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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 28, 2010



Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32936
(Commission File Number)

95-3409686
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 400
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77060
(Zip Code)

281-618-0400
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 28, 2010, Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. ("Helix") issued a press release announcing its second quarter results of operations for the period ended June 30, 2010. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated by reference herein, is the press release.

This information is not deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and such information is not incorporated by reference into any registration statements or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, regardless of the general incorporation language contained in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to this filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 28, 2010, Helix issued a press release announcing its second quarter results of operations for the period ended June 30, 2010. In addition, on July 29, 2010, Helix is making a presentation (with slides) to analysts and investors regarding its financial and operating results. Attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein are the press release and the slides for the Second Quarter 2010 Conference Call Presentation issued by Helix. The presentation materials will also be posted beginning on July 28, 2010 in the *Presentations* section under *Investor Relations* of Helix's website, www.HelixESG.com.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. dated July 28, 2010 titled "Helix Reports Second Quarter 2010 Results."
99.2	Second Quarter 2010 Conference Call Presentation.

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.

Date: July 28, 2010

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

By: _____ /s/ Anthony Tripodo

Anthony Tripodo
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Date: July 28, 2010
Contact: Tony Tripodo (Chief Financial Officer)
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Helix Reports Second Quarter 2010 Results

HOUSTON, TX – Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. (NYSE: HLX) reported a net loss of \$85.6 million, or \$(0.82) per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2010 compared with net income of \$100.2 million, or \$0.94 per diluted share, for the same period in 2009, and a net loss of \$17.9 million, or \$(0.17) per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2010. The net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$103.4 million, or \$(1.00) per diluted share, compared with net income of \$153.7 million, or \$1.44 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Second quarter 2010 results included non-cash impairment charges of \$159.9 million reflecting a reduction in carrying values of oil and gas properties following reductions of reserve estimates primarily associated with the reassessment of certain fields' economics. The net impact of the impairments in the second quarter, after income taxes, was \$1.00 per diluted share.

In addition, we recorded incremental depletion expense of \$18.8 million in the second quarter of 2010 associated with the mid-year proved reserve reductions in our Bushwood field.

Owen Kratz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Helix, stated, "Aside from the impairment charges associated with our oil and gas properties, our second quarter results reflected a sharp sequential improvement in operating income reflecting improved market activity. Three of our vessels, the *Q4000*, the *Express* and the *Helix Producer I* ("HP I") have been contracted by BP to participate in the coordinated response to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. However, the operating results and utilization are fairly consistent with what we expected from these assets based on existing contracts with other customers. With the *HP I* on hire to BP, oil and gas production from the Phoenix field was deferred from its anticipated start up in the second quarter and we now expect Phoenix production to start up late in the third quarter. Strategically, we are continuing to actively pursue potential alternatives to exit the exploration and production business although the uncertainties brought about by the oil spill will likely have an impact on our efforts."

First quarter 2010 results included the following items on a pre-tax basis:

- A \$17.5 million settlement of litigation related to the termination of a 2007 international construction contract.
- A net reduction of \$5.2 million in the carrying values of certain oil and gas properties due primarily to the deterioration of field economics resulting from a decrease in natural gas prices.

The net impact of these items in the first quarter, after income taxes, was \$0.14 per diluted share.

Second quarter 2009 results included the following items on a pre-tax basis:

- A \$59.4 million gain from sale of 24.2 million shares of Cal Dive common stock.
- A \$43.0 million net gain associated with insurance recoveries in connection with damage caused by Hurricane Ike in September 2008, which reflected net proceeds of \$102.6 million, offset by hurricane-related expenses, impairments and additional asset retirement costs.
- A reduction of \$11.5 million in the carrying values of certain oil and gas properties due primarily to reserve revisions.
- An \$8.8 million gain from the sale of Helix RDS, our former reservoir consulting business.

The net impact of these items in the second quarter of 2009, after income taxes, was \$0.63 per diluted share.

Summary of Results ^{(1),(2)}

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages, unaudited)

	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended	
	June 30		March 31	June 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2010	2009
Revenues	\$ 299,262	\$ 494,639	\$ 201,570	\$ 500,832	\$ 1,065,614
Gross Profit (Loss):					
Operating ⁽³⁾	\$ 66,216	\$ 200,312	\$ 37,134	\$ 103,350	\$ 361,998
	22%	40%	18%	21%	34%
Oil and Gas Impairments ⁽⁴⁾	(159,862)	(63,073)	(11,112)	(170,974)	(63,073)
Exploration Expense	(1,172)	(1,483)	(166)	(1,338)	(1,959)
Total	\$ (94,818)	\$ 135,756	\$ 25,856	\$ (68,962)	\$ 296,966
Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ (85,551)	\$ 100,219	\$ (17,891)	\$ (103,442)	\$ 153,669
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.94	\$ (0.17)	\$ (1.00)	\$ 1.44
Adjusted EBITDAX ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 130,539	\$ 147,909	\$ 61,405	\$ 191,944	\$ 393,214

Segment Information, Operational and Financial Highlights⁽¹⁾
(in thousands, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		
	June 30,		March 31,
	2010	2009	2010
Revenues:			
Contracting Services	\$ 202,317	\$ 239,476	\$ 154,200
Shelf Contracting ⁽²⁾	-	197,656	-
Production Facilities	21,391	1,120	1,320
Oil and Gas	102,586	89,992	90,715
Intercompany Eliminations	(27,032)	(33,605)	(44,665)
Total	<u>\$ 299,262</u>	<u>\$ 494,639</u>	<u>\$ 201,570</u>
Income (Loss) from Operations:			
Contracting Services	\$ 43,781	\$ 34,636	\$ 27,486
Shelf Contracting ⁽²⁾	-	38,145	-
Production Facilities	12,977	(1,018)	(37)
Oil and Gas ⁽³⁾	3,609	103,380	10,614
Gain on Oil and Gas Derivative Commodity Contracts	2,482	4,121	-
Oil and Gas Impairments ⁽⁴⁾	(159,862)	(63,073)	(11,112)
Exploration Expense	(1,172)	(1,483)	(166)
Corporate ⁽⁵⁾	(12,597)	(11,253)	(22,878)
Intercompany Eliminations	(6,114)	(1,631)	(12,305)
Total	<u>\$ (116,896)</u>	<u>\$ 101,824</u>	<u>\$ (8,398)</u>
Equity in Earnings of Equity Investments	<u>\$ 1,656</u>	<u>\$ 6,264</u>	<u>\$ 5,055</u>

Note: Footnotes listed at end of press release.

