

Patterson-UTI Energy Reports Financial Results for the Three Months and Year Ended December 31, 2019

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HOUSTON, Feb. 6, 2020 - [Patterson-UTI Energy Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: PTEN) today reported financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2019. The Company reported a net loss of \$85.9 million, or \$0.44 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to a net loss of \$201 million, or \$0.93 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2018. Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$492 million, compared to \$796 million for the fourth quarter of 2018.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company reported a net loss of \$426 million, or \$2.10 per share, compared to a net loss of \$321 million, or \$1.47 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2018. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2019 were \$2.5 billion, compared to \$3.3 billion for the year ended December 31, 2018.

During 2019, the Company spent \$250 million to repurchase 22.6 million shares pursuant to the Company's share repurchase program. The Company also reduced its long-term debt by \$150 million during 2019 and extended debt maturities. During the fourth quarter, the Company issued \$350 million of senior, unsecured notes due 2029 in order to refinance \$300 million of notes due 2022 and to reduce outstanding borrowings under a bank term loan. The early repayment of notes due 2022 resulted in a prepayment of \$15.8 million during the fourth quarter.

Andy Hendricks, Patterson-UTI's Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We believe our rig count bottomed in the fourth quarter and is expected to modestly increase in early-2020. Lower than expected rig activity and higher than expected operating costs in the fourth quarter were the result of changes in our geographic mix and gaps in rig activity between jobs. In the first quarter, increasing rig activity in the Permian should more than offset lower activity in other markets."

Mr. Hendricks continued, "In contract drilling, our rig count averaged 123 rigs in the fourth quarter, down from 142 rigs in the third quarter. The decrease in activity primarily occurred early in the fourth quarter with our December rig count showing the low for the year. For the first quarter, we expect activity will improve from December levels and result in an average rig count similar to the fourth quarter."

"During the fourth quarter, the fluctuation in activity resulted in increased revenues and expenses associated with stacking rigs in some basins, while reactivating rigs in the Permian. Additionally, gaps in the work schedule resulted in some rigs being stacked in the quarter and being reactivated later in the quarter, which required us to carry extra labor while the rigs were not generating revenue or operating days. Therefore, average rig revenue per operating day and average rig direct operating cost per operating day of \$23,980 and \$15,540, respectively, were both higher than expected."

"As of December 31, 2019, we had term contracts for drilling rigs providing for approximately \$605 million of future days worked revenue. Based on contracts currently in place, we expect an average of 77 rigs operating under term contracts during the fourth quarter and an average of 58 rigs operating under term contracts during 2020."

"In pressure pumping, our gross profit was \$21.9 million for the fourth quarter, which included the benefit of a \$10.8 million refund that reduced direct operating costs. We started the fourth quarter with 14 active spreads and stacked one spread in November, and two spreads in November, as activity declined throughout the quarter. We expect to average 10 active spreads for the first quarter and will be negatively impacted by the sudden operational stoppage of a major oil company customer, however, the actions we have taken and continue to take, we believe that pressure pumping results should improve later in the year."

"In directional drilling, as we expected, a steep drop in fourth quarter activity resulted in revenues falling to \$38.6 million for the fourth quarter from \$47.0 million in the third quarter. Lower activity levels, combined with higher than expected expenses for rig maintenance, contributed to a lower than expected gross margin of \$3.8 million for the fourth quarter."

Mr. Hendricks concluded, "Based on our current outlook for 2020 activity, we expect to spend approximately \$250 million on capital expenditures during 2020."

for the year, down from \$348 million in 2019. Our capex budget is primarily focused on maintenance spending to preserve service quality for our customers and the earnings power of our assets."

Mark S. Siegel, Chairman of Patterson-UTL, stated, "In 2019, Patterson-UTL proactively responded to tough market conditions by reduced capital spending by 46% and focused spending on maintaining the high quality of our equipment. We also made investments in automation and performance technologies, a number of which will come to the market in 2020.

"In 2019, we generated strong cash flow and further strengthened our financial position. During the year, we spent \$250 million to reduce our number of outstanding shares by more than 10%, and we reduced our long-term debt by \$150 million," he said.

