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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For 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: 1-4221

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

73-0679879
(I.R.S. Employer I.D. Number)

1437 South Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74119

(Address of principal executive office)(Zip Code)

(918) 742-5531

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a small reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and small reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

CLASS
Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

OUTSTANDING AT April 30, 2014
108,143,213

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 584,979	\$ 447,868
Accounts receivable, less reserve of \$4,601 at March 31, 2014 and \$4,795 at September 30, 2013	624,108	621,420
Inventories	99,829	88,866
Deferred income taxes	13,998	16,414
Prepaid expenses and other	59,091	79,938
Current assets of discontinued operations	6,979	3,705
Total current assets	1,388,984	1,258,211
Investments	284,670	316,154
Property, plant and equipment, net	4,801,236	4,676,103
Other assets	13,391	14,359
Total assets	\$ 6,488,281	\$ 6,264,827
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 135,300	\$ 144,379
Accrued liabilities	184,847	189,684
Long-term debt due within one year	115,000	115,000
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	3,341	3,210
Total current liabilities	438,488	452,273
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt	80,000	80,000
Deferred income taxes	1,220,624	1,222,981
Other	57,458	65,351
Noncurrent liabilities of discontinued operations	3,638	495
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,361,720	1,368,827
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.10 par value, 160,000,000 shares authorized, 110,323,930 shares and 108,738,577 shares issued as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively and 108,065,638 shares and 106,716,970 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively	11,032	10,874

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Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued		
Additional paid-in capital	359,995	288,758
Retained earnings	4,314,571	4,102,663
Accumulated other comprehensive income	113,425	132,530
Treasury stock, at cost	(110,950)	(91,098)
Total shareholders' equity	4,688,073	4,443,727
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,488,281	\$ 6,264,827

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating revenues:				
Drilling U.S. Land	\$ 741,791	\$ 685,710	\$ 1,473,465	\$ 1,381,740
Drilling Offshore	63,276	55,605	122,330	113,323
Drilling International Land	85,533	94,092	180,874	181,359
Other	2,830	2,902	5,913	6,459
	893,430	838,309	1,782,582	1,682,881
Operating costs and other:				
Operating costs, excluding depreciation	480,167	461,737	954,215	928,608
Depreciation	123,963	112,433	244,200	219,032
General and administrative	34,431	32,836	66,674	65,257
Research and development	3,625	3,696	7,882	7,049
Income from asset sales	(4,098)	(5,313)	(9,762)	(10,532)
	638,088	605,389	1,263,209	1,209,414
Operating income from continuing operations	255,342	232,920	519,373	473,467
Other income (expense):				
Interest and dividend income	490	315	943	741
Interest expense	(1,725)	(1,186)	(2,919)	(2,494)
Gain from sale of investment securities	21,352		21,352	8,752
Other	(32)	103	(377)	(1,981)
	20,085	(768)	18,999	5,018
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	275,427	232,152	538,372	478,485
Income tax provision	100,838	81,085	190,601	167,807
Income from continuing operations	174,589	151,067	347,771	310,678
Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes	2,786	(472)	2,786	(480)
Income tax provision	2,805	(485)	2,805	(485)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(19)	13	(19)	5
NET INCOME	\$ 174,570	\$ 151,080	\$ 347,752	\$ 310,683
Basic earnings per common share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.41	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.91
Income from discontinued operations	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net income	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.41	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.91

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Diluted earnings per common share:					
Income from continuing operations	\$	1.59	\$	1.39	\$ 3.17 \$ 2.87
Income from discontinued operations	\$		\$		\$
Net income	\$	1.59	\$	1.39	\$ 3.17 \$ 2.87
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic		107,692		106,326	107,417 106,094
Diluted		109,081		107,786	108,945 107,640
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.625	\$	0.15	\$ 1.25 \$ 0.30

