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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **Form 10-O**

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2007

Commission file number: 001-32657

**Nabors Industries Ltd.** 

Incorporated in Bermuda Mintflower Place 8 Par-La-Ville Road Hamilton, HM08 Bermuda (441) 292-1510

98-0363970

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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 **b** No **o** 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer **b** Accelerated Filer **o** Non-accelerated Filer **o** 

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

The number of common shares, par value \$.001 per share, outstanding as of July 27, 2007 was 282,309,214. In addition, our subsidiary, Nabors Exchangeco (Canada) Inc., has 135,036 exchangeable shares outstanding as of July 27, 2007 that are exchangeable for Nabors common shares on a one-for-one basis, and have essentially identical rights as Nabors Industries Ltd. common shares, including but not limited to voting rights and the right to receive dividends, if any.

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# PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. Financial Statements

# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006		
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 608,739	\$ 700,549		
Short-term investments	218,552	439,467		
Accounts receivable, net	1,035,895	1,109,738		
Inventory	127,368	100,487		
Deferred income taxes	36,943	38,081		
Other current assets	230,729	116,534		
Total current assets	2,258,226	2,504,856		
Long-term investments	480,341	513,269		
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,298,371	5,410,101		
Goodwill	388,981	362,269		
Other long-term assets	486,341	351,808		
Total assets	\$ 9,912,260	\$ 9,142,303		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS	EQUITY			
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 700,000	\$		
Trade accounts payable	508,712	459,179		
Accrued liabilities	321,547	294,958		
Income taxes payable	118,426	100,223		
Total current liabilities	1,648,685	854,360		
Long-term debt	3,305,249	4,004,074		
Other long-term liabilities	295,223	208,553		
Deferred income taxes	540,488	538,663		
Total liabilities	5,789,645	5,605,650		
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Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)

Shareholders equity:

Common shares, par value \$.001 per share: Authorized common shares 800,000; issued 303,940 and 299,333, respectively 304 299 Capital in excess of par value 1,721,200 1,637,204 Accumulated other comprehensive income 257,695 201,261 Retained earnings 2,918,900 2,473,373 Less: treasury shares, at cost, 22,340 common shares (775,484)(775,484)Total shareholders equity 4,122,615 3,536,653 Total liabilities and shareholders equity \$ 9,912,260 \$ 9,142,303

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

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# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)		Three Mon June 2007		Six Months Ended June 30					
Revenues and other income: Operating revenues Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Investment (loss) income	\$	1,162,773 3,436 (9,272)	\$ 1,118,000 9,370 16,728	\$	2,423,416 15,877 19,437	\$	2,281,926 13,769 30,598		
Total revenues and other income		1,156,937	1,144,098		2,458,730		2,326,293		
Costs and other deductions: Direct costs General and administrative expenses Depreciation and amortization Depletion Interest expense Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets,		649,969 100,989 112,988 9,160 13,716	594,226 87,830 87,946 7,913 12,168		1,347,273 215,963 218,216 15,785 26,765		1,208,843 176,627 169,335 20,930 20,223		
impairment charges and other expense (income), net		(39,510)	4,216		(25,472)		8,245		
Total costs and other deductions		847,312	794,299		1,798,530		1,604,203		
Income before income taxes		309,625	349,799		660,200		722,090		
Income tax (benefit) expense: Current Deferred  Total income tax expense		58,828 22,448 81,276	58,549 57,817 116,366		168,909 780 169,689		119,974 111,920 231,894		
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Net income	\$	228,349	233,433	\$	490,511	\$	490,196		
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding: Basic	\$ \$	.82 .79 279,253	.79 .77 294,419	\$ \$	1.76 1.71 278,098	\$ \$	1.61 1.56 303,704		
Diluted		287,898	304,394		286,356		314,608		

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# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)	Si	ix Months En 2007	nded June 30, 2006		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$	490,511	\$	490,196	
Adjustments to net income:					
Depreciation and amortization		218,216		169,335	
Depletion		15,785		20,930	
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense		780		111,920	
Deferred financing costs amortization		4,176		2,104	
Pension liability amortization		240		210	
Discount amortization on long-term debt		974		2,888	
Amortization of loss on hedges		276		277	
(Gains) losses on long-lived assets, net		(29,547)		8,111	
Losses (gains) on investments, net		2,665		(7,696)	
Gains on derivative instruments		(979)		(1,642)	
Share-based compensation		16,285		15,150	
Foreign currency transaction gains, net		(3,290)		(7)	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of dividends		(4,291)		(11,336)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:					
Accounts receivable		88,267		(163,397)	
Inventory		(24,213)		(18,028)	
Other current assets		(56,644)		(13,249)	
Other long-term assets		(127,262)		(24,271)	
Trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities		37,710		82,112	
Income taxes payable		(24,811)		57,446	
Other long-term liabilities		50,537		20,513	
Net cash provided by operating activities		655,385		741,566	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of investments		(203,222)		(212,682)	
Sales and maturities of investments		366,239		727,741	
Cash paid for acquisitions of businesses, net		(8,391)		(82,236)	
Deposits released for acquisitions				35,844	
Capital expenditures		(1,095,496)		(840,006)	
Investment in affiliates		(8,433)		(2,433)	
Proceeds from sales of assets and insurance claims		119,447		7,794	
Net cash used for investing activities		(829,856)		(365,978)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Increase (decrease) in cash overdrafts		12,042		(26,322)	

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Proceeds from long-term debt		2,750,000
Reduction of long-term debt		(769,789)
Proceeds from sale of warrants		421,162
Purchase of exchangeable note hedge		(583,550)
Debt issuance costs		(27,500)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	67,824	19,173
Repurchase and retirement of common shares	(1,811)	(1,309,102)
Tax benefit related to the exercise of stock options	784	3,954
Net cash provided by financing activities	78,839	478,026
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	3,822	645
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(91,810)	854,259
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	700,549	565,001
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 608,739	\$ 1,419,260

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

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# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (Unaudited)

Accumulated Other

**Comprehensive Income (Loss)** 

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	Comn	ıon		Unrealized Gains (Losses)	iensi ve incom	(1055)		
	Shar	es	Capital in	on	Cumulative			
	Shares	Par Value	Excess of Par Value		Translation Adjustment	Other	Retained Earnings	Treasury Shares
December 31,	299,333	\$ 299	\$ 1,637,204	\$ 33,400	\$ 171,160	\$ (3,299)	\$ 2,473,373	\$ (775,484)
ensive income								
ne on adjustment d gains on e securities, net					89,780		490,511	
taxes of \$452 assification at for gains n net income, net				13,476				
tax benefit of				(47,048)				
ability ion, net of income 89						151		
ion of loss on hedges						75		
prehensive oss)				(33,572)	89,780	226	490,511	
ve effect of of FIN 48								
January 1, 2007							(44,984)	
of common shares options exercised xchangeco shares	2,982	3	67,821					
d of exercised	36							
on deductions			1,703					

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l stock awards,	1,589	2	(1,813)	
ed compensation			16,285	
	4,607	5	83,996	(44,984)
June 30, 2007	303,940	\$ 304	\$ 1,721,200	\$ (172) \$ 260,940 \$ (3,073) \$ 2,918,900 \$ (775,484) \$ 4

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# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (Continued) (Unaudited)

**Accumulated Other** 

**Treasury Shares** 

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	Comn	10n			Comprel Unrealized Gains (Losses)	hensive Incom	ne (Loss)		
	Share		Capital in Excess of	Unearned	on Unearned Marketable			Retained	
	Shares	Par Value		Compensatio			Other	Earnings	
iber 31,	315,393	\$ 315	\$ 1,590,968	\$ (15,649)	\$ 18,865	\$ 178,109	\$ (3,994)	\$ 1,989,526	5
ncome									
tment on						34,353		490,196	
ities, net of \$667 tion uns acome, net					15,752				
pense of					(1,408)				
of income							132		
loss on							75		
sive					- 14,344	34,353	207	490,196	
S 123-R non shares			(15,649)	) 15,649					
exercised eco shares	913	1	19,172						
options	42		(583,550) 421,162						
the									

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retirement es 9,440	(17,935)	(18)	(90,450)					(536,889)	
rcised actions awards,			3,954						(681,745)
pensation	613		15,150						
	(16,367)	(17)	(18,379)	15,649				(536,889)	(681,745)
0, 2006	299,026	\$ 298	\$ 1,572,589	\$	\$ 33,209	\$ 212,462	\$ (3,787)	\$ 1,942,833	\$ (681,745)

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#### NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **Note 1 Nature of Operations**

Nabors is the largest land drilling contractor in the world, with approximately 650 land drilling rigs. We conduct oil, gas and geothermal land drilling operations in the U.S. Lower 48 states, Alaska, Canada, South and Central America, the Middle East, the Far East and Africa. We are also one of the largest land well-servicing and workover contractors in the United States and Canada. We own approximately 615 land workover and well-servicing rigs in the United States, primarily in the southwestern and western United States, and approximately 190 land workover and well-servicing rigs in Canada. Nabors is a leading provider of offshore platform workover and drilling rigs, and actively markets 41 platform, 14 jack-up units and 4 barge rigs in the United States and multiple international markets. These rigs provide well-servicing, workover and drilling services. We have a 50% ownership interest in a joint venture in Saudi Arabia, which owns 18 rigs. We also offer a wide range of ancillary well-site services, including engineering, transportation, construction, maintenance, well logging, directional drilling, rig instrumentation, data collection and other support services in selected domestic and international markets. We market 25 marine transportation and supply vessels, which provide transportation of drilling materials, supplies and crews for offshore operations. We provide logistics services for onshore drilling and well-servicing operations in Canada using helicopters and fixed-winged aircraft. We manufacture and lease or sell top drives for a broad range of drilling applications, directional drilling systems, rig instrumentation and data collection equipment, and rig reporting software. We also invest in oil and gas exploration, development and production activities.

The majority of our business is conducted through our various Contract Drilling operating segments, which include our drilling, workover and well-servicing operations, on land and offshore. Our oil and gas exploration, development and production operations are included in a category labeled Oil and Gas for segment reporting purposes. Our operating segments engaged in marine transportation and supply services, drilling technology and top drive manufacturing, directional drilling, rig instrumentation and software, and construction and logistics operations are aggregated in a category labeled Other Operating Segments for segment reporting purposes.

As used in this Report, we, us, our and Nabors means Nabors Industries Ltd. and, where the context requires, incluour subsidiaries.

## **Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Interim Financial Information

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of Nabors are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period to conform to the current period presentation, with no effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted. Therefore, these financial statements should be read along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. In our management is opinion, the consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position as of June 30, 2007 and the results of our operations and our cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 may not be indicative of results that will be realized for the full year ending December 31, 2007.

Our independent registered public accounting firm has performed a review of, and issued a report on, these consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this report should not be considered a part of any registration statement prepared or certified within the meanings of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act.

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#### NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Principles of Consolidation

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Nabors, all majority-owned subsidiaries, and all non-majority owned subsidiaries required to be consolidated under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 46(R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46R). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

Investments in operating entities where we have the ability to exert significant influence, but where we do not control their operating and financial policies, are accounted for using the equity method. Our share of the net income of these entities is recorded as Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates in our consolidated statements of income and our investment in these entities is carried as a single amount in our consolidated balance sheets. Investments in net assets of unconsolidated affiliates accounted for using the equity method totaled \$111.1 million and \$98.0 million as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively, and are included in other long-term assets in our consolidated balance sheets. Similarly, investments in certain offshore funds classified as non-marketable are accounted for using the equity method of accounting based on our ownership interest in each fund. Our share of the gains and losses of these funds is recorded in investment (loss) income in our consolidated statements of income and our investments in these funds are included in long-term investments in our consolidated balance sheets.

#### **Note 3** Share-Based Compensation

The Company has several stock-based employee compensation plans, which are more fully described in Note 3 of our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, (SFAS 123-R), using the modified prospective application method.

Total share-based compensation expense, which includes both stock options and restricted stock, totaled \$8.4 million and \$7.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$16.3 million and \$15.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Share-based compensation expense has been allocated to our various operating segments (Note 10).

During the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company awarded 1,740,763 shares of restricted stock to its employees, directors and executive officers. These awards had an aggregate value at their date of grant of \$52.5 million and vest over a period of three to four years.

# Note 4 Long-term Debt

Our \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes due 2023 can be put to us on June 15, 2008, June 15, 2013 and June 15, 2018 for a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus contingent interest and additional amounts, if any. Accordingly, as our \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes can be put to us on June 15, 2008, the outstanding principal amount of these notes of \$700 million has been reclassified from long-term debt to current liabilities in our balance sheet as of June 30, 2007. If these notes are not put to us on June 15, 2008, the notes will be reclassified back to long term debt at that time.

