UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 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): April 9, 2012 (April 5, 2012)



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 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 400 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

281-618-0400 (Registrant's telephone number,

including area code)

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(Zip Code)

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. (the "Company") will host an Analyst Day on South Padre Island on April 9, 2012 and a tour of its Q4000 well intervention vessel on April 10, 2012. The press release announcing these events is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and the presentation materials to be delivered at the Analyst Day are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. Each of the exhibits is incorporated by reference herein. The presentation materials have also been posted in the *Presentations* section under *Investor Relations* of Helix's website, www.HelixESG.com.

This Form 8-K 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, statements regarding the well intervention market and the characteristics and effectiveness of certain proposed vessels. The forward-looking statements are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including but not limited to 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 5, 2012 announcing Helix hosting an Analyst Day on April 9, 2012 and *Q4000* Tour on April 10, 2012.

99.2 Materials to be presented at the Analyst Tour of Q4000.

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: April 9, 2012

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

<u>Tripodo</u>

By: _____/s/ Anthony

Anthony Tripodo Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Investor Relations

Helix to Host Analyst Day and Q4000 Tour

HOUSTON, TX – Helix Energy Solutions Group (NYSE: HLX) will host a half-day meeting on South Padre Island for analysts and trade journalists on Monday, April 9, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time and a tour of the *Q4000* the following morning, which is at dry dock in Brownsville, Texas. The event will include an overview of well intervention, a review of Helix's well intervention fleet, and a discussion of well intervention methodologies. Investors and other interested parties will be able to obtain the slide presentation on the date of the event from the "Investor Relations" page at <u>www.HelixESG.com</u> by clicking on "Investor Relations" and then choosing "Presentations".

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 <u>www.HelixESG.com</u>.



Owen Kratz, Helix ESG Chairman and CEO



Well Intervention Overview

- Well intervention is the ability to safely enter a well with well control for the purpose of doing a number of tasks other than drilling.
- Well intervention historically was done with drill rigs, with an 18-3/4" BOP and 21" marine riser as the only means of well access with well control.
- In the 80's, technology was developed that afforded for re-entry into wells with alternatives to the drilling well control systems and rigs for delivery of non-drilling services.
- As technology is developed, water depth increases, well head design evolves and well construction changes, intervention also evolves and demand grows.



	Vessel				
	Monohull			Semi	
	Smaller				Larger
	Intervention System				
	SIL	SIL/IRS	IRS	IRS	18 3/4 BOP
Well		<7"	>7"	>7"	21" IRS
Intervention	Smaller				
	Cat A	Cat A+	Cat A++	Cat B	Cat C
	Wireline	Wireline	Wireline	Wireline	Drilling
		<7" riser	<7" riser	<7" riser	
		Coiled tubing	Coiled tubing	Coiled tubing	
				Pull tubing	
	Wireline		Coiled Tubing		
	E-line reservoir/annulus			Cement plug placement-reservoir/	
	Well perforating-tubing/casing			intermediate/shallow	
	DHSV repair			Fishing	
	SSSV/sleeve insets/storm chokes			Gas lift valves	
	Fishing			Sand screen repair	
	Guage cutting			Tubing/seal failure-mechanical	
Well	P/T/F gauges			plugs/patches (well integrity)	
Services	Gas lift valves			Zone isolation/re-perforating	
	Sand screen repair			Scale squeeze/hydrates soak	
	Tubing/seal failure-mechanical			Scale mill-out	
	plugs/patches (well integrity)			Well stimulation	
	Downhole video/camera surveillance				
	Perforating				
	E-line plug setting/removal/sand removal				
	Pressure/temp flow monitoring				
	Downhole seismic calliper survey				
	Well logging				

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Related Operations with Intervention Assets



- Xmas tree recovery/installation
- Xmas tree/wellhead maintenance
- Choke change-out
- Light construction
- Saturation diving (inspection, repair & maintenance)
- ROV support services

