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Helix ESG: Transforming the Business Model



Historical Profile

- Deepwater subsea contracting
- Deepwater well intervention
- Robotics
- *Oil and gas*
 - *Deepwater*
 - *Shelf*
- *Offshore production facilities*
- *Shelf contracting (Cal Dive)*
- *Reservoir evaluation and consulting*

The Future

- Deepwater contracting services
 - Well Intervention
 - Robotics
 - Subsea Construction
- *Offshore production facilities*

The result: A company focused on deepwater activities and a conservative balance sheet

Helix ESG Business Segments



Subsea Construction

Pipelay

Intrepid

Express

Caesar- new to fleet

ROV

40 ROVs

2 ROV Drill Units

5 Chartered Vessels

5 Trenchers (200 – 2000hp)



Helix Oil & Gas

GOM shelf and deepwater

PV-10 \$1.3 billion @
6/30/2010

Proved reserves = 400 bcfe
(6/30/2010)

2010 projected production
40-45 bcfe

Well Intervention

Q4000

Seawell

Well Enhancer

Normand Clough (JV)

Mobile VDS/SILs



Production Facilities

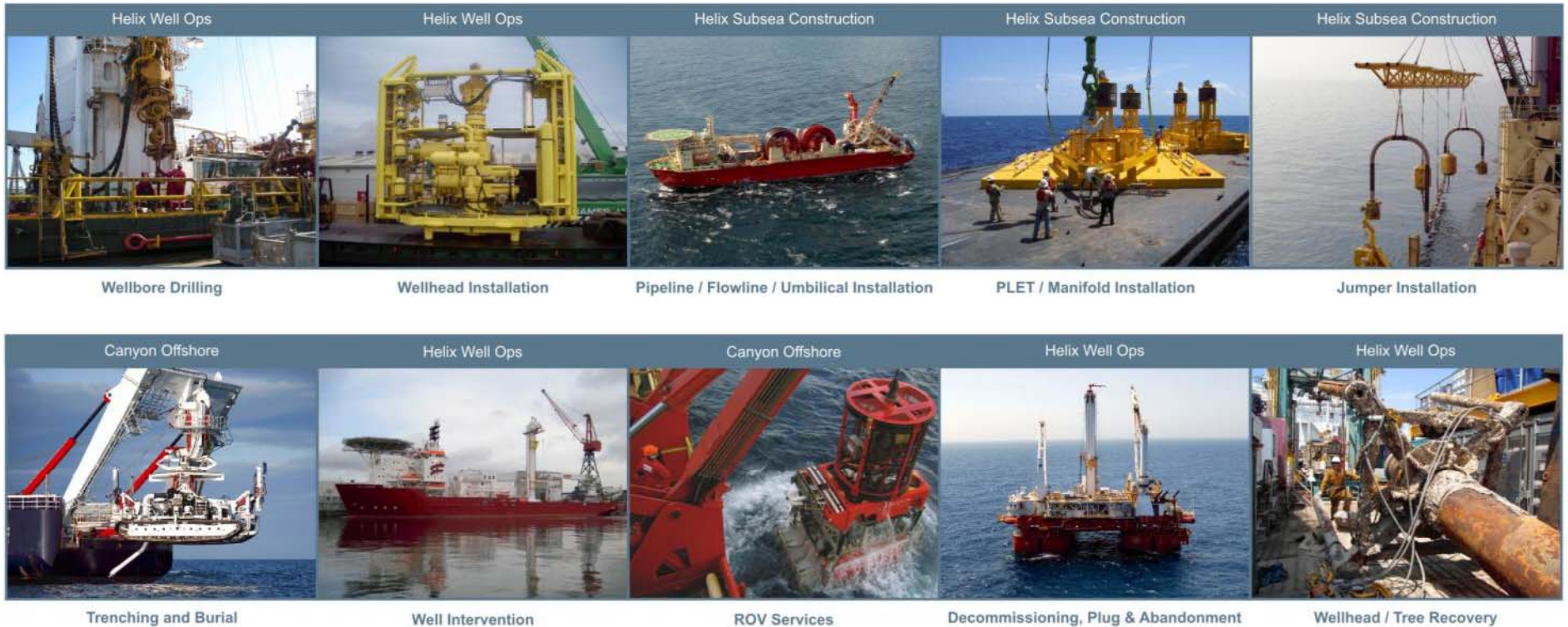
Marco Polo TLP (50%)

Independence Hub Semi (20%)