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 174,570	\$ 151,080	\$ 347,752	\$ 310,683
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:				
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on securities, net of income taxes of (\$2.3) million and (\$4.3) million at March 31, 2014 and \$21.9 million and \$21.8 million at March 31, 2013	(3,552)	37,516	(6,513)	37,382
Reclassification of realized gains in net income, net of income taxes of (\$8.5) million at March 31, 2014	(12,884)		(12,884)	
Minimum pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million at March 31, 2014 and \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million at March 31, 2013	145	432	292	865
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(16,291)	37,948	(19,105)	38,247
Comprehensive income	\$ 158,279	\$ 189,028	\$ 328,647	\$ 348,930

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HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

(in thousands)

	Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 347,752	\$ 310,683
Adjustment for (income) loss from discontinued operations	19	(5)
Income from continuing operations	347,771	310,678
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	244,200	219,032
Provision for bad debt	(194)	3,792
Stock-based compensation	12,804	11,726
Other	772	772
Gain on sale of investment securities	(21,352)	(8,752)
Income from asset sales	(9,762)	(10,532)
Deferred income tax expense	13,751	20,127
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(2,494)	13,459
Inventories	(10,963)	(6,148)
Prepaid expenses and other	21,815	31,046
Accounts payable	(25,337)	(70,000)
Accrued liabilities	(19,017)	(7,826)
Deferred income taxes	(1,109)	(1,211)
Other noncurrent liabilities	(10,083)	(11,855)
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations	540,030	494,308
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities from discontinued operations	(19)	5
Net cash provided by operating activities	540,011	494,313
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(356,753)	(438,473)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	23,338	18,102
Proceeds from asset sales	13,321	16,151
Net cash used in investing activities	(320,094)	(404,220)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Dividends paid	(121,545)	(23,469)
Exercise of stock options	19,701	4,906
Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock	(3,049)	(1,677)
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	22,087	7,045
Net cash used in financing activities	(82,806)	(13,195)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	137,111	76,898
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	447,868	96,095
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 584,979	\$ 172,993

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional	Retained	Accumulated	Treasury Stock		Total
	Shares	Amount	Paid-In	Earnings	Other	Shares	Amount	Shareholders
			Capital		Comprehensive			Equity
					Income			
Balance, September 30, 2013	108,739	\$ 10,874	\$ 288,758	\$ 4,102,663	\$ 132,530	2,022	\$ (91,098)	\$ 4,443,727
Net income				347,752				347,752
Other comprehensive loss					(19,105)			(19,105)
Cash dividends (\$1.25 per share)				(135,844)				(135,844)
Exercise of stock options	1,428	142	36,362			198	(16,803)	19,701
Tax benefit of stock-based awards, including excess tax benefits of \$22.1 million			22,087					22,087
Stock issued for vested restricted stock, net of shares withheld for employee taxes	157	16	(16)			38	(3,049)	(3,049)
Stock-based compensation			12,804					12,804
Balance, March 31, 2014	110,324	\$ 11,032	\$ 359,995	\$ 4,314,571	\$ 113,425	2,258	\$ (110,950)	\$ 4,688,073

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

Unless the context otherwise requires, the use of the terms the Company, we, us and our in these Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements refers to Helmerich & Payne, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) and applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pertaining to interim financial information. Accordingly, these interim financial statements do not include all information or footnote disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, and other current filings with the Commission. In the opinion of management all adjustments, consisting of those of a normal recurring nature, necessary to present fairly the results of the periods presented have been included. The results of operations for the interim periods presented may not necessarily be indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

As more fully described in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, our contract drilling revenues are comprised of daywork drilling contracts for which the related revenues and expenses are recognized as services are performed. For contracts that are terminated by customers prior to the expirations of their fixed terms, contractual provisions customarily require early termination amounts to be paid to us. Revenues from early terminated contracts are recognized when all contractual requirements have been met.

2. Discontinued Operations

Current assets of discontinued operations consist of restricted cash to meet remaining in-country current obligations. Current and noncurrent liabilities of discontinued operations consist of municipal and income taxes payable and social obligations due within the country of Venezuela.

