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2  
\$9.2  
\$10.8  
\$13.9  
\$24.0  
\$29.1  
\$33.7  
\$42.9  
\$47.3  
\$46.8  
\$24.9

\$26.3

\$28.2

\$24.0

\$27.0

\$42.6

\$54.3

\$67.4

\$63.7

1Q 05

2Q 05

3Q 05

4Q 05

1Q 06

2Q 06

3Q 06

4Q 06

1Q07

Liftboats

Drilling

\$4.2

\$4.6

\$5.8

\$11.7

\$16.8

\$20.7

\$26.7

\$24.5

21.7

\$12.5

\$12.6

\$13.8

\$11.3

\$14.1

\$26.8

\$33.7

\$44.0

40.2

1Q 05

2Q 05

3Q 05

4Q 05

1Q 06

2Q 06

3Q 06

4Q 06

1Q07

Liftboats

Drilling

Hercules Offshore Overview

Note: See Explanatory Information slide. Division Adjusted EBITDA does not include corporate G&A and other income/exp

Quarterly Revenue

Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)

(\$ in millions)

Unique business mix within the oil services industry

Tremendous growth since inception in mid 2004

Experienced management team

Proven track record of strong return on capital and equity

3  
37%  
37%  
36%  
28%  
27%  
24%  
23%  
19%  
13%  
0%  
5%

10%

15%

20%

25%

30%

35%

40%

45%

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DO

HERO

ESV

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GSF

RIG

RDC

PDE

Industry Leading Returns On Equity

Note: ROE = (Last Twelve Month Net Income) / (Average Shareholders Equity)

Competitor ratios based on reported financials.

Hercules continues to provide attractive returns in upper end of  
peer group

3/31/07 Last 12 Months Return on Equity

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Pending TODCO Acquisition Highlights

Consideration to TODCO shareholders

Average per share:

0.979 Hercules shares

\$16.00 in cash

Cash or stock election feature (subject to  
proration)

Acquisition funded with existing cash on hand



and a senior secured term loan facility  
Closing expected mid-2007

Subject to:

HSR approval

Hercules and TODCO shareholder votes  
Post-transaction Board of Directors to include  
seven Hercules and three TODCO nominees



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A Gulf of Mexico Leader. . . With Global Reach

A New Leader in Jackup Drilling

A Leader in Liftboats

A Leader in Barge Drilling

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Creates Shareholder Value in Near and Long-term

Accretive to earnings and cash flow per share

Opportunity to enhance future returns with lower cost of capital

Potential for multiple expansion due to size and growth prospects

1Q '07 pro forma trailing 12 month revenue of \$1.4 billion and EBITDA of \$630 million

Revenue

(1)

(\$mm)

EBITDA

(1)

(\$mm)

(1)  
PF HERO represents Hercules plus TODCO financials per SEC filings; no accounting adjustments have been made.  
\$223  
\$630  
0  
250  
500  
750  
HERO  
PF HERO  
\$399  
\$1,369  
0  
500  
1,000  
1,500  
HERO  
PF HERO

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Pro Forma Capital Structure as of 3/31/07  
Total Debt/Total Capitalization  
Total  
Debt  
as  
a  
Multiple  
of  
LTM  
EBITDA  
(1)  
(1)  
For

comparison  
purposes,  
EBITDA  
=  
Revenue

Operating  
Expenses

SG&A

Competitor ratios based on 1Q07 reported earnings.

1.7x

1.6x

1.4x

0.9x

0.6x

0.5x

0.4x

1.6x

0.0x

0.4x

0.8x

1.2x

1.6x

2.0x

RIG

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Acquisition-related debt allows Hercules to optimize its capital structure

Enhanced credit quality due to increased scale and scope

Term loan provides flexibility for rapid de-leveraging with significant

expected free cash flow

Successful track record of de-leveraging following acquisitions

48%

34%

34%

33%

21%

19%

18%

12%

0%

20%

40%

60%  
SPN  
PF  
HERO  
RIG  
PDE  
RDC  
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GSF



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Summary of Strategic Rationale