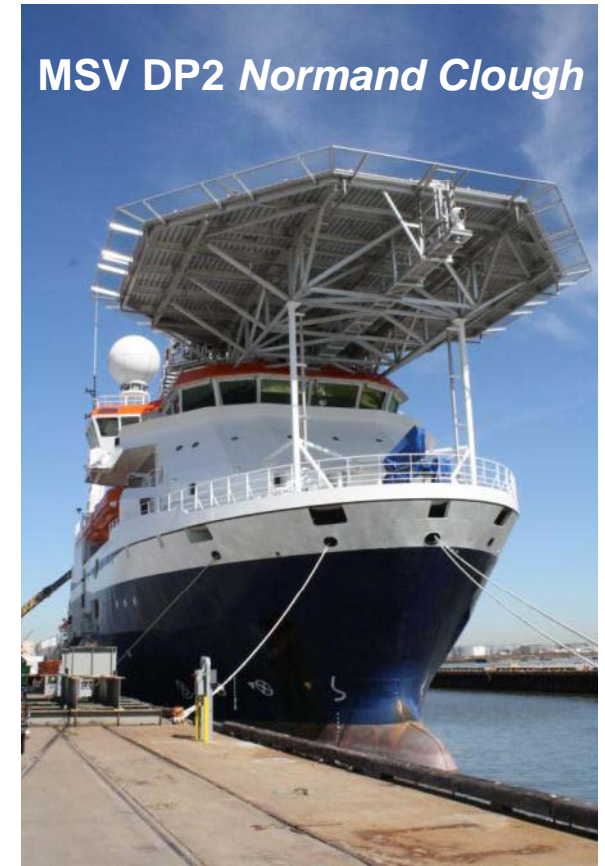
Helix Producer I (~82%) (2010)



Services For Each Stage of the Field Life Cycle



Well Intervention Assets



Helix provides well operation and decommissioning services with the *Seawell* riserless well intervention vessel, the flagship *Q4000* semisubmersible, the *Well Enhancer* wireline / slickline / coiled tubing intervention vessel, and the *Normand Clough* (JV) with our Subsea Intervention Lubricator and Vessel Deployment systems.

Subsea Construction Vessels



DP S-Lay Vessel *Caesar*

Caesar's onboard pipe welding and testing capability allows the vessel to lay virtually unlimited lengths of pipe up to 36" in diameter.



DP Reel Lay Vessel *Intrepid*

Intrepid has the flexibility to be deployed as a pipelay, installation or saturation diving vessel.



DP Reel Lay Vessel *Express*

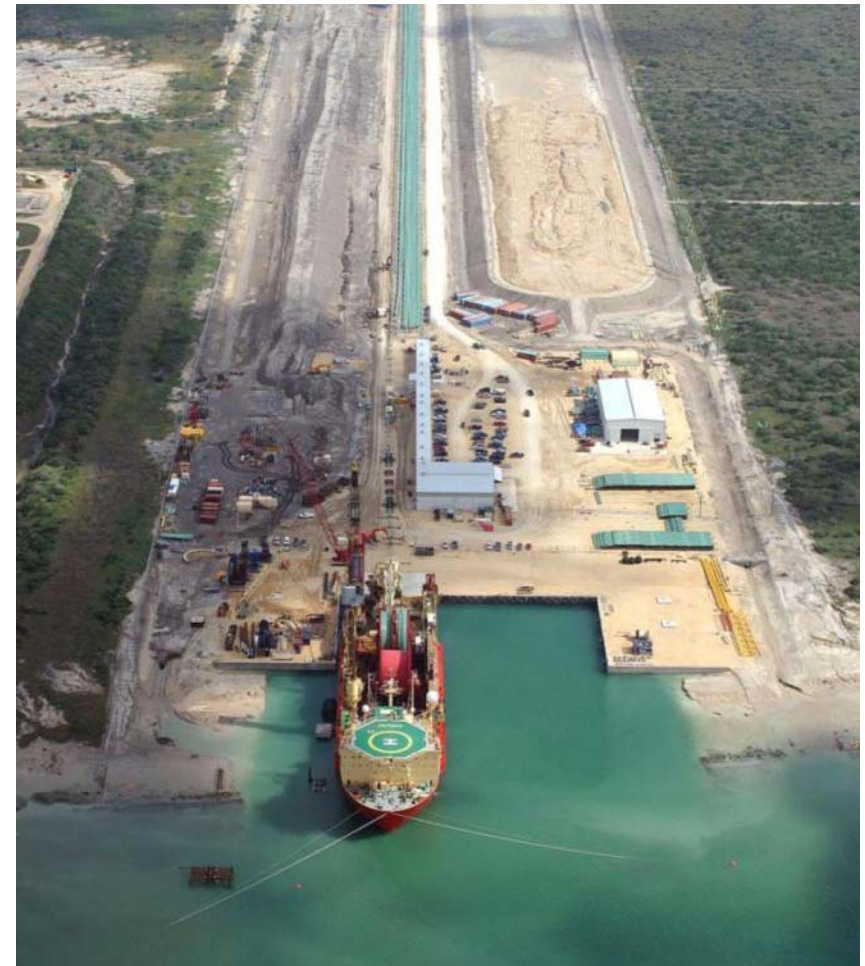
Helix's dual-reel pipelay and subsea construction vessel has established an extensive track record of field installation projects around the world.