## **Note 5** Income Taxes

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted the provisions of the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. In connection with the adoption of FIN 48, the Company recognized increases of \$24 million and \$21 million to its tax reserves for uncertain tax positions and interest and penalties, respectively. These increases were accounted for as an increase to other long-term liabilities and as a reduction to retained earnings at January 1, 2007. As of January 1, 2007, the Company had approximately \$114.1 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits, including \$29.8 million of interest and penalties, which also represents the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably impact the effective income tax rate in future

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#### NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

periods. As of June 30, 2007, the Company had approximately \$120.1 of total gross unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties, recorded as other long-term liabilities. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company accrued and recognized estimated interest and penalties of approximately \$2.4 million and \$4.0 million, respectively.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. U.S. federal income tax returns for 2002 through 2005 are currently under examination. Internationally, income tax returns from 1995 through 2005 are currently under examination. Based on the number of tax years currently under audit by relevant Federal, State and foreign tax authorities, the Company anticipates that several of these audits could be finalized within 12 months. As a result, it is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized benefits with respect to certain of our unrecognized tax positions will significantly increase or decrease within the next 12 months. However, based on the current status of examinations, and the protocol for finalizing audits with the relevant tax authorities, which could include formal legal proceedings, it is not possible to estimate the future impact of the amount of changes, if any, to previously recorded uncertain tax positions.

The Company continues to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters in the income tax expense line item in the consolidated statement of income.

#### **Note 6 Common Shares**

During the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, our employees exercised vested options to acquire 3.0 million and .9 million of our common shares, respectively, resulting in proceeds of \$67.8 million and \$19.2 million, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2006, we repurchased 37.4 million of our common shares in the open market for \$1.31 billion. We retired 17.9 million shares during the six months ended June 30, 2006 and held 19.4 million of these shares in treasury.

## **Note 7** Commitments and Contingencies

#### **Commitments**

**Employment Contracts** 

Nabors Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Eugene M. Isenberg, and its Deputy Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer, Anthony G. Petrello, have employment agreements which were amended and restated effective October 1, 1996 and which currently are due to expire on September 30, 2010.

Mr. Isenberg s employment agreement was originally negotiated with a creditors committee in 1987 in connection with the reorganization proceedings of Anglo Energy, Inc., which subsequently changed its name to Nabors. These contractual arrangements subsequently were approved by the various constituencies in those reorganization proceedings, including equity and debt holders, and confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. Petrello s employment agreement was first entered into effective October 1, 1991. Mr. Petrello s employment agreement was agreed upon as part of arm s length negotiations with the Board before he joined Nabors in October 1991 and was reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board and the full Board of Directors at that time.

The employment agreements for Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello were amended in 1994 and 1996. These amendments were approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board and the full Board of Directors at that time.

The employment agreements each provide for an initial term of five years with an evergreen provision which automatically extended the agreement for an additional one-year term on each anniversary date, unless Nabors

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#### NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

provided notice to the contrary ten days prior to such anniversary. In March 2006 the Board of Directors exercised its election to fix the expiration date of the employment agreements for Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello and accordingly, these agreements will expire at the end of their current term at September 30, 2010.

In addition to a base salary, the employment agreements provide for annual cash bonuses in an amount equal to 6% and 2%, for Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello, respectively, of Nabors net cash flow (as defined in the respective employment agreements) in excess of 15% of the average shareholders equity for each fiscal year. (Mr. Isenberg s cash bonus formula originally was set at 10% in excess of a 10% return on shareholders equity and he has voluntarily reduced it over time to its 6% in excess of 15% level.) Mr. Petrello s bonus is subject to a minimum of \$700,000 per year. In 17 of the last 18 years, Mr. Isenberg has agreed voluntarily to accept a lower annual cash bonus (i.e., an amount lower than the amount provided for under his employment agreement) in light of his overall compensation package. Mr. Petrello has agreed voluntarily to accept a lower annual cash bonus (i.e., an amount lower than the amount provided for under his employment agreement) in light of his overall compensation package in 14 of the last 17 years.

Mr. Isenberg voluntarily agreed to amend his employment agreement in March 2006 (the 2006 Amendment). Under the 2006 Amendment, Mr. Isenberg agreed to reduce the annual cash bonus to an amount equal to 3% of Nabors net cash flow (as defined in his employment agreement) in excess of 15% of the average shareholders equity for 2006. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello voluntarily agreed to a reduction of the cash bonus in an amount equal to 3% and 1.5%, respectively, of Nabors net cash flow (as defined in their respective employment agreements). Mr. Isenberg voluntarily agreed to the same reduction for the three months ended June 30, 2007. For the remainder of 2007 through the expiration date of the employment agreement, the annual cash bonus will return to 6% and 2%, respectively, for Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello of Nabors net cash flow in excess of 15% of the average shareholders equity for each fiscal year.

Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello also are eligible for awards under Nabors equity plans and may participate in annual long-term incentive programs and pension and welfare plans, on the same basis as other executives; and may receive special bonuses from time to time as determined by the Board.

Termination in the event of death, disability, or termination without cause. In the event that either Mr. Isenberg s or Mr. Petrello s employment agreement is terminated (i) upon death or disability (as defined in the respective employment agreements), (ii) by Nabors prior to the expiration date of the employment agreement for any reason other than for Cause (as defined in the respective employment agreements) or (iii) by either individual for Constructive Termination Without Cause (as defined in the respective employment agreements), each would be entitled to receive within 30 days of the triggering event (a) all base salary which would have been payable through the expiration date of the contract or three times his then current base salary, whichever is greater; plus (b) the greater of (i) all annual cash bonuses which would have been payable through the expiration date; (ii) three times the highest bonus (including the imputed value of grants of stock awards and stock options), paid during the last three fiscal years prior to termination; or (iii) three times the highest annual cash bonus payable for each of the three previous fiscal years prior to termination, regardless of whether the amount was paid. In computing any amount due under (b)(i) and (iii) above, the calculation is made without regard to the 2006 or 2007 Amendments reducing Mr. Isenberg s and Mr. Petrello s bonus percentage as described above. If, by way of example, these provisions had applied at June 30, 2007, Mr. Isenberg would have been entitled to a payment of approximately \$329 million, subject to a true-up equal to the amount of cash bonus he would have earned under the formula during the remaining term of the agreement, based upon actual results, but would not be less than approximately \$264 million. Similarly, with respect to Mr. Petrello, had

these provisions applied at June 30, 2007, Mr. Petrello would have been entitled to a payment of approximately \$111 million, subject to a true-up equal to the amount of cash bonus he would have earned under the formula during the remaining term of the agreement, based upon actual results, but would not be less than approximately \$103 million. These payment amounts are based on historical data and are not intended to be estimates of future payments required under the agreements. Depending upon future operating results, the true-up could result in the payment of amounts which are significantly higher. The Company does not

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have insurance to cover its exposure in the event of death, disability, or termination without cause for either Messrs. Isenberg or Petrello. In addition, the affected individual is entitled to receive (a) any unvested restricted stock outstanding, which shall immediately and fully vest; (b) any unvested outstanding stock options, which shall immediately and fully vest; (c) any amounts earned, accrued or owing to the executive but not yet paid (including executive benefits, life insurance, disability benefits and reimbursement of expenses and perquisites), which shall be continued through the later of the expiration date or three years after the termination date; (d) continued participation in medical, dental and life insurance coverage until the executive receives equivalent benefits or coverage through a subsequent employer or until the death of the executive or his spouse, whichever is later; and (e) any other or additional benefits in accordance with applicable plans and programs of Nabors. For Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello, the values of unvested restricted stock were approximately \$30.0 million and \$18.8 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2007. Neither Messrs. Isenberg nor Petrello had unvested stock options as of June 30, 2007. Estimates of the cash value of Nabors obligations to Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello under (c), (d) and (e) above are included in the payment amounts above.

In March 2006 the Board of Directors exercised its election to fix the expiration date of the employment agreements for Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello. Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello have informed the Board of Directors that they have reserved their rights under their employment agreements with respect to the notice setting the expiration dates of their employment agreements, including whether such notice could trigger an acceleration of certain payments pursuant to their employment agreements.

Termination in the event of a Change in Control. In the event that Messrs. Isenberg s or Petrello s termination of employment is related to a Change in Control (as defined in their respective employment agreements), they would be entitled to receive a cash amount equal to the greater of (a) one dollar less than the amount that would constitute an excess parachute payment as defined in Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) the cash amount that would be due in the event of a termination without cause, as described above. If, by way of example, there was a change of control event that applied on June 30, 2007, then the payments to Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello would be approximately \$329 million and \$111 million, respectively. These payment amounts are based on historical data and are not intended to be estimates of future payments required under the agreements. Depending upon future operating results, the true-up could result in the payment of amounts which are significantly higher. In addition, they would receive (a) any unvested restricted stock outstanding, which shall immediately and fully vest; (b) any unvested outstanding stock options, which shall immediately and fully vest; (c) any amounts earned, accrued or owing to the executive but not yet paid (including executive benefits, life insurance, disability benefits and reimbursement of expenses and perquisites), which shall be continued through the later of the expiration date or three years after the termination date; (d) continued participation in medical, dental and life insurance coverage until the executive receives equivalent benefits or coverage through a subsequent employer or until the death of the executive or his spouse, whichever is later; and (e) any other or additional benefits in accordance with applicable plans and programs of Nabors. For Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello, the values of unvested restricted stock were approximately \$30.0 million and \$18.8 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2007. Neither Messrs. Isenberg nor Petrello had unvested stock options as of June 30, 2007. The cash value of Nabors obligations to Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello under (c), (d) and (e) above are included in the payment amounts above. Also, they would receive additional stock options immediately exercisable for 5 years to acquire a number of shares of common stock equal to the highest number of options granted during any fiscal year in the previous three fiscal years, at an option exercise price equal to the average closing price during the 20 trading days prior to the event which resulted in the change of control. If, by way of example, there was a change of control event that applied at June 30, 2007, Mr. Isenberg would have received 3,366,666 options valued at approximately \$40 million and Mr. Petrello would have received 1,683,332 options valued at approximately

\$20 million, in each case based upon a Black-Scholes analysis. Finally, in the event that an excise tax was applicable, they would receive a gross-up payment to make them whole with respect to any excise taxes imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. With respect to the preceding sentence, by way of example, if there was a change of control event that applied on June 30, 2007, and

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assuming that the excise tax was applicable to the transaction, then the additional payments to Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello for the gross-up would be up to approximately \$148 million and \$52 million, respectively.

<u>Other Obligations</u>. In addition to salary and bonus, each of Messrs. Isenberg and Petrello receive group life insurance at an amount at least equal to three times their respective base salaries; various split-dollar life insurance policies, reimbursement of expenses, various perquisites and a personal umbrella insurance policy in the amount of \$5 million. Premiums payable under the split-dollar life insurance policies were suspended as a result of the adoption of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

# **Contingencies**

# Income Tax Contingencies

We are subject to income taxes in both the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. We are regularly under audit by tax authorities. Although we believe our tax reserves are reasonable, the final determination of tax audits and any related litigation could be materially different than that which is reflected in our income tax provisions and accruals. Based on the results of an audit or litigation, a material effect on our financial position, income tax provision, net income, or cash flows in the period or periods for which that determination is made could result.

It is possible that future changes to tax laws (including tax treaties) could have an impact on our ability to realize the tax savings recorded to date as well as future tax savings as a result of our corporate reorganization, depending on any responsive action taken by us.

On May 31, 2006, Nabors International Finance Inc. (NIFI), a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Nabors, received from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) two Notices of Proposed Adjustment (NOPA) in connection with an audit of NIFI for tax years 2002 and 2003. One NOPA proposes to deny a deduction of \$85.1 million in interest expense in our 2002 tax year relating to intercompany indebtedness incurred in connection with our June 2002 transaction, whereby we reorganized as a Bermuda company. The second NOPA proposes to deny a deduction of \$207.6 million in the same item of interest expense in our 2003 tax year. On August 9, 2006, NIFI received a Revenue Agent Report, asserting the adjustments relating to the two NOPAs referred to above. On September 18, 2006, NIFI filed a protest with the IRS related to the two adjustments. We have and will continue to contest the IRS position vigorously. We previously had obtained advice from our tax advisors that the deduction of such amounts was appropriate, and more recently that the position of the IRS lacks merit. At the end of 2003, the Company paid off approximately one-half of the intercompany indebtedness incurred in connection with the inversion. The IRS could propose the disallowance of the deductions that relate to the remaining inversion debt upon audit of NIFI s 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 tax years. We currently have not recorded any reserves for such proposed adjustments.