Enhances position in Gulf of Mexico and increases operational flexibility

Provides asset and geographic diversity

Expands international footprint for future growth

Creates larger, more diverse jackup fleet

Timely combination in a fragmented jackup market

Combines leaders in barge drilling and liftboats

Potential to realize meaningful synergies

Economies of scale

Procurement of materials, insurance, employee benefits

Operational synergies and redundant public company

expenses

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Provides Asset Diversity

1Q 2007 Revenue Segmentation Analysis

Pre-Transaction

\$110 MM

Post-Transaction

\$352 MM

GOM Contract

Drilling

38%

Domestic

Liftboats

30%

International

Contract Drilling

19%

International

Liftboats

13%  
Domestic  
Liftboats  
9%  
Inland Barge  
Drilling  
18%  
International  
Contract  
Drilling  
20%  
International  
Liftboats  
4%  
GOM Contract  
Drilling  
43%  
Delta Towing  
6%

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1Q 2007 Geographic Revenue Analysis

Provides Geographic Diversity

Pre-Transaction

\$110 MM

Post-Transaction

\$352 MM

We expect international contribution to represent a greater portion of our revenues in the future

Middle East

6%

US GOM

68%

India  
13%  
West Africa  
13%  
US GOM, 58%  
Inland US, 18%  
Latin America,  
13%  
West Africa, 5%  
India, 4%  
Middle East, 2%

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A Global Footprint with Significant Expansion Potential  
Mexico  
Jackup Rigs  
2  
Platform Rig  
1  
West Africa  
Jackup Rig 1  
Liftboats  
17  
Middle East

Jackup Rig 1  
Malaysia  
(1)  
Jackup Rig 1  
U.S. Gulf Coast  
Inland Barges  
27  
Land Rigs (TX)  
2  
Trinidad  
Jackup Rig  
1  
Land Rig  
1  
(1)  
Pro forma for TODCO s  
announced THE 208 relocation.  
(2)  
Includes Hercules *Rig 26*, marketing internationally.  
Brazil  
Jackup Rig 1  
Venezuela  
Land Rigs 6  
U.S. Gulf of Mexico  
Jackup Rigs  
25  
Submersible 3  
Liftboats  
47  
India  
Jackup Rig 1  
Global Summary  
Liftboats  
64  
Jackup Rigs  
33  
Inland Barges  
27  
Land Rigs  
9  
Submersible  
3  
Platform Rigs  
1  
(2)



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PDE  
DO  
NBR  
RDC  
HERO

Blake  
GSF  
Fourth Largest Global Jackup Fleet  
Current Global Jackup Landscape  
Current Gulf of Mexico Jackup Landscape  
(1)  
Source: ODS-Petrodata  
(1)  
Excludes  
rigs  
that  
have  
announced  
mobilization  
out  
of  
the  
GOM,  
including  
Hercules  
Rig  
26  
and  
Pride  
Mississippi

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Leading Player in US Gulf Coast Inland Barge Rigs

Note: GOM drilling barges only, excludes workover rigs

Source:

Company estimates based on public information.

27

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PF HERO  
PKD  
Axxis  
NBR  
Tetra  
Coastal

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A Leading Provider of Liftboat Services

Current Gulf of Mexico Liftboat Landscape

Current West Africa Liftboat Landscape

Source:

Company estimates based on public information.

(1)

Denotes cold-stacked or abandoned vessels.

47

27

15

6

6

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SPN  
Aries  
Montco  
OL  
Laredo  
AMC  
OMC  
Seahorse  
CS Liftboats  
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15  
20  
HERO  
Zumax  
(1)  
Zukus  
(1)  
NV De Brandt  
Shoreline

15  
August  
2005  
Acquired  
the *Whale*  
Shark  
liftboat from  
CS Liftboats  
June  
2005  
Acquired *Rig 16*  
from Transocean  
and 17 liftboats  
from Superior  
Energy  
October



2004

Acquired 22  
liftboats from  
Global Industries  
August

2004

Acquired five  
jackup rigs from  
Parker Drilling  
Successful integration of 12 asset acquisitions since formation

Integrated several large fleets, operations and employees

Opportunistic acquisition strategy  
Focus on return on capital employed  
Successful Acquisition Track Record

February

2006

Acquired *Rig 26*  
from Aries  
Offshore Partners  
Ltd.

