

HOUSTON, Aug. 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Paragon Offshore plc ("Paragon") (NYSE: PGN) today reported second quarter 2015 net income of \$95.0 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share as compared to second quarter 2014 net income of \$95.0 million, or \$1.12 per diluted share. Results for the second quarter include a \$4.1 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, loss on the sale of an asset and a \$1.7 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, impairment charge related to assets which the company previously announced it had decided to retire from service. Excluding the above items, Paragon's adjusted net income (see Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Table for a reconciliation to net income) was \$100.8 million, or \$0.57 per diluted share.

The results for the second quarter include a tax benefit of \$18.5 million, as compared to a tax provision of \$6.6 million in the first quarter of 2015, primarily as a result of restructuring certain of our operations. For periods prior to Paragon's spin-off from [Noble Corporation plc](#) ("Noble") on July 1, 2014 (the "Spin-Off"), results of operations are based on Noble's standard-specification business (our "Predecessor") and include revenues from three standard specification rigs retained by Noble and three standard specification rigs that were sold prior to the Spin-Off. For more information regarding the Spin-Off, please see Paragon's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") available on the company's website at [www.paragonoffshore.com](http://www.paragonoffshore.com).

"Paragon's second quarter 2015 results demonstrate our ongoing ability to deliver safe, reliable and efficient operations while controlling costs and securing additional backlog," said Randall D. Stilley, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Furthermore, we secured \$300 million of cash from Prospector 1 and Prospector 5 through the recently closed sale-leaseback transaction, enhancing our cash position and providing Paragon with significant optionality during the challenging days ahead."

Total revenues for the second quarter of 2015 were \$393.2 million compared to \$430.6 million in the first quarter of 2015. Paragon's utilization of its marketed rig fleet, which excludes one stacked floater, was 69 percent for the second quarter of 2015, as compared to 74 percent in the first quarter of 2015. Average daily revenues decreased three percent in the second quarter of 2015 to \$149,000 per rig compared to the first quarter average of \$152,000 per rig. Contract drilling operating costs declined in the second quarter to \$197.0 million compared to \$225.1 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Net cash from operating activities was \$96.6 million in the second quarter of 2015 as compared to \$210.4 million for the first quarter of 2015. Expenditures in the second quarter totaled \$62.4 million. At June 30, 2015, liquidity, defined as cash and cash equivalents plus available funds under the company's revolving credit facility, totaled \$454.9 million while our leverage ratio, the ratio of the company's net debt to trailing twelve month EBITDA, as defined in the company's revolving credit facility, was 2.6 at June 30, 2015.

On July 24, 2015 the company closed a sale-leaseback transaction in connection with Prospector 1 and Prospector 5. Net of fees and expenses, the company received proceeds of approximately \$292.0 million of which \$23.0 million is required to be maintained in certain restricted bank accounts. The company has available proceeds of approximately \$269.0 million. The company's cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2015, plus the available funds from the sale-leaseback transaction plus availability under the company's revolving credit facility, results in a pro forma cash position of \$723.9 million.

## Operating Highlights

Paragon's total contract backlog at June 30, 2015 was an estimated \$1.6 billion compared to \$1.9 billion at March 31, 2015.

Utilization of Paragon's marketed floating rig fleet was 100 percent in the second quarter and in the first quarter of 2015. Average daily revenues for Paragon's floating rig fleet decreased seven percent to \$258,000 per rig in the second quarter of 2015 from \$277,000 per rig in the first quarter of 2015.

Second quarter 2015 utilization of Paragon's marketed jackup rig fleet decreased to 64 percent compared to the 71 percent utilization during the first quarter of 2015. Average daily revenues for Paragon's jackup fleet during the second quarter declined by two percent to \$127,000 per rig from \$127,000 per rig during the first quarter of 2015.

At the end of the second quarter of 2015, an estimated 57 percent of the marketed rig operating days were committed for 2015, including 52 percent of the floating and jackup rig days, respectively. The calculations for committed operating days exclude available days for a floating unit that is stacked.