On September 14, 2006, Nabors Drilling International Limited (NDIL), a wholly-owned Bermuda subsidiary of Nabors, received a Notice of Assessment (the Notice) from the Mexican Servicio de Administracion Tributaria (the SAT) in connection with the audit of NDIL s Mexican branch for tax year 2003. The Notice proposes to deny a depreciation expense deduction that relates to drilling rigs operating in Mexico in 2003, as well as a deduction for payments made to an affiliated company for the provision of labor services in Mexico. The amount assessed by the SAT is approximately \$19.8 million (including interest and penalties). Nabors and its tax advisors previously

concluded that the deduction of said amounts was appropriate and more recently that the position of the SAT lacks merit. NDIL  $\,$ s Mexican branch took similar deductions for depreciation and labor expenses in 2004, 2005 and 2006. It is likely that the SAT will propose the disallowance of these deductions upon audit of NDIL  $\,$ s Mexican branch  $\,$ s 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 tax years.

Self-Insurance Accruals

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We are self-insured for certain losses relating to workers compensation, employers liability, general liability, automobile liability and property damage. Effective April 1, 2007, hurricane coverage for Gulf of Mexico exposures is subject to a \$10 million deductible. We are insured for \$25 million over the deductible at 100%, and have added a second insured layer for \$30 million at 60%. We are self-insuring 40% of the second layer.

# Litigation

Nabors and its subsidiaries are defendants or otherwise involved in a number of lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. We estimate the range of our liability related to pending litigation when we believe the amount and range of loss can be estimated. We record our best estimate of a loss when the loss is considered probable. When a liability is probable and there is a range of estimated loss with no best estimate in the range, we record the minimum estimated liability related to the lawsuits or claims. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and claims and revise our estimates. Due to uncertainties related to the resolution of lawsuits and claims, the ultimate outcome may differ from our estimates. In the opinion of management and based on liability accruals provided, our ultimate exposure with respect to these pending lawsuits and claims is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or cash flows, although they could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations for a particular reporting period.

On December 22, 2005, we received a grand jury subpoena from the United States Attorney s Office in Anchorage, Alaska, seeking documents and information relating to an alleged spill, discharge, overflow or cleanup of drilling mud or sludge involving one of our rigs during March 2003. We are cooperating with the authorities in this matter.

On February 6, 2007, a purported shareholder derivative action entitled *Kenneth H. Karstedt v. Eugene M. Isenberg*, et al was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas against the Company's officers and directors, and against the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint alleges that stock options were priced retroactively and were improperly accounted for, and alleges various causes of action based on that assertion. The complaint seeks, among other things, payment by the defendants to the Company of damages allegedly suffered by it and disgorgement of profits. On March 5, 2007, another purported shareholder derivative action entitled *Gail McKinney v. Eugene M. Isenberg*, et al was also filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The complaint makes substantially the same allegations against the same defendants and seeks the same elements of damages. The two purported derivative actions have been consolidated into one proceeding. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

During the fourth quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2007, a review was conducted of the Company s granting practices and accounting for certain employee equity awards to both the senior executives of the Company and other employees from 1988 through 2006. Based on the results of the review, the Company recorded a noncash charge of \$38.3 million, net of tax, at December 31, 2006. The Company determined that no restatement of its historical financial statements was necessary because there were no findings of fraud or intentional wrongdoing, and because the effects of certain revised measurement dates were not material in any fiscal year.

In a letter dated December 28, 2006, the SEC staff advised us that it had commenced an informal inquiry regarding our stock option grants and related practices, procedures and accounting. By letter dated May 7, 2007, the SEC staff informed us they had closed the investigation without any recommendation of enforcement action.

On July 5, 2007, we received an inquiry from the U.S. Department of Justice relating to its investigation of one of our vendors and compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. We are reviewing certain transactions with this vendor, which provides freight forwarding and customs clearance services, and intend to cooperate with the Department of Justice inquiry. The ultimate outcome of this review cannot be determined at this time.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements (Including Guarantees)**

We are a party to certain transactions, agreements or other contractual arrangements defined as off-balance sheet arrangements that could have a material future effect on our financial position, results of operations, liquidity

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and capital resources. The most significant of these off-balance sheet arrangements involve agreements and obligations in which we provide financial or performance assurance to third parties. Certain of these agreements serve as guarantees, including standby letters of credit issued on behalf of insurance carriers in conjunction with our workers compensation insurance program and other financial surety instruments such as bonds. We have also guaranteed payment of contingent consideration in conjunction with certain acquisitions in 2005. Potential contingent consideration is based on future operating results of those businesses. In addition, we have provided indemnifications to certain third parties which serve as guarantees. These guarantees include indemnification provided by Nabors to our share transfer agent and our insurance carriers. We are not able to estimate the potential future maximum payments that might be due under our indemnification guarantees.

Management believes the likelihood that we would be required to perform or otherwise incur any material losses associated with any of these guarantees is remote. The following table summarizes the total maximum amount of financial and performance guarantees issued by Nabors:

	T.	Maximum Amount									
(In thousands)	Remainder of 2007		2008		2009		Thereafter		Total		
Financial standby letters of credit and other financial surety instruments Contingent consideration in acquisition	\$	24,573	\$	108,008 1,063	\$	100 1,063	\$	1,953 2,124	\$	134,634 4,250	
Total	\$	24,573	\$	109,071	\$	1,163	\$	4,077	\$	138,884	

#### **Note 8** Earnings Per Share

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per share computations is as follows:

	111100111101	nths Ended e 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2007	2006	2007	2006		
Net income (numerator):						
Net income basic	\$ 228,349	\$ 233,433	\$ 490,511	\$ 490,196		
Add interest expense on assumed conversion of our zero						
coupon senior convertible/exchangeable debentures/notes,						
net of tax:						
\$2.75 billion due 2011(1)						
\$82.8 million due 2021(2)						
\$700 million due 2023(3)						

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Adjusted net income diluted	\$ 228,349	\$ 233,433	\$ 490,511	\$ 490,196
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ .82	\$ .79	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.61
Diluted	\$ .79	\$ .77	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.56
Shares (denominator):				
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding - basic(4)	279,253	294,419	278,098	303,704
Net effect of dilutive stock options, warrants and restricted				
stock awards based on the treasury stock method	8,645	9,975	8,258	10,344
Assumed conversion of our zero coupon senior				
convertible/exchangeable debentures/notes:				
\$2.75 billion due 2011(1)				
\$82.8 million due 2021(2)				
\$700 million due 2023(3)				560
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding - diluted	287,898	304,394	286,356	314,608
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- (1) Diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and the three months ended June 30, 2006 do not include any incremental shares issuable upon the exchange of the \$2.75 billion 0.94% senior exchangeable notes. The number of shares that we would be required to issue upon exchange consists of only the incremental shares that would be issued above the principal amount of the notes, as we are required to pay cash up to the principal amount of the notes exchanged. We would only issue an incremental number of shares upon exchange of these notes, and such shares are only included in the calculation of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in our diluted earnings per share calculation, when the price of our shares exceeds \$45.83 on the last trading day of the quarter, which did not occur during either the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 or the three months ended June 30, 2006. The \$2.75 billion notes were issued during the quarter ended June 30, 2006 and had no effect on first quarter s 2006 earnings per share calculation.
- (2) Diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 exclude approximately 1.2 million potentially dilutive shares initially issuable upon the conversion of the \$82.8 million zero coupon convertible senior debentures. We would only issue an incremental number of shares upon conversion of these debentures, and such shares would only be included in the calculation of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in our diluted earnings per share calculation if the price of our shares exceeded approximately \$50.
- (3) Diluted earnings per share for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 and the six months ended June 30, 2007 do not include any incremental shares issuable upon the exchange of the \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes. The number of shares that we would be required to issue upon exchange consists of only the incremental shares that would be issued above the principal amount of the notes, as we are required to pay cash up to the principal amount of the notes exchanged. We would only issue an incremental number of shares upon exchange of these notes, and such shares are only included in the calculation of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in our diluted earnings per share calculation, when the price of our shares exceeds \$35.05 on the last trading day of the quarter. This was the case for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, and is, therefore, included in the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in our diluted earnings per share calculation for the six months ended June 30, 2006.
- (4) Includes the following weighted-average number of common shares of Nabors and weighted-average number of exchangeable shares of our subsidiary, Nabors (Canada) Exchangeco Inc., respectively: 279.2 million and .1 million shares for the three months ended June 30, 2007; 294.2 million and .2 million shares for the three months ended June 30, 2006; 277.9 million and .2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007; and 303.5 million and .2 million shares for the six months ended June 30, 2006. The exchangeable shares of Nabors Exchangeco are exchangeable for Nabors common shares on a one-for-one basis, and have essentially identical rights as Nabors Industries Ltd. common shares, including, but not limited to, voting rights and the right to receive dividends, if any.

For all periods presented, the computation of diluted earnings per share excludes outstanding stock options and warrants with exercise prices greater than the average market price of Nabors common shares, because the inclusion of such options and warrants would be anti-dilutive. The average number of options and warrants that were excluded from diluted earnings per share that would potentially dilute earnings per share in the future were 4,322,513 and 2,001,500 shares during the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 4,642,775 and 1,501,125 shares during the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In any period during which the

average market price of Nabors common shares exceeds the exercise prices of these stock options and warrants, such stock options and warrants will be included in our diluted earnings per share computation using the treasury stock method of accounting. Restricted stock will similarly be included in our diluted earnings per share computation using the treasury stock method of accounting in any period where the amount of restricted stock exceeds the number of shares assumed repurchased in those periods based upon future unearned compensation.

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# Note 9 Supplemental Balance Sheet and Income Statement Information

Accrued liabilities include the following:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006		
Accrued compensation	\$ 108,170	\$	136,276	
Deferred revenue	107,664		65,747	
Workers compensation liabilities	28,032		28,032	
Interest payable	13,208		13,024	
Litigation reserves	5,647		4,536	
Other taxes payable	25,742		19,906	
Other accrued liabilities	33,084		27,437	
	\$ 321,547	\$	294,958	

Our cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments consist of the following:

(In thousands)	June 30 2007	, Γ	December 31, 2006		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 608,7	39 \$	700,549		
Short-term investments	218,5	52	439,467		
Long-term investments	480,3	41	513,269		
Other current assets	52,9	13			
Total	\$ 1,360,5	§ \$	1,653,285		

As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, our short-term investments consist entirely of investments in available-for-sale marketable debt and equity securities while our long-term investments consist entirely of investments in nonmarketable securities. As of June 30, 2007, our current assets included a receivable from brokers from the sale of certain marketable equity securities. The cash proceeds relating to this receivable were collected during the first week of July.

Investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2007 was a net loss of \$9.3 million compared to income of \$16.7 million during the prior year quarter. The loss during the current quarter reflected a net loss of \$19 million from the portion of our investment portfolio that is comprised of marketable equity securities that are classified as short-term investments and our actively managed funds that are classified as long-term investments. These losses were attributable to substantial losses in two of the 30 different funds classified as long-term investments partially offset by

substantial gains realized from sales of our marketable equity securities.

On June 28, 2007, the Company completed the sale of three accommodation jackups from its International operating segment to an unrelated party. As consideration for the sale, the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$99 million, resulting in a \$38 million gain. The gain is included in the Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other expense (income), net line item of the consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007.