3. Earnings per Share

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 260, *Earnings per Share*, requires companies to treat unvested share-based payment awards that have non-forfeitable rights to dividend or dividend equivalents as a separate class of securities in calculating earnings per share. We have granted and expect to continue to grant to employees restricted stock grants that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends. Such grants are considered participating securities under ASC 260. As such, we are required to include these grants in the calculation of our basic earnings per share and

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calculate basic earnings per share using the two-class method. The two-class method of computing earnings per share is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared (or accumulated) and participation rights in undistributed earnings.

Basic earnings per share is computed utilizing the two-class method and is calculated based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented.

Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the periods utilizing the two-class method for stock options and nonvested restricted stock.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Numerator:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 174,589	\$ 151,067	\$ 347,771	\$ 310,678
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(19)	13	(19)	5
Net income	174,570	151,080	347,752	310,683
Adjustment for basic earnings per share:				
Earnings allocated to unvested shareholders	(1,035)	(820)	(2,027)	(1,553)
Numerator for basic earnings per share:				
From continuing operations	173,554	150,247	345,744	309,125
From discontinued operations	(19)	13	(19)	5
	173,535	150,260	345,725	309,130
Adjustment for diluted earnings per share:				
Effect of reallocating undistributed earnings of unvested shareholders	8	10	17	19
Numerator for diluted earnings per share:				
From continuing operations	173,562	150,257	345,761	309,144
From discontinued operations	(19)	13	(19)	5
	\$ 173,543	\$ 150,270	\$ 345,742	\$ 309,149
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share weighted-average shares	107,692	106,326	107,417	106,094
Effect of dilutive shares from stock options and restricted stock	1,389	1,460	1,528	1,546
Denominator for diluted earnings per share adjusted weighted-average shares	109,081	107,786	108,945	107,640
Basic earnings per common share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.41	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.91
Income from discontinued operations				
Net income	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.41	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.91
Diluted earnings per common share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.39	\$ 3.17	\$ 2.87
Income from discontinued operations				
Net income	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.39	\$ 3.17	\$ 2.87

The following shares attributable to outstanding equity awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(in thousands, except per share amounts)				
	215	752	256	365

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Shares excluded from calculation of diluted earnings per share

Weighted-average price per share	\$	79.67	\$	57.30	\$	79.67	\$	54.18
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4. Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurement

The estimated fair value of our available-for-sale securities, reflected on our Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets as Investments, is based on market quotes. The following is a summary of available-for-sale securities, which excludes assets held in a Non-qualified Supplemental Savings Plan:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Equity securities March 31, 2014	\$ 66,448	\$ 205,068	\$	\$ 271,516
Equity securities September 30, 2013	\$ 68,434	\$ 237,214	\$	\$ 305,648

On an ongoing basis we evaluate the marketable equity securities to determine if a decline in fair value below cost is other-than-temporary. If a decline in fair value below cost is determined to be other-than-temporary, an impairment charge is recorded and a new cost basis established. We review several factors to determine whether a loss is other-than-temporary. These factors include, but are not limited to, (i) the length of time a security is in an unrealized loss position, (ii) the extent to which fair value is less than cost, (iii) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and (iv) our intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. The cost of securities used in determining realized gains and losses is based on the average cost basis of the security sold.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, marketable equity available-for-sale securities with a fair value at the date of sale of \$23.3 million were sold. The gross realized gain on such sales of available-for-sale securities totaled \$21.4 million. We had no sales of marketable equity available-for-sale securities during the six months ended March 31, 2013. During the six months ended March 31, 2013, we sold our shares in three limited partnerships that were primarily invested in international equities realizing a gain of \$8.8 million which is included in gain from sale of investment securities in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income.

Assets held in the Non-qualified Supplemental Savings Plan are carried at fair value based on level 1 inputs described below. The fair value totaled \$13.2 million at March 31, 2014 and \$10.5 million at September 30, 2013.