During the quarter, Paragon added approximately \$89.9 million in backlog related primarily to previously disclosed new contracts awarded in India, the Middle East and West Africa. In India, the Paragon MDS1 received a contract extension from mid-April 2015 to mid-August 2015 at a dayrate of \$97,000. In the Middle East, the Paragon L784 received a contract award from early June 2015 to early June 2018, at a dayrate of \$88,000 from early June 2015 to early June 2016 and \$95,000 from early June 2016 to early June 2018. In West Africa, the Paragon added a new contract from mid-August 2015 to mid-December 2015 at a dayrate of \$105,000.

In addition, Paragon added approximately \$200.0 million in backlog related to contracts and extensions announced in its July 13, 2015 Fleet Status Reports. In the Middle East, the Paragon B152 received a contract extension from late November 2015 to late May 2016 at a rate of \$81,000 while the Dhabi II received a contract extension from mid-July 2015 to mid-July 2017 at a dayrate of \$76,000. In India, the Paragon C461 received a contract extension from mid-November 2015 to mid-November 2017 at a dayrate of \$113,000. The Paragon B152 received a contract extension from early December 2015 to late May 2016 at dayrates between \$125,000 and \$135,000. In addition,

backlog swap between the Paragon C462 and Paragon C463 and received a contract extension from late December 2015 to early March 2016 for the Paragon C463 at a dayrate of \$130,000.

## Outlook

Mr. Stilley concluded, "As we anticipated, the offshore drilling environment has deteriorated further since the quarter ended and there is no improvement on the near-term horizon, particularly in the floating rig market segment where there is an oversupply of assets and vessels. The shallow water segment has worsened as well and also faces supply challenges, though we see few speculative newbuild jackup orders in the market and securing contracts. In fact, Paragon's low-cost, high-quality focus has enabled us to win work in the few regions where there is demand. Our cash position is strong and we continue to reduce costs aggressively as we do not expect a quick recovery in our market."

## About Paragon Offshore

Paragon is a global provider of offshore drilling rigs. Paragon's operated fleet includes 34 jackups, including two high specification high-specification jackups, and six floaters (four drillships and two semisubmersibles). Paragon's primary business is contracting its rigs, vessels, and work crews to conduct oil and gas drilling and workover operations for its exploration and production customers on a dayrate basis worldwide. Paragon's principal executive offices are located in Houston, Texas. Paragon is a public limited company registered in England and Wales, company number 08814042 and registered office at 20-22 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4JS, England. Additional information is available at [www.paragonoffshore.com](http://www.paragonoffshore.com).

## Forward-Looking Disclosure Statement

This release contains forward-looking statements. Statements regarding contract backlog, earnings, costs, revenue, rig demand, fleet composition, performance, shareholder value, contract commitments, dayrates, contract commencements, contract extensions or renewals, industry conditions, customer relationships and requirements, strategic initiatives, future performance, growth opportunities, market outlook, as well as all other statements that are not historical facts in this release, are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These risks include but are not limited to risks associated with the general nature of the oil and gas industry, risks associated with the operation of a separate, publicly traded company, actions by regulatory authorities, customers and other third parties, and other factors detailed in the "Risk Factors" section of Paragon's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, and in Paragon's other filings with the SEC, which are available free of charge on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated.

## Conference Call

Paragon also scheduled a teleconference and webcast related to its second quarter 2015 results on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. U.S. Central Time. The teleconference can be accessed from the U.S. and Canada by dialing 1-888-771-4371, or internationally by dialing 1-847-585-4405, and using access code: 40293273. Interested parties may also listen to the webcast through a link posted on Paragon's website at [www.paragonoffshore.com](http://www.paragonoffshore.com), under "Events & Presentations" in the "Investor Relations" section of the website.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available on Thursday, August 13, 2015, beginning at approximately 12:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time through Thursday, August 27, 2015, ending at approximately 11:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time. The phone number for the conference call is 1-888-843-7419 or, for calls from outside of the U.S., 1-630-652-3042, using access code: 40293273#. A replay of the conference call will also be available on Paragon's website at [www.paragonoffshore.com](http://www.paragonoffshore.com), under "Events & Presentations" in the "Investor Relations" section of the website.

