Operating profit %:												
Rig Systems		18.4%		20.0%		20.5%		19.5%		20.4%		
Rig Aftermarket		25.6%		27.4%		22.1%		25.2%		26.9%		
Wellbore Technologies		2.6%		18.9%		4.9%		6.5%		18.4%		
Completion & Production Solutions		7.9%		15.4%		9.3%		9.6%		14.6%		
Total operating profit % (before other items)		10.5%		17.7%		11.6%		12.4%		17.5%		

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC. AS ADJUSTED BEFORE DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE (Unaudited) (In millions)

	Three Months Ended					Nine Months Ended																						
	-	September 30, June 30,																							Septem	eptember 30,		
	20)15	20)14	2	015	2	2015		014																		
Operating profit excluding other items (Note 1):																												
Rig Systems	\$	275	\$	533	\$	395	\$	1,158	\$	1,485																		
Rig Aftermarket		146		229		145		490		637																		
Wellbore Technologies		22		278		47		193		771																		
Completion & Production Solutions		63		184		81		252		485																		
Unallocated expenses and eliminations		(160)		(235)		(213)		(600)		(627)																		
Total operating profit excluding other items	\$	346	\$	989	\$	455	\$	1,493	\$	2,751																		
Depreciation & amortization:																												
Rig Systems	\$	25	\$	21	\$	24	\$	72	\$	65																		
Rig Aftermarket		8		7		7		22		20																		
Wellbore Technologies		97		112		99		301		328																		
Completion & Production Solutions		54		58		60		169		166																		
Unallocated expenses and eliminations		-				=.																						
Total depreciation & amortization	\$	184	\$	198	\$	190	\$	564	\$	579																		
Operating profit as adjusted before depreciation																												
& amortization (Note 1):																												
Rig Systems	\$	300	\$	554	\$	419	\$	1,230	\$	1,550																		
Rig Aftermarket		154		236		152		512		657																		
Wellbore Technologies		119		390		146		494		1,099																		
Completion & Production Solutions		117		242		141		421		651																		
Unallocated expenses and eliminations		(160)		(235)		(213)		(600)		(627)																		
Total operating profit as adjusted before								<u> </u>																				
depreciation & amortization	\$	530	\$	1,187	\$	645	\$	2,057	\$	3,330																		
Operating profit % as adjusted before																												
depreciation & amortization (Note 1):																												
Rig Systems		20.1%		20.8%		21.7%		20.7%		21.3%																		
Rig Aftermarket		27.0%		28.2%		23.1%		26.3%		27.7%																		
Wellbore Technologies		14.3%		26.5%		15.3%		16.7%		26.2%																		
Completion & Production Solutions		14.7%		20.3%		16.2%		16.1%		19.6%																		
Total operating profit % as adjusted before																												
depreciation & amortization		16.0%		21.2%		16.5%		17.1%		21.2%																		
Total operating profit as adjusted before																												
depreciation & amortization:	\$	530	\$	1,187	\$	645	\$	2,057	\$	3,330																		
Other items	Ψ	(112)	Ψ	(1)	Ψ	(17)	ψ	(251)	Ψ	(51)																		
Interest income		2		4		2		(231)		13																		
Equity income in unconsolidated affiliates		2		9		7		16		42																		
* *		(20)		9		(30)		(106)		(12)																		
Other income (expense), net Net (income) loss attributable to		(20)		9		(30)		(100)		(12)																		
noncontrolling interest		(1)		(2)		3		(1)		(3)																		
	\$	399	\$	1,206	\$	610	\$	(1) 1,724	\$	3,319																		
EBITDA (Note 1)	Φ	399	Φ	1,200	Φ	010	Þ	1,724	Ф	3,319																		
Reconciliation of EBITDA (Note 1):																												
GAAP net income attributable to Company	\$	155	\$	699	\$	289	\$	754	\$	1,907																		
Income from discontinued operations		-		-		-		-		(52)																		
Provision for income taxes		36		283		105		330		806																		
Interest expense		24		26		26		76		79																		
Depreciation and amortization		184		198		190		564		579																		
EBITDA	-	399		1,206		610		1,724		3,319																		
Other items		112		1		17		251		51																		
EBITDA excluding other items (Note 1)	\$	511	\$	1,207	\$	627	\$	1,975	\$	3,370																		
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NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC. OPERATING (NON-GAAP) DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE RECONCILIATION (Unaudited)

		Three Months End	Nine N	Months Ended			
	Septen	nber 30,	June 30,	- Sep	September 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014		
Net income attributable to Company	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.62	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.92	\$ 4.43		
Income from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	(0.12)		
Income from continuing operations	0.41	1.62	0.74	1.92	4.31		
Other items and non-recurring charges:							
Other items	0.20	-	0.03	0.42	0.07		
Venezuela asset write-down	-	-	-	0.02	-		
Tax exposure	-	-	-	0.17	-		
Operating (non-GAAP) (Note 1)	0.61	1.62	0.77	2.53	4.38		
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.46	0.43		
Operating (non-GAAP) excluding amortization of purchased intangible assets (Note 1)	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.76	\$ 0.93	\$ 2.99	\$ 4.81		

Note 1: In an effort to provide investors with additional information regarding our results as determined by GAAP, we disclose, as appropriate, various non-GAAP financial measures in our quarterly earnings press releases and other public disclosures. The primary non-GAAP financial measures we focus on, when applicable, are: (i) revenue excluding other items, (ii) operating profit excluding other items, (iii) operating profit percentage excluding other items, (iv) operating profit excluding other items before depreciation & amortization, (vi) EBITDA, (vii) EBITDA excluding other items, (viii) Operating (non-GAAP) per fully diluted share and (ix) Operating (non-GAAP) excluding amortization of purchased intangible assets per fully diluted share. Each of these financial measures excludes the impact of certain items and therefore has not been calculated in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of each of these non-GAAP financial measures to its most comparable GAAP financial measure is included here within.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures internally to evaluate and manage the Company's operations because we believe it provides useful supplemental information regarding the Company's on-going economic performance. We have chosen to provide this information to investors to enable them to perform more meaningful comparisons of operating results and as a means to emphasize the results of on-going operations.

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