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Form 10-Q

- Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014
or
 Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-32936
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

95-3409686
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

3505 West Sam Houston Parkway North
Suite 400
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77043
(Zip Code)

(281) 618-0400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

As of April 18, 2014, 105,539,923 shares of common stock were outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands)

	March 31, 2014 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 470,079	\$ 478,200
Accounts receivable:		
Trade, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$1,371 and \$2,234, respectively	132,219	156,925
Unbilled revenue	55,999	25,732
Costs in excess of billing	1,508	1,508
Income tax receivable, net	25,956	—
Current deferred tax assets	19,865	51,573
Other current assets	46,759	29,709
Total current assets	752,385	743,647
Property and equipment	1,966,500	1,963,706
Less accumulated depreciation	(444,881)	(431,489)
Property and equipment, net	1,521,619	1,532,217
Other assets:		
Equity investments	155,730	157,919
Goodwill	63,336	63,230
Other assets, net	66,925	47,267
Total assets	\$ 2,559,995	\$ 2,544,280
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 96,370	\$ 72,602
Accrued liabilities	59,814	96,482
Income tax payable	—	760
Current maturities of long-term debt	20,508	20,376
Total current liabilities	176,692	190,220
Long-term debt	540,636	545,776
Deferred tax liabilities	270,918	265,879
Other non-current liabilities	13,748	18,295
Total liabilities	1,001,994	1,020,170
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, no par, 240,000 shares authorized, 105,532 and 105,640 shares issued, respectively	934,328	933,507
Retained earnings	639,951	586,232

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(16,278)	(20,688)
Total controlling interest shareholders' equity	1,558,001	1,499,051
Noncontrolling interests	—	25,059
Total equity	1,558,001	1,524,110
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,559,995	\$ 2,544,280

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended	
	2014	March 31, 2013
Net revenues	\$ 253,572	\$ 197,429
Cost of sales	177,726	144,862
Gross profit	75,846	52,567
Loss on commodity derivative contracts	—	(14,113)
Gain on sale of assets	11,496	—
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(20,394)	(23,216)
Income from operations	66,948	15,238
Equity in earnings of investments	708	610
Net interest expense	(4,483)	(10,323)
Loss on early extinguishment of long-term debt	—	(2,882)
Other expense, net	(810)	(3,684)
Other income – oil and gas	12,276	2,818
Income before income taxes	74,639	1,777
Income tax provision	20,417	443
Net income from continuing operations	54,222	1,334
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	1,058
Net income, including noncontrolling interests	54,222	2,392
Less net income applicable to noncontrolling interests	(503)	(777)
Net income applicable to Helix	\$ 53,719	\$ 1,615
Basic earnings per share of common stock:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.01
Discontinued operations	—	0.01
Net income per common share	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.02
Diluted earnings per share of common stock:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.01
Discontinued operations	—	0.01
Net income per common share	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.02
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	105,126	105,032
Diluted	105,375	105,165

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HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
 (UNAUDITED)
 (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Net income, including noncontrolling interests	\$ 54,222	\$ 2,392
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized gain (loss) on hedges arising during the period	4,055	(11,285)
Reclassification adjustments for loss included in net income	658	150
Income taxes on unrealized (gain) loss on hedges	(1,650)	3,897
Unrealized gain (loss) on hedges, net of tax	3,063	(7,238)
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	1,347	(11,081)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	4,410	(18,319)
Comprehensive income (loss)	58,632	(15,927)
Less comprehensive income applicable to noncontrolling interests	(503)	(777)
Comprehensive income (loss) applicable to Helix	\$ 58,129	\$ (16,704)

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HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income, including noncontrolling interests	\$ 54,222	\$ 2,392
Adjustments to reconcile net income, including noncontrolling interests to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Income from discontinued operations	—	(1,058)
Depreciation and amortization	24,726	24,380
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,218	1,472
Stock-based compensation expense	1,811	3,353
Amortization of debt discount	1,397	1,278
Deferred income taxes	33,407	16,784
Excess tax from stock-based compensation	(619)	(617)
Gain on sale of assets	(11,496)	—
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	2,882
Unrealized loss and ineffectiveness on derivative contracts, net	68	969
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(5,527)	3,714
Other current assets	(7,122)	12,577
Income tax payable	(26,106)	(20,283)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(14,093)	(48,765)
Oil and gas asset retirement costs	(292)	(240)
Other noncurrent, net	(2,757)	(7,005)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	48,837	(8,167)
Net cash used in discontinued operations	—	(30,503)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	48,837	(38,670)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(37,991)	(36,455)
Distributions from equity investments, net	2,092	2,050
Proceeds from sale of assets	11,074	—
Acquisition of noncontrolling interests	(20,085)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,910)	(34,405)
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	—	582,965
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(44,910)	548,560
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	2,573
Repayment of revolving credit facility	—	(24,473)
Repurchase of Convertible Senior Notes due 2025	—	(3,487)
Repayment of term loans	(3,750)	(294,882)
Repayment of MARAD borrowings	(2,655)	(2,529)
Deferred financing costs	—	(41)

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Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(1,018)	(1,037)
Repurchases of common stock	(5,449)	(1,473)
Excess tax from stock-based compensation	619	617
Exercise of stock options, net and other	—	174
Proceeds from issuance of ESPP shares	942	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(11,311)	(324,558)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(737)	3,218
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,121)	188,550
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Balance, beginning of year	478,200	437,100
Balance, end of period	\$ 470,079	\$ 625,650

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HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Note 1 — Basis of Presentation and Recent Accounting Standards

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. and its wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "Helix" or the "Company"). Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "we," "us" and "our" in this report refer collectively to Helix and its wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to instructions for the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and do not include all information and footnotes normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") and are consistent in all material respects with those applied in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K ("2013 Form 10-K"). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the related disclosures. Actual results may differ from our estimates. We have made all adjustments (which were normal recurring adjustments unless otherwise disclosed herein) that we believe are necessary for a fair presentation of the condensed consolidated balance sheets, statements of operations, statements of comprehensive income (loss), and statements of cash flows, as applicable. The operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014. Our balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 included herein has been derived from the audited balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 included in our 2013 Form 10-K. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our 2013 Form 10-K.

Certain reclassifications were made to previously-reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto to make them consistent with the current presentation format.

Note 2 — Company Overview

Our Operations

We are an international offshore energy company that provides specialty services to the offshore energy industry, with a focus on well intervention and robotics operations. We seek to provide services and methodologies that we believe are critical to developing offshore reservoirs and maximizing production economics. We provide services primarily in deepwater in the Gulf of Mexico, North Sea, Asia Pacific and West Africa regions. Our "life of field" services are segregated into four business segments: Well Intervention, Robotics, Subsea Construction and Production Facilities (Note 11). Our Subsea Construction segment was significantly diminished following the sale of substantially all of our assets related to this reportable segment during 2013 and early 2014 (see Note 2 to our 2013 Form 10-K). Our Production Facilities segment includes the Helix Producer I ("HP I") vessel (which we now own 100% after acquiring our minority partner's noncontrolling interests in the entity that owns the vessel for \$20.1 million in February 2014) as well as our equity investments in Deepwater Gateway, L.L.C. ("Deepwater Gateway") and Independence Hub, LLC ("Independence Hub") (Note 5). The segment also includes the Helix Fast Response System ("HFRS"), which provides certain operators access to our Q4000 and HP I vessels.

In January 2014, we sold our spoolbase property located in Ingleside, Texas (“Ingleside spoolbase”). To date, we have received \$15 million of proceeds associated with the sale and we also hold a \$30 million promissory note (Note 3). In the first quarter of 2014, we recorded a gain of \$10.5 million from the sale of Ingleside spoolbase.

Discontinued Operations

In December 2012, we announced a definitive agreement for the sale of Energy Resource Technology GOM, Inc. (“ERT”), a former wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary that conducted our oil and gas

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operations in the Gulf of Mexico, and on February 6, 2013, we sold ERT for \$624 million plus additional consideration in the form of overriding royalty interests in ERT's Wang well and certain exploration prospects. As a result, we have presented the historical operating results of our former Oil and Gas segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. See Note 3 to our 2013 Form 10-K for additional information regarding our discontinued operations and Note 6 regarding the use of a portion of the sale proceeds to reduce our indebtedness under our former credit agreement.

Note 3 — Details of Certain Accounts

Other current assets and other assets, net consist of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Note receivable (1)	\$ 10,000	\$ —
Other receivables (2)	8,221	785
Prepaid insurance	3,743	7,038
Other prepaids	14,555	12,999
Spare parts inventory	1,888	1,038
Derivative assets (Note 14)	1	69
Other	8,351	7,780
Total other current assets	\$ 46,759	\$ 29,709
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Note receivable (1)	\$ 20,000	\$ —
Deferred dry dock expenses, net	21,441	20,833
Deferred financing costs, net (Note 6)	23,176	24,297
Intangible assets with finite lives, net	640	622
Other	1,668	1,515
Total other assets, net	\$ 66,925	\$ 47,267

(1) Relates to the promissory note we received in connection with the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014. The note bears 6% interest and is payable quarterly commencing April 1, 2014. A \$10 million principal reduction in the note's balance is required to be paid to us on each December 31 in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

(2) Includes a \$6.8 million insurance reimbursement receivable related to asset retirement work previously performed, which was received in April 2014. The entire amount of insurance reimbursement is included in "Other income – oil and gas" in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations.

Accrued liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Accrued payroll and related benefits	\$ 32,241	\$ 50,527
Current asset retirement obligations	1,201	2,024

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Unearned revenue	9,658	19,608
Billing in excess of cost	—	1,677
Accrued interest	2,031	4,187
Derivative liability (Note 14)	2,629	2,651
Taxes payable excluding income tax payable	4,860	4,811
Pipelay assets sale deposit	—	5,000
Other	7,194	5,997
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 59,814	\$ 96,482

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Note 4 — Statement of Cash Flow Information

We define cash and cash equivalents as cash and all highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less. The following table provides supplemental cash flow information (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Interest paid, net of interest capitalized	\$ 4,635	\$ 20,164
Income taxes paid	\$ 13,118	\$ 4,521

Total non-cash investing activities for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 include \$15.8 million and \$23.3 million, respectively, of accruals for property and equipment capital expenditures.