The majority of cash equivalents are invested in highly liquid money-market mutual funds invested primarily in direct or indirect obligations of the U.S. Government. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the short maturity of those investments.

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. We use the fair value hierarchy established in ASC 820-10 to measure fair value to prioritize the inputs:

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- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. This includes pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

At March 31, 2014, our financial instruments utilizing Level 1 inputs include cash equivalents, equity securities with active markets, restricted cash included in other current assets and money market funds we have elected to classify as restricted assets that are included in other current assets and other assets. Also included is cash denominated in a foreign currency that we have elected to classify as restricted to be used to settle the remaining liabilities of discontinued operations. For these items, quoted current market prices are readily available.

At March 31, 2014, financial instruments utilizing level 2 inputs include a bank certificate of deposit included in other current assets.

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Currently, we do not have any financial instruments utilizing Level 3 inputs.

The following table summarizes our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis presented in our Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2014:

	Total Measure at Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	(in thousands)			
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 584,979	\$ 584,979	\$	\$
Equity securities	271,516	271,516		
Other current assets	31,174	30,924	250	
Other assets	2,000	2,000		
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ 889,669	\$ 889,419	\$ 250	\$

The following information presents the supplemental fair value information about fixed-rate debt at March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013:

	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
	(in millions)	
Carrying value of fixed-rate debt	\$ 195.0	\$ 195.0
Fair value of fixed-rate debt	\$ 203.6	\$ 205.4

The fair value for fixed-rate debt was estimated using cash flows discounted at rates reflecting current interest rates at similar maturities plus a credit spread which was estimated using market information on debt instruments with a similar credit profile to us. The debt was valued using a Level 2 input.

5. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
	(in thousands)	
Pre-tax amounts:		
Unrealized appreciation on securities	\$ 205,068	\$ 237,214
Unrecognized actuarial loss	(18,752)	(19,210)
	\$ 186,316	\$ 218,004

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After-tax amounts:

Unrealized appreciation on securities	\$	124,764	\$	144,161
Unrecognized actuarial loss		(11,339)		(11,631)
	\$	113,425	\$	132,530

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The following is a summary of the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, by component for the three and six months ended March 31, 2014:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Available-for-sale Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan (in thousands)	Total
Balances at January 1, 2014	\$ 141,200	\$ (11,484)	\$ 129,716
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(3,552)		(3,552)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(12,884)	145	(12,739)
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	(16,436)	145	(16,291)
Balances at March 31, 2014	\$ 124,764	\$ (11,339)	\$ 113,425

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014		
	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Available-for-sale Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan (in thousands)	Total
Balance at October 1, 2013	\$ 144,161	\$ (11,631)	\$ 132,530
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(6,513)		(6,513)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	(12,884)	292	(12,592)
Net current-period other comprehensive income	(19,397)	292	(19,105)
Balances at March 31, 2014	\$ 124,764	\$ (11,339)	\$ 113,425

The following provides detail about accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) components which were reclassified to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Components	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)				Affected Line Item in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income
	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	\$ (21,352)	\$	\$ (21,352)	\$	Gain on sale of investment securities
	8,468		8,468		Income tax provision
	\$ (12,884)	\$	\$ (12,884)	\$	Net of tax
Defined Benefit Pension Items					
Amortization of net actuarial loss	\$ 229	\$ 685	\$ 458	\$ 1,370	General and administrative
	(84)	(253)	(166)	(505)	Income tax provision
	\$ 145	\$ 432	\$ 292	\$ 865	Net of tax

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Total reclassifications for the period	\$	(12,739)	\$	432	\$	(12,592)	\$	865
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6. Cash Dividends

The \$0.625 per share cash dividend declared December 3, 2013, was paid March 3, 2014. On March 5, 2014, a cash dividend of \$0.625 per share was declared for shareholders of record on May 15, 2014, payable June 2, 2014. The dividend payable is included in accounts payable in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet.