Contracting Services Facilities



Ingleside, Texas shore base facility

- Pipe stalk length 5,230 feet
- Onsite subsea component fabrication
- 300' x 700' slip can accommodate two Helix Subsea Construction vessels side by side
- Constructed Helix's Danny 36-mile 8 x 12-inch pipe-in-pipe, including jumpers and manifolds



Helix Danny pipe-in-pipe welding



On-site fabrication capabilities

Aerial view of Ingleside Shore Base

Helix ROV Systems



The Helix ROV fleet consists of 40 vehicles, covering the spectrum of deepwater construction services.



The 600 hp Supertrencher II system is designed to operate at water depths in excess of 6,500 feet.



The state of the art I-Trencher system trenches, lays pipe up to 16" in diameter, and backfills in a single operation.

Helix is an industry leading provider of ROV and subsea trenching services to deepwater operators worldwide.

ROV/Construction Support Vessel Fleet



Island Pioneer



Olympic Triton



Deep Cygnus



Olympic Canyon



Normand Fortress



Normand Clough
as part of CloughHelix JV

Chartered support vessels allows Helix to adjust the size and capability of its fleet to cost-effectively meet industry demands.

Helix Producer I FPU



Recently served as a spill containment and production vessel at the BP Macondo spill site

Length: 161.5 m

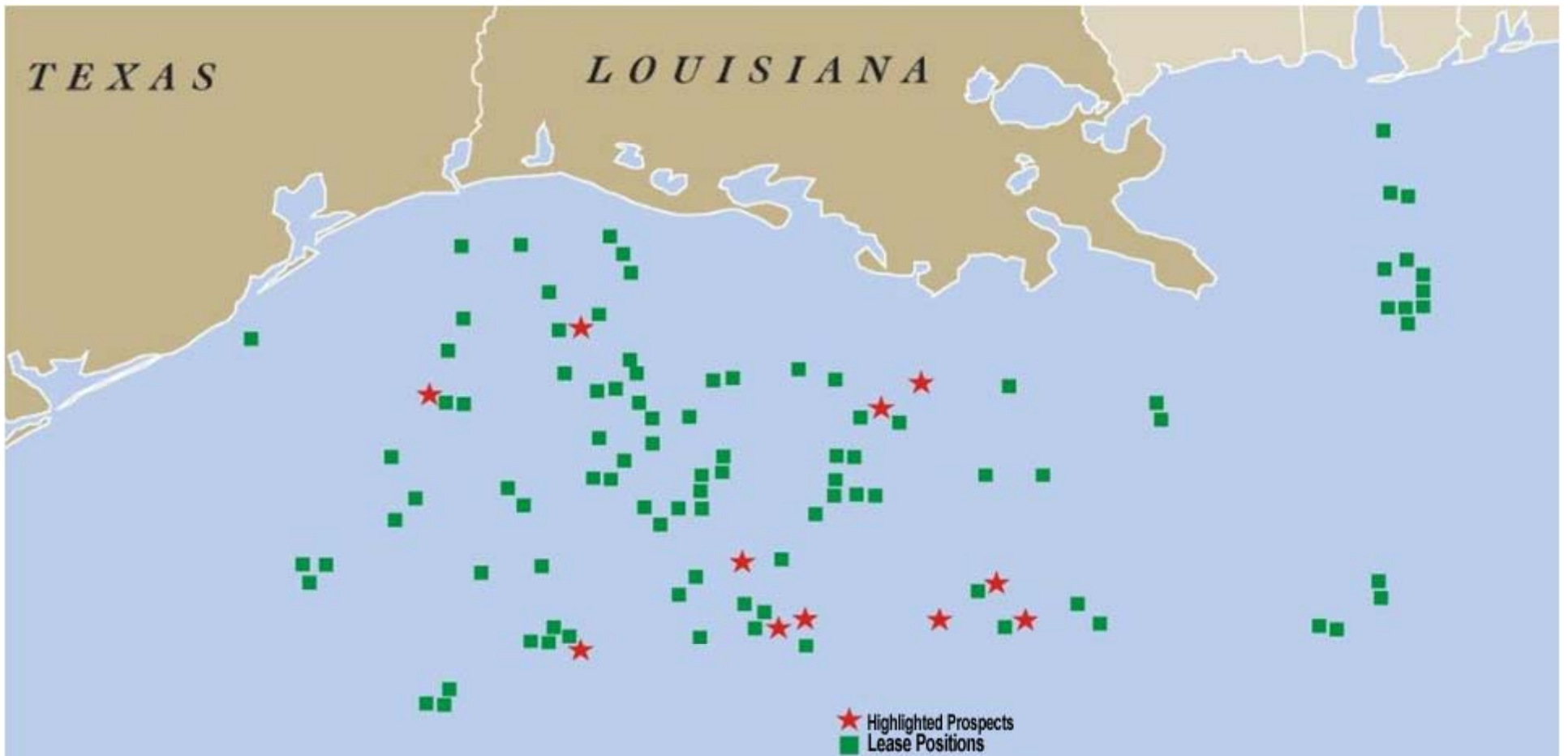
Displacement: 24,085 mT

Accommodations: 80 persons

Maximum Production capacities

- 60,000 bbl/d total liquids
- 45,000 bbl/d oil
- 72 mmscf/d gas





Oil & Gas

Helix Oil and Gas



6/30/2010 Reserve Profile:

- 400 Bcfe
- \approx 55% Deepwater GOM
- \approx 43% proved developed
- \approx 40% Oil
- PV-10 \$1.3 billion

Production Profile:*

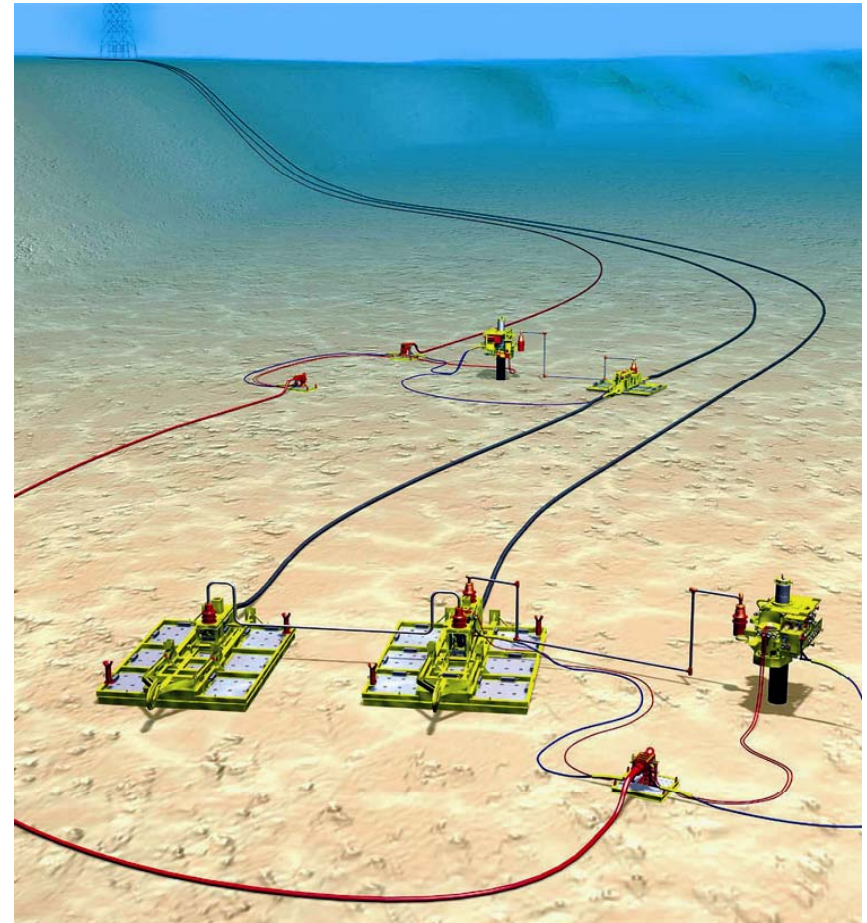
- Production of 110 mmcfe/d
- 45% of production is oil (pre-Phoenix)

New 2010 Production (net)

- Danny oil \approx 3,000 boe/d
- Noonan \approx 30 mmcfe/d
- Phoenix est. 8,000 - 10,000 boe/d**