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# **Note 10 Segment Information**

The following tables set forth certain financial information with respect to our reportable segments:

		Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands)		2007		2006		2007		2006
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates: Contract Drilling:(1)								
U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling	\$	426,787	\$	468,787	\$	879,383	\$	895,137
U.S. Land Well-servicing		182,410		168,841		364,628		329,574
U.S. Offshore		60,316		62,554		116,091		106,080
Alaska		36,777		24,912		84,613		51,718
Canada		75,088		120,587		268,368		347,144
International		261,262		169,147		485,744		316,042
Subtotal Contract Drilling(2)		1,042,640		1,014,828		2,198,827		2,045,695
Oil and Gas(3)(4)		18,110		9,703		31,239		39,540
Other Operating Segments(5)(6)		170,484		153,593		327,404		305,296
Other reconciling items(7)		(65,025)		(50,754)		(118,177)		(94,836)
Total	\$	1,166,209	\$	1,127,370	\$	2,439,293	\$	2,295,695
Adjusted income (loss) derived from operating activities:(8) Contract Drilling:								
U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling	\$	154,667	\$	212,696	\$	327,593	\$	392,427
U.S. Land Well-servicing	Ψ	40,105	Ψ	47,435	Ψ	83,461	Ψ	93,505
U.S. Offshore		19,206		23,667		34,255		34,121
Alaska		8,225		3,384		24,792		7,626
Canada		(7,992)		19,873		45,136		102,975
International		85,409		50,500		151,427		87,997
Subtotal Contract Drilling(2)		299,620		357,555		666,664		718,651
Oil and Gas		3,374		(584)		4,502		12,852
Other Operating Segments		19,151		18,469		39,959		39,036
Total segment adjusted income derived from								
operating activities		322,145		375,440		711,125		770,539
Other reconciling items(9)		(29,042)		(25,985)		(69,069)		(50,579)
Interest expense		(13,716)		(12,168)		(26,765)		(20,223)

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Investment (loss) income	(9,272)	16,728	19,437	30,598
Gains (losses) on sales of long-lived assets,				
impairment charges and other income (expense),				
net	39,510	(4,216)	25,472	(8,245)
Income before income taxes	\$ 309,625	\$ 349,799	\$ 660,200	\$ 722,090

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(In thousands)	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006		
Total assets:				
Contract Drilling:	Φ 0.460.000	Ф	2 210 070	
U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling	\$ 2,462,020	\$	2,210,070	
U.S. Land Well-servicing	706,465		597,082	
U.S. Offshore	448,828		456,889	
Alaska	255,664		221,927	
Canada	1,174,050		1,059,243	
International	2,418,945		2,006,941	
Subtotal Contract Drilling(10)	7,465,972		6,552,152	
Oil and Gas(11)	540,016		328,114	
Other Operating Segments(12)	730,365		638,600	
Other reconciling items(9)	1,175,907		1,623,437	
Total assets	\$ 9,912,260	\$	9,142,303	

- (1) These segments include our drilling, workover and well-servicing operations, on land and offshore.
- (2) Includes earnings (losses), net from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method, of \$.7 million and \$4.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$2.5 million and \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
- (3) Represents our oil and gas exploration, development and production operations.
- (4) Includes earnings (losses), net from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method, of \$(.8) million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, and \$0 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.
- (5) Includes our marine transportation and supply services, drilling technology and top drive manufacturing, directional drilling, rig instrumentation and software, and construction and logistics operations.
- (6) Includes earnings (losses), net from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method, of \$3.5 million and \$5.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$14.2 million and \$9.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
- (7) Represents the elimination of inter-segment transactions.
- (8) Adjusted income derived from operating activities is computed by: subtracting direct costs, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, and depletion expense from Operating revenues and

then adding Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates. Such amounts should not be used as a substitute to those amounts reported under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). However, management evaluates the performance of our business units and the consolidated company based on several criteria, including adjusted income derived from operating activities, because it believes that this financial measure is an accurate reflection of the ongoing profitability of our company. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to income before income taxes, which is a GAAP measure, is provided within the above table.

- (9) Represents the elimination of inter-segment transactions and unallocated corporate expenses and assets.
- (10) Includes \$43.2 million and \$39.6 million of investments in unconsolidated affiliates accounted for by the equity method as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.
- (11) Includes \$6.8 million and \$0 of investments in unconsolidated affiliates accounted for by the equity method as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

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(12) Includes \$61.1 million and \$58.5 million of investments in unconsolidated affiliates accounted for by the equity method as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

## Note 11 Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Nabors has fully and unconditionally guaranteed all of the issued public debt securities of Nabors Delaware, a wholly-owned subsidiary, and Nabors and Nabors Delaware have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the \$225 million 4.875% senior notes due 2009 issued by Nabors Holdings 1, ULC, our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary.

The following condensed consolidating financial information is included so that separate financial statements of Nabors Delaware and Nabors Holdings are not required to be filed with the SEC. The condensed consolidating financial information presents investments in both consolidated and unconsolidated affiliates using the equity method of accounting.

The following condensed consolidating financial information presents: condensed consolidating balance sheets as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, statements of income and cash flows for each of the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 of (a) Nabors, parent/guarantor, (b) Nabors Delaware, issuer of public debt securities guaranteed by Nabors and guarantor of the \$225 million 4.875% senior notes issued by Nabors Holdings, (c) Nabors Holdings, issuer of the \$225 million 4.875% senior notes, (d) the non-guarantor subsidiaries, (e) consolidating adjustments necessary to consolidate Nabors and its subsidiaries and (f) Nabors on a consolidated basis.

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	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Nabors Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	June Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	e 30, 2007 Other Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total	
(In thousands)	Guarantor)	Guarantor)	(ISSUCI)	Guarantors)	rajustinents	Total	
		A	ASSETS				
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Accounts receivable, net Inventory Deferred income taxes Other current assets	\$ 12,212 162	\$ 2,683 1,100	\$ 8	\$ 593,836 218,552 1,035,895 127,368 36,943 229,091	\$	\$ 608,739 218,552 1,035,895 127,368 36,943 230,729	
Total current assets Long-term investments	12,374	3,783	384	2,241,685 480,341		2,258,226 480,341	
Property, plant and equipment, net Goodwill Intercompany receivables Investments in affiliates Other long-term assets	417,871 3,694,909	1,337,466 4,036,079 29,296	297,083 618	6,298,371 388,981 19,944 1,627,975 345,285	(1,775,281) (9,544,904)	6,298,371 388,981 111,142 375,199	
Total assets	\$ 4,125,154	\$ 5,406,624	\$ 298,085	\$ 11,402,582	\$ (11,320,185)	\$ 9,912,260	
Current liabilities: Current portion of long-	LIABI	LITIES AND S	SHAREHOLI	DERS EQUITY	7		
term debt Trade accounts payable Accrued liabilities Income taxes payable	\$ 2,539	\$ 700,000 24 8,858 70,694	\$ 4,151 2,887	\$ 508,688 305,999 44,845	\$	\$ 700,000 508,712 321,547 118,426	
Total current liabilities Long-term debt Other long-term liabilities Deferred income taxes Intercompany payable	2,539	779,576 3,080,820 16,201	7,038 224,429 9 4,205	859,532 295,223 524,278 1,771,076	(1,775,281)	1,648,685 3,305,249 295,223 540,488	

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Total liabilities	2,539	3,876,597	235,681	3,450,109	(1,775,281)	5,789,645
Shareholders equity	4,122,615	1,530,027	62,404	7,952,473	(9,544,904)	4,122,615
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 4,125,154	\$ 5,406,624	\$ 298,085	\$ 11,402,582	\$ (11,320,185)	\$ 9,912,260

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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(In thousands)	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Nabors Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	Decem Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	ber 31, 2006 Other Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total
		A	SSETS			
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Accounts receivable, net Inventory Deferred income taxes	\$ 14,874	\$ 2,394	\$ 8	\$ 683,273 439,467 1,109,738 100,487 38,081	\$	\$ 700,549 439,467 1,109,738 100,487 38,081
Other current assets	162	1,103	376	114,893		116,534
Total current assets Long-term investments Property, plant and	15,036	3,497	384	2,485,939 513,269		2,504,856 513,269
equipment, net Goodwill Intercompany receivables Investments in affiliates	343,644 3,184,303	1,151,556 3,748,626	286,818	5,410,101 362,269 19,944 1,318,478	(1,515,144) (8,440,176)	5,410,101 362,269 98,049
Other long-term assets	2,101,202	249,040	608	220,025	(215,914)	253,759
Total assets	\$ 3,542,983	\$ 5,152,719	\$ 287,810	\$ 10,330,025	\$ (10,171,234)	\$ 9,142,303
	LIABI	LITIES AND S	HAREHOLI	DERS EQUITY	7	
Current liabilities: Trade accounts payable Accrued liabilities Income taxes payable	\$ 35 6,295	\$ 22 8,870 81,429	\$ 4,151 1,792	\$ 459,122 275,642 17,002	\$	\$ 459,179 294,958 100,223
Total current liabilities Long-term debt Other long-term liabilities Deferred income taxes	6,330	90,321 3,779,778 50,696	5,943 224,296	751,766 208,553 703,881	(215,914)	854,360 4,004,074 208,553 538,663
Intercompany payable			3,733	1,511,411	(1,515,144)	
Total liabilities	6,330	3,920,795	233,972	3,175,611	(1,731,058)	5,605,650
Shareholders equity	3,536,653	1,231,924	53,838	7,154,414	(8,440,176)	3,536,653

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Total liabilities and shareholders equity

\$ 3,542,983 \$ 5,152,719 \$ 287,810 \$ 10,330,025 \$ (10,171,234) \$ 9,142,303

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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Condensed Consolidating Statements of Income

		T	hree Month	s Ended June 30	), 2007						
		Nabors Other									
	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total					
(In thousands)	,	,	,	,	<b>o</b>						
Revenues and other income: Operating revenues Earnings from	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,162,773	\$	\$ 1,162,773					
unconsolidated affiliates Earnings (losses) from				3,436		3,436					
consolidated affiliates Investment income (loss) Intercompany interest	231,442 107	59,649 36	3,644	70,361 (9,415)	(365,096)	(9,272)					
income	<u> </u>		1		(21,931)						
Total revenues and other income	232,216	80,948	3,645	1,227,155	(387,027)	1,156,937					
Costs and other deductions: Direct costs				649,969		649,969					
General and administrative expenses Depreciation and	3,867	133		97,133	(144)	100,989					
amortization Depletion		150		112,838 9,160		112,988 9,160					
Interest expense Intercompany interest		12,776	2,872	(1,932)		13,716					
(expense) Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other expense (income),				21,931	(21,931)						
net		(941)		(38,713)	144	(39,510)					
Total costs and other deductions	3,867	12,118	2,872	850,386	(21,931)	847,312					

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Income before income taxes	228,349	68,830	773	376,769	(365,096)	309,625
Income tax expense		3,397	247	77,632		81,276
Net income	\$ 228,349	\$ 65,433	\$ \$ 526	\$ 299,137	\$ (365,096)	\$ 228,349

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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

		Tl Nabors	hree Months	s Ended June 30 Other	, 2006	
(In thousands)	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total
Revenues and other income: Operating revenues Earnings from	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,118,000	\$	\$ 1,118,000
unconsolidated affiliates Earnings (losses) from consolidated affiliates Investment income	237,356 35	211,843 9,533	3,643	9,370 226,137 7,160	(678,979)	9,370 16,728
Intercompany interest income	998	15,588			(16,586)	
Total revenues and other income	238,389	236,964	3,643	1,360,667	(695,565)	1,144,098
Costs and other deductions: Direct costs				594,226		594,226
General and administrative expenses Depreciation and	4,517	54		83,304	(45)	87,830
amortization Depletion Interest expense		150 8,057	2,860	87,796 7,913 1,251		87,946 7,913 12,168
Intercompany interest expense Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and	439	3,007	2,000	16,147	(16,586)	12,100
other expense (income), net		(682)		4,853	45	4,216
Total costs and other deductions	4,956	7,579	2,860	795,490	(16,586)	794,299
Income before income taxes	233,433	229,385	783	565,177	(678,979)	349,799

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Income tax expense		6,491		251	109,624		116,366
Net income	\$ 233,433	\$ 222,894	\$	532	\$ 455,553	\$ (678,979)	\$ 233,433
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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

	Nabors (Parent/	Nabors Delaware (Issuer/	Nabors Holdings	Ended June 30, Other Subsidiaries (Non-	Consolidating	Consolidated
(In thousands)	Guarantor)	Guarantor)	(Issuer)	Guarantors)	Adjustments	Total
Revenues and other income: Operating revenues Earnings from unconsolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,423,416	\$	\$ 2,423,416
affiliates				15,877		15,877
Earnings (losses) from consolidated affiliates Investment (loss)	497,455	217,346	10,265	235,969	(961,035)	
income	334	57		19,046		19,437
Intercompany interest income	1,656	40,664	1		(42,321)	
Total revenues and other income	499,445	258,067	10,266	2,694,308	(1,003,356)	2,458,730
Costs and other deductions: Direct costs General and				1,347,273		1,347,273
administrative expenses Depreciation and	8,519	13	2	207,743	(314)	215,963
amortization Depletion Interest expense		300 25,555	5,732	217,916 15,785 (4,522)		218,216 15,785 26,765
Intercompany interest expense Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other expense (income), net	415	(966)		41,906 (24,820)	(42,321)	(25,472)
Total costs and other deductions	8,934	24,902	5,734	1,801,281	(42,321)	1,798,530
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Income before income taxes	490,511	233,165	4,532	893,027	(961,035)	660,200
Income tax expense		5,853	1,450	162,386		169,689
Net income	\$ 490,511	\$ 227,312	\$ 3,082	\$ 730,641	\$ (961,035)	\$ 490,511

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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