Contracting Services

- o Subsea Construction and Robotics revenues increased in the second quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2010 attributable to the *Caesar* being placed in service and an additional two vessels chartered by our Robotics division for ROV support operations. Overall our utilization rate for our owned and chartered vessels decreased to 74% in the second quarter of 2010 from 83% in the first quarter of 2010. Further, Robotics utilization was essentially flat in the second quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2010, 61% versus 59%. Finally, intercompany revenue eliminations associated with internal vessel utilization was significantly lower in the second quarter as compared to the first quarter of 2010 as we substantially completed our own oil and gas development projects.
- o Well Operations revenues in the second quarter of 2010 increased significantly due to near full utilization of our vessels. The *Q4000* continues on hire with BP in response to the Macondo oil spill, while our North Sea vessels had nearly 100% utilization in the second quarter following the cessation of typical winter seasonality factors in the North Sea as well as out of service days in the first quarter of 2010 for the scheduled regulatory drydock of the *Seawell*.

Production Facilities

- o The *HP I*, our dynamically positioned floating production unit, reached mechanical completion in early June 2010. Shortly thereafter, the *HP I* was contracted by BP to assist in the oil spill containment operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Once the *HP I* completes its contract with BP, the *HP I* will mobilize back to our Phoenix field and we expect to commence production late in the third quarter of 2010.

Oil and Gas

- o Oil and Gas revenues increased \$11.9 million to \$102.6 million in the second quarter of 2010 as production increased to 11.9 Bcfe in the second quarter of 2010 compared to 11.3 Bcfe in the first quarter of 2010.
- o The average prices realized for natural gas, including the effect of settled natural gas hedge contracts, totaled \$6.10 per thousand cubic feet of gas (Mcf) in the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$5.75 per Mcf in the first quarter of 2010. For oil, including the effects of settled hedge contracts, we realized \$72.59 per barrel in the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$71.82 per barrel in the first quarter of 2010.
- o We finalized our Gulf of Mexico ("GOM") proved reserves estimate as of June 30, 2010 in conjunction with our regular mid-year review as well as our evaluation of our oil and gas assets in preparation for a potential divestment of the oil and gas business. GOM proved reserves of oil and natural gas totaled 400 Bcfe as compared with 543 Bcfe at December 31, 2009, adjusted for year to date 2010 production. The average prices used in our mid-year proved reserve estimates were \$73.15 per barrel of oil and \$4.07 per Mcf of natural gas as compared to \$58.05 per barrel and \$3.72 per Mcf at December 31, 2009. The present value of our total estimated GOM proved reserves using the SEC mandated PV-10 standardized measure was approximately \$1.3 billion at both June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.
- o Our July oil and gas production rate averaged 110 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent per day (MMcfe/d) through July 27, 2010 compared to an average of 131 MMcfe/d in the second quarter of 2010 and an average of 125 MMcfe/d in the first quarter of 2010.
- o At June 30, 2010, we have oil and gas hedge contracts in place for approximately 12 Bcf of natural gas and 1.7 million barrels of oil representing a substantial portion of our forecasted production for the remainder of 2010. We also have put oil and gas hedge contracts in place for 2011 totaling 7.2 Bcfe (450,000 barrels of oil and 4.5 Bcf of gas).

Other Expenses

- o Selling, general and administrative expenses were 8.2% of revenue in the second quarter of 2010, 11.4% in the first quarter of 2010 (excluding the \$17.5 million pre-tax charge related to the settlement of litigation associated with the termination of a 2007 international construction contract), and 8.0% in the second quarter of 2009.
- o Net interest expense and other increased to \$22.2 million in the second quarter of 2010 from \$21.2 million in the first quarter of 2010. Net interest expense increased to \$20.5 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$15.6 million in the first quarter of 2010. The increase in net interest expense resulted from a reduction of \$4.6 million in capitalized interest from the first quarter of 2010 to the second quarter of 2010, which was attributable to the substantial completion of our capital projects. Also, we incurred foreign exchange losses related to declines in our non U.S. dollar functional currencies and currency contracts totaling \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$5.6 million in the first quarter of 2010.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

- o Consolidated net debt at June 30, 2010 decreased to \$1.09 billion from \$1.15 billion as of March 31, 2010. We had no borrowings under our revolver. Our total liquidity at June 30, 2010 was approximately \$647 million, consisting of cash on hand of \$270 million and revolver availability of \$377 million. Net debt to book capitalization as of June 30, 2010 was 45%. (Net debt to book capitalization is a non-GAAP measure. See reconciliation attached hereto.)
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- o As of June 30, 2010, we were in compliance with our covenants under our various loan agreements.
- o We incurred capital expenditures (including capitalized interest) totaling \$37 million in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$75 million in the first quarter of 2010 and \$57 million in the second quarter of 2009 (excluding amounts related to Cal Dive in second quarter 2009).