The Company declared a quarterly dividend on its common stock of \$0.04 per share, payable on March 19, 2020, to holders of record as of March 5, 2020.

All references to "per share" in this press release are diluted earnings per common share as defined within Accounting Standards Codification Topic 260.

The Company's quarterly conference call to discuss the operating results for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, is scheduled for today, February 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. The dial-in information for participants is (844) 704-2496 (Domestic) or (844) 253-8661 (International). The conference ID for both numbers is 1061035. The call is also being webcast and can be accessed through the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at <https://investor.patenergy.com>. A replay of the conference call will be on the Company's website for two weeks.

About Patterson-UTL

Patterson-UTL is a provider of oilfield services and products to oil and natural gas exploration and production companies in North America, including market leading positions in contract drilling, pressure pumping and directional drilling services. For more information, visit www.patenergy.com.

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Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements is contained from time to time in Patterson-UTL's SEC filings. Patterson-UTL's filings may be obtained by contacting Patterson-UTL or the SEC or through Patterson-UTL's website at <http://www.patenergy.com> or through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Analysis Retrieval System (EDGAR) at <http://www.sec.gov>. Patterson-UTL undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
REVENUES	\$ 492,297	\$ 795,937	\$ 2,470,685	\$ 3,000,000
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Direct operating costs	363,515	557,685	1,773,697	2,000,000
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	180,011	212,390	1,003,873	900,000
Impairment of goodwill	—	211,129	17,800	200,000
Selling, general and administrative	31,833	32,771	133,513	130,000
Provision for bad debts	2,089	—	5,683	—
Merger and integration expenses	—	—	—	200,000
Other operating income, net	(2,388)	(7,248)	(2,305)	(100,000)
Total costs and expenses	575,060	1,006,727	2,932,261	3,000,000
OPERATING LOSS	(82,763)	(210,790)	(461,576)	(300,000)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Interest income	1,532	997	6,013	500,000
Interest expense, net of amount capitalized	(28,183)	(12,910)	(75,204)	(500,000)
Other	61	84	389	700,000
Total other expense	(26,590)	(11,829)	(68,802)	(400,000)
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(109,353)	(222,619)	(530,378)	(300,000)
INCOME TAX BENEFIT	(23,430)	(21,370)	(104,675)	(400,000)
NET LOSS	\$ (85,923)	\$ (201,249)	\$ (425,703)	\$ (300,000)
NET LOSS PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.93)	\$ (2.10)	\$ (1.00)

Diluted	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.93)	\$ (2.10)	\$ (1
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:				
Basic	193,687	215,700	203,039	2
Diluted	193,687	215,700	203,039	2
CASH DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.

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Additional Financial and Operating Data

(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Contract Drilling:				
Revenues	\$ 270,785	\$ 387,487	\$ 1,308,350	\$ 1,308,350
Direct operating costs	\$ 175,427	\$ 229,074	\$ 785,355	\$ 800,000
Margin ⁽¹⁾	\$ 95,358	\$ 158,413	\$ 522,995	\$ 508,350
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 1,701	\$ 1,697	\$ 6,317	\$ 6,317
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	\$ 113,169	\$ 129,773	\$ 668,007	\$ 570,000
Operating (loss) income	\$ (19,512)	\$ 26,943	\$ (151,329)	\$ (30,000)
Operating days – United States	11,246	16,732	54,282	60,000
Operating days – Canada	45	137	262	500
Operating days – Total	11,291	16,869	54,544	60,500
Average revenue per operating day – United States	\$ 24.01	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.02	\$ 23.47
Average direct operating costs per operating day – United States	\$ 15.47	\$ 13.58	\$ 14.36	\$ 13.75
Average margin per operating day – United States ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.54	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.66	\$ 9.72
Average rigs operating – United States	122	182	149	170
Average revenue per operating day – Canada	\$ 16.78	\$ 19.15	\$ 17.92	\$ 18.00
Average direct operating costs per operating day – Canada	\$ 32.47	\$ 14.10	\$ 22.68	\$ 14.00
Average margin per operating day – Canada ⁽¹⁾	\$ (15.69)	\$ 5.04	\$ (4.76)	\$ 4.00
Average rigs operating – Canada	0	1	1	1
Average revenue per operating day – Total	\$ 23.98	\$ 22.97	\$ 23.99	\$ 23.47
Average direct operating costs per operating day – Total	\$ 15.54	\$ 13.58	\$ 14.40	\$ 13.75
Average margin per operating day – Total ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.45	\$ 9.39	\$ 9.59	\$ 9.72
Average rigs operating – Total	123	183	149	171