		Nabors	Six Months	Ended June 30, Other	2006	
	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total
(In thousands)	<i>3</i>	<i>Suurum 1</i>	ittor) (155tter) Guarantors)		- <b> </b>	- 9
Revenues and other income:	•	•	•	<b>4.2204.02</b> 6	•	<b>.</b>
Operating revenues Earnings from	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,281,926	\$	\$ 2,281,926
unconsolidated affiliates Earnings from				13,769		13,769
consolidated affiliates Investment income Intercompany interest	497,308 111	412,551 9,660	8,989	435,099 20,827	(1,353,947)	30,598
income	1,984	31,380			(33,364)	
Total revenues and other income	499,403	453,591	8,989	2,751,621	(1,387,311)	2,326,293
Costs and other deductions:				1 200 042		1 200 042
Direct costs General and				1,208,843		1,208,843
administrative expenses Depreciation and	8,549	79	2	168,087	(90)	176,627
amortization Depletion		300		169,035 20,930		169,335 20,930
Interest expense Intercompany interest		15,049	5,720	(546)		20,223
expense Losses (gains) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and	658			32,706	(33,364)	
other expense (income), net		(1,641)		9,796	90	8,245
Total costs and other deductions	9,207	13,787	5,722	1,608,851	(33,364)	1,604,203
Income before income taxes	490,196	439,804	3,267	1,142,770	(1,353,947)	722,090

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 Income tax expense
 10,084
 1,096
 220,714
 231,894

 Net income
 \$ 490,196
 \$ 429,720
 \$ 2,171
 \$ 922,056
 \$ (1,353,947)
 \$ 490,196

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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows

		Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Nabors Other										
	(	Nabors Parent/ uarantor)	De (I	laware ssuer/	H	labors oldings Issuer)		bsidiaries (Non- arantors)		solidating ustments	C	onsolidated Total
(In thousands)		,		,	(-							
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	\$	(68,675)	\$	4,553	\$	(5,484)	\$	730,475	\$	(5,484)	\$	655,385
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of investments								(203,222)				(203,222)
Sales and maturities of investments Cash paid for acquisitions				436				365,803				366,239
of businesses, net Capital expenditures Investments in affiliates							(	(8,391) (1,095,496) (8,433)				(8,391) (1,095,496) (8,433)
Proceeds from sales of assets and insurance claims Cash paid for investments in consolidated affiliates	}			(5,484)				119,447 (5,484)		10,968		119,447
Net cash used for investing activities				(5,048)				(835,776)		10,968		(829,856)
Cash flows from financing activities: Increase in cash overdrafts Proceeds from issuance of								12,042				12,042
common shares Tax benefit related to the exercise of stock options		67,824		784								67,824 784
Proceeds from parent contributions Cash dividends paid						5,484		5,484 (5,484)		(10,968) 5,484		
Repurchase and retirement of common shares		(1,811)										(1,811)

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Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	66,013	784		5,484		12,042	(5,484)	78,839
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents						3,822		3,822
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents,	(2,662)	289				(89,437)		(91,810)
beginning of period	14,874	2,394		8		683,273		700,549
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 12,212	\$ 2,683	\$	8	\$ \$	593,836	\$	\$ 608,739
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## NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2006										
(In thousands)	Nabors (Parent/ Guarantor)	Nabors Delaware (Issuer/ Guarantor)	Nabors Holdings (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries (Non- Guarantors)	Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Total					
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 1,170,414	\$ (42,507)	\$ (5,484)	\$ 2,444,379	\$ (2,825,236)	\$ 741,566					
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of investments				(212,682)		(212,682)					
Sales and maturities of investments				727,741		727,741					
Cash paid for investments in consolidated affiliates Cash paid for	(977,927)	(410,791)		(1,083,572)	2,472,290						
acquisitions of businesses, net				(82,236)		(82,236)					
Deposits released for acquisitions				35,844		35,844					
Proceeds from sale of affiliate s stock Investment in				1,800,000	(1,800,000)						
affiliates Capital expenditures Proceeds from sales				(2,433) (840,006)		(2,433) (840,006)					
of assets and insurance claims				7,794		7,794					
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(977,927)	(410,791)		350,450	672,290	(365,978)					
Cash flows from financing activities: Decrease in cash overdrafts	421,162			(26,322)		(26,322) 421,162					

Proceeds from sale of warrants												
Purchase of												
exchangeable note				(502 550)								(502 550)
hedge Proceeds from				(583,550)								(583,550)
long-term debt				2,750,000								2,750,000
Reduction of				, ,								•
long-term debt				(769,789)								(769,789)
Debt issuance costs				(27,500)								(27,500)
Proceeds from issuance of common												
shares		19,173										19,173
Repurchase and		17,173										17,175
retirement of												
common shares		(627,357)						(2,481,745)		1,800,000		(1,309,102)
Tax benefit related to												
the exercise of stock				2.054								2.054
options Proceeds from parent				3,954								3,954
contributions				1,078,088		5,484		1,388,718		(2,472,290)		
Cash dividends paid				(1,870,573)		5,101		(954,663)		2,825,236		
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Net cash (used for)												
provided by financing		(107.000)		500 620		5 40 4		(0.074.010)		0.150.046		470.006
activities		(187,022)		580,630		5,484		(2,074,012)		2,152,946		478,026
Effect of exchange												
rate changes on cash												
and cash equivalents								645				645
_												
Net increase in cash		5 465		107.000				<b>501.460</b>				054050
and cash equivalents Cash and cash		5,465		127,332				721,462				854,259
equivalents,												
beginning of period		527		14		11		564,449				565,001
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Cash and cash												
equivalents, end of	ф	<b>5</b> 00 <b>2</b>	ф	107.046	Φ.		Φ.	1 205 011	ф		Φ.	1 410 260
period	\$	5,992	\$	127,346	\$	11	\$	1,285,911	\$		\$	1,419,260
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#### NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Note 12 Subsequent Events**

On July 20, 2007, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with an unrelated third party to sell 20 offshore supply vessels and certain related assets, including its rights under a vessel construction contract for a cash purchase price of \$189 million, which will result in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$40 million. Included in Other Operating Segments, the net book value of the assets being disposed of was approximately \$141 million. Closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to close during the third quarter of 2007.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Nabors Industries Ltd.:

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Nabors Industries Ltd. and its subsidiaries as of June 30, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income for each of the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the consolidated statements of cash flows and of changes in shareholders equity for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. This interim financial information is the responsibility of the Company s management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidated interim financial information for it to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We previously audited in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, of cash flows, and of changes in shareholders equity for the year then ended, management s assessment of the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 and the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006; and in our report dated March 1, 2007 we expressed unqualified opinions thereon. The consolidated financial statements and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting referred to above are not presented herein. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet information as of December 31, 2006, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas August 1, 2007

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

## **Forward-looking Statements**

We often discuss expectations regarding our future markets, demand for our products and services, and our performance in our annual and quarterly reports, press releases, and other written and oral statements. Statements that relate to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act ). These forward-looking statements are based on an analysis of currently available competitive, financial and economic data and our operating plans. They are inherently uncertain and investors should recognize that events and actual results could turn out to be significantly different from our expectations. By way of illustration, when used in this document, words such as anticipate, believe, expect, plan, intend, estimate, should, could, may, predict and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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You should consider the following key factors when evaluating these forward-looking statements:

fluctuations in worldwide prices of and demand for natural gas and oil;

fluctuations in levels of natural gas and oil exploration and development activities;

fluctuations in the demand for our services;

the existence of competitors, technological changes and developments in the oilfield services industry;

the existence of operating risks inherent in the oilfield services industry;

the existence of regulatory and legislative uncertainties;

the possibility of changes in tax laws;

the possibility of political instability, war or acts of terrorism in any of the countries in which we do business; and

general economic conditions.

The above description of risks and uncertainties is by no means all-inclusive, but is designed to highlight what we believe are important factors to consider. For a more detailed description of risk factors, please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2007, under Part 1, Item 1A, Risk Factors.

Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to we, us, our, or Nabors means Nabors Industries Ltd. and, where the context requires, includes our subsidiaries.

#### **Management Overview**

The following Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is intended to help the reader understand the results of our operations and our financial condition. This information is provided as a

supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements.

Nabors is the largest land drilling contractor in the world. We conduct oil, gas and geothermal land drilling operations in the U.S. Lower 48 states, Alaska, Canada, South and Central America, the Middle East, the Far East and Africa. Nabors is also one of the largest land well-servicing and workover contractors in the United States and Canada and is a leading provider of offshore platform workover and drilling rigs in the United States and multiple international markets. To further supplement and complement our primary business, we offer a wide range of ancillary well-site services, including engineering, transportation, construction, maintenance, well logging, directional drilling, rig instrumentation, data collection and other support services in selected domestic and international markets. We provide logistics services for onshore drilling and well-servicing operations in Canada using helicopter and fixed-winged aircraft. We manufacture and lease or sell top drives for a broad range of drilling

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applications, directional drilling systems, rig instrumentation and data collection equipment, and rig reporting software. We also invest in oil and gas exploration, development and production activities.

The majority of our business is conducted through our various Contract Drilling operating segments, which include our drilling, workover and well-servicing operations, on land and offshore. Our oil and gas exploration, development and production operations are included in a category labeled Oil and Gas for segment reporting purposes. Our operating segments engaged in marine transportation and supply services, drilling technology and top drive manufacturing, directional drilling, rig instrumentation and software, and construction and logistics operations are aggregated in a category labeled Other Operating Segments for segment reporting purposes.

Our businesses depend, to a large degree, on the level of spending by oil and gas companies for exploration, development and production activities. Therefore, a sustained increase or decrease in the price of natural gas or oil, which could have a material impact on exploration, development and production activities, could also materially affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Natural gas prices are the primary drivers of our U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling, Canadian and U.S. Offshore (Gulf of Mexico) operations, while oil prices are the primary driver of our Alaskan, International and U.S. Land Well-servicing operations. The Henry Hub natural gas spot price (per Bloomberg) averaged \$6.87 per million cubic feet (mcf) during the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, down from a \$8.90 per mcf average during the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. West Texas intermediate spot oil prices (per Bloomberg) averaged \$63.40 per barrel during the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, slightly down from a \$64.29 per barrel average during the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates for the three months ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$1.2 billion, representing an increase of \$38.8 million, or 3% as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2006 and \$2.4 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2007, representing an increase of \$143.6 million, or 6% as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2006. Adjusted income derived from operating activities and net income for the three months ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$293.1 million and \$228.3 million, (\$.79 per diluted share), respectively, representing decreases of 16% and 2%, respectively, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2006. Adjusted income derived from operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$642.1 million, representing a decrease of 11% compared to the six months ended June 30, 2006. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$490.5 million (\$1.71 per diluted share) compared to \$490.2 million (\$1.56 per diluted share) for the six months ended June 30, 2006.

The decrease in our adjusted income derived from operating activities during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 related primarily to our U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling, U.S. Land Well-servicing and Canada Drilling and Well-servicing operations, where activity levels decreased as a result of lower natural gas prices and inclement weather. Operating results were further impacted by higher levels of depreciation expense due to our capital expenditures and higher general and administrative expenses due to an increase in wages and burden for a majority of our operating segments and Corporate during the six months ended June 30, 2007. Partially offsetting the decreases in our adjusted income derived from operating activities are the increases in operating results from our International operations and to a lesser extent by our Alaska operations, both driven from the continuing high oil prices. Our net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 has increased compared to the prior year periods as a result of a lower effective tax rate and lower shares outstanding.

We anticipate that 2007 results for our U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling, U.S. Land Well-servicing and Canadian drilling operations are likely to be significantly lower than 2006 with a slower market and an influx of new rig capacity in the U.S. Lower 48 market and more extensive market weakness in Canada. We expect significant increases in our International operations followed to a lesser extent by our Alaskan and U.S. Offshore businesses resulting from a full

year s contribution of rig deployments in 2006 and further deployments in 2007, most of which are for multi-year contracts. Further income increments from U.S. Offshore, Alaska and International operations are being realized from expected renewals of existing multi-year contracts to much higher current market rates.