Footnotes to “Summary of Results”:

- (1) Results of Helix RDS Limited, our former reservoir consulting business, included as discontinued operations for all periods presented in our comparative condensed consolidated statements of operations.
- (2) Results of Cal Dive, our former Shelf Contracting business, were consolidated through June 10, 2009, at which time our ownership interest dropped below 50%. Our remaining interest was accounted for under the equity method of accounting through September 23, 2009. Subsequent to September 23, 2009 our investment in Cal Dive was accounted for as an available for sale security.
- (3) Included insurance recoveries of \$102.6 million offset by hurricane-related costs of \$8.1 million in the second quarter of 2009.
- (4) Second quarter 2010 oil and gas impairments of \$159.9 million related to reduction of the carrying values of certain oil and gas properties due to reserve revisions. First quarter 2010 impairments on our U.S. oil and gas properties (\$7.0 million) were due primarily to the deterioration of certain fields' economics following a significant decrease in natural gas prices during the period. We also impaired our U.K. offshore property (\$4.1 million) during the first quarter. The U.K. impairment was offset by a gain on the reacquisition of our 50% partner's interest in the U.K. field. Second quarter 2009 oil and gas impairments included \$51.5 million of additional asset retirement and impairment costs resulting from Hurricane Ike, and \$11.5 million in the reduction of the carrying values of certain oil and gas properties due to reserve revisions.
- (5) Non-GAAP measure. See reconciliation attached hereto.

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- (5) First quarter of 2010 included litigation settlement related to the termination of a 2007 international construction contract.

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Further details are provided in the presentation for Helix's quarterly conference call to review its second quarter 2010 results (see the “Investor Relations” page of Helix's website, www.HelixESG.com). The call, scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Thursday, July 29, 2010, will be audio webcast live from the “Investor Relations” page of Helix's website. Investors and other interested parties wishing to listen to the call via telephone may join the call by dialing 800 741 5804 (Domestic) or 1 212 231 2907 (International). The pass code is Tripodo. A replay will be available from the Audio Archives page on Helix's website until October 28, 2010.

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 open energy market as well as to our own oil and gas business unit. That business unit is a prospect generation, exploration, development and production company. Employing our own key services and methodologies, we seek to lower finding and development costs, relative to industry norms.

Management evaluates Company performance and financial condition using certain non-GAAP metrics, primarily Adjusted EBITDAX, net debt and net debt to book capitalization. We calculate Adjusted EBITDAX as earnings before net interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization and exploration expense. Further, we do not include earnings from our interest in Cal Dive in any periods presented in our Adjusted EBITDAX calculation. Net debt is calculated as the sum of financial debt less cash and equivalents on hand. Net debt to book capitalization is calculated by dividing net debt by the sum of net debt, convertible preferred stock and shareholders' equity. These non-GAAP measures are useful to investors and other internal and external users of our financial statements in evaluating our operating performance because they are widely used by investors in our industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items which can vary substantially from company to company, and help investors meaningfully compare our results from period to period. Adjusted EBITDAX should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, but instead is supplemental to, income from operations, net income or other income data prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative to our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Users of this financial information should consider the types of events and transactions which are excluded.

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, any projections of financial items; future production volumes, results of exploration, exploitation, development, acquisition and operations expenditures, and prospective reserve levels of property or wells; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations; any statement concerning developments, performance or industry rankings; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of expectation or belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. The forward looking statements are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including the performance of contracts by suppliers, customers and partners; 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 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2009 and any subsequent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation and do not intend to update these forward-looking statements except as required by the securities laws.



HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

Comparative Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended Jun. 30,		Six Months Ended Jun. 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
Net revenues:				
Contracting services	\$ 196,676	\$ 404,647	\$ 307,531	\$ 815,441
Oil and gas	102,586	89,992	193,301	250,173
	<u>299,262</u>	<u>494,639</u>	<u>500,832</u>	<u>1,065,614</u>
Cost of sales:				
Contracting services	140,126	312,502	226,374	638,200
Oil and gas	94,092	(16,692)	172,446	67,375
Oil and gas impairments	159,862	63,073	170,974	63,073
	<u>394,080</u>	<u>358,883</u>	<u>569,794</u>	<u>768,648</u>
Gross profit (loss)	(94,818)	135,756	(68,962)	296,966
Gain on oil and gas derivative commodity contracts	2,482	4,121	2,482	78,730
Gain (loss) on sale of assets, net	(14)	1,319	6,233	1,773
Selling and administrative expenses	(24,546)	(39,372)	(65,047)	(80,725)
Income (loss) from operations	<u>(116,896)</u>	<u>101,824</u>	<u>(125,294)</u>	<u>296,744</u>
Equity in earnings of investments	1,656	6,264	6,711	13,767
Gain on subsidiary equity transaction	-	59,442	-	59,442
Net interest expense and other	(22,182)	(7,468)	(43,375)	(29,663)
Income (loss) before income taxes	<u>(137,422)</u>	<u>160,062</u>	<u>(161,958)</u>	<u>340,290</u>
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(52,366)	56,809	(59,927)	121,728
Income (loss) from continuing operations	<u>(85,056)</u>	<u>103,253</u>	<u>(102,031)</u>	<u>218,562</u>
Discontinued operations, net of tax	(17)	9,836	(44)	7,282
Net income (loss), including noncontrolling interests	<u>(85,073)</u>	<u>113,089</u>	<u>(102,075)</u>	<u>225,844</u>
Less: net income applicable to noncontrolling interests	(444)	(12,620)	(1,273)	(18,173)
Net income (loss) applicable to Helix	<u>(85,517)</u>	<u>100,469</u>	<u>(103,348)</u>	<u>207,671</u>
Preferred stock dividends	(34)	(250)	(94)	(563)
Preferred stock beneficial conversion charges	-	-	-	(53,439)
Net income (loss) applicable to Helix common shareholders	<u>\$ (85,551)</u>	<u>\$ 100,219</u>	<u>\$ (103,442)</u>	<u>\$ 153,669</u>
Weighted Avg. Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	<u>104,125</u>	<u>96,936</u>	<u>103,610</u>	<u>96,077</u>
Diluted	<u>104,125</u>	<u>105,995</u>	<u>103,610</u>	<u>106,000</u>
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock:				
Continuing operations	(\$0.82)	\$0.92	(\$1.00)	\$1.50
Discontinued operations	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.08
Net income (loss) per share of common stock	<u>(\$0.82)</u>	<u>\$1.02</u>	<u>(\$1.00)</u>	<u>\$1.58</u>
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock:				
Continuing operations	(\$0.82)	\$0.85	(\$1.00)	\$1.37
Discontinued operations	\$0.00	\$0.09	\$0.00	\$0.07
Net income (loss) per share of common stock	<u>(\$0.82)</u>	<u>\$0.94</u>	<u>(\$1.00)</u>	<u>\$1.44</u>