November

2005

Acquired seven  
liftboats from  
Danos & Curole  
September

2005

Acquired *Rig 31*  
from Hydrocarbon  
Capital II LLC

June

2006

Acquired six  
liftboats from  
Laborde Marine  
Lifts

November

2006

Acquired eight  
liftboats and  
assumed rights to  
operate five  
additional liftboats  
from Halliburton

January

2005

Acquired *Rig 25*  
from Parker Drilling  
and *Rig 30*

from  
Porterhouse  
Offshore, L.P.  
March  
2007  
Entered into a  
definitive merger  
agreement to  
acquire TODCO

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TODCO Transaction Consistent With Hercules  
Strategy  
Grow the Company

Merger expedites growth initiative

Utilize critical mass and financial strength to enhance future growth  
Quickly integrate and deploy newly acquired assets

Identify and implement operational best practices

Past successes of effectively integrating acquisitions  
Maintain Financial Discipline

Pro forma debt level of 1.6x LTM EBITDA is within industry range

Use significant expected free cash to de-lever

Diversify asset base and geographic footprint

Leverage combined operational and management depth to continue and accelerate international expansion

Business Outlook

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US Gulf of Mexico Shows Signs of Stabilizing

Current GOM demand for 64 jackups against marketed supply of 73  
jackups, leaving 9 rigs hot-stacked

GOM dayrates have been steady for past few months

Jackup

Avail.

Supply

0

20

40

60  
80  
100  
120  
140  
160  
\$0  
\$20  
\$40  
\$60  
\$80  
\$100  
\$120  
Contracted  
Stacked Ready  
Dayrate  
Contracted  
Dayrate  
GOM Jackup Supply and Demand  
Source: ODS-Petrodata, Jefferies & Company, company estimates  
Backlog  
Dayrate  
53% reduction  
in supply  
Current GOM Jackup Backlog  
0  
50  
100  
150  
200  
250  
300  
\$-  
\$25  
\$50  
\$75  
\$100  
\$125

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400  
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600  
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\$25  
\$50  
\$75  
\$100  
\$125  
\$150



\$175

\$200

International Jackup Demand Remains Strong

International Jackup Supply and Demand

Backlog

Dayrate

Jackup

Avail.

Supply

0

20

40

60

80

100

120

140

160

180

\$0

\$20

\$40

\$60

\$80

\$100

\$120

\$140

\$160

\$180

\$200

Contracted

Stacked Ready

Dayrate

Contracted

Dayrate

Current International Jackup Backlog

International jackup utilization is still effectively at 100% and backlog is near record highs

Source: ODS-Petrodata, Jefferies & Company. West Africa 300 IC dayrate used to approximate average market rates for work

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Inland Barge Update

Largest operator in US Gulf Coast

74 total barges of which 22 are workover only

Of 52 drilling barges, TODCO owns 27, Parker owns 14 (79% of supply)

TODCO holds excess supply with 17 operating and 10 cold stacked

Average Backlog 59 days

(1)

TODCO fleet as of April 30, 2007 and Hercules estimates

Latest Contracted Dayrates

Marketed  
Rigs  
Working  
Rigs  
Avg  
High  
Conventional  
<2000hp  
1  
1  
32,000  
\$  
32,000  
\$  
Conventional  
2000hp  
2  
2  
35,000  
  
35,000  
  
Conventional  
3000hp  
3  
2  
38,500  
  
42,000  
  
Posted  
2000hp  
3  
1  
68,000  
  
68,000  
  
Posted  
3000hp  
8  
8  
47,500  
  
58,000  
  
17  
14  
44,786  
\$

51,286  
\$  
(1)

21

Hercules

Liftboat Fleet

Starfish

Class 140

Liftboat

Swordfish

Class 200

Liftboat

(1)

Within the liftboat industry, the terms leg-length and liftboat class are used interchangeably.

Note:

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Utilization is defined as the total number of operating days in the period as a percentage of the total number of calendar days in which liftboats were actively marketed. Dayrates include reimbursements from customers under relevant contracts.

