

Noble Corporation Reports First Quarter 2022 Results

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- Noble Gerry de Souza commenced operations in Suriname upgraded with MPD system and a second BOP
- Backlog increased by approximately \$700 million to \$1.9 billion as of April 1, 2022
- 2022 Adjusted EBITDA guidance increased
- Maersk Drilling combination expected to close mid-2022, subject to UK antitrust clearance

SUGAR LAND, May 2, 2022 - Noble Corporation (NYSE: NE, "Noble", or the "Company") today reported first quarter 2022 results.

(stated in millions, except per share amounts)	Successor			Predecessor
	Three Months Ended Mar 31, 2022	Three Months Ended Dec 31, 2021	Period from Feb 6, 2021-Mar 31, 2021	Period from Jan 1, 2021-Feb 5, 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 210	\$ 208	\$ 92	\$ 77
Contract Drilling Services Revenue	195	192	85	74
Net Income (Loss)	(37)	123	(18)	250
Adjusted EBITDA*	27	12	6	22
Adjusted Net Loss*	(8)	(29)	(20)	(1)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	(0.54)	1.70	(0.36)	0.98
Adjusted Diluted Loss Per Share*	(0.12)	(0.39)	(0.41)	-
* A Non-GAAP supporting schedule is included with the statements and schedules attached to this press release.				

Robert W. Eifler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Noble Corporation, stated "Our strong operational performance by the successful commencement of operations for the Noble Gerry de Souza in Suriname, coupled with significant contract success across the fleet, sets the stage for an exciting year for Noble. The combination of our performance in the first quarter and continued improvements across all markets has increased our financial expectations for 2022. I would like to thank the organization for their continued hard work and their commitment to operating safely every day."

First Quarter Results

Contract drilling services revenue for the first quarter of 2022 totaled \$195 million compared to \$192 million in the fourth quarter of 2021. Marketed fleet utilization was 75 percent in the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to 77 percent in the first quarter of 2021. Contract drilling services costs for the first quarter were \$166 million, down from \$183 million in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$27 million compared to \$12 million in the fourth quarter of 2021. Capital expenditures totaled \$45 million in the first quarter, which includes \$11 million of client reimbursable investments.

Upon emergence from restructuring, Noble adopted fresh-start accounting which resulted in Noble becoming a new reporting entity for accounting and financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, financial statements and notes after February 5, 2021 are not comparable to financial statements and notes prior to that date. As required by GAAP, results must be presented separately for the predecessor period up to February 5, 2021 (the "Predecessor" period) and the successor period from February 6, 2021 to the end of the reporting period (the "Successor" period).

Operating Highlights

In the first quarter, the Noble Regina Allen was awarded a contract for six wells in Trinidad and Tobago. The work is expected to commence shortly after the conclusion of the rig's contract with Repsol in Guyana. In the U.K. North Sea, the Noble Sam Hartley was contracted by TotalEnergies for one firm well with an anticipated start in the third quarter of 2022. The contract also includes one-well options. Noble also received a binding Letter of Award ("LOA") from Qatargas for the Noble Houston Colbert and Noble Mick O'Brien. The LOA is for 3.5 years of firm work per rig. The Noble Mick O'Brien contract will be in direct continuation with the Noble Houston Colbert is preparing to mobilize out of the UK North Sea this summer and begin operations in the third quarter of 2022. The associated revenue will be included in our backlog once the contracts have been executed.

The Noble Gerry de Souza, upgraded with an MPD system and second BOP, safely mobilized to Suriname and began operations with APA Corp near the end of the first quarter. APA Corp has two one-well options for the rig. The Noble Globetrotter I is expected to conclude its 10-year contract with Shell in the third quarter and demobilize for an out-of-service period. Shortly after its demobilization, the Noble Globetrotter I is expected to mobilize to Mexico for a one-well contract with CNOOC and a two well program with Shell. On April 1st, 2022, the four drillships operating under the Commercial Enabling Agreement ("CEA") were awarded 7.4 years of firm term, an incremental term in connection with the sanctioning of the Yellowtail development in Guyana. Each rig is now contracted through the end of the first quarter of 2025. Additionally, the Noble Clyde Boudreaux, a moored semisubmersible, was divested in the first quarter.

Backlog and Balance Sheet Highlights

As of April 1, 2022, Noble's estimated revenue backlog is approximately \$1.9 billion. This includes the 7.4 rig year awarded under the CEA but does not include the 7 years of firm term associated with the LOA from Qatargas.

As of March 31, 2022, the Company had total liquidity of \$767 million, including cash and cash equivalents of \$105 million and availability under its revolving credit facility of \$662 million. The Company experienced an increase in accounts receivable in the first quarter above the expected level, but this is anticipated to normalize over the coming quarters.