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CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Operating revenues				
Contract drilling services	\$ 363,089	\$ 462,334	\$ 762,908	\$ 954,297
Labor contract drilling services	7,206	8,146	14,371	16,357
Reimbursables and other	22,949	8,477	46,613	22,893
	393,244	478,957	823,892	993,547
Operating costs and expenses				
Contract drilling services	196,969	222,317	422,074	448,780
Labor contract drilling services	5,681	6,223	11,294	12,436
Reimbursables	18,678	5,224	38,656	15,850
Depreciation and amortization	94,673	112,536	184,748	223,120
General and administrative	13,737	12,683	29,101	25,928
Loss on impairment	1,701	&mdash;	1,701	&mdash;
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	4,078	&mdash;	(12,717)	&mdash;
(Gain) on repurchase of long-term debt	&mdash;	&mdash;	(4,345)	&mdash;
	335,517	358,983	670,512	726,114
Operating income	57,727	119,974	153,380	267,433
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net of amount capitalized	(29,042)	(2,972)	(59,237)	(6,272)
Interest income and other, net	169	338	2,434	525
Income before income taxes	28,854	117,340	96,577	261,686
Income tax benefit (provision)	18,477	(22,292)	11,912	(42,075)
Net income	\$ 47,331	\$ 95,048	\$ 108,489	\$ 219,611
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	&mdash;	&mdash;	(31)	&mdash;
Net income attributable to Paragon Offshore	\$ 47,331	\$ 95,048	\$ 108,458	\$ 219,611
Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.59

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 112,359	\$ 56,772
Restricted cash	&mdash;	12,502
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	356,132	539,376
Prepaid and other current assets	99,531	104,644
Total current assets	568,022	713,294
Property and equipment, net	2,318,460	2,410,360
Other assets	138,365	129,735
Total assets	\$ 3,024,847	\$ 3,253,389
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 6,500	\$ 272,166
Accounts payable	131,370	160,874
Accrued payroll and related costs	50,868	81,416
Other current liabilities	160,545	207,838
Total current liabilities	349,283	722,294
Long-term debt	1,984,421	1,888,439
Deferred income taxes	39,034	58,497
Other liabilities	53,945	89,910
Total liabilities	2,426,683	2,759,140
Total shareholders' equity	598,164	491,608
Non-controlling interest	&mdash;	2,641
Total equity	598,164	494,249
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 3,024,847	\$ 3,253,389

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CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 108,489	\$ 219,611
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	184,748	223,120
Loss on impairment	1,701	&mdash;
Gain on disposal of assets, net	(12,717)	&mdash;
Gain on repurchase of long-term debt	(4,345)	&mdash;
Other changes in operating activities	29,144	(37,043)
Net cash provided by operating activities	307,020	405,688
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(113,071)	(110,687)
Proceeds from sale of assets	29,316	6,570
Acquisition of Prospector Offshore Drilling S.A. non-controlling interest	(2,185)	&mdash;
Change in restricted cash	12,502	&mdash;
Change in accrued capital expenditures	(12,533)	13,594
Net cash used in investing activities	(85,971)	(90,523)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in borrowings on Predecessor bank credit facilities	&mdash;	707,472
Net change in borrowings outstanding on Revolving Credit Facility	211,000	&mdash;
Repayment of Term Loan Facility	(3,250)	&mdash;
Repayment of Prospector Senior Credit Facility	(265,666)	&mdash;
Repayment of Prospector Bonds	(101,000)	&mdash;
Purchase of Senior Notes	(6,546)	&mdash;
Debt issuance costs	&mdash;	(386)

Net transfers to parent	&mdash; (1,026,144)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(165,462) (319,058)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	55,587	(3,893)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	56,772	36,581
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 112,359	\$ 32,688

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## OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(Unaudited)