Note 5 — Equity Investments

As of March 31, 2014, we had two investments that we account for using the equity method of accounting: Deepwater Gateway and Independence Hub, both of which are included in our Production Facilities segment.

Deepwater Gateway, L.L.C. In June 2002, we, along with Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (“Enterprise”), formed Deepwater Gateway, each with a 50% interest, to design, construct, install, own and operate a tension leg platform production hub primarily for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation's Marco Polo field in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Our investment in Deepwater Gateway totaled \$84.5 million and \$85.8 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively (including capitalized interest of \$1.3 million at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013).

Independence Hub, LLC. In December 2004, we acquired a 20% interest in Independence Hub, an affiliate of Enterprise. Independence Hub owns the “Independence Hub” platform located in Mississippi Canyon Block 920 in a water depth of 8,000 feet. Our investment in Independence Hub was \$71.2 million and \$72.1 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively (including capitalized interest of \$4.2 million and \$4.3 million at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively).

We received the following distributions from these equity investments (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Deepwater Gateway	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Independence Hub	800	1,160
Total	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,660

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Note 6 — Long-Term Debt

Scheduled maturities of our long-term debt outstanding as of March 31, 2014 are as follows (in thousands):

	Term Loan	MARAD Debt	2032 Notes (1)	Total
Less than one year	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,508	\$—	\$ 20,508
One to two years	26,250	5,783	—	32,033
Two to three years	30,000	6,072	—	36,072
Three to four years	30,000	6,375	—	36,375
Four to five years	187,500	6,693	—	194,193
Over five years	—	67,082	200,000	267,082
Total debt	288,750	97,513	200,000	586,263
Current maturities	(15,000)	(5,508)	—	(20,508)
Long-term debt, less current maturities	273,750	92,005	200,000	565,755
Unamortized debt discount (2)	—	—	(25,119)	(25,119)
Long-term debt	\$ 273,750	\$ 92,005	\$ 174,881	\$ 540,636

(1) Beginning in March 2018, the holders of the Convertible Senior Notes due 2032 may require us to repurchase these notes or we may at our option elect to repurchase these notes. The notes will mature in March 2032.

(2) The Convertible Senior Notes due 2032 will increase to their principal amount through accretion of non-cash interest charges through March 2018.

Included below is a summary of certain components of our indebtedness:

Credit Agreement

In June 2013, we entered into a Credit Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) with a group of lenders pursuant to which we subsequently borrowed \$300 million under the Credit Agreement’s term loan (the “Term Loan”) component and may borrow revolving loans (the “Revolving Loans”) under a revolving credit facility up to an outstanding amount of \$600 million (the “Revolving Credit Facility”). The Revolving Credit Facility also permits us to obtain letters of credit up to the full amount of the Revolving Credit Facility. Subject to customary conditions, we may request an increase of up to \$200 million in aggregate commitments with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility, additional term loans or a combination thereof. The \$300 million we borrowed under the Term Loan was in connection with our early redemption of the remaining \$275 million Senior Unsecured Notes outstanding in July 2013 (see “Senior Unsecured Notes” below).

The Term Loan and the Revolving Loans (together, the “Loans”), at our election, will bear interest either in relation to the base rate established by Bank of America N.A. or to a LIBOR rate, provided that all Swing Line Loans (as defined in the Credit Agreement) will be base rate loans. The Term Loan currently bears interest at the one-month LIBOR rate plus 2.5%. In September 2013, we entered into various interest rate swap contracts to fix the one-month LIBOR rate on \$148.1 million of the Term Loan. The fixed LIBOR rates were between 74 and 75 basis points.

The Loans or portions thereof bearing interest at the base rate will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the base rate plus a margin ranging from 1.00% to 2.00%. The Loans or portions thereof bearing interest at a LIBOR rate will bear interest at the LIBOR rate selected by us plus a margin ranging from 2.00% to 3.00%. A letter of credit fee is payable by us equal to our applicable margin for LIBOR rate Loans multiplied by the daily amount available to be

drawn under outstanding letters of credit. Margins on the Loans will vary in relation to the consolidated coverage ratio, as provided by the Credit Agreement. We also pay a fixed commitment fee of 0.5% on the unused portion of our Revolving Credit Facility. At March 31, 2014, our availability under the Revolving Credit Facility totaled \$582.1 million, net of \$17.9 million of letters of credit issued.

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The Term Loan is repayable in scheduled principal installments of 5% in each of the initial two loan years (\$15 million per year), and 10% in each of the remaining three loan years (\$30 million per year), payable quarterly, with a balloon payment of \$180 million at maturity. These installment amounts are subject to adjustment for any prepayments on the Term Loan. We may elect to prepay amounts outstanding under the Term Loan without premium or penalty, but may not reborrow any amounts prepaid. We may prepay amounts outstanding under the Revolving Loans without premium or penalty, and may reborrow any amounts paid up to the amount of the Revolving Credit Facility. The Loans mature on June 19, 2018. In certain circumstances, we will be required to prepay the Loans.

The Credit Agreement and the other documents entered into in connection with the Credit Agreement (together, the “Loan Documents”) include terms and conditions, including covenants, which we consider customary for this type of transaction. The covenants include restrictions on our and our subsidiaries’ ability to grant liens, incur indebtedness, make investments, merge or consolidate, sell or transfer assets, pay dividends and incur capital expenditures. In addition, the Credit Agreement obligates us to meet certain financial ratios, including the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio and the Consolidated Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement). We may designate one of our existing foreign subsidiaries, and any newly established foreign subsidiaries, as subsidiaries that are not generally subject to the covenants in the Credit Agreement (the “Unrestricted Subsidiaries”), provided we meet certain liquidity requirements, in which case the EBITDA of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries is not included in the calculations with respect to our financial covenants. Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by our domestic subsidiaries (except Cal Dive I – Title XI, Inc.) and Canyon Offshore Limited. Our obligations under the Credit Agreement, and of the guarantors under their guaranty, are secured by most of our assets and assets of the guarantors and Canyon Offshore Limited, plus pledges of up to two-thirds of the shares of certain foreign subsidiaries.

Convertible Senior Notes Due 2032

In March 2012, we completed a public offering and sale of \$200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2032 (the “2032 Notes”). The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2032 Notes were \$195.0 million, after deducting the underwriter’s discounts and commissions and offering expenses. We used the net proceeds to repurchase and retire \$142.2 million of aggregate principal amount of our 3.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2025 in separate, privately negotiated transactions (see Note 7 to our 2013 Form 10-K for additional information). The remaining net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of other indebtedness.

The 2032 Notes bear interest at a rate of 3.25% per annum, and are payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on September 15, 2012. The 2032 Notes will mature on March 15, 2032, unless earlier converted, redeemed or repurchased. The 2032 Notes are convertible in certain circumstances and during certain periods at an initial conversion rate of 39.9752 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount (which represents an initial conversion price of approximately \$25.02 per share of common stock), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances as set forth in the Indenture governing the 2032 Notes.

Prior to March 20, 2018, the 2032 Notes are not redeemable. On or after March 20, 2018, we, at our option, may redeem some or all of the 2032 Notes in cash, at any time, upon at least 30 days’ notice at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest (including contingent interest, if any) up to but excluding the redemption date. In addition, the holders of the 2032 Notes may require us to purchase in cash some or all of their 2032 Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2032 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (including contingent interest, if any) up to but excluding the applicable repurchase date, on March 15, 2018, March 15, 2022 and March 15, 2027, or, subject to specified exceptions, at any time prior to the 2032 Notes’ maturity following a fundamental change (as defined in the Indenture governing the 2032 Notes).

In connection with the issuance of the 2032 Notes, we recorded a discount of \$35.4 million as required under existing accounting rules. To arrive at this discount amount, we estimated the fair value of the liability component of the 2032 Notes as of the date of their issuance (March 12, 2012) using an income approach. To determine this estimated fair value, we used borrowing rates of similar market transactions involving comparable liabilities at the time of issuance and an expected life of 6.0 years. In selecting the expected life, we selected the earliest date upon which the holders could require us to repurchase all or a

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portion of the 2032 Notes (March 15, 2018). The effective interest rate for the 2032 Notes is 6.9% after considering the effect of the accretion of the related debt discount that represented the equity component of the 2032 Notes at their inception.

MARAD Debt

This U.S. government guaranteed financing (the “MARAD Debt”) is pursuant to Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 administered by the Maritime Administration, and was used to finance the construction of the Q4000. The MARAD Debt is payable in equal semi-annual installments beginning in August 2002 and matures in February 2027. The MARAD Debt is collateralized by the Q4000, is guaranteed 50% by us, and initially bore interest at a floating rate that approximated AAA Commercial Paper yields plus 20 basis points. As provided for in the MARAD Debt agreements, in September 2005, we fixed the interest rate on the debt through the issuance of a 4.93% fixed-rate note with the same maturity date.

Former Credit Facility

Similar to our current Credit Agreement, our former credit facility contained both term loan and revolving loan components. This indebtedness was scheduled to mature on July 1, 2015. In February 2013, we repaid \$318.4 million of borrowings outstanding under our former credit facility with the proceeds from the sale of ERT. In connection with the repayment of this debt in February 2013, we recorded a \$2.9 million charge to accelerate a pro rata portion of the deferred financing costs associated with our former term loan debt. This charge is reflected as a component of “Loss on early extinguishment of long-term debt” in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations for the period ended March 31, 2013. We fully repaid the remaining indebtedness outstanding under our former credit facility in June 2013.

Senior Unsecured Notes

In December 2007, we issued \$550 million of 9.5% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2016 (the “Senior Unsecured Notes”). We had \$275 million of the Senior Unsecured Notes outstanding at the beginning of 2013. We fully redeemed these notes in July 2013 (see Note 7 to our 2013 Form 10-K).