* As of July 2010

** After ramp-up

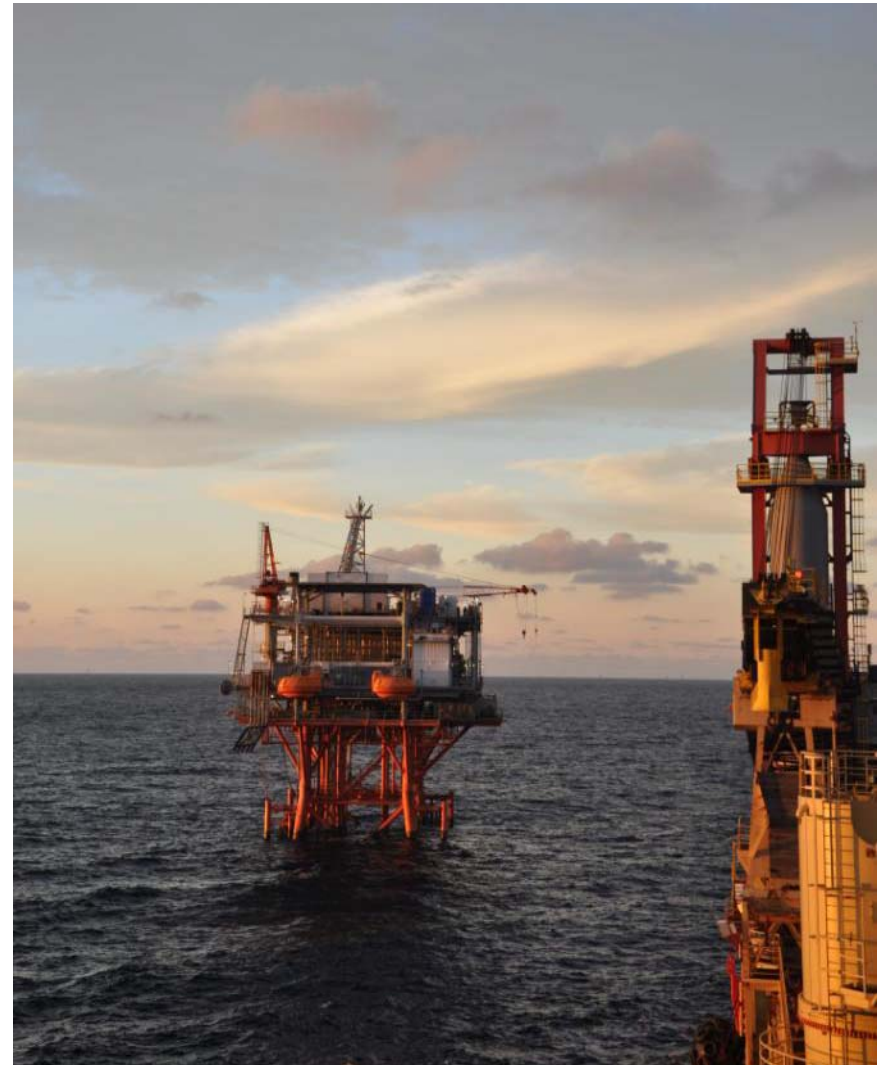


Oil and Gas Deepwater Profile



Helix Oil and Gas specializes in prospect generation, acquisition, exploration, development and production, employing its own key services and methodologies and working to lower finding and development costs relative to industry norms.

- Internal Prospect Generation via Large, In-House 3-D Seismic Library
- Large, Recent Long Offset 3-D Seismic Database, +1,500 Blocks
- Experienced Exploration/Drilling/Operations Team - 25+ years avg.
- 22 Defined Prospects, Helix is operator of 21
- Majority of Prospects, if successful, are Sub Sea Tie-Backs
- Multiple, low risk prospects on or near existing Helix operated infrastructure



2010 Outlook



Caesar departing for sea trials, Nantong, China

2010 Outlook



- Contracting Services demand has rebounded
 - Well intervention activity very strong and demand expected to continue into 2011
 - Subsea Construction revenues enhanced by introduction of Caesar
 - Helix Producer I contributed to Macondo spill response; returns to Phoenix following decontamination
- Capital expenditures of approximately \$190 million planned for 2010
 - \$80 million relates to completion of major vessel projects
 - Oil and Gas capital expenditures of approximately \$70 million, excluding P&A of approximately \$60 million