Capital expenditures	\$ 36,275	\$ 94,958	\$ 194,416	\$ 330,000
Pressure Pumping:				
Revenues	\$ 161,448	\$ 319,703	\$ 868,694	\$ 1,150,000
Direct operating costs	\$ 139,597	\$ 257,497	\$ 724,788	\$ 1,000,000
Margin ⁽²⁾	\$ 21,851	\$ 62,206	\$ 143,906	\$ 330,000
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 2,921	\$ 3,989	\$ 12,655	\$ 15,000
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	\$ 45,493	\$ 58,640	\$ 233,952	\$ 250,000
Impairment of goodwill	\$ —	\$ 121,444	\$ —	\$ 121,444
Operating loss	\$ (26,563)	\$ (121,867)	\$ (102,701)	\$ (77,444)
Fracturing jobs	93	181	505	889
Other jobs	215	250	844	1,109
Total jobs	308	431	1,349	1,998
Average revenue per fracturing job	\$ 1,613.67	\$ 1,737.50	\$ 1,673.81	\$ 1,282.22
Average revenue per other job	\$ 52.92	\$ 20.86	\$ 27.75	\$ 22.50
Average revenue per total job	\$ 524.18	\$ 741.77	\$ 643.95	\$ 643.95
Average costs per total job	\$ 453.24	\$ 597.44	\$ 537.28	\$ 660.00
Average margin per total job ⁽²⁾	\$ 70.94	\$ 144.33	\$ 106.68	\$ 106.68
Margin as a percentage of revenues ⁽²⁾	13.5	% 19.5	% 16.6	% 16.6
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Capital expenditures	\$ 15,775	\$ 47,870	\$ 105,803	\$ 169,448
(unaudited, dollars in thousands)				

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Directional Drilling:				
Revenues	\$ 38,572	\$ 56,398	\$ 188,786	\$ 209,275
Direct operating costs	\$ 34,726	\$ 49,715	\$ 178,645	\$ 175,829
Margin ⁽³⁾	\$ 3,846	\$ 6,683	\$ 10,141	\$ 33,446
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 2,644	\$ 2,631	\$ 10,642	\$ 15,941
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	\$ 10,468	\$ 10,278	\$ 52,223	\$ 45,317

Impairment of goodwill	\$ —	\$ 89,685	\$ —	\$ 89,685
Operating loss	\$(9,266)	\$(95,911)	\$(52,724)	\$(117,497)
Margin as a percentage of revenues ⁽³⁾	10.0	% 11.8	% 5.4	% 16.0
Capital expenditures	\$ 4,428	\$ 6,211	\$ 15,549	\$ 35,929
Other Operations:				
Revenues	\$ 21,492	\$ 32,349	\$ 104,855	\$ 113,834
Direct operating costs	\$ 13,765	\$ 21,399	\$ 84,909	\$ 77,104
Margin ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 7,727	\$ 10,950	\$ 19,946	\$ 36,730
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 1,408	\$ 3,620	\$ 14,068	\$ 13,439
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	\$ 9,331	\$ 11,824	\$ 42,803	\$ 41,512
Impairment of goodwill	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 17,800	\$ —
Operating loss	\$(3,012)	\$(4,494)	\$(54,725)	\$(18,221)
Capital expenditures	\$ 5,938	\$ 11,136	\$ 27,132	\$ 34,660
Corporate:				
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 23,159	\$ 20,834	\$ 89,831	\$ 82,975
Merger and integration expenses	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,738
Depreciation	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,875	\$ 6,888	\$ 7,872
Other operating income, net	\$(2,388)	\$(7,248)	\$(2,305)	\$(17,569)
Provision for bad debts	\$ 2,089	\$ —	\$ 5,683	\$ —
Capital expenditures	\$ 4,224	\$ 6,080	\$ 34,512	\$ 34,156
Operating loss	\$(1,143)	\$(1,393)	\$(1,143)	\$(1,143)
Operating income	\$ 715	\$ 715	\$ 4,612	\$ 2,426

⁽¹⁾ For Contract Drilling, margin is defined as revenues less direct operating costs and excludes depreciation, amortization and impairment and selling, general and administrative expenses. Average margin per operating day is defined as margin divided by operating days.