Future Applications of Some Intervention Assets:

- Through tubing well intervention
- Top hole drilling
- Extended top hole drilling
- Riserless Mud Return
- Subsea Rotary Controlled Device
- Well flowback and Well testing
- Subsea Construction

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Downhole Well Intervention Solutions



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Helix Intervention Industry Firsts

- ü First Subsea Intervention Lubricator operations in the North Sea
- ü First build and launch of dedicated intervention vessel *Seawell*
- ü First coil tubing deployed on a subsea well from a rig alternative monohull
- ü Build and operation of prototype vessel *Q4000*
- ü First rig alternative decommissioning of offshore production facility with multiple subsea wells
- ü First application of Huisman multipurpose tower





Growing Market



- As production goes to deeper water, subsea wells market grows.
- As the number of subsea wells increase and they age, the demand and frequency of required servicing through intervention grows.
- The market is in its infancy with huge growth potential.

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Well Intervention Demand Drivers



- Declining shallow water resources have spurred technical advances that allow offshore exploration and production in deeper, harsher environments
- New discoveries and pressure to improve recovery rates from developed fields increase demand for subsea intervention
- Subsea trees are expected to increase at an 18.3% CAGR and global offshore rig count is expected to increase at a 5% CAGR from 2010 to 2015

The global subsea intervention market is expected to expand as the focus of offshore drilling shifts to more challenging environments

Source: Spears & Associates, Quest Offshore Resources





Source: Quest Offshore Resources



- Subsea intervention demand driven by increasing activity and rising subsea well counts
- Maintenance intensity expected to rise as greater share of production moves into deepwater fields and as operators face increasing oil recovery needs from maturing fields
- Global expenditures on intervention are expected to grow 11% annually from 2009 to 2014, reaching nearly \$3.8 billion

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Source: Douglas-Westwood
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2011 Market for Well Intervention Services







Vessel Class - Many independent classing societies

- Most Prominent DNV (Det Norske Veritas), ABS (American Bureau of Shipping)
- MODU Notation Specific requirements for a vessel used in intervention including zoning for handling hydrocarbons.
- Government No international standard. All strictly enforced by each country.
- Prescription vs. Safety Case

Client - Every client and sometimes every engineer has a different set of compliance standards. Now driven by SEMS.

Industry - Many depositories of guidance principles.

- Voluntary Compliance
- Generally accepted by Industry but different clients will look at different sets of guidance.
- APL Most generally accepted.

Wireline Deployment via SIL

- 7-3/8" bore, 10ksi WP single trip
- 600 m water depth rated
- Various wireline & coiled tubing modes with sub-modes (long and short tools, etc.)
- Live well decommissioning & stimulation modes
 - Balanced stabs with valves
- Modular design
 - LRA / URA VXT, HXT & CT riser
 - URA only VXT wireline
 - Dual BOP position
- 18.5 m or 22 m toolstrings
- Norwegian compliant
 - Except DNV-E-101 re: QOD
- Minor lessons learned in next version





SIL Overview - MUX Controls

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MUX EH control system

- Mode Screens
- Auto Set Interlocks
- Configuration, Set Up & Test, Lifting Ops
- Slickline, Braided Line & Riser
- ROV electronics technology
- Grease system same as Seawell & Enhancer
- Not electric pump seawater powered from surface
- No wireline shear upon subsea comms failure
- 6hrs POOH batteries & surface grease pump
- Auxiliary umbilical option to LRA / URA & extend
- ROV controls
- Full LRA WCE
- Primary URA safety functions
- Client Mimic Screen





- As water depth increases, the cost of intervention increases. If a problem is encountered, wireline alone is limited in being an effective remediation tool.
- To run coiled tubing into a well requires either an absurdly complicated well head mounted system or requires a riser back to the surface. This creates an extremely complicated interface occurring between the stationing riser and a tugging mooring vessel. These relative motions and

the fact that the interface between the well's high pressured hydrocarbons

and the low ambient pressures on the vessel creates technical challenges.

