

Conference call 4Q 2009 results

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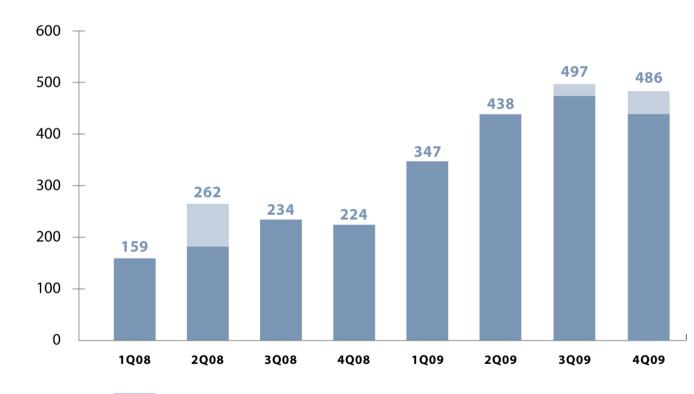
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Highlights fourth quarter 2009

- EBITDA of US\$486 million compared to US\$497 million in the preceding quarter
- Net income of US\$401 million or income per share of US\$0.95
- Jack-up rig West Atlas declared a total loss resulting in US\$58 million gain on disposal
- Declares US\$0.55 per share in cash dividends
- Takes delivery of the tender rig newbuilds T12 and West Vencedor
- Awarded new contracts amounting to some US\$90 million for tender and jack-up rigs
- Awarded a US\$345 million two-year contract for the ultra-deepwater drillship West Gemini under construction
- Increased tender activities in all market segments



EBITDA development



US\$ MILLION

Gain from sale of assets

Contribution quarter to quarter



Mobile units

Unaudited accounts in USD million	4Q09	3Q09
Operating revenues	617	604
Reimbursables	10	12
Other revenues	11	10
Total revenues	638	626
Gain on sale of assets	50	21
Vessel and rig operating expenses	223	181
Reimbursable expenses	9	9
Depreciation and amortisation	88	88
General and adminstrative expenses	31	28
Total operating expenses	351	305
Operating profit	338	342



Tender rigs

Unaudited accounts in USD million	4Q09	3Q09
Operating revenues	84	85
Reimbursables	3	4
Total revenues	88	89
Vessel and rig operating expenses	40	35
Reimbursable expenses	3	3
Depreciation and amortisation	10	10
General and adminstrative expenses	5	3
Total operating expenses	58	52
Operating profit	29	37

Condensed income statement

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Unaudited accounts in USD million	4Q09	3Q09
Net operating income	382	394
Interest income	17	40
Interest expense	-63	-63
Share of results from associated companies	30	27
Other financial items	36	-5
Net financial items	20	-1
Income before income taxes and minority interest	401	392
Income taxes	0	-48
Net income	401	345
Earnings per share (in USD)	0.95	0.82

Balance sheet

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Total assets

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Unaudited accounts in USD million	31.12.09	30.09.09
Current assets		
Cash	602	903
Marketable securities	742	728
Accounts receivables	452	491
Other current assets	465	483
Total current assets	2 261	2 606
Non-current assets		
Investment in associated companies	321	314
Newbuildings	1 431	1 340
Drilling units	7 514	7 624
Goodwill	1 596	1 591
Other non-current assets	708	647
Total non-current assets	11 570	11 517
Total assets	13 831	14 122

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Balance sheet

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Liability and equity

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Unaudited accounts in USD million	31.12.09	30.09.09
Current liabilities		
Short-term interest bearing debt	774	805
Other current liabilities	1 260	1 237
Total current liabilities	2 034	2 042
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term interest bearing debt	6 622	7 094
Other non-current liabilities	363	415
Total non-current liabilities	6 984	7 51(
Shareholders' equity		
Total shareholders' equity	4 813	4 57 ²
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	13 831	14 122

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Worldwide operations



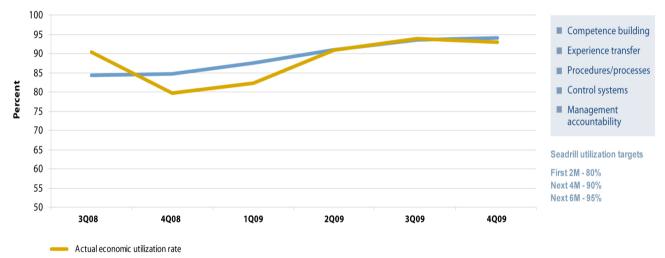
Quality fleet with global presence

Average utilization rate deepwater newbuilds

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Budgeted utilization rate for deepwater newbuilds