Other

In accordance with our Credit Agreement, the 2032 Notes and MARAD Debt agreements, we are required to comply with certain covenants, including certain financial ratios such as a consolidated interest coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, as well as the maintenance of minimum net worth, working capital and debt-to-equity requirements. As of March 31, 2014, we were in compliance with these covenants.

Unamortized deferred financing costs are included in “Other assets, net” in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and are amortized over the life of the respective debt agreements. The following table reflects the components of our deferred financing costs (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Term Loan (matures June 2018) (1)	\$ 3,638	\$ (546)	\$ 3,092	\$ 3,638	\$ (364)	\$ 3,274

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Revolving Credit Facility (matures June 2018) (1)	13,275	(1,991)	11,284	13,275	(1,327)	11,948
2032 Notes (mature March 2032)	3,759	(1,302)	2,457	3,759	(1,148)	2,611
MARAD Debt (matures February 2027)	12,200	(5,857)	6,343	12,200	(5,736)	6,464
Total deferred financing costs	\$ 32,872	\$ (9,696)	\$ 23,176	\$ 32,872	\$ (8,575)	\$ 24,297

(1) Relates to amounts allocated to the existing Term Loan and Revolving Credit Facility, which became effective in June 2013.

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The following table details the components of our net interest expense (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Interest expense (1)	\$ 8,362	\$ 12,578
Interest income	(717)	(316)
Capitalized interest	(3,162)	(1,939)
Net interest expense	\$ 4,483	\$ 10,323

(1) Interest expense of \$2.8 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was allocated to ERT and is included in discontinued operations. Following the sale of ERT in February 2013, we ceased allocating interest expense to ERT, which then constituted a discontinued operation.

Note 7 — Income Taxes

The effective tax rates for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 were 27.4% and 24.9%, respectively. The increase is primarily attributable to projected year over year increases in profitability in the United States.

Income taxes have been provided based on the U.S. statutory rate of 35% and at the local statutory rate for each foreign jurisdiction adjusted for items that are allowed as deductions for federal and foreign income tax reporting purposes, but not for book purposes. The primary differences between the statutory rate and our effective rate from continuing operations are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Statutory rate	35.0 %	35.0 %
Foreign provision	(8.5)	(10.7)
Other	0.9	0.6
Effective rate	27.4 %	24.9 %

Note 8 — Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (“OCI”)

The components of Accumulated OCI are as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (9,350)	\$ (10,697)
Unrealized loss on hedges, net (1)	(6,928)	(9,991)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (16,278)	\$ (20,688)

(1) Amounts are related to foreign currency hedges for the Grand Canyon, the Grand Canyon II and the Grand Canyon III charters as well as interest rate swap contracts for the Term Loan, and are net of deferred income taxes totaling \$3.7 million and \$5.4 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively (Notes 6 and 14).

Effect of dilutive securities:

Share-based awards other than participating securities	—	249	—	133
Undistributed income reallocated to participating securities	1	—	—	—
Net income applicable to common shareholders – continuing operations	\$53,434	105,375	\$552	105,165

Discontinued operations:

Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$—	105,375	\$1,058	105,165
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No diluted shares were included for the 2032 Notes for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 as the conversion price of \$25.02 and the conversion trigger of \$32.53 per share were not met in either period, and because we have the right to settle any such future conversions in cash at our sole discretion (Note 6).

Note 10 — Employee Benefit Plans

Stock-Based Compensation Plans

We have two stock-based compensation plans: the 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (the “1995 Incentive Plan”) and the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective May 9, 2012 (the “2005 Incentive Plan”). As of March 31, 2014, there were 6.5 million shares available for issuance under the 2005 Incentive Plan, which includes a maximum of 2.0 million shares that may be granted as incentive stock options. There were no stock option grants in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, the following grants of other share-based awards were made to executive officers and non-employee members of our Board of Directors under the 2005 Incentive Plan:

Date of Grant	Shares	Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Vesting Period
January 2, 2014 (1)	73,609	\$ 23.18	33% per year over three years
January 2, 2014 (2)	73,609	26.79	100% on January 1, 2017
January 2, 2014 (3)	2,724	23.18	100% on January 1, 2016

(1) Reflects the grant of restricted shares to our executive officers.

(2) Reflects the grant of performance share units (“PSUs”) to our executive officers. The estimated fair value of the PSUs on grant date was determined using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The PSUs provide for an award based on the performance of our common stock over a three-year period with the maximum award being 200% of the original awarded PSUs and the minimum amount being zero. The vested PSUs will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of our common stock unless the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors elects to pay in cash.

(3) Reflects the grant of restricted shares to certain members of our Board of Directors who have made an election to take their quarterly fees in stock in lieu of cash.

Compensation cost is recognized over the respective vesting periods on a straight-line basis. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, \$1.7 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, were recognized as stock-based compensation expense related to share-based awards. Additionally, for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, \$1.3 million of stock-based compensation expense was included in our discontinued operations.

Long-Term Incentive Cash Plan

The 2005 Incentive Plan and the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Cash Plan (the “LTI Plans”) provide long-term cash-based compensation to eligible employees. Cash awards historically have been both fixed sum amounts payable (for non-executive management only) as well as cash awards indexed to our common stock with the payment amount at each vesting date fluctuating based on the performance of our common stock (for both executive and non-executive management). These are measured based on the performance of our stock price over the applicable award period compared to a base price determined by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors at the time of the award. Cash award payments under the LTI Plans are made each year on the anniversary date of the award. Cash

awards granted prior to 2012 have a vesting period of five years and cash awards granted in 2014, 2013 and 2012 have a vesting period of three years. The LTI Plans are considered liability plans and as such are re-measured to fair value each reporting period with corresponding changes in the liability amount being reflected in our results of operations.

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The cash awards under the LTI Plans to our executive officers and selected management employees totaled \$8.9 million in 2014 and \$8.4 million in 2013. Total compensation expense associated with the cash awards issued pursuant to the LTI Plans was \$1.7 million (\$0.9 million related to our executive officers) and \$2.5 million (\$1.6 million related to our executive officers) for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The liability balance for the cash awards issued under the LTI Plans was \$7.4 million at March 31, 2014 and \$14.8 million at December 31, 2013, including \$5.3 million at March 31, 2014 and \$11.1 million at December 31, 2013 associated with the cash awards issued to our executive officers under the LTI plans.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In May 2012, our shareholders approved the Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”). The ESPP has 1.5 million shares authorized for issuance, of which 1.3 million shares were available for issuance as of March 31, 2014. Eligible employees who participate in the ESPP may purchase shares of our common stock through payroll deductions on an after-tax basis over a four-month period beginning on January 1, May 1, and September 1 of each year during the term of the ESPP, subject to certain restrictions and limitations established by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors and Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. The per share price of common stock purchased under the ESPP is equal to 85% of the lesser of (i) its fair market value on the first trading day of the purchase period or (ii) its fair market value on the last trading day of the purchase period. The total value of the ESPP awards is calculated using the component approach where each award is computed as the sum of 15% of a share of non-vested stock, a call option on 85% of a share of non-vested stock, and a put option on 15% of a share of non-vested stock. Share-based compensation expense with respect to the ESPP was \$0.2 million for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

For more information regarding our employee benefit plans, including our stock-based compensation plans, our long-term incentive cash plan and our employee stock purchase plan, see Note 9 to our 2013 Form 10-K.

Note 11 — Business Segment Information

We have four business segments: Well Intervention, Robotics, Subsea Construction and Production Facilities. Our Well Intervention segment includes our vessels and related equipment that are used to perform both heavy and light well intervention services primarily in the Gulf of Mexico and North Sea regions. Our well intervention vessels include the Q4000, the Helix 534, the Seawell, the Well Enhancer and the Skandi Constructor, which is a chartered vessel. We are currently constructing two additional well intervention vessels, the Q5000 and the Q7000. We have also contracted for two newbuild chartered vessels, which are expected to be delivered in 2016 and used in connection with our contracts to provide well intervention services offshore Brazil. Our Robotics segment currently operates five chartered vessels and also includes remotely operated vehicles (“ROVs”), trenchers and ROVDrills designed to complement offshore construction and well intervention services. We have sold substantially all of the assets associated with our former Subsea Construction operations, including the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014. The Production Facilities segment includes the HP I as well as our equity investments in Deepwater Gateway and Independence Hub that are accounted for under the equity method. All material intercompany transactions between the segments have been eliminated. In February 2013, we sold ERT and as a result, we have presented the assets and liabilities included in the sale of ERT and the historical operating results of our former Oil and Gas segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. See Note 3 to our 2013 Form 10-K for additional information regarding our discontinued operations.

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We evaluate our performance based on operating income and income before income taxes of each segment. Segment assets are comprised of all assets attributable to each reportable segment. Corporate and other includes all assets not directly identifiable with our business segments, most notably the majority of our cash and cash equivalents. Certain financial data by reportable segment are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	2014	March 31, 2013
Net revenues —		
Well Intervention	\$ 159,700	\$ 106,332
Robotics	87,890	64,196
Subsea Construction	358	27,526
Production Facilities	23,140	20,393
Intercompany elimination	(17,516)	(21,018)
Total	\$ 253,572	\$ 197,429
Income (loss) from operations —		
Well Intervention	\$ 48,733	\$ 36,450
Robotics	11,219	(697)
Subsea Construction (1)	10,685	3,551
Production Facilities	11,384	11,185
Corporate and other	(13,875)	(33,531)
Intercompany elimination	(1,198)	(1,720)
Total	\$ 66,948	\$ 15,238
Equity in earnings of equity investments	\$ 708	\$ 610

(1) Amount in 2014 includes the \$10.5 million gain on the sale in January 2014 of our Ingleside spoolbase.