70%  
Leg -  
Length /  
Liftboat  
Class  
(1)  
Number of  
Apr-06  
Apr-07  
Y-o-Y  
YTD 2007  
(Feet)  
Vessels  
Dayrate  
Dayrate  
% Change  
Utilization  
Gulf of Mexico  
260'  
1  
\$29,512  
\$32,728  
11%  
93%  
230'  
3  
\$24,896  
28,199  
13%  
44%  
190-215'  
6  
18,913  
22,110  
17%  
79%  
170'  
2  
NA  
20,061  
NA  
38%  
140-150'  
6  
9,780  
9,997  
2%  
79%

120-130'

14

7,323

8,643

18%

64%

105'

15

5,665

7,175

27%

66%

Domestic Total

47

\$10,617

\$12,582

19%

67%

West Africa

All Vessels

17

\$9,644

\$11,065

15%

78%

22  
Investment Highlights  
Successful  
History of  
Growth  
Leading Market  
Positions  
Diversification  
by Assets,  
Geography, and  
Customers  
Experienced  
Management



Team  
Favorable  
Industry  
Fundamentals  
Industry Leading  
Returns

23  
Explanatory Information  
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EBITDA  
is  
calculated  
as  
net  
income  
before  
interest  
expense,  
taxes,  
depreciation  
and  
amortization,  
gain

on disposal of assets and loss on early retirement of debt. Adjusted EBITDA is included in this presentation because our management considers it an important supplemental measure of our performance and believes that it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies

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our  
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debt  
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capital  
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capital  
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Adjusted  
EBITDA  
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taxes,  
depreciation  
and  
amortization,  
gain  
on  
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loss  
on  
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retirement  
of  
debt.  
The  
following  
tables  
reconcile  
Adjusted  
EBITDA  
with  
net  
income.

Note: Reconciliations for Drilling and Liftboats do not include corporate adjustments.

EBITDA Reconciliation

(\$ in millions)

Drilling

Liftboats

1Q 05

2Q 05

Q3 05

4Q 05

1Q 06

2Q 06

3Q 06

4Q 06

1Q 07

1Q 05

2Q 05

Q3 05

4Q 05

1Q 06

2Q 06

3Q 06

4Q 06

1Q 07

Net Income

\$9.5

\$7.6

\$10.5

\$0.5

\$25.6

\$15.6

\$19.1

\$27.2

\$25.7

\$2.5

\$1.5

\$2.5

(\$1.6)

\$7.5

\$9.3

\$12.6

\$12.7

\$7.8

Plus: Interest Expense

1.8

1.8

1.9

1.5

1.3

1.4

1.7



2.3  
1.4  
0.5  
0.6  
0.9  
0.8  
0.7  
0.8  
0.9  
1.4  
0.8  
Plus: Income Tax Expense

6.9  
15.1  
7.5  
10.5  
10.0  
9.3

8.9  
4.4  
5.5  
7.6  
4.7  
5.3  
Plus: Depreciation and Amortization  
1.3  
1.3  
1.4  
1.5  
1.7  
2.3  
3.5  
4.0  
3.9  
1.2  
1.5  
2.3  
3.2  
4.3  
5.2  
5.6  
5.7  
7.8  
Plus: Loss on Early Retirement of Debt

1.8

0.8

0.9

0.5

Less: Gain on Disposal of Assets

29.6

1.1

Adjusted EBITDA

\$12.5

\$12.6

\$13.8

\$11.3

\$14.1

\$26.8

\$33.7

\$43.5

\$40.2

\$4.2

\$4.6

\$5.8

\$11.7  
\$16.8  
\$20.7  
\$26.7  
\$24.5  
\$21.7

24  
Explanatory Information (cont.)  
We  
have  
calculated  
pro  
forma  
EBITDA  
combining  
Hercules  
Offshore  
and  
TODCO.  
EBITDA  
is  
calculated  
as

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expenses  
less  
general  
&  
administrative  
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amortization.

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Hercules  
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No  
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made.

The  
following  
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calculates

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forma  
EBITDA.