2010 Outlook



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

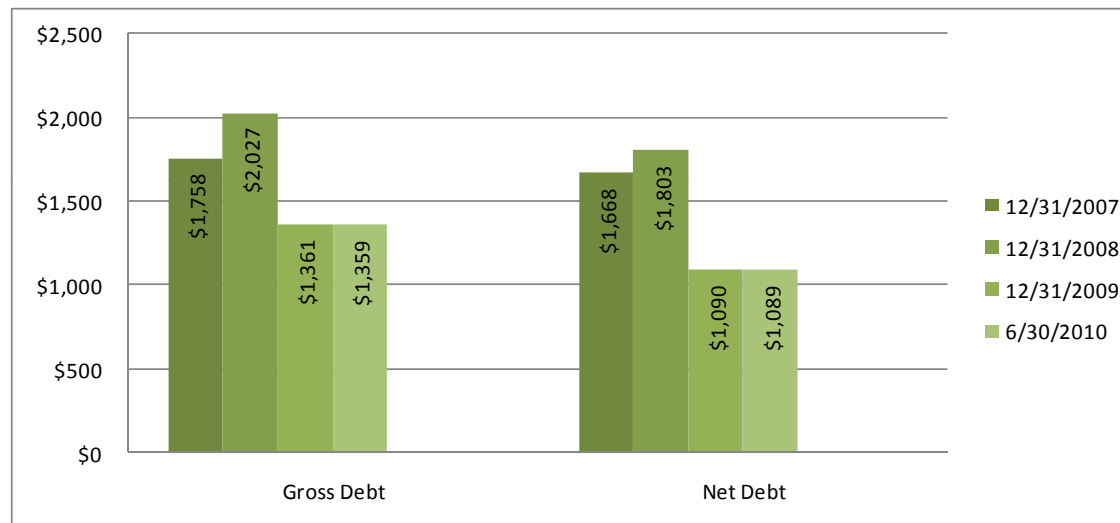
Helix Summary



Key Balance Sheet Metrics



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).

Liquidity and Capital Resources



Credit Facilities, Commitments and Amortization

- **\$435 Million Revolving Credit Facility** – UNDRAWN.
 - Facility extended to November 2012.
 - In July 2011, commitments reduced to \$410 million.
 - \$50 million of LCs in place.
- **\$413 Million Term Loan B** – Committed facility through June 2013. \$4.3 million principal payments annually.
- **\$550 Million High Yield Notes** – Interest only until maturity (January 2016) or called by Helix. First Helix call date is January 2012.
- **\$300 Million Convertible Notes** – Interest only until put by noteholders or called by Helix. First put/call date is December 2012, although noteholders have the right to convert prior to that date if certain stock price triggers are met (\$38.56).
- **\$117 Million MARAD** – Original 25 year term; matures February 2027. \$4.4 million principal payments annually.