Intercompany segment revenues are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	2014	March 31, 2013
Well Intervention	\$ 5,461	\$ 3,829
Robotics	12,055	12,199
Subsea Construction	—	317
Production Facilities	—	4,673
Total	\$ 17,516	\$ 21,018

Intercompany segment profits (losses), which only relate to intercompany capital projects, are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	2014	March 31, 2013
Well Intervention	\$ (62)	\$ (19)

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Robotics	1,304	1,625
Subsea Construction	—	158
Production Facilities	(44)	(44)
Total	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,720

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Segment assets are comprised of all assets attributable to each reportable segment. Corporate and other includes all assets not directly identifiable with our business segments, most notably the majority of our cash and cash equivalents. The following table reflects total assets by reportable segment (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Well Intervention	\$ 1,308,535	\$ 1,245,229
Robotics	289,806	282,373
Subsea Construction	2,614	38,054
Production Facilities	482,184	495,829
Corporate and other	476,856	482,795
Total	\$ 2,559,995	\$ 2,544,280

Note 12 — Commitments and Contingencies and Other Matters

Commitments

In March 2012, we executed a contract with a shipyard in Singapore for the construction of a newbuild semi-submersible well intervention vessel, the Q5000. This \$386.5 million shipyard contract represents the majority of the expected costs associated with the construction of the Q5000. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, payments are made in a fixed percentage of the contract price, together with any variations, on contractually scheduled dates. The vessel is expected to be completed and placed in service in 2015. At March 31, 2014, our total investment in the Q5000 was \$213.7 million, including \$173.8 million of scheduled payments made to the shipyard.

In August 2012, we acquired the Discoverer534 drillship from a subsidiary of Transocean Ltd. for \$85 million. The vessel, renamed the Helix534, underwent upgrades and modifications to render it suitable for use as a well intervention vessel and commenced well intervention operations in the Gulf of Mexico in February 2014. At March 31, 2014, our total investment for the Helix 534 was \$219.4 million, including related well control equipment.

In February 2013, we contracted to charter the Grand Canyon II and Grand Canyon III for use in our robotics operations. The terms of the charters will be five years from the respective delivery dates, both of which are expected to be in 2015.

In September 2013, we executed a second contract with the same shipyard in Singapore that is currently constructing the Q5000. This contract provides for the construction of a newbuild semi-submersible well intervention vessel, the Q7000, which will be built to North Sea standards. This \$346.0 million shipyard contract represents the majority of the expected costs associated with the construction of the Q7000. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, 20% of the contract price was paid upon the signing of the contract and the remaining 80% will be paid upon the delivery of the vessel, which is expected to occur in 2016. At March 31, 2014, our total investment in the Q7000 was \$80.8 million, including the \$69.2 million paid to the shipyard upon signing the contract.

In February 2014, we entered into agreements with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (“Petrobras”) to provide well intervention services offshore Brazil. The initial term of the agreements with Petrobras is for four years with options to extend. In connection with the Petrobras agreements, we entered into charter agreements with Siem Offshore AS for two newbuild monohull vessels, both of which are expected to be in service for Petrobras in 2016. At March 31, 2014, our total investment in the topside equipment for the two vessels was \$0.1 million.

Contingencies and Claims

Under terms of the equity purchase agreement for the sale of ERT, we required the buyer to provide bonding in a sufficient amount as determined by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (the “BOEM”) to cover the decommissioning costs of ERT’s lease properties and thus to replace and allow for a full discharge of our existing guaranty to the BOEM for ERT’s lease obligations. The buyer posted the bonding required by the equity purchase agreement, and a formal request to the BOEM for a release of our guaranty is pending.

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Litigation

On July 8, 2011, a shareholder derivative lawsuit styled City of Sterling Heights Police & Fire Retirement System v. Owen Kratz, et al. was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. In the suit, the plaintiff makes claims against our Board of Directors, certain of our former directors, certain of our current and former executive officers, and the independent compensation consultant to the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors, for breaches of the fiduciary duty of loyalty, unjust enrichment and aiding and abetting the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty relating to the long-term equity awards granted in 2010 to certain of the Company's then executive officers who are defendants. The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the claim asserting that the plaintiff has not (i) pled specific facts excusing its failure to make pre-suit demand on our Board of Directors as required by Minnesota law, (ii) filed proper verification, or (iii) stated a claim. A ruling regarding the motion is pending.

On May 12, 2012, a shareholder derivative lawsuit styled Mark Lucas v. Owen Kratz, et al. was filed in the 270th Judicial District in the District Court of Harris County, Texas. In the suit, the plaintiff makes claims against our Board of Directors, certain of our former directors, certain of our current and former executive officers, and the independent compensation consultant to the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors, for breaches of the fiduciary duties of candor, good faith and loyalty; unjust enrichment; and aiding and abetting the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty relating to the long-term equity awards granted in 2010 to certain of our executive officers. This case is essentially a "copycat" complaint asserting similar causes of action arising out of the same facts as set forth in the federal action described above. The plaintiff is generally demanding disgorgement of the excessive compensation, restraint on the disposition/exercise of the alleged improperly awarded equity, implementation of additional internal controls, and attorney's fees and costs of litigation. The defendants filed motions to stay and dismiss the proceeding, which motions were denied by the trial court judge. The defendants then filed a petition for a writ of mandamus with the state appellate court, in which they requested that court to direct the district court to grant the motion to stay or dismiss the case. The appellate court denied the request to grant mandamus with respect to this requested relief, but did grant a writ of mandamus ordering the lower court to vacate its ruling to the extent the plaintiff failed to plead with particularity that our Board of Directors wrongfully refused his demand, and that he was a shareholder of record at the relevant time. A special committee of our Board of Directors subsequently determined to reject the plaintiff's demand regarding this matter, and based on that rejection, as well as the plaintiff's pleadings, the defendants filed a motion for summary judgment in December 2013. The court granted the defendants' motion for summary judgment in March 2014, and the plaintiffs have appealed that ruling.

We are involved in various legal proceedings, primarily involving claims for personal injury under the General Maritime Laws of the United States and the Jones Act based on alleged negligence. In addition, from time to time we incur other claims, such as contract disputes, in the normal course of business.

Note 13 — Fair Value Measurements

Certain of our financial assets and liabilities are measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis as required under applicable accounting requirements. These requirements establish a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value. The fair value is to be calculated based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing assets and liabilities and not on assumptions specific to the entity. The statement requires that each asset and liability carried at fair value be classified into one of the following categories:

- Level 1. Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2. Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
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Level 3. Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are based on one or more of three valuation techniques as follows:

(a)Market Approach. Prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

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(b) Cost Approach. Amount that would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

(c) Income Approach. Techniques to convert expected future cash flows to a single present amount based on market expectations (including present value techniques, option-pricing and excess earnings models).

Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, our long-term debt and various derivative instruments. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates fair value due to the highly liquid nature of these instruments. The following table provides additional information related to other financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2 (1)	Level 3	Total	Valuation Technique
Assets:					
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 1	(c)
Interest rate swaps	—	549	—	549	(c)
Liabilities:					
Fair value of long-term debt (2)	536,210	107,021	—	643,231	(a)
Foreign exchange contracts	—	10,418	—	10,418	(c)
Interest rate swaps	—	789	—	789	(c)
Total net liability	\$ 536,210	\$ 117,678	\$ —	\$ 653,888	

(1) Unless otherwise indicated, the fair value of our Level 2 derivative instruments reflects our best estimate and is based upon exchange or over-the-counter quotations whenever they are available. Quoted valuations may not be available due to location differences or terms that extend beyond the period for which quotations are available. Where quotes are not available, we utilize other valuation techniques or models to estimate market values. These modeling techniques require us to make estimations of future prices, price correlation and market volatility and liquidity based on market data. Our actual results may differ from our estimates, and these differences could be positive or negative.

(2) See Note 6 for additional information regarding our long-term debt. The fair value of our long-term debt is as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value (b)
Term Loan (matures June 2018)	\$ 288,750	\$ 288,750
2032 Notes (mature March 2032) (a)	200,000	247,460
MARAD Debt (matures February 2027)	97,513	107,021
Total debt	\$ 586,263	\$ 643,231

(a) Carrying value excludes the related unamortized debt discount of \$25.1 million at March 31, 2014.

The estimated fair value of all debt, other than the MARAD Debt, was determined using Level 1 inputs using the (b) market approach. The fair value of the MARAD Debt was determined using a third party evaluation of the remaining average life and outstanding principal balance of the MARAD indebtedness as compared to other governmental obligations in the marketplace with similar terms. The fair value of the MARAD Debt was estimated using Level 2 fair value inputs using the market approach.

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Note 14 — Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Our operations are exposed to market risk associated with interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Our risk management activities involve the use of derivative financial instruments to hedge the impact of market risk exposure related to variable interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. All derivatives are reflected in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value.

We engage solely in cash flow hedges. Hedges of cash flow exposure are entered into to hedge a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability. Changes in the derivative fair values that are designated as cash flow hedges are deferred to the extent that the hedges are effective. These fair value changes are recorded as a component of Accumulated OCI (a component of shareholders' equity) until the hedged transactions occur and are recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges is recognized immediately in earnings. In addition, any change in the fair value of a derivative that does not qualify for hedge accounting is recorded in earnings in the period in which the change occurs.

For additional information regarding our accounting for derivatives, see Notes 2 and 16 to our 2013 Form 10-K.

Interest Rate Risk

From time to time, we enter into interest rate swaps to stabilize cash flows related to our long-term debt subject to variable interest rates. Changes in the fair value of an interest rate swap are deferred to the extent the swap is effective. These changes are recorded as a component of Accumulated OCI until the anticipated interest payments occur and are recognized in interest expense. The ineffective portion of the interest rate swap, if any, is recognized immediately in earnings within the line titled "Net interest expense." The amount of ineffectiveness associated with our interest rate swap contracts was immaterial for all periods presented. In September 2013, we entered into interest rate swap contracts to fix the interest rate on \$148.1 million of our Term Loan (Note 6). These monthly contracts began in October 2013 and extend through October 2016.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Because we operate in various regions in the world, we conduct a portion of our business in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. We entered into various foreign currency exchange contracts to stabilize expected cash outflows relating to certain vessel charters that are denominated in British pounds and Norwegian kroner.