Comparative Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

ASSETS (in thousands)	LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
	Jun. 30, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009	Jun. 30, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
Current Assets:			Current Liabilities:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 270,001	\$ 270,673	Accounts payable	\$ 163,975
Accounts receivable	204,377	172,678	Accrued liabilities	202,154
Other current assets	120,670	122,209	Current mat of L-T debt (1)	11,396
Total Current Assets	<u>595,048</u>	<u>565,560</u>	Total Current Liabilities	<u>377,525</u>
Net Property & Equipment:			Long-term debt (1) (2)	1,347,994
Contracting Services	1,482,576	1,470,582	Deferred income taxes	383,652
Oil and Gas	1,182,984	1,393,124	Asset retirement obligations	165,799
Equity investments	187,694	189,411	Other long-term liabilities	5,109
Goodwill	76,134	78,643	Convertible preferred stock (1)	1,000
Other assets, net	82,137	82,213	Shareholders' equity (1)	1,325,494
				1,427,462

Total Assets	\$ 3,606,573	\$ 3,779,533	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 3,606,573	\$ 3,779,533
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- (1) Net debt to book capitalization - 45% at June 30, 2010. Calculated as total debt less cash and equivalents (\$1,089,389) divided by sum of total net debt, convertible preferred stock and shareholders' equity (\$2,415,883).
 - (2) Reflects impact of retrospective adoption of accounting standard which required bifurcation of Helix's convertible senior notes between debt and equity components. Impact on June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was a reduction in debt totaling \$22.8 million and \$26.9 million, respectively.
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Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.
Reconciliation of Non GAAP Measures
Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

Earnings Release:

Reconciliation From Net Income to Adjusted EBITDAX:

	<u>2Q10</u>	<u>2Q09</u>	<u>1Q10</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	(in thousands)				
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$ (85,551)	\$ 100,219	\$ (17,891)	\$ (103,442)	\$ 153,669
Non-cash impairment	159,862	19,261	11,112	170,974	19,261
(Gain) loss on asset sales	41	(69,569)	(6,247)	(6,206)	(70,023)
Preferred stock dividends	34	250	60	94	54,002
Income tax provision (benefit)	(52,366)	50,072	(7,563)	(59,929)	114,866
Net interest expense and other	22,144	5,776	21,179	43,323	26,369
Depreciation and amortization	85,203	68,221	60,589	145,792	142,198
Exploration expense	1,172	1,483	166	1,338	1,959
Adjusted EBITDAX (including Cal Dive)	\$ 130,539	\$ 175,713	\$ 61,405	\$ 191,944	\$ 442,301
Less: Previously reported contribution from Cal Dive	\$ -	\$ (27,804)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (49,087)
Adjusted EBITDAX	\$ 130,539	\$ 147,909	\$ 61,405	\$ 191,944	\$ 393,214

We calculate adjusted EBITDAX as earnings before net interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and exploration expense. Further, we do not include earnings from our interest in Cal Dive in any periods presented in our adjusted EBITDAX calculation. These non-GAAP measures are useful to investors and other internal and external users of our financial statements in evaluating our operating performance because they are widely used by investors in our industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items which can vary substantially from company to company and help investors meaningfully compare our results from period to period. Adjusted EBITDAX should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, but instead is supplemental to, income from operations, net income or other income data prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative to our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Users of this financial information should consider the types of events and transactions which are excluded.

Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.
Reconciliation of Non GAAP Measures
Three Months Ended June 30, 2010

Earnings Release:

Reconciliation of unusual items:

	<u>2Q10</u>	<u>2Q09</u>	<u>1Q10</u>
	(in thousands, except per share data)		
Non-cash property impairments and other charges:			
Property impairments	\$ 159,862	\$ 11,524	\$ 11,112
Settlement of litigation	-	-	17,455
Gain on acquisition or asset sales	-	(68,250)	(5,960)
Insurance gains	-	(42,969)	-
Tax (benefit) provision associated with above	(55,952)	32,265	(7,860)
Non-cash property impairments and other charges, net:	<u>\$ 103,910</u>	<u>\$ (67,430)</u>	<u>\$ 14,747</u>
Diluted shares	104,125	105,995	103,090
Net after income tax effect per share	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ (0.63)</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>

July 29, 2010



Helix Producer I operating at BP Macondo spill site

Second Quarter 2010 Conference Call



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Q4000 flaring oil and gas at BP Macondo spill site

