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TRANSOCEAN ANNOUNCES PROPOSED SHARE OFFERING

ZUG, SWITZERLAND, Nov 29, 2011 — Transocean Ltd. (NYSE: RIG) (SIX: RIGN) today announced that it has commenced a public offering of 26,000,000 of its shares to be newly issued utilizing Transocean's authorized share capital, subject to market and other conditions. The underwriters will have an option to purchase up to an additional 3,900,000 shares from Transocean solely to cover over-allotments, if any.

Transocean intends to use the net proceeds from the share offering to partially refinance its acquisition of Aker Drilling ASA, which was initially financed through the use of available cash and the assumption of Aker's outstanding debt. In particular, the equity offering would replenish cash that would be applied to the expected approximate \$1.7 billion in aggregate repurchase by Transocean Inc. of its 1.50% Series B Convertible Senior Notes due December 2037.

The offering price for the shares is expected to be determined via an accelerated bookbuild process. The offering represents up to 8.9% of Transocean's total issued and outstanding shares, and preemptive rights will be excluded.

We have provided certain information related to our five-year revolving credit facility, potential long-term debt financing and a market update regarding expected revenues in the fourth quarter 2011 in the section captioned "Summary — Recent Developments" in the prospectus supplement related to this offering.

Barclays Capital Inc. and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC are acting as joint book-running managers in the equity offering.

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus and prospectus supplement) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement, the related prospectus supplement, and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering

will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling, toll-free, Barclays Capital Inc. at 888-603-5847 or Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC at 1-800-221-1037.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included in this news release regarding purchases of the Series B Convertible Senior Notes and the timing, use of proceeds, number of shares and other aspects of the proposed offering and potential long-term debt financing are forward-looking statements that involve certain assumptions. These statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, market conditions, closing conditions, actions by holders of the Series B Convertible Senior Notes, Transocean's results of operations and other factors detailed in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in Transocean's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize (or the other consequences of such a development worsen), or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those forecasted or expected. Transocean disclaims any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

About Transocean

Transocean is the world's largest offshore drilling contractor and the leading provider of drilling management services worldwide. With a fleet of 135 mobile offshore drilling units, excluding two Ultra-Deepwater Drillships and four High-Specification Jackups under construction, Transocean's fleet is considered one of the most modern and versatile in the world due to its emphasis on technically demanding segments of the offshore drilling business. Transocean owns or operates a contract drilling fleet of 50 High-Specification Floaters (Ultra-Deepwater, Deepwater and Harsh-Environment semisubmersibles and drillships), 25 Midwater Floaters, nine High-Specification Jackups, 50 Standard Jackups and one swamp barge.

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