Maersk Drilling Business Combination Update

On April 29, 2022, Noble provided an update on the merger control process for obtaining clearance in the UK for the proposed announced business combination with Maersk Drilling. The process remains ongoing following the UK Competition and Consumer Commission's ("UK CMA") Phase 1 decision on April 22, 2022 pursuant to which the UK CMA stated that the transaction gives rise to a realistic prospect of a substantial lessening of competition and that a remedy to address such effect would be required. The UK CMA has referred the matter to a Phase 2 review. As a result, Noble and possibly Maersk Drilling plan to offer to divest certain jackup rigs located in the North Sea (the "Remedy Rigs") to seek to obtain conditional antitrust clearance from the UK CMA in Phase 2 of the merger control process. The Remedy Rigs will comprise the Noble Hans Deul, Noble Sam Hartley, Noble Sam Turner, Noble Houston Colbert, and either the Maersk Innovator or the Noble Lloyd Noble, both of which are a CJ-70 design. Noble expects to receive clarity on which of the CJ-70 rigs will be included in the Remedy Rigs in the coming weeks. On this basis, Noble is evaluating options to divest the Remedy Rigs. The duration and outcome of the UK CMA review process remains uncertain. If Noble obtains a conditional Phase 1 antitrust clearance from the UK CMA, the closing of the business combination is expected to occur in mid-2022.

Outlook

The Company's full-year 2022 guidance range for Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$1,130 to \$1,170 million and \$320 to \$350 million, respectively. This increase, which is primarily driven by improved drillship activity and dayrates, is consistent with the increase in Adjusted EBITDA by inflationary pressures. Full-year 2022 capital expenditure guidance range, net of client reimbursable investments, is \$450 to \$500 million.

increased by \$15 million to \$145 to \$160 million. This increase is primarily driven by contract preparation investments and recent commercial awards for the Noble Globetrotter I and the Noble Houston Colbert. Further details may be found in the table included at the back of this press release.

Commenting on Noble's outlook for 2022, Mr. Eifler stated, "We are encouraged by the steadily improving fundamental offshore drilling market and expect to continue to see positive dayrate momentum. We anticipate realizing a meaningful improvement in financial results in the second quarter and have visibility to exiting the year at an Adjusted EBITDA run-rate of \$125 million per quarter. As we look forward to the closing of the combination with Maersk Drilling, we remain focused on operating safely, meeting the needs of our customers, and creating long-term value for our shareholders."

Fleet Status Report

In conjunction with first quarter results, the Company has also provided an updated "Fleet Status Report" which reflects current status and contract information for each of its rigs. The updated report can be found under the "Our Fleet" section of the Company's website.

Conference Call

Noble will host a conference call related to its first quarter 2022 results on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. U.S. Central Time. Interested parties may dial +1 929-203-0901 and refer to conference ID 31391 approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the call. Alternatively, a live webcast link will be available on the Investor Relations section of the Company's website. A recording of the call will be accessible for a limited time following the scheduled call.

For additional information, visit www.noblecorp.com or email investors@noblecorp.com

About Noble Corporation

Noble is a leading offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry. The Company owns and operates one of the most versatile, and technically advanced fleets in the offshore drilling industry. Noble and its predecessors have been engaged in contract drilling of oil and gas wells since 1921. Currently, Noble performs, through its subsidiaries, contract drilling services with a fleet of 19 offshore drilling units, consisting of 11 drillships and 8 jackups, focused largely on ultra-deepwater and high-specification jackup drilling opportunities in both established and emerging regions worldwide.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transactions (the "Business Combination") contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement dated as of November 10, 2021, by and among Noble, Noble [Finco Ltd.](#) ("Topco"), Noble Newco Sub Limited and The Noble Company of 1972 A/S ("Maersk Drilling"), Topco has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (which Registration Statement was declared effective on April 11, 2022) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that includes a prospectus of Noble that also constitutes a prospectus for Topco and an offering prospectus of Topco to be used in connection with the exchange of shares in Maersk Drilling for Topco shares. Noble mailed the proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders in connection with the vote to approve the merger of Noble with a wholly-owned subsidiary of Topco, and Topco will distribute the offering prospectus in connection with the exchange offer. Should Maersk Drilling and Noble proceed with the proposed Business Combination, Maersk Drilling and Noble also expect that Topco will file an offer document with the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority (Finanstilsynet). This communication does not contain all the information that should be considered concerning the proposed Business Combination and is not intended to form the basis of any investment decision or any other decision concerning the proposed Business Combination. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE OFFERING DOCUMENT RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY EACH OF TOPCO AND NOBLE WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUSINESS COMBINATION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TOPCO, MAERSK DRILLING AND NOBLE, THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Investors and shareholders can obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC from Noble and Topco through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and shareholders can obtain copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents related thereto on Maersk Drilling's website at www.maerskdrilling.com or on Noble's website at www.noblecorp.com or by written request to Noble at Noble Corporation.