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Helix Coiled Tubing Setup







Category A - Wireline only deployed via a SIL. Typically a monohull due to build cost and spend of transit.

- Smaller the better to keep costs down commensurate with limited capability.
- Limited deck area required for necessary equipment. \$110 million and larger typically.
- Operability limited if size is so small that motions become too great for safe operating. Has even greater effect in harsh environments
- Water depth limited by seal technology and cost associated with complexity of system required to accommodate depth.





Category A + - wireline and coiled tubing deployed via SIL and sub 7" riser, i.e. drill pipe. Also typically a monohull.

- Greater capability with CT but unable to work full bore 7" which restricts what can be done.
- Advantage of being smaller and lower cost.
- Motions are high thus complexity is difficult.
- High motions result in narrow operating envelope resulting in more down time and higher risk if emergency disconnect is required. Smaller vessel makes it difficult to be able to operate on station in high seas.
- High motions adds to safety risk, i.e. man riding.





Category A ++ - Wireline and CT deployed via a 7" riser.

- Has full bore capability with coiled tubing through full 7" bore of the well.
- May have limited capability of pulling tubing.
- Size of the vessel increases deck space required for equipment and riser handling.
- Larger size vessels handle sea motion better.
- System required to compensate for motions is still relatively complex.
- Overall cost is now getting high.





Category B - Semi Submersible

- Ample deck area
- Motions are the best and allows for less complexity and risk in systems design.
- Greatest number of applications possible.





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Determining which solution makes sense is a balance between small, low cost vessel with a complex high risk system. (Technology is not fully developed)

Or

Larger, high cost vessel with simpler low risk system.

Primary Focus: Semi Platform Deploying IRS











Helix is the leader in subsea through-tubing intervention

•Global Reach

- 24 years experience in the North Sea on more than 600 wells
- 14 years experience in the Gulf of Mexico on more than 100 wells
- 5 years experience in Australia & Sea East Asia on more than 20 wells
- •Successful application of prototype equipment
 - Q4000 IRS, HFRS, MPT, VDS
 - Well Enhancer

•Track record of cooperative contracting and scheduling

- Gulf of Mexico
- North Sea Collaboration Multi client
- Helix Well Containment Group
- Proven capability to manage:
 - Marine vessels,
 - Crewing
 - Subsea systems

•Subsea controls, downhole services, diving, construction, and WROV operations

- Well Enhancer CT system
- WOUS IRS MUX upgrade









History and Evolution - Vessels of Opportunity







History and Evolution - Q4000





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- Efficiency Main Driver
 - Time efficient
 - Cost efficient
 - Campaign Based
 - Shared across BU, Assets, Operators
 - Broad Functionality
 - Minimal Built-ins
 - Variable deck lay out
 - Construction Support
 - Construction and well intervention capability
 - Seabed access and recovery
 - Emergency Response
- Knowledgeable, integrated crews
- Integrated Onshore Management
- Assessment and investment in new technology
- Integration of Technology

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Seawell Light Well Intervention Vessel

Well Enhancer Light Well Intervention Vessel

5 1/8" SIL in the Seawell Derrick

7 3/8" SIL in the Well Enhancer Tower

7 1/16" SIL in the Seawell Derrick

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Well Enhancer Coiled Tubing Setup

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Well Ops 7-3/8" Intervention Riser System

- 7 3/8" system internal diameter
- Standard Riser 6 5/8" pipe
- 10,000 psi rated
- Dual barrier in Lower Riser Package (LRP)
- Emergency Disconnect Package (EDP)
- Retainer valve at EDP
- Annulus hose or 2 3/8" tubing
- Direct and MUX Hydraulic Controls

Future Vessels

- Through tubing well intervention
- Top hole drilling
- Extended top hole drilling
- Riserless Mud Return
- Subsea Rotary Controlled Device
- Well flow back, well testing
- Subsea construction
- Subsea processing support
- Open Water Completions