In January 2013, we entered into foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge through September 2017 the foreign currency exposure associated with the Grand Canyon charter payments (\$104.6 million) denominated in Norwegian kroner (NOK591.3 million). In February 2013, we entered into similar foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge our foreign currency exposure with respect to the Grand Canyon II and Grand Canyon III charter payments (\$100.4 million and \$98.8 million, respectively) denominated in Norwegian kroner (NOK594.7 million and NOK595.0 million, respectively), through July 2019 and February 2020, respectively. These contracts currently qualify for hedge accounting treatment. All of our remaining foreign exchange contracts are not accounted for as hedge contracts and changes in their fair value are marked-to-market in earnings in each reporting period.

Quantitative Disclosures Related to Derivative Instruments

As a result of the announcement in December 2012 of the sale of ERT, we de-designated all of our remaining oil and natural gas derivative contracts as hedging instruments. In addition, under the terms of our former credit agreement (Note 6), we were required to use a portion of the proceeds from the sales of ERT, the Caesar and the Express to make payments to reduce our indebtedness. Because of the probability that the former term loan debt would be totally

repaid before the expiration of our then existing interest rate swaps, we also concluded that those swaps no longer qualified as cash flow hedges. In February 2013, we settled all of our outstanding commodity derivative contracts and the then existing interest rate swap contracts for payments of approximately \$22.5 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The mark-to-market adjustments related to our commodity derivative contracts and interest rate swaps are reflected in "Loss on commodity derivative contracts" and "Other expense, net," respectively, in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

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The following table presents the fair value and balance sheet classification of our derivative instruments that were not designated as hedging instruments (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Asset Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current assets	\$ 1	Other current assets	\$ 69
		\$ 1		\$ 69

The following table presents the fair value and balance sheet classification of our derivative instruments that were designated as hedging instruments (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Asset Derivatives:				
Interest rate swaps	Other assets, net	\$ 549	Other assets, net	\$ 446
		\$ 549		\$ 446
Liability Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange contracts	Accrued liabilities	\$ 1,840	Accrued liabilities	\$ 1,905
Interest rate swaps	Accrued liabilities	789	Accrued liabilities	746
Foreign exchange contracts	Other non-current liabilities	8,578	Other non-current liabilities	13,166
		\$ 11,207		\$ 15,817

Ineffectiveness associated with our derivatives was immaterial for all periods presented. The following tables present the impact that derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges had on our Accumulated OCI (net of tax) and our condensed consolidated statements of operations (in thousands). We estimate that as of March 31, 2014 \$1.7 million of unrealized losses in Accumulated OCI associated with our derivatives is expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months.

	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives, Net of Tax (Effective Portion) Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 3,024	\$ (7,238)
Interest rate swaps	39	—
	\$ 3,063	\$ (7,238)

Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Earnings (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Earnings (Effective Portion) Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013

Interest rate swaps	Net interest expense	\$ (214)	\$ —
Foreign exchange contracts	Cost of sales	(444)	(150)
		\$ (658)	\$ (150)

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The following table presents the impact that derivative instruments not designated as hedges had on our condensed consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivatives	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivatives Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2014	2013
Oil and natural gas commodity contracts	Loss on commodity derivative contracts	\$ —	\$ (14,113)
Interest rate swaps	Other expense, net	—	(86)
Foreign exchange contracts	Other expense, net	7	(1,244)
		\$ 7	\$ (15,443)

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains various statements that contain forward-looking information regarding Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. and represent our expectations and beliefs concerning future events. This forward-looking information is intended to be covered by the safe harbor for “forward-looking statements” provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 as set forth in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements included herein or incorporated herein by reference that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that use terms and phrases such as “achieve,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “project,” “propose,” “strategy,” “predict,” “envision,” “hope,” “intend,” “will,” “continue,” “may,” “potential,” “should,” “could” terms and phrases are forward-looking statements. Included in forward-looking statements are, among other things:

- statements regarding our business strategy or any other business plans, forecasts or objectives, any or all of which are subject to change;
- statements relating to the construction, upgrades or acquisition of vessels or equipment and any anticipated costs related thereto, including the construction of the Q5000 and the Q7000 and the construction of two chartered vessels, which are expected to be delivered in 2016 and used in connection with our contracts to provide well intervention services offshore Brazil (Note 12);
- statements regarding projections of revenues, gross margin, expenses, earnings or losses, working capital or other financial items;
- statements regarding any financing transactions or arrangements, or ability to enter into such transactions;
- statements regarding anticipated legislative, governmental, regulatory, administrative or other public body actions, requirements, permits or decisions;
- statements regarding the collectability of our trade receivables;
- statements regarding anticipated developments, industry trends, performance or industry ranking;
- statements regarding general economic or political conditions, whether international, national or in the regional and local market areas in which we do business;
- statements related to our ability to retain key members of our senior management and key employees;

- statements related to the underlying assumptions related to any projection or forward-looking statement; and
- any other statements that relate to non-historical or future information.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable and are based on reasonable assumptions, they do involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to be materially different from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

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- impact of domestic and global economic conditions and the future impact of such conditions on the oil and gas industry and the demand for our services;
- unexpected delays in the delivery or chartering of new vessels for our well intervention and robotics fleet, including the Q5000 (expected in 2015), the Q7000 (expected in 2016), the Grand Canyon II and the Grand Canyon III (both expected in 2015);
- unexpected delays in the delivery of the chartered vessels to be used to perform recently contracted work in Brazil;
- unexpected future capital expenditures (including the amount and nature thereof);
- the effectiveness and timing of completion of our vessel upgrades and major maintenance items;
- the results of our continuing efforts to control costs and improve performance;
- the success of our risk management activities;
- the effects of competition;
- the effects of indebtedness, which could adversely restrict our ability to operate, could make us vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions, could place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt and could have other adverse consequences to us;
- the impact of current and future laws and governmental regulations, including tax and accounting developments;
- the effect of adverse weather conditions and/or other risks associated with marine operations;
- the effectiveness of our current and future hedging activities;
- the long-term availability (or lack thereof) of capital (including any financing) to fund our business strategy and/or operations, and the terms of any such financing;
- the potential impact of a loss of one or more key employees; and
- the impact of general, market, industry or business conditions.

Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those described in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” in our 2013 Form 10-K. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these risk factors. Forward-looking statements are only as of the date they are made, and other than as required under the securities laws, we assume no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements or provide reasons why actual results may differ.

Executive Summary

Business Strategy

We are an international offshore energy company that provides specialty services to the offshore energy industry, with a focus on our well intervention and robotics operations. Since 2008 we have focused on improving our balance sheet and increasing our liquidity through dispositions of non-core business assets and the related repayment of a significant portion of our indebtedness. We have substantially finalized this process with the sale of ERT in February 2013, the sale of our two remaining pipelay vessels in mid-2013 and the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014 (Note 2). As such, we believe that we are now positioned for growth and expansion in our well intervention and robotics operations.

Our focus is on expanding our well intervention and robotics businesses. We believe that focusing on these services will deliver higher long-term financial returns to us than the businesses and assets that we have chosen to monetize. We are making strategic investments that expand our service capabilities or add capacity to existing

services in our key operating regions. Our well intervention fleet has expanded with the newly converted well intervention vessel, the Helix 534, which was placed in service in February 2014. Our well intervention fleet will further expand following the completion of the two newbuild semi-submersible vessels currently under construction, the Q5000 and the Q7000, and the delivery of two newbuild chartered monohull vessels in connection with the well intervention service agreements which we entered into with Petrobras in February 2014. In addition, we are expanding our robotics operations by acquiring additional ROVs and trenchers as well as chartering two newbuild ROV support vessels, the Grand Canyon II and the Grand Canyon III, both of which are expected to be delivered in 2015.

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Economic Outlook and Industry Influences

Demand for our services is primarily influenced by the condition of the oil and gas industry, and in particular, the willingness of oil and gas companies to make capital expenditures for offshore exploration, drilling and production operations. The performance of our business is also largely dependent on the prevailing market prices for oil and natural gas, which are impacted by global economic conditions, hydrocarbon production and capacity, geopolitical issues, weather, and several other factors, including but not limited to:

- worldwide economic activity, including available access to global capital and capital markets;
- demand for oil and natural gas, especially in the United States, Europe, China and India;
- economic and political conditions in the Middle East and other oil-producing regions;
- the effect of regulations on offshore Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations;
- actions taken by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries;
- the availability and discovery rate of new oil and natural gas reserves in offshore areas;
- the exploration and production of shale oil and natural gas;
- the cost of offshore exploration for and production and transportation of oil and gas;
- the ability of oil and natural gas companies to generate funds or otherwise obtain external capital for exploration, development and production operations;
- the sale and expiration dates of offshore leases in the United States and overseas;
- technological advances affecting energy exploration production transportation and consumption;
- weather conditions;
- environmental and other governmental regulations; and
- domestic and international tax policies.

The world economy appears to be continuing at a generally slow but steady pace of growth. The economic news out of Europe has been generally favorable over the past six months, which should be a positive development for us given our substantial Well Intervention and Robotics operations in the North Sea region. However, any future news suggesting weak or declining economic data could affect global equity and commodity markets, which could affect normal business activities. Weaker global equity and commodity markets could potentially reduce investment in offshore oil and gas capital projects, which may affect rates that drilling rig contractors can charge for their services. However, whereas rig rate reductions have been widely forecasted within the industry over the past two quarters, we believe that our existing backlog of work and the type of services we perform should make us less susceptible to these potential developments regarding rig contractors. We believe that capital would be less likely to be expended on the beginning of offshore projects, for example for exploration drilling projects, rather than those that span the life of an oil and gas field's production. Our Well Intervention and Robotics operations are intended to service the life span of an oil and gas field as well as to provide abandonment services at the end of the life of a field as required by governmental regulations. Over the longer term, fundamentals for our business remain favorable as the need for continual replenishment of oil and gas production is the primary driver of demand for our services.