Executive Summary



(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended	
	6/30/2010	6/30/2009 (A)	3/31/2010	6/30/2010	6/30/2009 (A)
Revenues	\$ 299	\$ 495	\$ 202	\$ 501	\$ 1,066 (B)
Gross Profit (Loss):	66	201	37	103	362
Operating	22%	40%	18%	21%	34%
Oil & Gas Impairments/ARO Increases	(160)	(63)	(11)	(171)	(63)
Exploration Expense	(1)	(2)	-	(1)	(2)
Total	\$ (95)	\$ 136	\$ 26	\$ (69)	\$ 297
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (85)	\$ 100	\$ (18)	\$ (103)	\$ 154 (C)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.94	\$ (0.17)	\$ (1.00)	\$ 1.44
<u>Adjusted EBITDAX (D),(E)</u>					
Contracting Services	\$ 63	\$ 41	\$ 25	\$ 88	\$ 92
Oil & Gas	74	108	48	122	302
Elimination	(6)	(1)	(12)	(18)	(1)
Adjusted EBITDAX	\$ 131	\$ 148	\$ 61	\$ 192	\$ 393

(A) Results of Cal Dive, our former Shelf Contracting business, were consolidated through June 10, 2009, at which time our ownership interest dropped below 50%; thereafter, our remaining interest was accounted for under the equity method of accounting until September 23, 2009, when we reduced our holdings with the sale of a substantial portion of our remaining interest in Cal Dive.

(B) Revenues of \$73.5 million of previously disputed accrued royalties in first quarter 2009. Cal Dive. Revenues from our Shelf Contracting business totaled \$197.7 million and \$404.7 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2009.

(C) After \$53.4 million of non-cash charges related to convertible preferred stock in first quarter 2009.

(D) See non-GAAP reconciliations on slides 22-23.

(E) EBITDAX excludes Cal Dive contribution in all periods presented.

Second quarter results included the following matters:

- Non-cash impairment charges of \$159.9 million (\$1.00 per diluted share, after taxes)

primarily

associated with a reduction in carrying values of 15 Gulf of Mexico (“GOM”) shelf oil and

gas

properties due to a revision in mid-year proved reserve estimates resulting from the

reduction

- In addition, we recorded incremental depletion expense of \$18.8 million as a result of a reassessment of field economics.

in mid-year proved reserves for our deepwater Bushwood field.

- **Contracting Services**
 - o High utilization of Well Ops vessels; *Well Enhancer* and *Seawell* in the North Sea and Q 4000 in the Gulf of Mexico
 - o *Helix Producer I* placed into service and contracted to BP
 - o *Caesar* placed into service and commenced GOM pipeline installation
- **Oil and Gas**
 - o Mid-year GOM reserve report finalized, with proved reserves of approximately 400 Bcfe
 - o Estimated PV-10 value of approximately \$1.3 billion
 - o Downward revision of approximately 140 Bcfe from year end
 - o Proved developed- 43%
 - o Proved undeveloped- 57%
 - o Oil- 40%, Gas- 60%
 - o Second quarter average production rate of approximately 131 Mmcfe/d
 - o July average production rate of approximately 110 Mmcfe/d through the 27th
 - o Phoenix production to start upon return of *Helix Producer I* from BP spill containment operations

Oil and Gas (continued)

- Oil and gas production totaled 11.9 Bcfe for Q2 2010 versus 11.3 Bcfe in Q1 2010
 - o Avg realized price for oil of \$72.59 / bbl (\$71.82 / bbl in Q1 2010), inclusive of hedges
 - o Avg realized price for gas of \$6.10 / Mcf (\$5.75 / Mcf in Q1 2010), inclusive of hedges
- Balance sheet remains strong (see slide 20)
 - o Net debt balance of \$1.09 billion at June 30, 2010
 - o Liquidity* of \$647 million at June 30, 2010

*Liquidity as we define it is equal to cash and cash equivalents (\$270 million), plus available capacity under our revolving credit facility (\$377 million).

- **Contracting Services activity in Q3 2010 expected to stay consistent with Q2**
 - o **Q4 activity forecasted to decline due to seasonal and other factors**
 - o **Well intervention activity particularly robust**
- **Oil and gas revised downward**
 - o **Deferred start-up of Phoenix production due to HPI / BP operations**
 - o **Higher DD&A rates due to Bushwood reserve revisions; DD&A rates comparable to**
- **Capital expenditures of approximately \$190 million expected for 2010**
 - o **\$80 million relates to completion of major vessel projects**
 - o **Oil and Gas capital expenditures of approximately \$70 million, excluding P&A of approximately \$60 million**

Broad Metrics		2010 Higher End	2010 Lower End	2009
Production Range		45 Bcfe	40 Bcfe	44 Bcfe
EBITDA		\$450 million	\$400 million	\$490 million
CAPEX		\$190 million	\$190 million	\$328 million

Commodity Price Deck		2010 Higher End	2010 Lower End	2009
Hedged	Oil	\$75.43/ bbl	\$75.51 / bbl	\$67.11 / bbl
	Gas	\$5.82 / mcf	\$5.94 / mcf	\$7.75 / mcf



