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HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

May 11, 2017

10:30 a.m.

3505 West Sam Houston Parkway North

Suite 400

Houston, Texas 77043

Directions to the 2017 Annual Meeting can be

obtained at www.Helixesg.com/annualmeeting

or by calling 888.345.2347.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Annual Meeting to be Held on May 11, 2017.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. will be held at our corporate office located at 3505 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Suite 400, Houston Texas 77043 on May 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at ..

If you want to receive a paper copy or an e-mail with links to the electronic materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy or an email. Please make your request for a copy or an email as instructed on the reverse side of this notice on or before April 27, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

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Matters intended to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4, and for 1 Year for proposal 5.

- 1. Election of two Class III directors to serve a three-year term of office expiring at our 2020 annual meeting.
- 2. Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending 2017.
- 3. Approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the 2016 compensation of our named executive officers.
- 4. Re-approval of certain terms of Helix s 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective January 1, 2017) for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 5. Recommendation, on a non-binding advisory basis, on the frequency of holding the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers.
- 6. Consideration of any other business that may properly be considered at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

THIS IS NOT A FORM FOR VOTING

You may immediately vote your proxy on the Internet at:

Use the Internet to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 12:00 noon (Central Daylight Time) on May 10, 2017.

Please have this Notice and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available. Follow the instructions to vote your proxy.

Your Internet vote authorizes the Named Proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

To request paper copies of the proxy materials, which include the proxy card,

proxy statement and annual report, please contact us via:

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