We believe that the long-term industry fundamentals are positive based on the following factors: (1) long-term increasing world demand for oil and natural gas emphasizing the need for continual oil and gas production; (2) mature global production rates for offshore and subsea wells; (3) globalization of the natural gas market; (4) an increasing number of mature and small reservoirs; (5) increasing offshore activity, particularly in deepwater; and (6) an increasing number of subsea developments.

Helix Fast Response System

We developed the HFRS as a culmination of our experience as a responder in the Macondo well control and containment efforts. The HFRS centers on two vessels, the HP I and the Q4000, both of which played a key role in the Macondo well control and containment efforts and are currently operating in the Gulf of Mexico. In 2011, we signed an agreement with Clean Gulf Associates ("CGA"), a non-profit industry group, allowing, in exchange for a retainer fee, the HFRS to be named as a response resource in permit applications to federal and state agencies and making the HFRS available to certain CGA participants who have executed utilization agreements with us. In addition, we entered into separate utilization agreements with CGA members that specified the day rates to be charged should the HFRS be deployed in connection with a well control incident. The original set of agreements expired on March 31, 2013, and we entered into a new set of substantially similar agreements with the operators who formed HWCG LLC, a Delaware limited

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liability company comprised of some of the original CGA members as well as other industry participants to perform the same functions as CGA with respect to the HFRS. These new agreements became effective April 1, 2013, and have a four-year term.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We have four business segments: Well Intervention, Robotics, Subsea Construction and Production Facilities. Our Subsea Construction activities have significantly diminished following the sale of substantially all of our remaining assets related to this reportable segment, including the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014. Previously, we had an additional business segment, Oil and Gas. In December 2012, we announced a definitive agreement for the sale of ERT. The sale occurred on February 6, 2013. Accordingly, the results of ERT are presented as discontinued operations for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

All material intercompany transactions between the segments have been eliminated in our condensed consolidated financial statements, including our consolidated results of operations.

Continuing Operations

We seek to provide services and methodologies that we believe are critical to developing offshore reservoirs and maximizing production economics. We operate primarily in deepwater in the Gulf of Mexico, North Sea, Asia Pacific and West Africa regions, with services that cover the lifecycle of an offshore oil or gas field. In addition, our Robotics operations are often contracted for the development of renewable energy projects (wind farms). As of March 31, 2014, our services had backlog of \$2.9 billion, including \$646.8 million expected to be performed over the remainder of 2014. The substantial majority of our backlog is associated with our Well Intervention and Production Facilities business segments. As of March 31, 2014, our well intervention backlog was \$2.5 billion, including \$433.3 million expected to be performed over the remainder of 2014. This includes a five-year contract with BP to provide well intervention services with our Q5000 semi-submersible vessel once its construction is completed (expected in 2015) and four-year agreements with Petrobras to provide well intervention services offshore Brazil with two chartered newbuild monohull vessels (both expected to be placed in service in 2016). Our Production Facilities segment reflects the results associated with the HP I as well as our equity investments in two Gulf of Mexico production facilities (Note 5). Backlog for the HP I totaled approximately \$164.7 million at March 31, 2014. In connection with the sale of ERT, a revised fee arrangement for usage of the HP I at the Phoenix field was agreed upon with the acquirer of ERT. Under the terms of this arrangement, ERT pays us a lower fixed annual demand fee; however, ERT also pays us a variable throughput fee. We anticipate that the total combined fees will approximate at least the previous fixed annual demand fee over the life of the contract. Currently, the fees that we are receiving exceed the previous fixed annual demand fee. The revised terms also provide that the HP I will continue to provide service to ERT's Phoenix field through at least December 31, 2016. Backlog contracts are cancelable without penalty in many cases. Backlog is not necessarily a reliable indicator of total annual revenue for our services as contracts may be added, cancelled and in many cases modified while in progress.

Discontinued Operations

In February 2013, we sold ERT for \$624 million plus additional consideration in the form of overriding royalty interests in ERT's Wang well and certain exploration prospects. As a result, we have presented the historical operating results of our former Oil and Gas segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements (Note 2).

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

A non-GAAP financial measure is generally defined by the SEC as a numerical measure of a company's historical or future performance, financial position, or cash flows that includes or excludes amounts from the most directly comparable measure under U.S. GAAP. We measure our operating performance based on EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure that is commonly used but is not a recognized accounting term under GAAP. We use EBITDA to monitor and facilitate the internal evaluation of the performance of our business operations, to facilitate external comparison of our business results to those of others in our industry, to analyze and evaluate financial and strategic planning decisions regarding future investments and acquisitions, to plan and evaluate operating budgets, and in certain cases, to report our

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results to the holders of our debt as required by our debt covenants. We believe our measure of EBITDA provides useful information to the public regarding our ability to service debt and fund capital expenditures and may help our investors understand our operating performance and compare our results to other companies that have different financing, capital and tax structures.

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) from continuing operations plus income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense, and net interest expense and other. We separately disclose our non-cash asset impairment charges, which, if not material, would be reflected as a component of our depreciation and amortization expense. Loss on early extinguishment of long-term debt is considered equivalent to additional interest expense and thus is added back to net income (loss) from continuing operations.

In the following reconciliation, we provide amounts as reflected in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements unless otherwise footnoted. This means that these amounts are recorded at 100% even if we do not own 100% of all of our subsidiaries. Accordingly, to arrive at our measure of Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations, when applicable, we deduct the noncontrolling interests related to the adjustment components of EBITDA and the gain or loss on the sale of assets from continuing operations.

Other companies may calculate their measures of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA differently than we do, which may limit their usefulness as comparative measures. Because EBITDA is not a financial measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, it should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders or cash flows from operations, but used as a supplement to these GAAP financial measures. The reconciliation of our net income (loss) from continuing operations to EBITDA from continuing operations and Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 54,222	\$ 1,334
Adjustments:		
Income tax provision	20,417	443
Net interest expense and other	5,293	14,007
Loss on early extinguishment of long-term debt	—	2,882
Depreciation and amortization	24,726	24,380
EBITDA from continuing operations	104,658	43,046
Adjustments:		
Noncontrolling interests	(661)	(1,015)
Gain on sale of assets	(11,496)	—
ADJUSTED EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ 92,501	\$ 42,031

Comparison of Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and 2013

The following table details various financial and operational highlights for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2014	2013	
Net revenues —			

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Well Intervention	\$ 159,700	\$ 106,332	\$ 53,368
Robotics	87,890	64,196	23,694
Subsea Construction	358	27,526	(27,168)
Production Facilities	23,140	20,393	2,747
Intercompany elimination	(17,516)	(21,018)	3,502
	\$ 253,572	\$ 197,429	\$ 56,143

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	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2014	March 31, 2013	
Gross profit —			
Well Intervention	\$ 52,789	\$ 39,280	\$ 13,509
Robotics	13,345	2,116	11,229
Subsea Construction	207	3,891	(3,684)
Production Facilities	11,536	11,349	187
Corporate and other	(833)	(2,349)	1,516
Intercompany elimination	(1,198)	(1,720)	522
	\$ 75,846	\$ 52,567	\$ 23,279
Gross margin —			
Well Intervention	33 %	37 %	
Robotics	15 %	3 %	
Subsea Construction	58 %	14 %	
Production Facilities	50 %	56 %	
Total company	30 %	27 %	
Number of vessels (1) / Utilization (2)			
Well Intervention vessels	5/91 %	3/100 %	
ROVs	58/73 %	55/55 %	
Robotics vessels	5/80 %	5/69 %	
Subsea Construction vessels	0/0 %	2/90 %	

(1) Represents number of vessels as of the end of the period excluding acquired vessels prior to their in-service dates, vessels taken out of service prior to their disposition and vessels jointly owned with a third party.

(2) Average vessel utilization rate is calculated by dividing the total number of days the vessels in each category generated revenues by the total number of calendar days in the applicable period.

Intercompany segment revenues are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2014	March 31, 2013	
Well Intervention	\$ 5,461	\$ 3,829	\$ 1,632
Robotics	12,055	12,199	(144)
Subsea Construction	—	317	(317)
Production Facilities	—	4,673	(4,673)
	\$ 17,516	\$ 21,018	\$ (3,502)

Intercompany segment profit is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2014	March 31, 2013	

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Well Intervention	\$ (62)	\$ (19)	\$ (43)
Robotics	1,304	1,625	(321)
Subsea Construction	—	158	(158)
Production Facilities	(44)	(44)	—
	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,720	\$ (522)

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In reviewing the discussion below of our results of operations, please refer to the tables above and Note 11 for supplemental information regarding our business segment results. This discussion specifically refers to our Well Intervention, Robotics and Production Facilities segments. We sold our remaining Subsea Construction vessels in mid-2013 (Note 2).

Net Revenues. Our total net revenues increased by 28% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. Net revenues for our business segments increased in the comparable year over year periods, reflecting the addition of vessels in our Well Intervention business, the increased number of assets and asset utilization within our Robotics segment, and the higher revenues associated with the revised fee arrangement for the HP I in the Phoenix field. Our Subsea Construction revenues decreased reflecting the sale of our pipelay vessels in mid-year 2013.

Our Well Intervention revenues increased by 50% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013 reflecting the addition of a chartered vessel, the Skandi Constructor, in April 2013 and the Helix 534 being placed in service in the Gulf of Mexico in February 2014. Our vessels had substantially full utilization during the first quarter with the exception being the Well Enhancer that went into regulatory dry dock in mid-December 2013 and returned to service in late January 2014. We expect that our Well Intervention vessels will continue to experience high utilization over the remainder of 2014. Two of our well intervention vessels are currently scheduled for dry dock in the fourth quarter of 2014. The Skandi Constructor is scheduled for its normal regulatory dry dock, which should take approximately 30 days. The Seawell is scheduled for both normal regulatory dry dock and certain capital upgrades during its dry dock, which is expected to last approximately 120 days. Upgrades to the Seawell are intended to extend the vessel's useful economic life.