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7. Stock-Based Compensation

On March 2, 2011, the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2010 Plan) was approved by our stockholders. The 2010 Plan, among other things, authorizes the Human Resources Committee of the Board to grant non-qualified stock options, restricted stock awards and stock appreciation rights to selected employees and to non-employee Directors. Restricted stock may be granted for no consideration other than prior and future services. The purchase price per share for stock options may not be less than market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. Stock options expire 10 years after the grant date. There were 261,438 non-qualified stock options and 230,375 shares of restricted stock awards granted in the six months ended March 31, 2014. Awards outstanding in the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan) and one prior equity plan remain subject to the terms and conditions of those plans.

A summary of compensation cost for stock-based payment arrangements recognized in general and administrative expense is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Compensation expense				
Stock options	\$ 1,989	\$ 2,649	\$ 5,642	\$ 6,132
Restricted stock	3,805	3,049	7,162	5,594
	\$ 5,794	\$ 5,698	\$ 12,804	\$ 11,726

STOCK OPTIONS

The following summarizes the weighted-average assumptions utilized in determining the fair value of options granted during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
Risk-free interest rate	1.6%	0.7%
Expected stock volatility	52.6%	53.9%
Dividend yield	3.1%	1.1%
Expected term (in years)	5.5	5.5

Risk-Free Interest Rate. The risk-free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasury securities for the expected term of the option.

Expected Volatility Rate. Expected volatility is based on the daily closing price of our stock based upon historical experience over a period which approximates the expected term of the option.

Expected Dividend Yield. The expected dividend yield is based on our current dividend yield.

Expected Term. The expected term of the options granted represents the period of time that they are expected to be outstanding. We estimate the expected term of options granted based on historical experience with grants and exercises.

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A summary of stock option activity under the Plan for the three and six months ended March 31, 2014 is presented in the following tables:

Options	Shares (in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
		Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	
Outstanding at January 1, 2014	3,524	\$ 39.69		
Granted				
Exercised	(701)	27.71		
Forfeited/Expired	(5)	79.67		
Outstanding at March 31, 2014	2,818	\$ 42.59	5.6	\$ 183.1
Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2014	2,810	\$ 42.55	5.6	\$ 182.7
Exercisable at March 31, 2014	2,070	\$ 35.41	4.6	\$ 149.3

Options	Shares (in thousands)	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014	
		Weighted- Average Exercise Price	
Outstanding at October 1, 2013	3,991	\$ 34.12	
Granted	261	79.67	
Exercised	(1,428)	25.57	
Forfeited/Expired	(6)	75.11	
Outstanding at March 31, 2014	2,818	\$ 42.59	

The weighted-average fair value of options granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2014 was \$29.44. No options were granted in the second quarter of fiscal 2014.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014 was \$47.4 million and \$85.7 million, respectively.

As of March 31, 2014 the unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options was \$11.4 million which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

RESTRICTED STOCK

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Restricted stock awards consist of our common stock and are time-vested over three to six years. We recognize compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. The fair value of restricted stock awards under the 2010 Plan is determined based on the closing price of our shares on the grant date. As of March 31, 2014, there was \$27.8 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

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A summary of the status of our restricted stock awards as of March 31, 2014 and changes in restricted stock outstanding during the six months then ended is presented below:

Restricted Stock Awards	Shares (in thousands)	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014	
			Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested at October 1, 2013	576	\$	55.17
Granted	230		79.67
Vested (1)	(157)		54.08
Forfeited	(6)		70.39
Unvested at March 31, 2014	643	\$	64.08

(1) The number of restricted stock awards vested includes shares that we withheld on behalf of our employees to satisfy the statutory tax withholding requirements.