Contracting Services

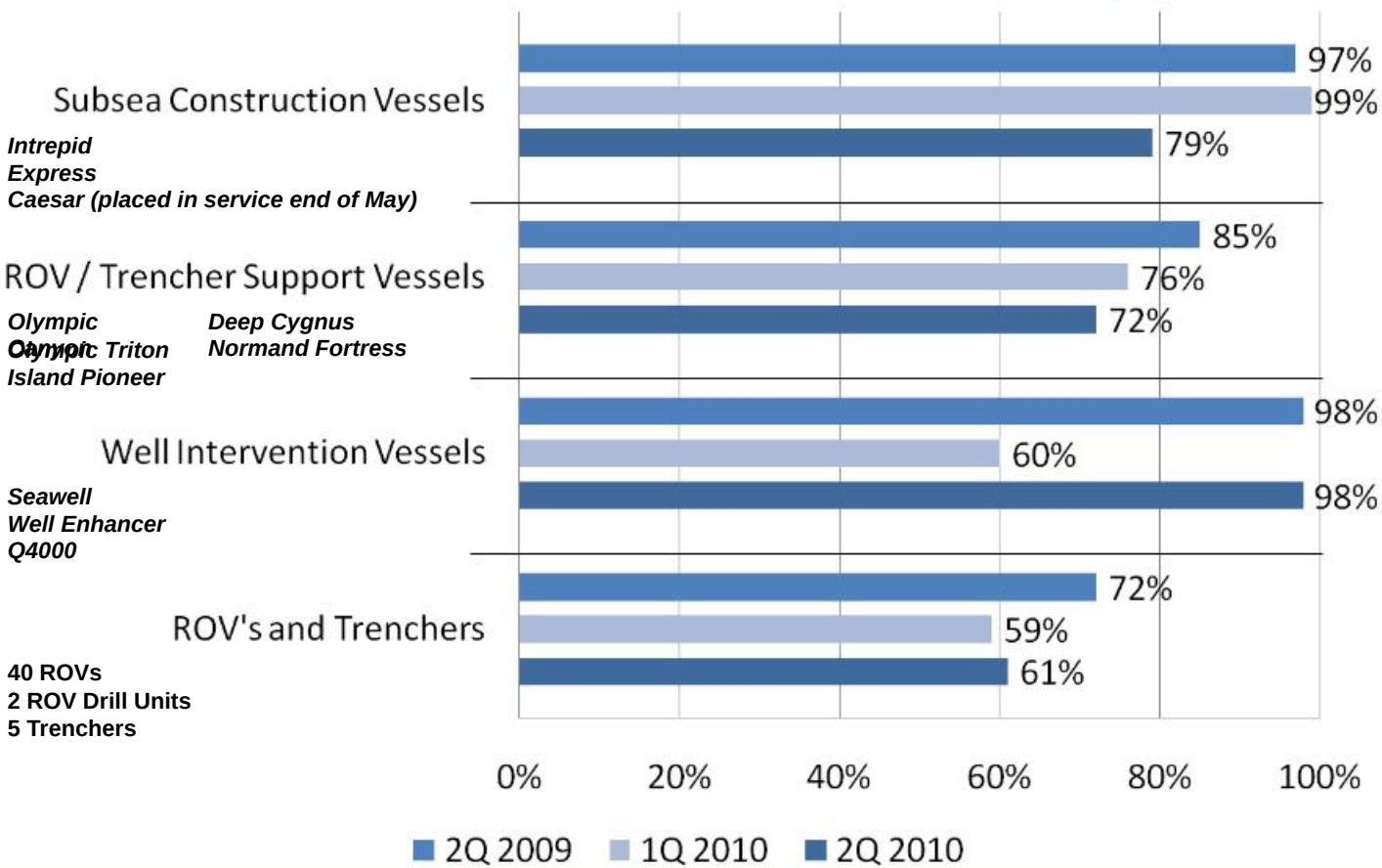


(\$ in millions, except percentages)

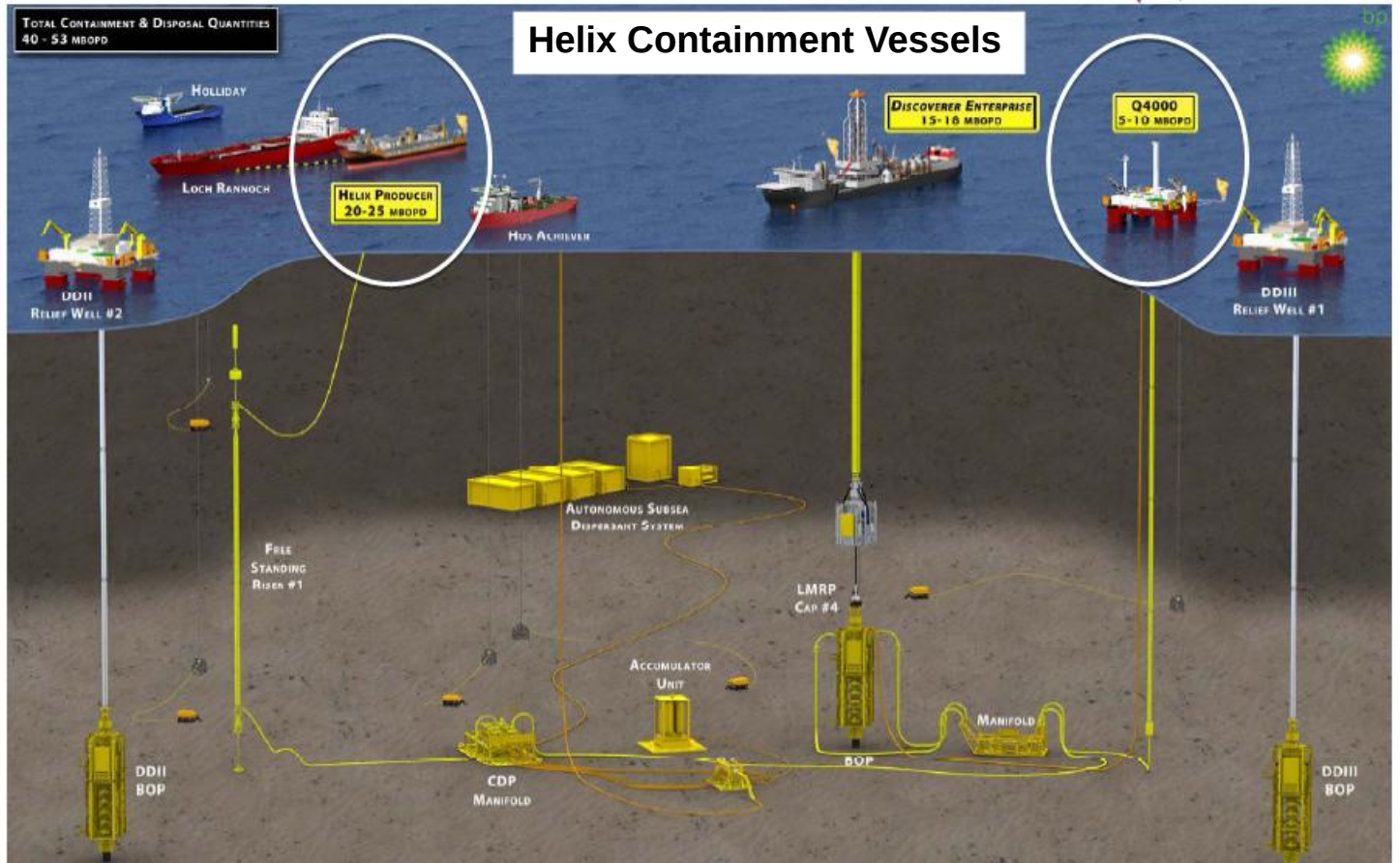
	Quarter Ended		
	2010	June 30 2009 (A)	March 31 2010
Revenues (B)			
Contracting Services	\$ 202	\$ 239	\$ 154
Production Facilities (C)	21	1	1
Shelf Contracting	-	198	-
Total Revenue	\$ 223	\$ 438	\$ 155
Gross Profit (B)			
Contracting Services	\$ 50	\$ 41	\$ 38
Profit Margin	25%	17%	24%
Production Facilities	13	(1)	-
Profit Margin	61%	N/A	-
Shelf Contracting	-	54	-
Profit Margin	-	27%	-
Total Gross Profit	\$ 63	\$ 94	\$ 38
Gross Profit margin	28%	22%	24%
Equity in Earnings (D)	\$ 2	\$ 6	\$ 5