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The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our reportable segments and rig activity:

							Increase			Six Montl June				Increase	
	\$ 426,787 \$ 468,787 182,410 168,84 60,316 62,554 36,777 24,917 75,088 120,587 261,262 169,147 1,042,640 1,014,827 18,110 9,707 170,484 153,597			•			(Decrease)	ı		2007	; 50	o, 2006		(Decrease	
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act Drilling:(1)															!
Lower 48 Land	Φ	106 707	Φ	460 707	Φ	(42	. 000)	(0) 07	φ	070 202	φ	005 127	Φ	(15754)	,
ng Land	\$	426,787	<b>&gt;</b>	468,/8/	<b>&gt;</b>	(42.	2,000)	(9)%	\$	879,383	\$	895,137	\$	(15,754)	•
Land		102 /10		140 0/1		13	560	8%		261 628		220 574		25.054	
servicing Offshore				•			5,569 2,238)			364,628		329,574		35,054	4
				•			.,238) .,865	(4)% 48%		116,091 84,613		106,080 51,718		10,011 32,895	
a da		•					-			84,613 268,368		51,/18 347,144		•	y C
na national				,			5,499) 2,115	(38)% 54%		268,368 485,744		347,144		(78,776) 169,702	(4
lanonai		201,202		105,147		74.	,113	3470		40 <i>J</i> ,/ <del>41</del>		310,042		109,702	4
tal Contract															ŀ
ng(2)		1,042,640		1,014,828			,812	3%		2,198,827		2,045,695		153,132	,
nd Gas(3)(4) Operating		18,110		9,703		8.	3,407	87%		31,239		39,540		(8,301)	(2
ents(5)(6)		170,484		153,593		16	,891	11%		327,404		305,296		22,108	İ
reconciling															
(7)		(65,025)		(50,754)		(14	-,271)	(28)%		(118,177)		(94,836)		(23,341)	(2
	\$	1,166,209	\$	1,127,370	\$	38	3,839	3%	\$	2,439,293	\$	2,295,695	\$	143,598	
sted income (loss) ed from operating															
ties:(8)															
act Drilling:															
Lower 48 Land															
ng Land	\$	154,667	\$	212,696	\$	(58.	3,029)	(27)%	\$	327,593	\$	392,427	\$	(64,834)	(1
servicing		40,105		47,435		(7	,330)	(15)%		83,461		93,505		(10,044)	(
Offshore		19,206		23,667		-	,461)	(19)%		34,255		34,121		134	
a		8,225		3,384		-	,841	143%		24,792		7,626		17,166	22
da		(7,992)		19,873			,865)	(140)%		45,136		102,975		(57,839)	(:
ational		85,409		50,500		34	,909	69%		151,427		87,997		63,430	,
tal Contract															
ng(2)		299,620		357,555		(57	,935)	(16)%		666,664		718,651		(51,987)	

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N/M(9)

3,958

4,502

3,374

(584)

nd Gas

(8,350)

12,852

Operating								
ents	19,151	18,469	682	4%	39,959	39,036	923	ļ
reconciling								
(10)	(29,042)	(25,985)	(3,057)	(12)%	(69,069)	(50,579)	(18,490)	(3
	293,103	349,455	(56,352)	(16)%	642,056	719,960	(77,904)	(1
st expense tment (loss)	(13,716)	(12,168)	(1,548)	(13)%	(26,765)	(20,223)	(6,542)	(3
ne (losses) on sales g-lived assets, rment charges and income (expense),	(9,272)	16,728	(26,000)	(155)%	19,437	30,598	(11,161)	(3
	39,510	(4,216)	43,726	N/M(9)	25,472	(8,245)	33,717	N/M
ne before income	\$ 309,625	\$ 349,799	\$ (40,174)	(11)%	\$ 660,200 \$	722,090	\$ (61,890)	
ctivity: ears:(11) Lower 48 Land								
ng	228.5	255.2	(26.7)	(10)%	235.7	254.3	(18.6)	1
Offshore	17.6	18.0	(.4)	(2)%	17.4	16.5	.9	l
a	8.8	7.8	1.0	13%	9.1	7.5	1.6	2
da	18.5	37.9	(19.4)	(51)%	38.2	55.5	(17.3)	(3
ational(12)	117.1	93.2	23.9	26%	114.4	89.7	24.7	4
rig years	390.5	412.1	(21.6)	(5)%	414.8	423.5	(8.7)	
ours:(13) Land								
servicing	291,430	318,961	(27,531)	(9)%	590,518	630,729	(40,211)	
da Well-servicing	41,613	61,648	(20,035)	(32)%	139,201	182,872	(43,671)	(2
rig hours	333,043	380,609	(47,566)	(12)%	729,719	813,601	(83,882)	(1
								,

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- (1) These segments include our drilling, workover and well-servicing operations, on land and offshore.
- (2) Includes earnings (loss), net from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method, of \$.7 million and \$4.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$2.5 million and \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
- (3) Represents our oil and gas exploration, development and production operations.
- (4) Includes earnings (losses), net, from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method of (\$.8) million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and \$0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.
- (5) Includes our marine transportation and supply services, drilling technology and top drive manufacturing, directional drilling, rig instrumentation and software, and construction and logistics operations.
- (6) Includes earnings (loss), net from unconsolidated affiliates, accounted for by the equity method, of \$3.5 million and \$5.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$14.2 million and \$9.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
- (7) Represents the elimination of inter-segment transactions.
- (8) Adjusted income derived from operating activities is computed by: subtracting direct costs, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, and depletion expense from Operating revenues and then adding Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates. Such amounts should not be used as a substitute to those amounts reported under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). However, management evaluates the performance of our business units and the consolidated company based on several criteria, including adjusted income derived from operating activities, because it believes that this financial measure is an accurate reflection of the ongoing profitability of our company. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to income before income taxes, which is a GAAP measure, is provided within the table above.
- (9) The percentage is so large that it is not meaningful.
- (10) Represents the elimination of inter-segment transactions and unallocated corporate expenses.
- (11) Excludes well-servicing rigs, which are measured in rig hours. Rig years represent a measure of the number of equivalent rigs operating during a given period. For example, one rig operating 182.5 days during a 365-day period represents 0.5 rig years.
- (12) International rig years include our equivalent percentage ownership of rigs owned by unconsolidated affiliates which totaled 4.0 years during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
- (13) Rig hours represents the number of hours that our well-servicing rig fleet operated during the period.

#### **Segment Results of Operations**

#### **Contract Drilling**

Our Contract Drilling operating segments contain one or more of the following operations: drilling, workover and well-servicing, on land and offshore.

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U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling. The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

		Three Ended ,						Six M Ended ,			
		2007		2006		(Decreas	se)	2007	2006	(Decrease	e)
(In thousands,	exc	ept percei	ntag	ges and rig	g ac	tivity)					
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$	426,787	\$	468,787	\$	(42,000)	(9)%	\$ 879,383	\$ 895,137	\$ (15,754)	(2)%
activities Rig years	\$	154,667 228.5	\$	212,696 255.2	\$	(58,029) (26.7)	(27)% (10)%	\$ 327,593 235.7	\$ 392,427 254.3	\$ (64,834) (18.6)	(17)% (7)%

The decrease in operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to prior year periods is a result of decreased drilling activity, driven by lower natural gas prices. Additionally, the decrease in operating results is due to increased drilling rig operating costs, including depreciation expense related to capital expansion projects.

*U.S. Land Well-servicing.* The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

	Three Months								Six M	[ont	ths		
		Ended,	Jun	e 30,					Ended,	Jun	e 30,		
						Increas	se					Increas	e
		2007		2006		(Decreas	se)		2007		2006	(Decreas	se)
(In thousands,	n thousands, except percentages and rig activity)												
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$	182,410	\$	168,841	\$	13,569	8%	\$	364,628	\$	329,574	\$ 35,054	11%
activities Rig hours	\$	40,105 291,430	\$	47,435 318,961	\$	(7,330) (27,531)	(15)% (9)%	\$	83,461 590,518	\$	93,505 630,729	\$ (10,044) (40,211)	(11)% (6)%

Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 over the prior year periods as a result of higher average dayrates, driven by the sustained level of high oil prices. The decreases in adjusted income during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 over the prior year periods reflects lower utilization caused by inclemate weather restricting asset mobility in most markets as well higher depreciation expense related to capital expansion projects.

*U.S. Offshore.* The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

		Three 1	Mo	nths				Six M	lont	ths		
		Ended,	Jun	e 30,				Ended,	Jun	e 30,		
		2007		2006		(Decreas	e)	2007		2006	Increase	
(In thousands, exc	ept	percent	age	s and rig	act	ivity)						
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$	60,316	\$	62,554	\$	(2,238)	(4)%	\$ 116,091	\$	106,080	\$ 10,011	9%
activities Rig years	\$	19,206 17.6	\$	23,667 18.0	\$	(4,461) (.4)	(19)% (2)%	\$ 34,255 17.4	\$	34,121 16.5	\$ 134 .9	0% 5%

The decrease in operating results during the three months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year period primarily resulted from a decrease in average dayrates and utilization for our jack-up rigs partially offset by the deployment of two new-built barge rigs in early May 2007. Operating results increased for the six months ended

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June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year periods as a result of higher average dayrates and increased utilization from platform workover drilling and barge rigs added to the fleet in late 2006 and into 2007, offsetting the lower utilization of jack-up rigs during the three months ended June 30, 2007.

Alaska. The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

		Three I Ended .						Six M Ended			
		2007		2006		Increase	e	2007	2006	Increas	se
(In thousands, ex	cep	t percent	age	s and rig	act	ivity)					
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$	36,777	\$	24,912	\$	11,865	48%	\$ 84,613	\$ 51,718	\$ 32,895	64%
activities Rig years	\$	8,225 8.8	\$	3,384 7.8	\$	4,841 1.0	143% 13%	\$ 24,792 9.1	\$ 7,626 7.5	\$ 17,166 1.6	225% 21%

The increase in operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to prior year periods is primarily due to increases in average dayrates and drilling activity, driven by the sustained level of high oil prices.

Canada. The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2007 2006 Decrease									Ion Jun	ths ie 30,		
							ise		2007		2006	Decrease	e
(In thousands,	exc	ept perce	nta	iges and ri	ig a	ctivity)							
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$	75,088	\$	120,587	\$	(45,499)	(38)%	\$	268,368	\$	347,144	\$ (78,776)	(23)%
activities Rig years Rig hours	\$	(7,992) 18.5 41,613	\$	19,873 37.9 61,648	\$	(27,865) (19.4) (20,035)	(140)% (51)% (32)%	\$	45,136 38.2 139,201	\$	102,975 55.5 182,872	\$ (57,839) (17.3) (43,671)	(56)% (31)% (24)%

The decrease in operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 resulted primarily from an overall decrease in drilling and well-servicing activity compared to the prior year periods. These decreases were

driven by lower natural gas prices, which resulted in lower demand for our services in this market. Canadian drilling activity is subject to substantial levels of seasonality, as activity levels typically peak in the first quarter, decline substantially in the second quarter and then generally increase over the last half of the year. Operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to prior year periods were further negatively impacted by increased operating expenses, including depreciation due to capital expansion projects.

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*International.* The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

							Six Mont	hs ]	Ended		
(In thousands,	Three Mor Jun 2007 ept percen	e 30	2006	acti	Increase ivity)	2	Jun 2007	e 3(	), 2006	Increase	
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$ 261,262	\$	169,147	\$	92,115	54%	\$ 485,744	\$	316,042	\$ 169,702	54%
activities Rig years	\$ 85,409 117.1	\$	50,500 93.2	\$	34,909 23.9	69% 26%	\$ 151,427 114.4	\$	87,997 89.7	\$ 63,430 24.7	72% 28%

The increase in operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year periods primarily resulted from higher average dayrates and an increase in drilling activities, driven by the sustained level of high oil prices and from an expansion of the rig fleet and renewal of existing multi-year contracts at higher average dayrates.

#### Oil and Gas

This operating segment represents our oil and gas exploration, development and production operations. The results of operations for this reportable segment are as follows:

					Six Mont	ths Ended		
	Three Mon June				Jun	e 30,		
	2007	2006	Incr	ease	2007	2006	(Decrea	ase)
(In thousands, except percentages)								
Operating revenues and Earnings								
from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from	\$ 18,110	\$ 9,703	\$ 8,407	87%	\$ 31,239	\$ 39,540	\$ (8,301)	(21)%
operating Activities	\$ 3,374	\$ (584)	\$ 3,958	N/M(1)	\$ 4,502	\$ 12,852	\$ (8,350)	(65)%

The increase in operating results during the three months ended June 30, 2007 is primarily a result of the increase in income attributable to production payment contracts when compared to the prior year period. Additionally, operating results for the three months ended June 30, 2007 over the prior year period were slightly higher due to an increase in volumes which is partially offset by the slight decrease in commodity prices.

Operating results decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year period due to the \$20.7 million gain recognized on the sale of certain leasehold interests in early 2006, partially offset by impairment

charges in the first quarter of 2006 to certain oil and gas properties due to lower gas prices and lower than expected performance of certain asset groups. Additionally, operating results are lower due to overall lower commodity prices in the first six months of 2007 and continuing higher seismic and higher general and administrative costs, including costs related to oil and gas leasing properties.