8. Debt

At March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, we had the following unsecured long-term debt outstanding:

	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
	(in thousands)	
Unsecured intermediate debt issued August 15, 2002:		
Series D, due August 15, 2014, 6.56%	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Unsecured senior notes issued July 21, 2009:		
Due July 21, 2014, 6.10%	40,000	40,000
Due July 21, 2015, 6.10%	40,000	40,000
Due July 21, 2016, 6.10%	40,000	40,000
	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000
Less long-term debt due within one year	115,000	115,000
Long-term debt	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000

The intermediate unsecured debt outstanding at March 31, 2014 matures August 15, 2014 and carries an interest rate of 6.56 percent, which is paid semi-annually. The terms require that we maintain a ratio of debt to total capitalization of less than 55 percent. The debt is held by various entities.

We have \$120 million in senior unsecured fixed-rate notes outstanding at March 31, 2014 that mature over a period from July 2014 to July 2016. Interest on the notes is paid semi-annually based on an annual rate of 6.10 percent. Annual principal repayments of \$40 million are

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due July 2014 through July 2016. We have complied with our financial covenants which require us to maintain a funded leverage ratio of less than 55 percent and an interest coverage ratio (as defined) of not less than 2.50 to 1.00.

We have a \$300 million unsecured revolving credit facility that will mature May 25, 2017. The credit facility has \$100 million available to use for letters of credit. We anticipate that the majority of any borrowings under the facility will accrue interest at a spread over the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). We will also pay a commitment fee based on the unused balance of the facility. Borrowing spreads as well as commitment fees are determined according to a scale based on a ratio of our total debt to total capitalization. The spread over LIBOR ranges from 1.125 percent to 1.75 percent per annum and commitment fees range from .15 percent to .35 percent per annum. Based on our debt to total capitalization on March 31, 2014, the spread over LIBOR and commitment fees would be 1.125 percent and .15 percent, respectively. Financial covenants in the facility require us to maintain a funded leverage ratio (as defined) of less than 50 percent and an interest coverage ratio (as defined) of not less than 3.00 to 1.00. The credit facility contains additional terms, conditions, restrictions, and covenants that we believe are usual and customary in unsecured debt arrangements for companies of similar size and credit quality. At March 31, 2014, we were in compliance with all debt covenants. As of March 31, 2014, there were no borrowings, but there were three letters of credit outstanding in the amount of \$30.7 million. At March 31, 2014, we had \$269.3 million available to borrow under our \$300 million unsecured credit facility.

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At March 31, 2014, we had three letters of credit outstanding, totaling \$12 million that were issued to support international operations. These letters of credit were issued separately from the \$300 million credit facility so they do not reduce the available borrowing capacity discussed in the previous paragraph.

9. Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate for the first six months of fiscal 2014 and 2013 was 35.4 percent and 35.1 percent, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 was 36.6 percent and 34.9 percent, respectively. Effective tax rates differ from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0 percent primarily due to state and foreign income taxes and the tax benefit from the Internal Revenue Code Section 199 deduction for domestic production activities.

For the next 12 months, we cannot predict with certainty whether we will achieve ultimate resolution of any uncertain tax positions associated with our U.S. and international operations that could result in increases or decreases of our unrecognized tax benefits. However, we believe it is reasonably possible that the reserve for uncertain tax positions may increase by approximately \$8.0 million to \$10.7 million during the next 12 months due to international matters. We provided for uncertain tax positions of \$3.1 million related to discontinued operations during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

10. Commitments and Contingencies

In conjunction with our current drilling rig construction program, purchase commitments for equipment, parts and supplies of approximately \$189.7 million are outstanding at March 31, 2014.

Various legal actions, the majority of which arise in the ordinary course of business, are pending. We maintain insurance against certain business risks subject to certain deductibles. None of these legal actions are expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

We are contingently liable to sureties in respect of bonds issued by the sureties in connection with certain commitments entered into by us in the normal course of business. We have agreed to indemnify the sureties for any payments made by them in respect of such bonds.

