



Helix ESG Announces Construction of Newbuild Semisubmersible Well Intervention Vessel

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HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 15, 2012-- Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. (NYSE: HLX) announced today that it is proceeding with the construction of a newbuild semisubmersible well intervention vessel. Owen Kratz, Helix's Chairman and CEO, stated, "We are leveraging our market and technological leadership in subsea well intervention along with the proven success of the Q4000 platform to satisfy an increasing market interest for specialized deepwater well intervention services. We have previously indicated that we intend to address this growing market by delivering new capacity and will continue to expand this business segment further."

Helix has completed the detailed engineering for the new vessel and expects to commence construction in the near future.

About Helix

Helix Energy Solutions Group, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is an international offshore energy company that provides development solutions and other key life of field services to the energy market as well as to its own oil and gas business unit. For more information about Helix, please visit our website at www.HelixESG.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, without limitation, our statements regarding our intentions to further expand the market further and our expectation for commencement of construction. The forward-looking statements are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including but not limited to shipyard availability, the performance of contracts by suppliers, customers and partners; actions by governmental and regulatory authorities; operating hazards and delays; employee management issues; uncertainties inherent in the exploration for and development of oil and gas and in estimating reserves; complexities of global political and economic developments; geologic risks; volatility of oil and gas prices and other risks described from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including the Company's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Company's other filings with the SEC, which are available free of charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. We assume no obligation and do not intend to update these forward-looking statements except as required by the securities laws.

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