(1) The percentage is so large that it is not meaningful.

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#### **Other Operating Segments**

These operations include our marine transportation and supply services, drilling technology and top drive manufacturing, directional drilling, rig instrumentation and software, and construction and logistics operations. The results of operations for these operating segments are as follows:

			Six Months Ended											
		nths Ended e 30,			Jun	ne 30,								
	2007	2006	Increa	se	2007	2006	Increas	se						
(In thousands, ex percentages)	cept													
Operating revenues and Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates Adjusted income derived from operating	\$ 170,484	\$ 153,593	\$ 16,891	11%	\$ 327,404	\$ 305,296	\$ 22,108	7%						
activities	\$ 19,151	\$ 18,469	\$ 682	4%	\$ 39,959	\$ 39,036	\$ 923	2%						

The increase in our operating results during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year periods primarily resulted from (i) increased sales of top drives driven by the strengthened oil market and increased equipment sales from the acquisition of Pragma in the second quarter of 2006 and (ii) increased demand for the directional drilling market in the U.S. These increases were partially offset by (iii) decreased margins for our marine transportation and supply services driven by the lower utilization of our smaller vessels partially offset by the increased customer demand for the larger class vessels and (iv) decreased demand for construction and logistics services.

On July 20, 2007, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with an unrelated third party to sell our 20 offshore marine transportation and supply vessels and certain related assets, including its rights under a vessel construction contract. Refer to Note 12 Subsequent Event for additional information.

#### **Other Financial Information**

#### General and administrative expenses

	Six Months Ended							
<b>Three Months Ended</b>								
	Jun	e 30,	<b>June 30</b> ,					
	2007	2006	Increase		2007	2006	Increase	
(In thousands,	except percen	tages)						
General and administrative	\$ 100,989	\$ 87,830	\$ 13,159	15%	\$ 215,963	\$ 176,627	\$ 39,336	22%

expenses
General and
administrative
expenses as a
percentage of
operating

revenues 8.7% 7.9% .8% 10% 8.9% 7.7% 1.2% 16%

General and administrative expenses increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the prior year periods primarily as a result of increases in wages and burden for a majority of our operating segments and Corporate, which primarily resulted from an increase in the number of employees and higher wages, and professional fees and employee related taxes in connection with the review of the Company s stock option granting practices.

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### Depreciation and amortization, and depletion expense

	Six Months Ended								
	Three	Mont June	ths Ended 30,			Jui	ne 30,		
	200	7	2006	Incre	ease	2007	2006	Increase (E	Decrease)
(In thousands, exce	ept perc	entage	s)						
Depreciation and amortization									
expense	\$ 112.	988	\$ 87,946	\$ 25,042	28%	\$ 218,216	\$ 169,335	\$ 48,881	29%
Depletion expense	\$ 9.	160	\$ 7,913	\$ 1,247	16%	15,785	\$ 20,930	\$ (5,145)	(25)%

Depreciation and amortization expense. Depreciation and amortization expense increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year periods as a result of depreciation on capital expenditures for capital expansion projects made throughout 2006 and into 2007.

*Depletion expense*. Depletion expense increased during the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year period as a result of higher unit-of-production depletion from higher oil and gas volumes. Depletion expense decreased during the six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year periods due to an impairment charge recorded during the first quarter of 2006 and is only partially offset by higher unit-of-production depletion from higher oil and gas production volumes from new wells coming on line in 2007.

### Interest expense

		Six Mont					ths Ended	
		Months June 30,	June 30,					
(In thousands, except percentages)	2007	2006	Increase	2	2007	2006	Increase	
Interest expense	\$ 13,716	\$ 12,168	\$ 1,548	13%	\$ 26,765	\$ 20,223	\$ 6,542	32%

Interest expense increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year periods primarily as a result of the additional interest expense related to the May 2006 issuance of the \$2.75 billion 0.94% senior exchangeable notes due 2011. This increase was partially offset by interest expense reductions resulting from the redemption of 93% or \$769.8 million of our zero coupon convertible senior debentures due 2021 on February 6, 2006.

### Investment (loss) income

			Six Mont	ths Ended	
Three Moi	nths Ended				
Jun	e 30,		Jun	e 30,	
2007	2006	(Decrease)	2007	2006	(Decrease)
(In thousands, except perc	entages)				

Investment

(loss) income \$ (9,272) \$ 16,728 \$ (26,000) (155)% \$ 19,437 \$ 30,598 \$ (11,161) (36)%

Investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2007 was a net loss of \$9.3 million compared to income of \$16.7 million during the prior year quarter. The loss during the current quarter reflected a net loss of \$19 million from the portion of our investment portfolio that is comprised of marketable equity securities that are classified as short-term investments and our actively managed funds that are classified as long-term investments. These losses were attributable to substantial losses in two of the 30 different funds classified as long-term investments partially offset by substantial gains realized from sales of our marketable equity securities. We could incur additional substantial losses in certain of these actively managed funds classified as long-term investments. This same category of investments earned income of \$2.2 million during the prior year quarter. Investment income for the six months ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$19.4 million compared to \$30.6 million during the prior year period and included a combined \$3.0 million net loss from the investment portfolio described above compared to income of \$7.9 million during the prior year period.

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Gains (losses) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other income (expense), net

	Three I Ended J	Months June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2007	2006	Increase		2007 2006		Increase	
(In thousands,	except perce	entages)						
Gains (losses) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other income	4.00.710	h (4.046)	h 42 72 c	NO CO	<b>*</b> 25 452	A (0.245)	<b>*</b> 22 717	N0.6(4)
(expense), net	\$ 39,510	\$ (4,216)	\$ 43,726	N/M(1)	\$ 25,472	\$ (8,245)	\$ 33,717	N/M(1)

The amount of gains (losses) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other income (expense), net for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, includes a \$38 million gain on the sale of three accommodation jackups. Additionally for the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company recorded losses on long-lived assets of approximately \$8 million and increases to our litigation reserves of approximately \$7.9 million. The amount of gains (losses) on sales of long-lived assets, impairment charges and other income (expense), net for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, included losses on long-lived assets of approximately \$4.9 million and \$8.1 million, respectively.

(1) The percentage is so large that it is not meaningful.

#### Income tax rate

	Three N Ended J		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2007	2006	(Decre	ease)	2007	2006	(Decr	ease)
(In thousands, except	percentages	s)						
Effective income tax								
rate	26.3%	33.3%	(7.0)%	(21)%	25.7%	32.1%	(6.4)%	(20)%

The decrease in our effective income tax rate resulted from a lower proportion of our taxable income being generated in the U.S. during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year periods. Income generated in the U.S. is generally taxed at a higher rate than in the international jurisdictions in which we operate. Additionally, during the three months ended June 30, 2006, we recorded a \$36.2 million current tax expense relating to the redemption of common shares held by a foreign parent of a U.S. based Nabors—subsidiary. This income tax expense was partially offset by an approximate \$20.5 million deferred tax benefit recorded as a result of changes in Canadian laws that incrementally reduce statutory tax rates for both federal and provincial taxes over the next three years.

Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. We are regularly under audit by tax authorities. Although we believe our tax reserves are reasonable, the final determination

of tax audits and any related litigation could be materially different than that which is reflected in our income tax provisions and accruals. Based on the results of an audit or litigation, a material effect on our financial position, income tax provision, net income, or cash flows in the period or periods for which that determination is made could result.

In October 2004 the U.S. Congress passed and the President signed into law the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Act). The Act did not impact the corporate reorganization completed by Nabors effective June 24, 2002, that made us a foreign entity. It is possible that future changes to tax laws (including tax treaties) could have an impact on our ability to realize the tax savings recorded to date as well as future tax savings as a result of our corporate reorganization, depending on any responsive action taken by Nabors.

We expect our effective tax rate during 2007 to be in the 25-28% range. We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income tax. One of the most volatile factors in this determination is the relative proportion of our income being recognized in high versus low tax jurisdictions.

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### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### Cash Flows

Our cash flows depend, to a large degree, on the level of spending by oil and gas companies for exploration, development and production activities. Sustained increases or decreases in the price of natural gas or oil could have a material impact on these activities, and could also materially affect our cash flows. Certain sources and uses of cash, such as the level of discretionary capital expenditures, purchases and sales of investments, issuances and repurchases of debt and of our common shares are within our control and are adjusted as necessary based on market conditions. The following is a discussion of our cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$655.4 million during the six months ended June 30, 2007, compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$741.6 million during the prior year period. During the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, net income was increased for non-cash items such as depreciation and amortization, and depletion, and was reduced for changes in our working capital and other balance sheet accounts.

Investing Activities. Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$829.9 million during the six months ended June 30, 2007, compared to net cash used for investing activities of \$366.0 million during the prior year period. During the six months ended June 30, 2007, cash was used for capital expenditures totaling \$1.1 billion. During the six months ended June 30, 2007, cash was provided by sales of investments, net of purchases, totaling \$163.0 million and proceeds from sales of assets and insurance claims totaled \$119.4 million primarily from the sale of three accommodation jackups. During the six months ended June 30, 2006, cash was used for capital expenditures totaling \$840.0 million, which was offset by sales, net of purchases, of investments totaling \$515.1 million.

Financing Activities. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$78.8 million during the six months ended June 30, 2007, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$478.0 million during the prior year period. During the six months ended June 30, 2007, cash was provided by our receipt of proceeds totaling \$67.8 million from the exercise of options to acquire our common shares by our employees. During the six months ended June 30, 2006, cash was provided by approximately \$2.72 billion in net proceeds from the issuance of the \$2.75 billion 0.94% senior exchangeable notes due 2011 by Nabors Delaware and by approximately \$421.2 million from the sale of warrants. During this same period, cash was used for the purchase of call options in the amount of \$583.6 million, the redemption of 93% of our zero coupon senior convertible debentures due 2021 for a total redemption price of \$769.8 million and for repurchases of our common shares in the open market for \$1.31 billion.

#### Future Cash Requirements

As of June 30, 2007, we had long-term debt, including current maturities, of approximately \$4 billion and cash and cash equivalents and investments of approximately \$1.4 billion, including \$52.9 million in cash proceeds receivable from brokers from the sale of certain marketable equity securities that is included in other current assets.

Nabors Delaware s \$2.75 billion 0.94% senior exchangeable notes due 2011 provide that upon an exchange of these notes, it will be required to pay holders of the notes, in lieu of common shares, cash up to the principal amount of the notes and our common shares for any amount exceeding the principal amount of the notes required to be paid pursuant to the terms of the note indentures. The notes cannot be exchanged until the price of our shares exceeds approximately \$59.57 for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the previous calendar quarter; or during the five business days immediately following any ten consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per note for each day of that period was less than 95% of the product of the sale price of Nabors common shares and the then applicable exchange rate; or upon the occurrence of specified corporate

transactions set forth in the indenture.

The \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes due 2023 provide that upon an exchange of these notes, we will be required to pay holders of the notes, in lieu of common shares, cash up to the principal amount of the notes and, at our option, consideration in the form of either cash or our common shares for any amount above the principal amount of the notes required to be paid pursuant to the terms of the note indentures. The notes cannot be exchanged until the price for our shares exceeds \$42.06 for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the previous calendar quarter, or with respect to all

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calendar quarters beginning on or after July 1, 2008, \$38.56 on such last trading day, or subject to certain exceptions, during the five business day period after any ten consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per note for each day of that period was less than 95% of the product of the sale price of Nabors common shares and the then applicable exchange rate; or if Nabors Delaware calls the notes for redemption; or upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions described in the note indenture. The notes can be put to us on June 15, 2008, June 15, 2013 and June 15, 2018 for a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus contingent interest and additional amounts, if any. Accordingly, as our \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes can be put to us on June 15, 2008, the outstanding principal amount of these notes of \$700 million has been reclassified from long-term debt to current liabilities in our balance sheet as of June 30, 2007. If these notes are not put to us on June 15, 2008, the notes will be reclassified back to long term debt in our balance sheet at that time.

As of June 30, 2007, we had outstanding purchase commitments of approximately \$505.0 million, primarily for rig-related enhancing, construction and sustaining capital expenditures. Total capital expenditures over the next twelve months, including these outstanding purchase commitments, are currently expected to be approximately \$1.3 1.4 billion, including currently planned rig-related enhancing, construction and sustaining capital expenditures. This amount could change significantly based on market conditions and new business opportunities. The level of our outstanding purchase commitments and our expected level of capital expenditures over the next twelve months represent a number of capital programs that are currently underway or planned. These programs will result in an expansion in the number of drilling and well-servicing rigs that we own and operate and will consist primarily of land drilling and well-servicing rigs. Land drilling rigs are expected to be in place by the end of the current fiscal year while well-servicing rigs are expected to be in place by the first quarter of 2009. The increase in capital expenditures is expected across a majority of our operating segments, most significantly within our U.S. Lower 48 Land Drilling, U.S. Land Well-servicing, Canadian and International operations.