Robotics revenues increased by 37% during the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The increase primarily reflects the addition of three ROVs to our fleet and the significantly higher utilization of our ROVs and trenchers. Our trenching activities, primarily conducted in the North Sea region, are expected to increase during 2014 as compared to the extraordinarily weak market that was experienced in 2013.

Our Production Facilities revenues increased by 13% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013, which reflects an increase in our total revenues under the new fee arrangement for the HP I. The quarterly HFRS retainer fees also increased effective April 1, 2013 as a result of new four-year agreements.

Gross Profit. Our total gross profit increased by 44% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The gross profit associated with our Well Intervention segment increased by 34% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013 reflecting the addition of two vessels to our fleet since March 31, 2013.

The gross profit associated with our Robotics segment increased by over 500% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The variance reflects increased utilization for our ROVs and trenching assets and related support vessels. Utilization for our trenching assets increased significantly reflecting the resumption of trenching projects in the North Sea region following an unusually weak year for that work in 2013.

The gross profit related to our Production Facilities segment remained relatively unchanged, but the gross profit margin decreased by 6% primarily reflecting the amortization of the deferred regulatory dry dock costs the HP I incurred in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Loss on Commodity Derivative Contracts. In December 2012, following the announcement of the sale of ERT, we de-designated our oil and gas commodity derivative contracts and interest rate swap contracts as hedging instruments (Note 14). The \$14.1 million loss on commodity derivative contracts reflects the net loss on our oil and gas

commodity derivative contracts during the first quarter of 2013. In February 2013, we paid approximately \$22.5 million to settle our remaining open commodity derivative contracts.

Gain on Sale of Assets. The \$11.5 million gain on sale of assets for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 primarily reflects the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014 (Note 2).

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Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Our selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$2.8 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The decrease reflects the reduction in the size of our organization following the sale of ERT in February 2013, the winding up of our subsea construction operations, and the related effect of these transactions on the level of our corporate staffing. In the first quarter of 2013, our selling, general and administrative expenses included severance related costs of approximately \$1.6 million.

Equity in Earnings of Investments. Equity in earnings of investments increased by \$0.1 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. The increase primarily reflects slightly higher throughput at the Deepwater Gateway facility.

Net Interest Expense. Our net interest expense totaled \$4.5 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$10.3 million for the same period in 2013. The decrease consists of both a reduction in interest expense and increases in capitalized interest and interest income. The decrease in interest expense reflects the substantial reduction in our indebtedness, including the \$318.4 million repayment of debt in February 2013 following the sale of ERT and our redemption in July 2013 of the remaining \$275 million of our Senior Unsecured Notes then outstanding. Capitalized interest totaled \$3.2 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$1.9 million for the same period in 2013. Generally, our capitalized interest will be increasing as the construction of our vessels and related equipment progresses. Interest income totaled \$0.7 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$0.3 million for the same period in 2013. The amount of interest income for the first quarter of 2014 includes \$0.4 million on the promissory note held in connection with the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase.

Loss on Early Extinguishment of Long-term Debt. The \$2.9 million loss in the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was associated with the acceleration of the deferred financing fees related to the term loan component of our former credit agreement following the repayment of a substantial portion of that indebtedness in February 2013 (Note 6).

Other Expense, Net. We reported net other expense of \$0.8 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$3.7 million for the same period in 2013. These amounts primarily reflect foreign exchange fluctuations in our non-U.S. dollar functional currencies. The foreign exchange losses were attributed to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against other global currencies. Included in these foreign exchange losses was \$1.2 million related to our foreign exchange forward contracts in the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 (Note 14).

Other Income – Oil and Gas. The \$12.3 million income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 includes a \$7.2 million insurance reimbursement related to asset retirement work previously performed with the remaining income associated with our overriding royalty interests in ERT's Wang well, which commenced production in late April 2013. The \$2.8 million income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 primarily represents cash payments related to services we provided to ERT following its sale to a third party.

Income Tax Provision (Benefit). Income taxes reflected expenses of \$20.4 million in the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$0.4 million in the same period last year. The variance primarily reflects increased profitability in the current year period. The effective tax rate of 27.4% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 was higher than the 24.9% effective tax rate that was recorded for the same period in 2013 as a result of projected year-over-year increases in profitability in the United States.

Discontinued Operations — Oil and Gas

All of our oil and gas assets sold in February 2013 were located in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The operating results of our discontinued oil and gas operations during 2013 are presented in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013. Our continuing operations include one oil and gas property located offshore of the United Kingdom (“U.K.”). During the first quarter of 2013, we recorded a \$1.6 million charge reflecting the estimated final costs to complete our U.K. property’s abandonment activities. We completed the reclamation activities for this offshore property in 2013 in accordance with applicable U.K. regulations.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Overview

The following table presents certain useful information in the analysis of our financial condition and liquidity (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Net working capital	\$ 575,693	\$ 553,427
Long-term debt (1)	\$ 540,636	\$ 545,776
Liquidity (2)	\$ 1,052,192	\$ 1,062,413

(1) Long-term debt does not include the current maturities portion of the long-term debt as that amount is included in net working capital. It is also net of unamortized debt discount on the 2032 Notes. See Note 6 for information related to our existing debt.

(2) Liquidity, as defined by us, is equal to cash and cash equivalents plus available capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility, which capacity is reduced by letters of credit drawn against the facility. As of March 31, 2014, our liquidity included cash and cash equivalents of \$470.1 million and \$582.1 million of available borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility (Note 6). As of December 31, 2013, our liquidity included cash and cash equivalents of \$478.2 million and \$584.2 million of available borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility.

The carrying amount of our long-term debt, including current maturities, is as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Term Loan (matures June 2018)	\$ 288,750	\$ 292,500
2032 Notes (mature March 2032) (1)	174,881	173,484
MARAD Debt (matures February 2027)	97,513	100,168
Total debt	\$ 561,144	\$ 566,152

(1) Amounts are net of the unamortized debt discount of \$25.1 million and \$26.5 million, respectively. The 2032 Notes will increase to the \$200 million face amount through accretion of non-cash interest charges through March 15, 2018, which is the date on which the holders of the notes may first require us to repurchase the notes.

The following table provides summary data from our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 48,837	\$ (8,167)
Investing activities	\$ (44,910)	\$ (34,405)
Financing activities	\$ (11,311)	\$ (324,558)

Discontinued operations (1)	\$	—	\$	552,462
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(1) Represents total cash flows associated with the operations of ERT. ERT was sold in February 2013. Proceeds from the sale of ERT totaled \$614.8 million, net of transaction costs. Other cash flows in the table above reflect our continuing operations.

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Our current requirements for cash primarily reflect the need to fund capital expenditures for the growth of our current lines of business and to service our debt. Historically, we have funded our capital program, including acquisitions, with cash flows from operations, borrowings under credit facilities and use of project financing along with other debt and equity alternatives.

We remain focused on maintaining a strong balance sheet and adequate liquidity. We have a reasonable basis for estimating our future cash flows supported by our existing and expanding backlog. We believe that internally generated cash flows and available borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility will be sufficient to fund our operations over at least the next twelve months.

In accordance with our Credit Agreement, the 2032 Notes and MARAD Debt agreements, we are required to comply with certain covenants, including certain financial ratios such as a consolidated interest coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, as well as the maintenance of minimum net worth, working capital and debt-to-equity requirements. Our Credit Agreement also contains provisions that limit our ability to incur certain types of additional indebtedness. These provisions effectively prohibit us from incurring any additional secured indebtedness or indebtedness guaranteed by us. The Credit Agreement does permit us to incur certain unsecured indebtedness, and also provides for our subsidiaries to incur project financing indebtedness (such as our MARAD Debt) secured by the underlying asset, provided that indebtedness is not guaranteed by us. The Credit Agreement also permits our Unrestricted Subsidiaries to incur indebtedness provided that it is not guaranteed by us or any of our Restricted Subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

A prolonged period of weak economic activity may make it difficult to comply with our covenants and other restrictions in agreements governing our debt. Our ability to comply with these covenants and other restrictions is affected by economic conditions and other events beyond our control. If we fail to comply with these covenants and other restrictions, that failure could lead to an event of default, the possible acceleration of our repayment of outstanding debt and the exercise of certain remedies by our lenders, including foreclosure against our collateral.

In July 2013, we borrowed \$300 million under our Term Loan in connection with our early redemption of the remaining \$275 million Senior Unsecured Notes then outstanding. We may borrow up to \$600 million under our Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility also permits us to obtain letters of credit up to the full amount of this facility. Subject to customary conditions, we may request that aggregate commitments with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility be increased by, or additional term loans be made of, or a combination thereof, up to \$200 million. See Note 6 for additional information relating to our long-term debt, including more information regarding our current and former credit agreements, including covenants and collateral.

The 2032 Notes can be converted prior to their stated maturity upon certain triggering events specified in the Indenture governing the notes. Beginning in March 15, 2018, the holders of the 2032 Notes may require us to repurchase these notes or we may at our own option elect to repurchase them. To the extent we do not have cash on hand or long-term financing secured to cover the conversion, the 2032 Notes would be classified as current liabilities in our condensed consolidated balance sheet. No conversion triggers were met during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

Operating Cash Flows

Total cash flows from operating activities increased by \$87.5 million in the three-month period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. This increase primarily reflects increases in revenues and gross profit. Operating cash flows for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 also included \$30.5 million of net cash used in discontinued operations related to ERT, which was sold in February 2013.

Investing Activities

Capital expenditures have consisted principally of the purchase or construction of dynamically positioned vessels; improvements and modifications to existing assets; acquisition, exploration and development of oil and gas properties; and investments in our production facilities. Significant sources (uses) of cash associated with investing activities are as follows (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Capital expenditures:		
Well Intervention	\$ (32,841)	\$ (33,331)
Robotics	(5,767)	(4,869)
Production Facilities	(5)	(53)
Other	622	1,798
Distributions from equity investments, net (1)	2,092	2,050
Proceeds from sale of assets (2)	11,074	—
Acquisition of noncontrolling interests	(20,085)	—
Net cash used in investing activities – continuing operations	(44,910)	(34,405)
Oil and Gas capital expenditures	—	(31,855)
Proceeds from sale of ERT, net of transaction costs	—	614,820
Net cash provided by investing activities – discontinued operations	—	582,965
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$ (44,910)	\$ 548,560

(1) Distributions from equity investments are net of undistributed equity earnings from our equity investments. Gross distributions from our equity investments for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$2.8 million and \$2.7 million, respectively (Note 5).