⁽²⁾ For Pressure Pumping, margin is defined as revenues less direct operating costs and excludes depreciation, amortization and impairment and selling, general and administrative expenses. Average margin per total job is defined as margin divided by total jobs. Margin as a percentage of revenues is defined as margin divided by revenues.

⁽³⁾ For Directional Drilling, margin is defined as revenues less direct operating costs and excludes depreciation, amortization and impairment and selling, general and administrative expenses. Margin as a percentage of revenues is defined as margin divided by revenues.

⁽⁴⁾ For Other Operations, margin is defined as revenues less direct operating costs and excludes depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment, impairment of goodwill, and selling, general and administrative expenses.

	December 31, December 31,	
Selected Balance Sheet Data (unaudited, in thousands):	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 174,185	\$ 245,029
Current assets	\$ 631,815	\$ 950,197
Current liabilities	\$ 400,602	\$ 526,316
Working capital	\$ 231,213	\$ 423,881
Long-term debt	\$ 966,540	\$ 1,119,205

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Non-U.S. GAAP Financial Measures

(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	2019	2018
Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (Adjusted EBITDA) ⁽¹⁾ :		
Net loss	\$ (85,923)	\$ (201,240)
Income tax benefit	(23,430)	(21,370)
Net interest expense	26,651	11,913
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	180,011	212,390
Impairment of goodwill	—	211,129
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 97,309	\$ 212,813
Total revenues	\$ 492,297	\$ 795,937
Adjusted EBITDA margin	19.8	% 26.7
Adjusted EBITDA by operating segment:		
Contract drilling	\$ 93,657	\$ 156,710
Pressure pumping	18,930	58,217
Directional drilling	1,202	4,052
Other operations	6,319	7,330
Corporate	(22,799)	(13,502)
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 97,309	\$ 212,813

(1) Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA") is not defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus net interest expense, income tax benefit and depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment expense (including impairment of goodwill). We present Adjusted EBITDA because we believe it provides to both management and investors additional information with respect to the performance of our fundamental business activities and a comparison of the results of our operations from period to period and against our peers without regard to our financing methods or capital structure. We exclude the items listed above from net income (loss) in arriving at Adjusted EBITDA because these amounts can vary substantially from company to company within our industry depending upon accounting methods and book values of assets, capital structures and the method by which the assets were acquired. Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to the U.S. GAAP measure of net income (loss). Our computations of Adjusted EBITDA may not be the same as similarly titled measures of other companies.

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Contract Drilling Per Day Successive Quarters

(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	2019	2019	
	Fourth	Third	
	Quarter	Quarter	Change
Contract drilling revenues	\$ 270,785	\$ 317,035	\$ (46,250)
Operating days - Total	11,291	13,081	(1,790)
Average rigs operating - Total	123	142	(19)
Average revenue per operating day - Total	\$ 23.98	\$ 24.24	\$ (0.26)
Direct operating costs - Total	\$ 175,427	\$ 188,934	\$ (13,507)
Average direct operating costs per operating day - Total	\$ 15.54	\$ 14.44	\$ 1.10
Average margin per operating day - Total	\$ 8.45	\$ 9.79	\$ (1.34)

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Directional Drilling Margin

(unaudited, in thousands)

	2019	2019	
	Fourth	Third	
	Quarter	Quarter	Change
Directional drilling revenues	\$ 38,572	\$ 47,037	\$ (8,465)
Direct operating costs	34,726	56,215	(21,489)
Margin	\$ 3,846	\$ (9,178)	\$ 13,024

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