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Participants in the Solicitation

Maersk Drilling, Noble and their respective directors, executive officers and certain employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Maersk Drilling and Noble, respectively in connection with the proposed Business Combination. Shareholders may obtain information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Noble's directors and executive officers from Noble's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, which was filed with the SEC on February 10, 2022, and Items 10 through 14 of Part III of Amendment No. 1 thereto on Form 10-K/A, which was filed with the SEC on February 22, 2022. To the extent the holdings of Noble's securities by Noble's directors and executive officers have changed since the date set forth in such annual report, such changes have been or will be reflected on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. Information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Maersk Drilling's directors and officers is contained in Maersk Drilling's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the interests of such individuals in the proposed Business Combination are included in the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC. You may obtain free copies of these documents from the sources indicated above.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication is not intended to and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to subscribe for, or an invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities or the solicitation of any vote in any jurisdiction pursuant to the laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the Business Combination or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction, in violation or contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act and applicable European or UK, as appropriate, regulations. Subject to certain exceptions approved by the relevant regulators or certain facts to be ascertained, the public offer will not be made directly or indirectly in any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction, or by use of the mails or by any means of instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telephone and the internet) of interstate or foreign commerce, or any facility of a national securities exchange, of any such jurisdiction.

Forward-looking Statements

This communication includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 27A of the Exchange Act. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this communication, including those regarding future guidance, including Adjusted Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA run-rate, and capital expenditures, future rig demand, the offshore drilling market, oil prices, contract backlog, fleet status, our future financial position, business strategy, liquidity, future capital expenditures, contract commitments, dayrates, contract commencements, extension or renewals of contracts, tenders, plans and objectives of management for future operations, industry conditions, impact of competition, worldwide market conditions, the benefits of the Business Combination, the anticipated timing of the Business Combination, the divestment of rigs in connection with the CMA's review of the transaction, the rigs to be included in such divestment, and the parties' obligations under the necessary merger control clearances to complete the transaction and timing, benefits or results of acquisitions or dispositions, are forward-looking statements. When used in this communication, the words "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "project," "should," "shall" and "will" and similar expressions are intended to be among the words that identify forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that such expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements speak as of the date of this communication and we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement for any reason except as required by law. We have identified factors, including, but not limited to, the business combination with Maersk Drilling (including but not limited to the risk that the business combination may not be completed in a timely manner or at all, the ability to satisfy the conditions to the consummation of the business combination, the occurrence of any event, change or other development that could give rise to the termination of the business combination agreement, the effect of the announcement or pending consummation of the business combination on Noble's business relationships, performance and business generally, the risk that the proposed business combination disrupts current plans and potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the proposed business combination, the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against related to the proposed business combination, regulatory requirements or costs that may be imposed in connection with obtaining regulatory approvals of the business combination, the ability to implement business plans, forecasts, and other expectations (including with respect to synergies and financial and operational performance metrics, such as EBITDA and free cash flow) after the completion of the proposed business combination, and to identify and pursue additional opportunities, the failure to realize anticipated benefits of the proposed business combination, the potential impact of the announcement or consummation of the proposed business combination on relationships with third parties, and risks associated with the assumptions that parties make in connection with the parties' critical accounting estimates and other judgments), the effect of health threats, such as the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, and the adverse impact thereof on our business, financial condition and results of operations (including but not limited to our operating costs, supply chain, availability of labor, logistical capabilities, and demand for our services and industry demand generally, our liquidity, the price of our securities, our ability to access capital markets and the global economy and financial markets generally), the effects of actions by, or disputes among OPEC+ member

to production levels or other matters related to the price of oil, market conditions, factors affecting the level of activity in the gas industry, supply and demand of drilling rigs, factors affecting our drilling contracts, including duration, downtime, day operations, operating hazards and delays, risks associated with operations outside the US, actions by regulatory authorities, credit agencies, customers, joint venture partners, contractors, lenders and other third parties, legislation and regulations affecting operations, compliance with regulatory requirements, violations of anti-corruption laws, shipyard risk and timing, delays of rigs, hurricanes and other weather conditions, and the future price of oil and gas, that could cause actual plans or results to differ materially from those included in any forward-looking statements. These factors include those "Risk Factors" referenced in the Company's most recent Form 10-K, Form 10-Q's, and other filings with the SEC. We cannot control such risk factors and uncertainties, and in many cases, we cannot predict the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. You should consider these risks and uncertainties when you invest in us.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS			
(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
(Unaudited)			
	Successor	Successor	Predecessor
		Period from	Period from
		February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Three months ended	through	through
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	February 5, 2021
Operating revenues			
Contract drilling services	\$ 195,035	\$ 84,629	\$ 74,051
Reimbursables and other	15,195	7,804	3,430
	210,230	92,433	77,481
Operating costs and expenses			
Contract drilling services	166,083	79,589	46,965
Reimbursables	13,478	7,044	2,737
Depreciation and amortization	25,605	14,244	20,622
General and administrative	17,524	7,927	5,727
Merger and integration costs	9,521	2,013	-
Gain on sale of operating assets, net	(4,562)	-	-
Hurricane losses and (recoveries), net	17,212	-	-
	244,861	110,817	76,051
Operating income (loss)	(34,631)	(18,384)	1,430