Pro forma HERO EBITDA Calculation  
(\$ in millions)

1Q 06  
2Q 06  
3Q 06  
4Q 06  
1Q 07

LTM  
Hercules Revenue  
\$56

\$76  
\$97  
\$115  
\$110  
\$399  
TODCO Revenue  
\$184  
\$226  
\$242  
\$260  
\$242  
\$970  
Pro forma Revenue  
\$240  
\$302  
\$340  
\$375  
\$352  
\$1,369  
Hercules Operating Expense  
\$22  
\$26  
\$33  
\$43  
\$42  
\$144  
TODCO Operating Expense  
\$107  
\$141  
\$129  
\$133  
\$115  
\$518  
Less: Pro forma Operating Expenses  
\$129  
\$167  
\$162  
\$176  
\$156  
\$661  
Hercules General & Administrative  
\$7  
\$7  
\$7  
\$9  
\$9  
\$32  
TODCO General & Administrative  
\$10  
\$11

\$11  
\$10  
\$13  
\$45  
Less: Pro forma G&A Expenses  
\$16  
\$17  
\$18  
\$20  
\$22  
\$77  
Hercules EBITDA  
\$28  
\$43  
\$57  
\$63  
\$60  
\$223  
TODCO EBITDA  
\$67  
\$75  
\$102  
\$117  
\$114  
\$408  
PF HERO EBITDA  
\$94  
\$118  
\$159  
\$179  
\$174  
\$630

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Explanatory Information (cont.)

Last Twelve Months Return on Equity is calculated as Net Income divided by average Shareholders Equity for the period. The

Last Twelve Months Return on Equity for the period ending March 31, 2007.

(\$ in millions)

2006 Net Income

119

less: 1Q06 Net Income

31

plus: 1Q07 Net Income

33

3/31/07 LTM Net Income

121

3/31/07 Equity



431

3/31/06 Equity  
248

Average Shareholders Equity  
340

Return on Equity  
36%

Hercules Offshore  
3/31/07 Last Twelve Months Return On Equity Calculation

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Risk Factors  
Risks  
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respect  
to  
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combination  
of  
Hercules  
Offshore  
and  
TODCO,  
as  
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concerns,  
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acquired  
company.  
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costs  
associated  
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merger  
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TODCO,  
obtaining  
regulatory  
approvals,  
combining

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operations  
of  
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two  
companies  
and  
achieving  
desired  
synergies.  
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unanticipated  
costs  
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businesses  
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achieved  
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Offshore  
will  
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significant  
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the  
merger.  
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will  
require  
us  
to  
use  
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financial  
health,  
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our  
future  
operations  
and  
ability  
to  
borrow  
additional  
funds.  
For  
additional  
information  
regarding  
the  
risks  
associated

with  
the  
TODCO  
acquisition,  
please  
read  
the  
risk  
factors  
section  
in  
the  
joint  
proxy  
statement/prospectus  
included  
in  
Hercules  
registration  
statement  
in  
Form  
S-4  
(No.  
333-142314).

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Important Information to be Filed

In connection with the TODCO acquisition, Hercules Offshore has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that contains a joint proxy statement/prospectus. Investors and security holders of Hercules Offshore and TODCO are urged to read the registration

statement and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (if and when it becomes available) and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they contain and will contain important information about Hercules

Offshore, TODCO and the merger. A definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to security holders of Hercules Offshore seeking their approval of the issuance of shares of common stock in the acquisition. Investors and security holders may obtain these documents free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

In addition, the documents filed with the SEC by Hercules Offshore may be obtained free of charge from our website at [www.herculesoffshore.com](http://www.herculesoffshore.com) or by calling our investor relations

department at (713) 979-9300. The documents filed with the SEC by TODCO may be obtained free of charge from TODCO's website at [www.theoffshoredrillingcompany.com](http://www.theoffshoredrillingcompany.com)

or by calling

TODCO's

investor relations department at (713) 278-6000. Investors and security holders are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials when they

become available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the proposed merger.

Hercules Offshore, TODCO and their respective directors, and executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the participants in the solicitation is set forth in the registration statement on Form S-4 and will be set forth in the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