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Start-up experience transferred to sister rigs



Ultra-deepwater drillship West Navigator

- 10-year survey
- New top-drive
- New iron roughneck
- Recertified pipe-handling equipment
- Thruster replaced
- Steel replacement



Survey completed in 21 days

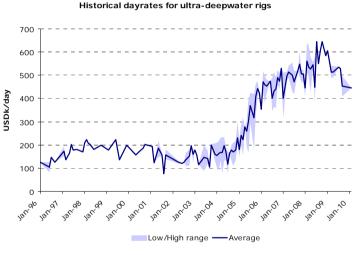
Deepwater market outlook

 Long-term market drivers intact as global oil basins mature and decline rates steepening

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- Exploration for larger reserves taking place in more challenging and rig intensive deepwater markets
- Dayrates for new rigs in 2010 slightly impacted by postponed start-up of activities
- Still strong contract coverage for ultra deepwater fleet medium term
- Brazilian exploration success and presalt development



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Halt in newbuild orders secures balanced market

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US\$9 billion contract backlog - Floaters

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Contract Option Yard plus transit period

¹ Dayrate is partly in Norwegian kroner

² Dayrate is partly in Brazilian Real and include five percent performance incentive as well as estimated compensation for tax

³ Newbuild

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Improved near earnings visibility



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US\$380 million contract backlog - Jack-ups

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² Newbuild at KFELS



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Several new contracts

US\$1.7 billion contract backlog - Tender rigs

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Semi-tenders	West Annance				_	Statement of the local division of the	211,00	-								_				015

¹ Ownership 49%

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² Newbuild



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Balanced contract portfolio

9 more newbuilds that secures growth

Deepwater floaters

- Drillship West Gemini - 202010

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- Semi West Orion - 202010
- Semi West Capricorn - 402011

Tender rigs

- Tender barge T12
- Semi-tender West Vencedor 1Q2010 (delivered)
- Semi-tender West Berani III 102011

Jack-ups

- West Leda
- West Callisto
- West Juno

- 3Q2010
- 302010
- 402010



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Transfer of experience ensuring quality delivery and performance

Dividend distribution and policy

 Dividend resolved at US\$0.55 per share

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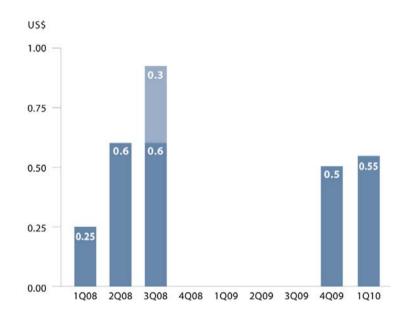
- Increase reflects improved earnings visibility and more favorable debt markets related to financing of our operations
- Future dividend depends on:
 - Debt leverage

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- Contract coverage
- Capital expenditure programs and other investments
- Free cash flow
- Business outlook
- Distribution of cash dividend is an important objective

Dividend distribution per share

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Ambition to increase dividend on annual basis

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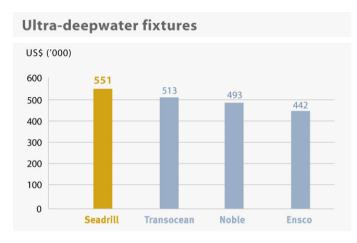


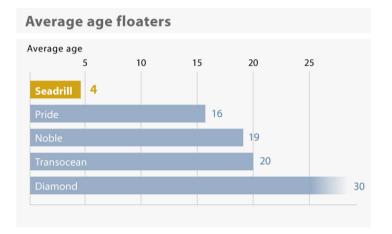
Strategy

- Complete US listing process in March/April 2010
- Ambition to grow fleet of premium assets
- Focus on quality operations
- Maintain financial leverage
- Distribution of cash dividends
- Develop current shareholdings
- Entertain further consolidation through M&A activities

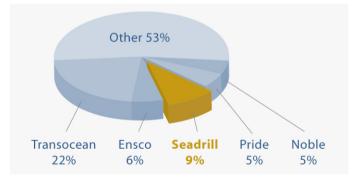
Grow our Company build shareholder value







Ultra-deepwater market share



EBITDA contribution ultra-deepwater

	2008	2010*
Seadrill Limited	15%	<mark>68</mark> %
Pride International	19%	38%
Transocean	23%	37%
Noble Corp.	7%	26%
Diamond Offshore Inc.	15%	19%
* Source: DnB Nor Market		

Sound platform for shaping the future