Kurt Hurzeler, Helix Well Ops Commercial Manager

Well Intervention Methodologies

Critical Skill Sets

- Specialized vessels and vessel management
- Down hole & Service Options
 expertise
- ROV expertise
- In-house Subsea expertise
- Construction expertise
- Saturation Diving expertise
- Multi Functional Crew Management

Vessel Functions

- •Adequate usable Deck space
- •Adequate Accommodation
- •Certified and classed for hydrocarbons on deck
- •Lifting Capacity and Stability
- •Heavy weather dynamic positioning
- •Fluid storage and handling
- •IRS tubular handling and tensioning

Facilitate Wellbore Access

- Flexibility of system to interface with all subsea well types with minimal modification.
- Provide systems on a day rate basis to reduce end user's cost
- Minimize complication, deployment and testing time
- Reduce rig requirements and costs

Reduce Decommissioning Liability

- Lower cost well abandonment
- Reliable and successful completion

Improve Intervention Response

- Provide a rig alternative with 4 season capability.
- Minimize mobilization, demobilization and transit time
- Pre-engineer capability to allow rapid response for clients needs
- Stay in the field

Provide Surveillance & Flow Assurance

- Reduce access costs for subsea production evaluation
- Reduce Inspection, Repair & Maintenance (IRM) Costs

Campaign Based

- Shared costs across BU's, fields and operators
- Reduced transit time
- Minimal port and duty costs

Construction Support

- Ability to carry out construction and well intervention
- Lift and/or transport heavy equipment from port to location, install via crane or drill pipe, assist platform operation

Emergency Response

- Offshore fire fighting, diving and ROV support
- Ready availability, construction, accommodation, intervention and general operations support

Operational overview - Seawell North Sea

The Client objective was to maximise the operational functionality of the *MSV Seawell* in order to complete the following well workscopes:

Mechanical repair/well maintenance/integrity
Production logging
Mechanical repair/well maintenance; tree change-out; well integrity
Well suspension operations (temporary abandonment)
3 x well P&A and wellhead removal

•Pumping - scale-squeeze operations

Operational overview - Seawell North Sea

- In field 16 days
- In field 16 days
- In field 14 days
- In field 17 days
- In field 9 days

Highlander Field Tartan Field Enoch / South Wood Claymore Tweedsmuir

Seawell Operation summary

- Number of well locations = 7
- Water depth range = 90 141m
- Full demobilisation of 5 1/8" SIL in order to mobilise 7 1/16" SIL for TNT
- Total days = 68
 - Vessel off-hire 0 days
 - Wait on Weather 9.5 days
 - Uptime 58.1 days
- Well-work completed:
 - 4 Interventions (Well Maintenance & Production Enhancement)
 - 3 wells P&A'd (Decommissioning)
 - All the above workscopes were supported with Saturation Diving operations
- All procedures developed and work supported by in-house WOUK project engineers

Q4000 Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

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Q4000 Gulf of Mexico Snapshot

Q4000 Deck Layout for Well Stimulation

Intervention Deck Space and Positioning

Drilling module roofs with complete coiled tubing system, E -Line, Slick Line, fluids and second WROV system

Critical Components Remain Onboard

- Coil-tubing Lift Frame
- Intervention Riser Package
- Flowhead
- H4 Connector
- Riser
- 3rd Party Service Equipment

280 MT Manifold being deployed

- Seabed debris recovery
- Debris cap recovery and reinstall

- Flowline plug and burial Flowline clean out
- Jumper disconnect and recovery

Q4000 Versatility and Capabilities

Oil & Gas Burn

Helix Well Ops Provides

- A unique combination of specialized skills and equipment
- A clear understanding of Client value
- Recognition of operational technical limits
- The means, ability and experience to manage and control diverse assets and personnel effectively and reliably