During the ordinary course of our business, contingencies arise resulting from an existing condition, situation or set of circumstances involving an uncertainty as to the realization of a possible gain contingency. We account for gain contingencies in accordance with the provisions of ASC 450, *Contingencies*, and, therefore, we do not record gain contingencies or recognize income until realized. The property and equipment of our Venezuelan subsidiary was seized by the Venezuelan government on June 30, 2010. Our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. and Helmerich & Payne de Venezuela, C.A., filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on September 23, 2011 against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) and PDVSA Petroleo, S.A. (Petroleo). Our subsidiaries seek damages for the taking of their Venezuelan drilling business in violation of international law and for

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breach of contract. While there exists the possibility of realizing a recovery, we are currently unable to determine the timing or amounts we may receive, if any, or the likelihood of recovery. No gain contingencies are recognized in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

On November 8, 2013, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana approved the previously disclosed October 30, 2013 plea agreement between our wholly owned subsidiary, Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co., and the United States Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana (DOJ). The court's approval of the plea agreement resolved the DOJ's investigation into certain choke manifold testing irregularities that occurred in 2010 at one of Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co.'s offshore platform rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. In November 2013, we paid a \$5.4 million monetary penalty and made a \$1.0 million organizational community service payment which were included in accrued liabilities on the September 30, 2013 Consolidated Balance Sheet and in operating costs, excluding depreciation in the September 30, 2013 Consolidated Statement of Income. We are also currently engaged in discussions with the Inspector General's office of the Department of Interior regarding the same events that were the subject of the DOJ's investigation. Although we presently believe that the outcome of our discussions will not have a material adverse effect on the Company, we can provide no assurances as to the timing or eventual outcome of these discussions.

11. Segment Information

We operate principally in the contract drilling industry. Our contract drilling business includes the following reportable operating segments: U.S. Land, Offshore and International Land. The contract drilling operations consist mainly of contracting Company-owned drilling equipment primarily to large oil and gas exploration companies. To provide information about the different types of business activities in which we operate, we have included Offshore and International Land, along with our U.S. Land

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reportable operating segment, as separate reportable operating segments. Additionally, each reportable operating segment is a strategic business unit that is managed separately. Our primary international areas of operation include Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Tunisia, Bahrain, U.A.E. and other South American countries. Other includes additional non-reportable operating segments. Revenues included in Other consist primarily of rental income. Consolidated revenues and expenses reflect the elimination of all material intercompany transactions.

We evaluate segment performance based on income or loss from continuing operations (segment operating income) before income taxes which includes:

- revenues from external and internal customers
- direct operating costs
- depreciation and
- allocated general and administrative costs

but excludes corporate costs for other depreciation, income from asset sales and other corporate income and expense.

General and administrative costs are allocated to the segments based primarily on specific identification and, to the extent that such identification is not practical, on other methods which we believe to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services provided.

Segment operating income for all segments is a non-GAAP financial measure of our performance, as it excludes certain general and administrative expenses, corporate depreciation, income from asset sales and other corporate income and expense. We consider segment operating income to be an important supplemental measure of operating performance by presenting trends in our core businesses. We use this measure to facilitate period-to-period comparisons in operating performance of our reportable segments in the aggregate by eliminating items that affect comparability between periods. We believe that segment operating income is useful to investors because it provides a means to evaluate the operating performance of the segments on an ongoing basis using criteria that are used by our internal decision makers. Additionally, it highlights operating trends and aids analytical comparisons. However, segment operating income has limitations and should not be used as an alternative to operating income or loss, a performance measure determined in accordance with GAAP, as it excludes certain costs that may affect our operating performance in future periods.

Summarized financial information of our reportable segments for the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 is shown in the following tables:

(in thousands)	External Sales	Inter- Segment	Total Sales	Segment Operating Income (Loss)
March 31, 2014				

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Contract Drilling:

U.S. Land	\$	1,473,465	\$		\$	1,473,465	\$	496,014
Offshore		122,330				122,330		37,841
International Land		180,874				180,874		23,919
		1,776,669						