- (A) Results of Cal Dive, our former Shelf Contracting business, were consolidated through June 10, 2009, at which time our ownership interest dropped below 50%; thereafter, our remaining interest was accounted for under the equity method of accounting until September 23, 2009, when we reduced our holdings with the sale of our share.
- (B) See notes 5 and 6 regarding intercompany eliminations on pages 22-23. Amounts are prior to intercompany eliminations.
- (C) Includes both charter fee to Phoenix field and BP.
- (D) Amounts primarily represent equity in earnings of Marco Polo and Independence Hub investments, net of our share of losses (\$4.3 million and \$1.4 million in the second quarter and first quarter of 2010, respectively) associated with the startup of the CloughHelix JV in Australia.

Contracting Services Q2 2010 Utilization



Macondo Containment (MC252)



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Helix vessels at work in MC252



Helix is well positioned to support GOM Producers



Q4000 as command vessel for top kill operations



Q4000 burning oil & gas



New buoy for HPI under construction



HPI in MC252 processing Macondo production

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Subsea Construction

- Caesar commenced installation of 46 mile / 20 inch pipeline in GOM
- Express and Intrepid enjoyed high utilization in the quarter
- Expect third quarter utilization for subsea construction fleet to be >90%

ROV - Robotics

- Enjoyed high utilization for five chartered ROV support vessels. *Seacor Canyon* has been returned to owners
- *Island Pioneer* and *Deep Cygnus* with Canyon trenchers T750 and I-Trencher active in North Sea and offshore Norway
- *Olympic Triton* worked for Technip on the Jubilee project offshore Ghana
- All ROV support vessels operated outside of the GOM in Q2



Canyon ROV working on Jubilee project offshore Ghana

North America

- Q4000 worked for Newfield on deepwater well intervention job in April and on BP Macondo containment, top kill and burn-off in May and June
- Healthy backlog for remainder of 2010

North Sea

- Seawell and Well Enhancer enjoyed 99% utilization in the quarter with strong performance on well intervention projects in the North Sea
- Progressing Statoil Cat B FEED study for new well intervention semi-submersible for offshore Norway
- Healthy backlog for remainder of 2010

Asia Pacific

- Executed contract with China National Offshore Oil Company (CNOOC) for Lufeng well intervention project in South China Sea using the Normand Clough
- Work commenced in Q3, 2010



Well Ops APAC Subsea Intervention Lubricator being tested for Well Ops Lufeng project

<i>Financial Highlights</i>	Quarter Ended			
	June 30		March 31	
	2010	2009	2010	
Revenue (millions)	\$ 103	\$ 90	\$ 91	(A) Reflects hurricane insurance proceeds less related costs. In Q2 2009 proceeds totaled \$97.7 million, offset by \$7.4 million of hurricane-related repair costs and \$51.5 million of additional hurricane-related impairment charges, including an estimated \$20 million in impairment charges.
Gross Profit - Operating	12	19	14	(B) Second quarter 2010 impairment primarily associated with the reduction in carrying values of 15 GOM properties due to a revision in mid-year reserves. Second quarter 2009 impairments related to reduction in carrying values of certain oil and gas properties due to reserve revisions. First quarter 2010 impairments related to and mark-to-market derivative losses due to lower natural gas prices in the period.
Hurricane Expenses, Net (A)	(2)	39	(2)	
Oil & Gas Impairments (B)	(160)	(12)	(11)	
Exploration Expense	(1)	(2)	-	
Total	\$ (151)	\$ 44	\$ 1	
Gain on Oil & Gas Derivative Contracts	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ -	
<u>Production (Bcfe):</u>				
Shelf	4.9	9.5	5.3	
Deepwater	7.0	2.9	6.0	
Total	11.9	12.4	11.3	
<u>Average Commodity Prices (C):</u>				
Oil / Bbl	\$ 72.59	\$ 72.29	\$ 71.82	
Gas / Mcf	\$ 6.10	\$ 7.62	\$ 5.75	

Operating Costs (\$ in millions, except per Mcfe data)

	Quarter Ended					
	June 30		June 30		March 31	
	2010	2010	2009	2009	2010	2010
	Total	per Mcfe	Total	per Mcfe	Total	per Mcfe
DD&A (A)	\$ 67	\$ 5.67	\$ 45	\$ 3.66	\$ 44	\$ 3.93
Operating and Other (B):						
Operating Expenses (C)	\$ 16	1.33	\$ 18	1.44	\$ 15	1.29
Workover	3	0.29	1	0.07	12	1.03
Transportation	1	0.09	2	0.18	1	0.11
Repairs & Maintenance	2	0.15	2	0.19	2	0.16
Other	2	0.13	3	0.23	2	0.17
Total Operating & Other	\$ 24	1.99	\$ 26	2.11	\$ 32	2.76
Total	\$ 91	\$ 7.66	\$ 71	\$ 5.77	\$ 76	\$ 6.69

(A) Included accretion expense and an incremental \$18.8 million in the quarter ended June 30, 2010 for our Bushwood field.