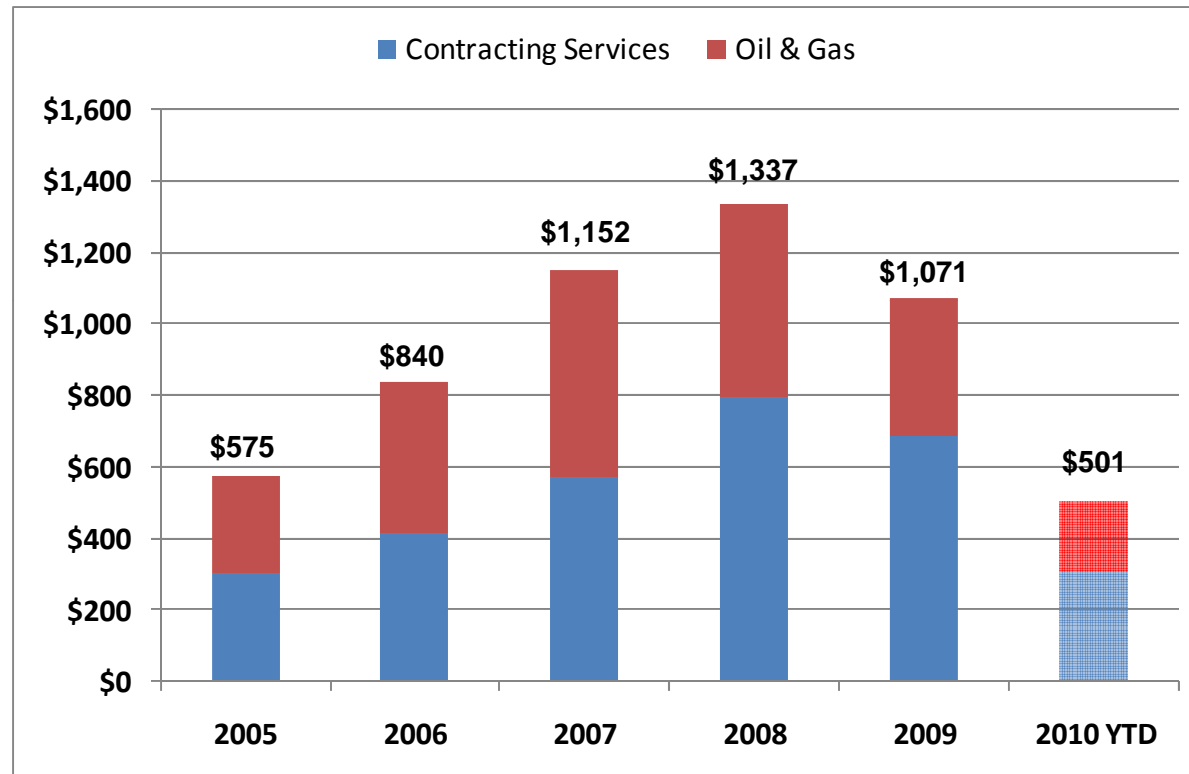
Financial Information



Consistent Top-Line Profile

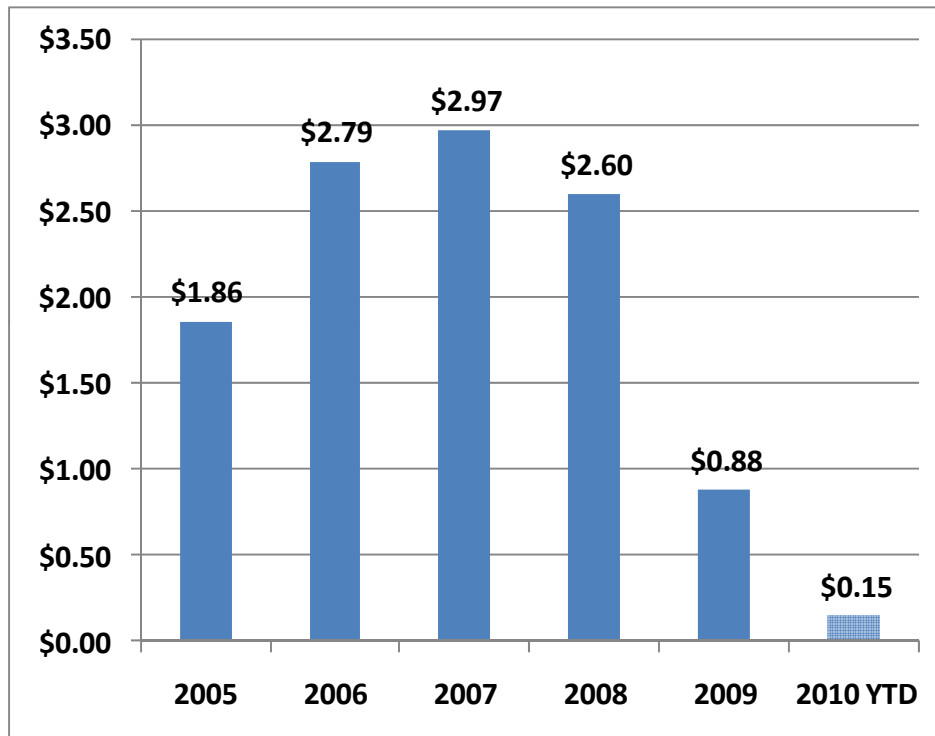


(\$ amounts in millions)



*Note: Excludes Cal Dive and Helix RDS revenues from 2005-2009.
See Non-GAAP reconciliations on slides 26-28.*

Earnings Per Share (a)