We have historically completed a number of acquisitions and will continue to evaluate opportunities to acquire assets or businesses to enhance our operations. Several of our previous acquisitions were funded through issuances of our common shares. Future acquisitions may be paid for using existing cash or issuance of debt or Nabors common shares. Such capital expenditures and acquisitions will depend on our view of market conditions and other factors.

During 2002, our Board of Directors authorized the continuation of a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase our common shares in the open market. Under this program we were authorized to purchase up to \$400 million of our common shares. During the first quarter of 2006, we repurchased and retired 6.4 million of our common shares under this program for \$222.4 million. In July 2006 our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase up to \$500 million of our common shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. This program supersedes and cancels our previous share repurchase program. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were no repurchases of our common stock relating to this program. As of June 30, 2007, we had \$406.3 million of shares that still may be purchased under this share repurchase program.

In connection with the adoption of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007, we have recorded an increase of \$45 million to our reserve for uncertain tax positions. As of June 30, 2007, the Company had approximately \$120.1 million of unrecognized tax benefits recorded as other long-term liabilities. Other than the impact of the adoption of FIN 48, there have been no significant changes to our contractual cash obligations table which was included in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. As a result, it is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized benefits with respect to certain of our unrecognized tax positions will significantly increase or decrease within the next 12 months. Because of the difficulty in making reasonably reliable estimates of the timing of cash settlements to taxing authorities, our contractual cash obligations table is not revised.

See Note 7 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for discussion of commitments and contingencies relating to employment contracts that could result in significant cash payments by the Company if there are

terminations of certain executives in the event of death, disability, termination without cause or in the event of a change in control.

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### Financial Condition and Sources of Liquidity

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments and cash generated from operations. As of June 30, 2007, we had cash and cash equivalents and investments of \$1.4 billion (including \$480.3 million of long-term investments and \$52.9 million in cash proceeds receivable from brokers from the sale of certain marketable equity securities that is included in other current assets) and working capital of \$609.5 million. The cash proceeds receivable from brokers was received during the first week of July. This compares to cash and cash equivalents and investments of \$1.7 billion (including \$513.3 million of long-term investments) and working capital of \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2006.

Our gross funded debt to capital ratio was 0.46:1 as of June 30, 2007 and 0.50:1 as of December 31, 2006. Our net funded debt to capital ratio was 0.36:1 as of June 30, 2007 and 0.37:1 as of December 31, 2006. The gross funded debt to capital ratio is calculated by dividing funded debt by funded debt plus deferred tax liabilities net of deferred tax assets plus capital. Funded debt is defined as the sum of (1) short-term borrowings, (2) current portion of long-term debt and (3) long-term debt. Capital is defined as shareholders—equity. The net funded debt to capital ratio is calculated by dividing net funded debt by net funded debt plus deferred tax liabilities net of deferred tax assets plus capital. Net funded debt is defined as the sum of (1) short-term borrowings, (2) current portion of long-term debt and (3) long-term debt reduced by the sum of cash and cash equivalents and short-term and long-term investments. Capital is defined as shareholders—equity. Both of these ratios are a method for calculating the amount of leverage a company has in relation to its capital.

Long-term investments consist of investments in overseas funds investing primarily in a variety of public and private U.S. and non-U.S. securities (including asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, global structured asset securitizations, whole loan mortgages, and participations in whole loans and whole loan mortgages). These investments are classified as nonmarketable because they do not have published fair values. Our interest coverage ratio was 34.4:1 as of June 30, 2007, compared to 39.2:1 as of December 31, 2006. The interest coverage ratio is a trailing twelve-month computation of the sum of income before income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, and depletion expense less investment income and then dividing by interest expense. This ratio is a method for calculating the amount of operating cash flows available to cover interest expense.

We have four letter of credit facilities with various banks as of June 30, 2007. Availability and borrowings under our credit facilities as of June 30, 2007 are as follows:

### (In thousands)

Credit available	\$ 217,545
Letters of credit outstanding	168,030

Remaining availability \$ 49,515

We have a shelf registration statement on file with the SEC to allow us to offer, from time to time, up to \$700 million in debt securities, guarantees of debt securities, preferred shares, depository shares, common shares, share purchase contracts, share purchase units and warrants. We currently have not issued any securities registered under this registration statement.

Our current cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments and projected cash flows generated from current operations are expected to more than adequately finance our purchase commitments, our debt service

requirements, and all other expected cash requirements for the next twelve months. However, as discussed under *Future Cash Requirements* above, the \$2.75 billion 0.94% senior exchangeable notes and \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes can be exchanged when the price of our shares exceeds \$59.57 and \$42.06, respectively, for the required period of time, resulting in our payment of the principal amount of the notes, or \$2.75 billion and \$700 million, respectively, in cash. Our \$700 million zero coupon senior exchangeable notes can be put to us on June 15, 2008 resulting in our payment of cash and accordingly, the outstanding principal amount of these notes of \$700 million has been reclassified from long-term debt to current liabilities in our balance sheet as of June 30, 2007.

On July 27, 2007, the market price for our shares closed at \$29.67. If the market price threshold of \$59.57 or \$42.06 was exceeded and the notes were exchanged or if the holders of the \$700 million notes require us to

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repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes on June 15, 2008, the required cash payment could have a significant impact on our level of cash and cash equivalents and investments available to meet our other cash obligations. Management believes that we have the ability to access capital markets or otherwise obtain financing in order to satisfy any payment obligations that might arise upon exchange or purchase of these notes and that any cash payment due of this magnitude, in addition to our other cash obligations, will not ultimately have a material adverse impact on our liquidity or financial position. Our ability to access capital markets or to otherwise obtain sufficient financing is enhanced by our senior unsecured debt ratings as provided by Moody s Investor Service and Fitch Ratings, which are currently A3 and A-, respectively, and our historical ability to access those markets as needed.

See our discussion of the impact of changes in market conditions on our derivative financial instruments discussed under *Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* below.

#### Other Matters

### Critical Accounting Estimates

We disclosed our critical accounting estimates in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. No significant changes have occurred to those policies except for our adoption of FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take on a tax return. Under FIN 48, the financial statements reflect the expected future tax consequences of such positions presuming the taxing authorities full knowledge of the position and relevant facts, but without considering time values. For a discussion of the impact of our adoption of FIN 48, see Note 5 to our accompanying unaudited financial statements.

# Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We may be exposed to market risk through changes in interest rates and foreign currency risk arising from our operations in international markets as discussed in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have been no material changes in our exposure to market risk from that disclosed in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures. We maintain a set of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms. We have investments in certain unconsolidated entities that we do not control or manage. Because we do not control or manage these entities, our disclosure controls and procedures with respect to such entities are necessarily more limited than those we maintain with respect to our consolidated subsidiaries.

The Company s management, with the participation of the Company s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the Company s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company s disclosure controls and procedures are effective, at the reasonable assurance level, in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act and are effective, at the reasonable assurance level, in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and

communicated to the Company s management, including the Company s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There have not been any changes in the Company s internal control over financial reporting (identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that has

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materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Nabors and its subsidiaries are defendants or otherwise involved in a number of lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. We estimate the range of our liability related to pending litigation when we believe the amount and range of loss can be estimated. We record our best estimate of a loss when the loss is considered probable. When a liability is probable and there is a range of estimated loss with no best estimate in the range, we record the minimum estimated liability related to the lawsuits or claims. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and claims and revise our estimates. Due to uncertainties related to the resolution of lawsuits and claims, the ultimate outcome may differ from our estimates. In the opinion of management and based on liability accruals provided, our ultimate exposure with respect to these pending lawsuits and claims is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or cash flows, although they could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations for a particular reporting period.

On December 22, 2005, we received a grand jury subpoena from the United States Attorney s Office in Anchorage, Alaska, seeking documents and information relating to an alleged spill, discharge, overflow or cleanup of drilling mud or sludge involving one of our rigs during March 2003. We are cooperating with the authorities in this matter.

On February 6, 2007, a purported shareholder derivative action entitled *Kenneth H. Karstedt v. Eugene M. Isenberg*, et al was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas against the Company s officers and directors, and against the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint alleges that stock options were priced retroactively and were improperly accounted for, and alleges various causes of action based on that assertion. The complaint seeks, among other things, payment by the defendants to the Company of damages allegedly suffered by it and disgorgement of profits. On March 5, 2007, another purported shareholder derivative action entitled *Gail McKinney v. Eugene M. Isenberg*, et al was also filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The complaint makes substantially the same allegations against the same defendants and seeks the same elements of damages. The two derivative actions have been consolidated into one proceeding. The ultimate outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

During the fourth quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2007, a review was conducted of the Company s granting practices and accounting for certain employee equity awards to both the senior executives of the Company and other employees from 1988 through 2006. Based on the results of the review, the Company recorded a noncash charge of \$38.3 million, net of tax, at December 31, 2006. The Company determined that no restatement of its historical financial statements was necessary because there were no findings of fraud or intentional wrongdoing, and because the effects of certain revised measurement dates were not material in any fiscal year.

In a letter dated December 28, 2006, the SEC staff advised us that it had commenced an informal inquiry regarding our stock option grants and related practices, procedures and accounting. By letter dated May 7, 2007, the SEC staff informed us they had closed the investigation without any recommendation of enforcement action.

On July 5, 2007, we received an inquiry from the U.S. Department of Justice relating to its investigation of one of our vendors and compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. We are reviewing certain transactions with this vendor, which provides freight forwarding and customs clearance services, and intend to cooperate with the Department of Justice inquiry. The ultimate outcome of this review cannot be determined at this time.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

# Our financial results could be affected by changes in the value of our investment portfolio

We invest our excess cash in a variety of investment vehicles, many of which are subject to market fluctuations resulting from a variety of economic factors or factors associated with a particular investment, including without

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limitation, overall declines in the equity markets, currency and interest rate fluctuations, volatility in the credit markets, exposures related to concentrations of investments in a particular fund or investment, exposures related to hedges of financial positions, and the performance of particular fund or investment managers. As a result, events or developments which negatively affect the value of our investments could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

At the 2007 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Nabors Industries Ltd. held June 5, 2007, holders of 265,848,728 shares were present in person or by proxy, constituting 87.57% of the outstanding shares of Nabors entitled to vote as of the Record Date for the Annual Meeting, which includes both common shares and the preferred share voting on behalf of holders of common shares of Nabors Exchangeco (Canada) Inc. The matters voted upon at the annual meeting were:

*Election of three Class I Directors*. The shareholders elected three Class I Directors to serve for a three year term, expiring in 2010:

Alexander M. Knaster

Votes cast in favor:	240,693,177
Votes withheld:	25,155,551
James L. Payne	
Votes cast in favor:	239,942,444
Votes withheld:	25,906,284
Hans W. Schmidt	
Votes cast in favor:	240,392,835
Votes withheld:	25,455,893

Class III Director, Eugene M. Isenberg, continued in office with a term expiring in 2009. Class II Directors, Anthony G. Petrello, Myron M. Sheinfield and Martin J. Whitman continued in office with terms expiring in 2008.

Appointment of Independent Auditors: The shareholders appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent auditors of Nabors, and authorized the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set the auditors remuneration:

Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Independent Auditors

Votes cast in favor:	263,255,681
Votes cast against:	1,155,999
Votes abstaining:	1,437,048

*Shareholder Proposal:* The shareholders request the authority to ratify annually the compensation paid to the executive officers named in the Proxy Statement.

Votes cast in favor:	63,823,994
Votes cast against:	101,022,089
Votes abstaining:	17,022,200

*Shareholder Proposal:* The shareholders request the Board of Director s Executive Compensation Committee establish a pay-for-superior-performance standard in the Company s executive compensation plan for senior executives.

Votes cast in favor:63,925,572Votes cast against:115,725,576Votes abstaining:2,217,335

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## Item 6. Exhibits

- 2.5 Asset Purchase Agreement dated July 20, 2007 by and among Nabors US Finance LLC, Sea Mar Management LLC, Sea Mar Division of Nabors Well Services Company and Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc.
- 15 Awareness Letter of Independent Accountants.
- 31.1 Certification of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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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.

# NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.

Date: August 2, 2007 /s/ Eugene M. Isenberg

Eugene M. Isenberg

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 2, 2007 /s/ Bruce P. Koch

Bruce P. Koch

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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	2002.