(B) Excluded hurricane-related repairs of \$1.6, \$(90.3) and \$2.1 million, net of insurance recoveries, for the quarters ended June 30, 2010, June 30, 2009 and

March 31, 2010, respectively.

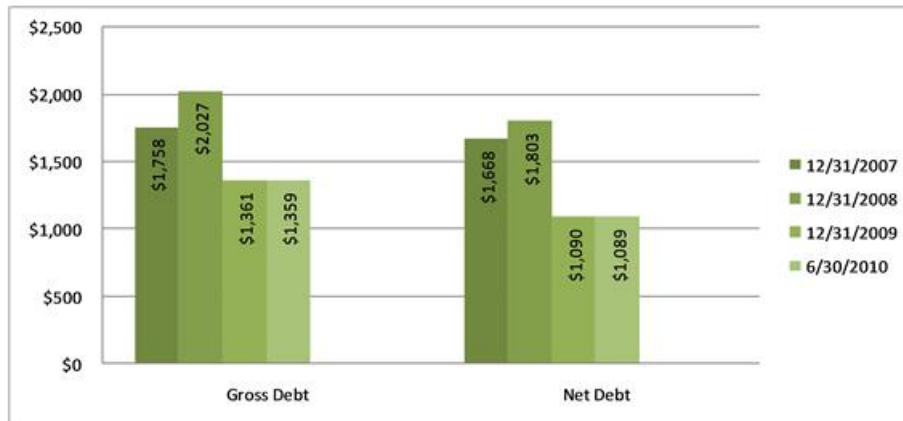
(C) Excluded exploration expenses of \$1.2, \$1.5 and \$0.2 million, and abandonment costs of \$0.4, \$0.8 and \$0.8 million for the quarters ended June 30, 2010, June 30, 2009 and March 31, 2010, respectively.

Summary of July 2010 - Dec 2011 Hedging Positions



<u>Oil (Bbls)</u>	<u>Collars</u>	<u>Swaps</u>	<u>Total Volume Hedged</u>	<u>Swap Pricing</u>	<u>Average Collar Price</u>	
					<u>Floor</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
2010	600,000	1,100,000	1,710,000	\$ 78.66	\$ 62.50	\$ 80.73
2011		450,000	450,000	\$ 82.00		
<u>Natural Gas (mcf)</u>						
2010	6,072,000	5,820,000	11,892,000	\$ 5.81	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.70
2011		4,500,000	4,500,000	\$ 5.44		
<u>Totals (mcf)</u>						
2010	9,672,000	12,480,000	22,152,000			
2011		7,200,000	7,200,000			
Grand Totals	9,672,000	19,680,000	29,352,000			

Debt (A)



Liquidity (B) of \$647 million at 6/30/10

(A) Includes impact of unamortized debt discount under our Convertible Senior Notes.

(B) Liquidity as we define it is equal to cash and cash equivalents (\$270 million), plus available capacity under our revolving credit facility (\$377 million).

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

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Non GAAP Reconciliations



Adjusted EBITDAX (\$ in millions)

	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended	
	June 30		March 31	June 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2010	2009
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$ (85)	\$ 100	\$ (18)	\$ (103)	\$ 154
Non-cash impairments	160	19	11	171	19
Gain on asset sales	-	(69)	(6)	(6)	(70)
Preferred stock dividends	-	-	-	-	54
Income tax provision (benefit)	(52)	50	(8)	(60)	115
Net interest expense and other	22	6	21	43	26
Depreciation and amortization	85	68	61	146	142
Exploration expense	1	2	-	1	2
Adjusted EBITDAX (including Cal Dive)	\$ 131	\$ 176	\$ 61	\$ 192	\$ 442
Less: Previously reported contribution from Cal Dive	-	(28)	-	-	(49)
Adjusted EBITDAX	\$ 131	\$ 148	\$ 61	\$ 192	\$ 393

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Non GAAP Reconciliations



Revenue and Gross Profit As Reported (\$ in millions)

	Quarter Ended		
	<u>2010</u>	<u>June 30</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>March 31</u> <u>2010</u>
Revenues			
Contracting Services	\$ 202	\$ 239	\$ 154
Shelf Contracting	-	198	-
Production Facilities	21	1	1
Intercompany elim. - Contracting Services	(24)	(29)	(43)
Intercompany elim. - Shelf Contracting	-	(5)	-
Intercompany elim. - Production Facilities	(3)	-	(1)
Revenue as Reported	<u>\$ 196</u>	<u>\$ 404</u>	<u>\$ 111</u>
Gross Profit			
Contracting Services	\$ 50	\$ 41	\$ 38
Shelf Contracting	-	54	-
Production Facilities	13	(1)	-
Intercompany elim. - Contracting Services	(4)	(1)	(11)
Intercompany elim. - Shelf Contracting	-	(1)	-
Intercompany elim. - Production Facilities	(2)	-	(1)
Gross Profit as Reported	<u>\$ 57</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>
Gross Profit Margin	29%	23%	23%



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