(2) Primarily reflects cash received from the sale of our Ingleside spoolbase in January 2014 (Note 2).

Capital expenditures associated with our business primarily include the payments associated with the construction of the Q5000 and the Q7000 (see below), payments in connection with the acquisition and subsequent upgrades to and modifications of the Helix 534 (see below), and the costs incurred in the construction of additional ROVs and trenchers related to our robotics operations.

In March 2012, we executed a contract with a shipyard in Singapore for the construction of a newbuild semi-submersible well intervention vessel, the Q5000. This \$386.5 million shipyard contract represents the majority of the expected costs associated with the construction of the Q5000. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, payments are made in a fixed percentage of the contract price, together with any variations, on contractually scheduled dates. At March 31, 2014, our total investment in the Q5000 was \$213.7 million, including \$173.8 million of scheduled payments made to the shipyard. We plan to spend approximately \$142 million on the Q5000 during the remainder of 2014, including scheduled shipyard payments of \$115.9 million. The next milestone payment to the shipyard will occur in June 2014. The vessel is expected to be completed and placed in service in 2015.

In August 2012, we acquired the Discoverer 534 drillship from a subsidiary of Transocean Ltd. for \$85 million. The vessel, renamed the Helix 534, underwent upgrades and modifications to render it suitable for use as a well intervention vessel and commenced well intervention operations in the Gulf of Mexico in February 2014. At March 31, 2014, our total investment for the Helix 534 was \$219.4 million, including related well control equipment.

In September 2013, we executed a second contract with the same shipyard in Singapore that is currently constructing the Q5000. This contract provides for the construction of a newbuild semi-submersible well intervention vessel, the Q7000, which will be built to North Sea standards. This \$346.0 million shipyard contract represents the majority of the expected costs associated with the construction of the Q7000. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, 20% of the contract price was paid upon the signing of the contract and the remaining 80% will be paid upon the delivery of the vessel, which is expected to occur in 2016. At March 31, 2014, our total investment in the Q7000 was \$80.8 million, including \$69.2 million paid to the shipyard upon signing the contract. We plan to spend approximately \$17 million

on the Q7000 during the remainder of 2014.

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In February 2014, we entered into agreements with Petrobras to provide well intervention services offshore Brazil. The initial term of the agreements with Petrobras is for four years with options to extend. In connection with the Petrobras agreements, we entered into charter agreements with Siem Offshore AS for two newbuild monohull vessels, both of which are expected to be in service for Petrobras in 2016. Our total investment in the topside equipment for both vessels is expected to be approximately \$260 million. We have invested \$0.1 million as of March 31, 2014 and plan to invest approximately \$41 million in the topside equipment during the remainder of 2014.

Net cash used in discontinued operations relates to capital expenditures associated with ERT. Oil and Gas capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2013 included costs associated with the exploration and development activities primarily related to the Wang well within the Phoenix field at Green Canyon Block 237.

Outlook

We anticipate that our capital expenditures in 2014 will total approximately \$400 million. These estimates may increase or decrease based on various economic factors and/or the existence of additional investment opportunities. However, we may reduce the level of our planned future capital expenditures given any prolonged economic downturn. We believe that our cash on hand, internally-generated cash flows, and availability under our credit facility will provide the capital necessary to continue funding our 2014 initiatives.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

The following table summarizes our contractual cash obligations as of March 31, 2014 and the scheduled years in which the obligations are contractually due (in thousands):

	Total (1)	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
2032 Notes (2)	\$200,000	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$200,000
Term Loan (3)	288,750	15,000	56,250	217,500	—
MARAD debt	97,513	5,508	11,855	13,068	67,082
Interest related to debt	198,727	23,541	43,638	31,730	99,818
Property and equipment (4)	573,735	200,319	373,416	—	—
Operating leases (5)	571,319	133,495	251,691	126,915	59,218
Total cash obligations	\$1,930,044	\$377,863	\$736,850	\$389,213	\$426,118

(1) Excludes unsecured letters of credit outstanding at March 31, 2014 totaling \$17.9 million. These letters of credit guarantee items such as various contractual obligations, customs duties, contract bidding and insurance activities.

(2) Contractual maturity in 2032. The 2032 Notes can be converted prior to their stated maturity if the closing price of our common stock for at least 20 days in the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter exceeds 130% of its issuance price on that 30th trading day (i.e., \$32.53 per share). At March 31, 2014, the conversion trigger was not met. The first date that the holders of these notes may require us to repurchase the notes is March 15, 2018. See Note 6 for additional information.

(3) Amount reflects the borrowings made in July 2013. The Term Loan will mature on June 19, 2018.

(4) Primarily reflects the costs of constructing our new semi-submersible well intervention vessels, the Q5000 and the Q7000.

(5) Operating leases include vessel charters and facility leases. At March 31, 2014, our vessel charter and ROV lease commitments totaled approximately \$524.6 million, including two vessels that will not be delivered to us until 2015.

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CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements. We prepare these financial statements and related footnotes in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. As such, we are required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. We base our estimates on historical experience, available information and various other assumptions we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates may change as new events occur, as more experience is acquired, as additional information is obtained and as our operating environment changes. For additional information regarding our critical accounting policies and estimates, please read our “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” as disclosed in our 2013 Form 10-K.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are currently exposed to market risk in two areas: interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

Interest Rate Risk. As of March 31, 2014, \$288.8 million of our outstanding debt was subject to floating rates. The interest rate applicable to our variable rate debt may rise, increasing our interest expense and related cash outlay. To reduce the impact of this market risk, in September 2013, we entered into interest rate swap contracts to fix the interest rate on \$148.1 million of our Term Loan. These swap contracts, which are settled monthly, began in October 2013 and extend through October 2016. The impact of market risk is estimated using a hypothetical increase in interest rates by 100 basis points for our variable rate long-term debt that is not hedged. Based on this hypothetical assumption, we would have incurred an additional \$1.5 million in interest expense for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. Because we operate in various regions around the world, we conduct a portion of our business in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (primarily with respect to our North Sea operations). As such, our earnings are subject to movements in foreign currency exchange rates when transactions are denominated in (i) currencies other than the U.S. dollar, which is our functional currency, or (ii) the functional currency of our subsidiaries, which is not necessarily the U.S. dollar. In order to mitigate the effects of exchange rate risk in areas outside the United States, we generally pay a portion of our expenses in local currencies and a substantial portion of our contracts provide for collections from customers in U.S. dollars. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we recognized losses of \$0.8 million related to foreign currency transactions in “Other expense, net” in our condensed consolidated statement of operations.

We also entered into various foreign currency exchange contracts to stabilize expected cash outflows relating to certain vessel charters denominated in British pounds and Norwegian kroner. In January 2013, we entered into foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge through September 2017 the foreign currency exposure associated with the Grand Canyon charter payments (\$104.6 million) denominated in Norwegian kroner (NOK591.3 million). In February 2013, we entered into similar foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge our foreign currency exposure with respect to the Grand Canyon II and the Grand Canyon III charter payments (\$100.4 million and \$98.8 million, respectively) denominated in Norwegian kroner (NOK594.7 million and NOK595.0 million, respectively), through July 2019 and February 2020, respectively. These contracts currently qualify for hedge accounting treatment. All of our remaining foreign exchange contracts are not accounted for as hedge contracts and changes in their fair value are being marked-to-market in earnings in each reporting period (Note 14).

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2014. Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2014 to ensure that information that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act, in the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Part I, Item 1, Note 12 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased (1)	(b) Average price paid per share	(c) Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced program (2)	(d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the program (2)
January 1 to January 31, 2014	37,013	\$ 23.11	—	197,751
February 1 to February 28, 2014	92,000	23.41	92,000	105,751
March 1 to March 31, 2014	105,751	23.22	105,751	—
	234,764	\$ 23.28	197,751	

(1) Includes shares delivered to the Company by employees in satisfaction of minimum withholding taxes upon vesting of restricted shares.

(2) Under the terms of our stock repurchase program, the issuance of shares to members of our Board of Directors and to certain employees, including shares issued to our employees under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”) (Note 10), increases the amount of shares available for repurchase. The shares purchased in March 2014 reflect the shares issued to our Board members and executive officers and the ESPP shares issued to our employees in January 2014. For additional information regarding our stock repurchase program, see Note 11 to our 2013

Form 10-K.

Item 6. Exhibits

The exhibits to this report are listed in the Exhibit Index beginning on Page 38 hereof.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: April 23, 2014

By: /s/ Owen Kratz
Owen Kratz
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: April 23, 2014

By: /s/ Anthony Tripodo
Anthony Tripodo
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS
OF
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

Exhibits	Description	Filed or Furnished Herewith or Incorporated by Reference from the Following Documents (Registration or File Number)
3.1	2005 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of Helix.	Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2006 (000-22739)
3.2	Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of Helix, as amended.	Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2006 (001-32936)
<u>31.1</u>	<u>Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by Owen Kratz, Chief Executive Officer.</u>	<u>Filed herewith</u>
<u>31.2</u>	<u>Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by Anthony Tripodo, Chief Financial Officer.</u>	<u>Filed herewith</u>
<u>32.1</u>	<u>Certification of Helix's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes — Oxley Act of 2002.</u>	<u>Furnished herewith</u>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.	Furnished herewith
101.SCH	XBRL Schema Document.	Furnished herewith
101.CAL	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document.	Furnished herewith
101.PRE	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document.	Furnished herewith
101.DEF	XBRL Definition Linkbase Document.	Furnished herewith
101.LAB	XBRL Label Linkbase Document.	Furnished herewith

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