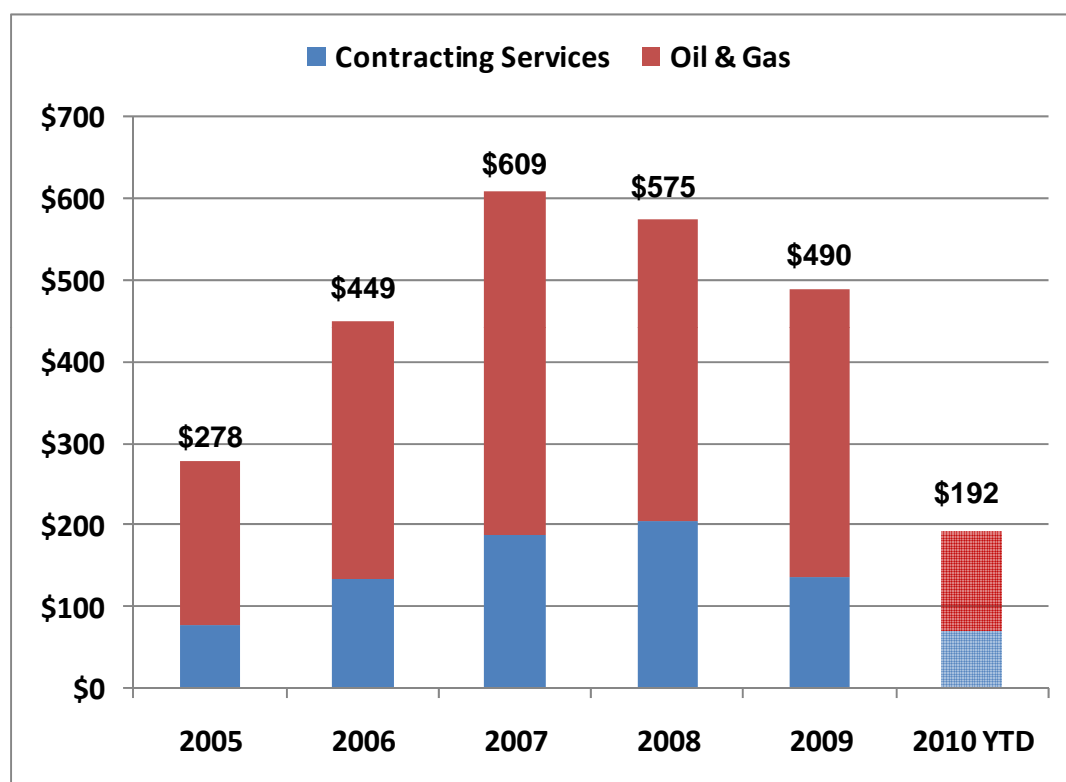
- 2006 results exclude the impact of the gain on sale in the Cal Dive IPO and estimated incremental overhead costs during the year.
- 2007 results exclude the impact of the Cal Dive gain, impairments and other unusual items.
- 2008 results exclude non-cash charges of \$964 million for reduction in carrying values of goodwill and certain oil and gas properties.
- 2009 results exclude the impact of Cal Dive gains, impairments and other unusual items.
- 2010 results exclude impairments and other unusual items.

(a) See Non-GAAP reconciliations on slides 26-28.

Significant Cash Generation – EBITDAX



(\$ amounts in millions)



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-2007 results exclude the impact of the Cal Dive gain, impairments and other unusual items.

-2008 results exclude non-cash impairments.

-2009 results exclude non-cash impairments and impact of Cal Dive gains.

-2010 results exclude non-cash impairments.

(a) See Non-GAAP reconciliations on slides 26-28.

Non-GAAP Reconciliations



Non-GAAP Reconciliations



	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>YTD 6/30/2010</u>
	(in millions)					
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$ 150	\$ 340	\$ 312	\$ (639)	\$ 102	\$ (103)
Non-cash impairments	1	5	73	918	72	171
Gain on asset sales	(1)	(99)	(148)	(73)	(87)	(6)
Preferred stock dividends	2	3	4	3	54	-
Income tax provision (benefit)	75	131	103	67	86	(60)
Net interest expense and other	8	41	64	101	48	43
Depreciation and amortization	111	193	320	306	247	146
Exploration expense	6	43	27	33	24	1
EBITDAX as reported	\$ 352	\$ 657	\$ 755	\$ 716	\$ 546	\$ 192
Less: Previously reported contribution from Cal Dive	(74)	(208)	(146)	(141)	(56)	-
Adjusted EBITDAX	\$ 278	\$ 449	\$ 609	\$ 575	\$ 490	\$ 192

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.

Non-GAAP Reconciliations



	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>YTD 6/30/2010</u>
Reconciliation to Normalized EPS:	(in millions, except earnings per share)					
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$ 150	\$ 340	\$ 312	\$ (639)	\$ 102	\$ (103)
Preferred stock dividends and accretion	2	3	4	-	1	-
Gain on subsidiary equity transaction (Cal Dive)	-	(97)	(99)	-	(50)	-
Goodwill and other intangible impairments	-	-	-	715	-	-
Other non-recurring items	-	5	70	161	41	118
Net income, excluding non-cash gains on Cal Dive equity transactions and other unusual items	<u>\$ 152</u>	<u>\$ 251</u>	<u>\$ 287</u>	<u>\$ 237</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>
Diluted Shares	82	90	96	91	106	104
Normalized EPS	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.60	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.15

Non-GAAP Reconciliations



	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>YTD 6/30/2010</u>
	(in millions)					
Revenue As Reported	\$ 794	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,732	\$ 2,114	\$ 1,462	\$ 501
Less: Cal Dive	(219)	(488)	(580)	(777)	(391)	-
Helix ESG Revenues	<u>\$ 575</u>	<u>\$ 840</u>	<u>\$ 1,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,071</u>	<u>\$ 501</u>