	As Reported			Rigs Retained or Sold by Noble As Adjusted					
	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended		
	June 30,		March 31,	June 30,		March 31,	June 30,		March 31,
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014	2015
Rig fleet operating statistics (1)(2)									
Jackups:									
Average Rig Utilization	64%	76%	71%	n/a	50%	n/a	64%	78%	71%
Marketed Utilization (3)	64%	78%	71%	n/a	50%	n/a	64%	80%	71%
Operating Days	1,989	2,492	2,174	n/a	91	n/a	1,989	2,401	2,174
Average Dayrate	\$ 123,556	\$ 113,125	\$ 126,646	n/a	\$ 98,625	n/a	\$ 123,556	\$ 113,675	\$ 126,646
Floaters:									
Average Rig Utilization	83%	78%	83%	n/a	100%	n/a	83%	75%	83%
Marketed Utilization (3)	100%	100%	100%	n/a	100%	n/a	100%	100%	100%
Operating Days	455	637	450	n/a	91	n/a	455	546	450
Average Dayrate	\$ 257,764	\$ 283,221	\$ 276,560	n/a	\$ 355,174	n/a	\$ 257,764	\$ 271,229	\$ 276,560
Total:									
Average Rig Utilization	67%	76%	73%	n/a	67%	n/a	67%	75%	73%
Marketed Utilization (3)	69%	82%	74%	n/a	67%	n/a	69%	83%	74%
Operating Days	2,444	3,129	2,624	n/a	182	n/a	2,444	2,947	2,624
Average Dayrate	\$ 148,537	\$ 147,752	\$ 152,353	n/a	\$ 226,899	n/a	\$ 148,537	\$ 142,864	\$ 152,353

(1) We define average rig utilization for a specific period as the total number of days our rigs are operating under contract, divided by the product of the total number of our rigs, including cold-stacked rigs, and the number of calendar days in such period. Information reflects our policy of reporting on the basis of the number of available rigs in our fleet.

(2) Amounts exclude the Paragon FPSO1.

(3) Marketed utilization excludes the impact of Paragon cold-stacked rigs for the current quarter.

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### CALCULATION OF BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

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

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Allocation of net income				
Basic and diluted				
Net income attributable to Paragon Offshore	\$ 47,331	\$ 95,048	\$ 108,458	\$ 219,611
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards (1)	(3,532)	&mdash;	(6,611)	&mdash;
Net income to ordinary shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ 43,799	\$ 95,048	\$ 101,847	\$ 219,611
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic and diluted	85,836	84,753	85,549	84,753
Weighted average unvested share-based payment awards (1)	6,922	&mdash;	5,553	&mdash;
Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.59

(1) Our basis of presentation related to weighted average unvested shares outstanding for all periods prior to the Spin-Off does not include our unvested restricted stock units that were granted to our employees in conjunction with Paragon's 2014 Employee Omnibus Incentive Plan. As a result, we have no earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards in our earnings per share calculation for periods prior to the Spin-Off.

## RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of adjusted net income (non-GAAP) to net income:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income attributable to Paragon Offshore	\$ 47,331	\$ 95,048	\$ 108,458	\$ 219,611
Adjustments:				
(Gain) on repurchase of long-term debt	&mdash;	&mdash;	(4,345)	&mdash;
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	4,078	&mdash;	(12,717)	&mdash;
Loss on impairment	1,701	&mdash;	1,701	
Adjusted net income	\$ 53,110	\$ 95,048	\$ 93,097	\$ 219,611
Allocation of adjusted net income				
Basic and diluted				
Adjusted net income	\$ 53,110	\$ 95,048	\$ 93,097	\$ 219,611
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards (1)	(3,963)	&mdash;	(5,675)	&mdash;
Adjusted net income to ordinary shareholders - basic and diluted	\$ 49,147	\$ 95,048	\$ 87,422	\$ 219,611
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic and diluted	85,836	84,753	85,549	84,753
Weighted average unvested share-based payment awards (1)	6,922	&mdash;	5,553	&mdash;
Adjusted earnings per share				
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.02	\$ 2.59

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Loss on impairment	1,701	&mda
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	4,078	&mda
(Gain) on repurchase of long-term debt	&mdash;	&mda
Interest expense, net of amount capitalized	29,042	2,972
Income tax (benefit) provision	(18,477)	20,95
EBITDA	\$ 158,348	\$ 209,

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