



Transocean Ltd. Announces \$352.9 Million in New Rig Contracts, Options Exercised By Customers

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STEINHAUSEN, Switzerland, Jan. 08, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Transocean Ltd. (NYSE: RIG) announced today that as the offshore drilling market continues to improve, the company is observing an increase in contract opportunities for its ultra-deepwater and harsh environment drilling services.

"Customer demand for the highest specification ultra-deepwater floaters now equals or exceeds the number of marketable rigs currently available in many areas," said Transocean President and Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Thigpen. "As a result, new contracts more consistently reflect materially increased dayrates, which will generate significantly improved cash flow."

Since its last Fleet Status Report issued in October 2019, the company has secured an additional \$352.9 million of contract backlog from new contracts and extensions to existing contracts, as follows:

Rig Name	Customer	Location	Duration/ Days	Dayrate	Backlog Estimate	Contract Date
New Contracts						
<i>Leiv Eiriksson</i>	ConocoPhillips	Norway	125	\$ 235,000	\$ 29,375,000	Nov. 2019
<i>Discoverer Inspiration</i>	Talos	USGOM	120	\$ 210,000	\$ 25,200,000	Dec. 2019
<i>Deepwater Asgard</i>	Beacon	USGOM	200	\$ 220,000	\$ 44,000,000	Dec. 2019
<i>Development Driller III</i>	Undisclosed	Trinidad	365	\$ 250,000	\$ 91,250,000	Dec. 2019
<i>Dhirubhai Deepwater KG2</i>	Woodside	Myanmar	180	\$ 250,000	\$ 45,000,000	Jan. 2020
Exercised Options						
<i>Deepwater Invictus</i>	BHP	USGOM	365	\$ 155,000	\$ 56,575,000	Oct. 2017
<i>Transocean Norge (Opt. 1)</i>	Equinor	Norway	32	\$ 291,000	\$ 9,313,000	Sept. 2018
<i>Transocean Norge (Opt. 2)</i>	Equinor	Norway	32	\$ 291,000	\$ 9,313,000	Sept. 2018
<i>Deepwater Nautilus</i>	Petronas	Malaysia	180	\$ 140,000	\$ 25,200,000	Mar. 2019
<i>Deepwater Asgard</i>	Beacon	USGOM	74	\$ 240,000	\$ 17,760,000	Jan. 2020
TOTAL ADDED					\$ 352,986,000	

About Transocean

Transocean is a leading international provider of offshore contract drilling services for oil and gas wells. The company specializes in technically demanding sectors of the global offshore drilling business with a particular focus on ultra-deepwater and harsh environment drilling services, and believes that it operates one of the most versatile offshore drilling fleets in the world.

Transocean owns or has partial ownership interests in, and operates a fleet of 45 mobile offshore drilling units consisting of 28 ultra-deepwater floaters, 14 harsh environment floaters and three midwater floaters. In addition, Transocean is constructing two ultra-deepwater drillships.

Forward-Looking Statements

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