Other income (expense)			
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(7,680)	(6,895)	(229)
Interest income and other, net	450	8	399
Reorganization items, net	-	-	252,051
Income (loss) before income taxes	(41,861)	(25,271)	253,651
Income tax benefit (provision)	5,205	7,047	(3,423)
Net income (loss)	\$ (36,656)	\$ (18,224)	\$ 250,228
Per share data			
Basic:			
Net income (loss)	(0.54)	\$ (0.36)	\$ 1.00
Diluted:			
Net income (loss)	(0.54)	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.98

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS		
(In thousands)		
(Unaudited)		
	Successor	
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,167	\$ 194,138
Accounts receivable, net	247,496	200,419
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	65,297	61,089
Total current assets	417,960	455,646
Intangible assets	47,750	61,849
Property and equipment, at cost	1,593,341	1,555,975
Accumulated depreciation	(101,726)	(77,275)
Property and equipment, net	1,491,615	1,478,700
Other assets	76,118	77,247
Total assets	\$ 2,033,443	\$ 2,073,442
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 122,243	\$ 120,389
Accrued payroll and related costs	35,564	48,346
Other current liabilities	76,279	79,659
Total current liabilities	234,086	248,394
Long-term debt	216,000	216,000
Other liabilities	117,823	108,421
Total liabilities	567,909	572,815
Commitments and contingencies		
Total shareholders' equity	1,465,534	1,500,627

Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,033,443	\$ 2,073,442
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
(In thousands)		
(Unaudited)		
	Successor	
		Period from
		February 6, 2022
	Three month ended	through
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ (36,656)	\$ (18,224)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flow from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	25,605	14,244
Amortization of intangible asset	14,099	8,459
Gain on sale of operating assets, net	(6,767)	-
Reorganization items, net	-	-
Changes in components of working capital		
Change in taxes receivable	(1,820)	1,069
Net changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(46,274)	12,636
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(51,813)	18,184
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(47,045)	(15,332)
Proceeds from disposal of assets, net	14,247	231
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,798)	(15,101)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Issuance of second lien notes	-	-
Borrowings on credit facilities	-	-
Repayments of credit facilities	-	-

Debt issuance costs	-	-
Warrants exercised	118	-
Taxes withheld on employee stock transactions	(4,926)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,808)	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(89,419)	3,083
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	196,722	113,993
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 107,303	\$ 117,076

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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(Unaudited)

Average Rig Utilization				
	Successor		Predecessor	
			Period from	Period from
			February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	through	through
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	February 5, 2021
Floaters	71 %	68 %	83 %	86 %
Jackups	63 %	71 %	53 %	58 %
Total	68 %	70 %	64 %	68 %
Operating Days				
	Successor		Predecessor	
			Period from	Period from
			February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	through	through
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	February 5, 2021
Floaters	729	751	314	216
Jackups	450	622	342	252
Total	1,179	1,373	656	468

	Average Dayrates			
				Predecessor
	Successor			
			Period from	Period from
			February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	through	through
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	February 5, 2021
Floater	\$ 213,194	\$ 195,812	\$ 205,242	\$ 231,745
Jackups	119,606	96,087	83,472	95,212
Total	\$ 177,458	\$ 150,620	\$ 141,752	\$ 158,228

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CALCULATION OF BASIC AND DILUTED NET INCOME/(LOSS) PER SHARE			
(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
(Unaudited)			
The following tables presents the computation of basic and diluted income (loss) per share:			
	Successor		Predecessor
		Period from	Period from
	Three Months	February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Ended	through	through
	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	February 5, 2021
Numerator:			
Basic			
Net income (loss)	\$ (36,656)	\$ (18,224)	\$ 250,228
Diluted			
Net income (loss)	\$ (36,656)	\$ (18,224)	\$ 250,228
Denominator:			
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	67,643	50,000	251,115
Dilutive effect of share-based awards	-	-	5,456
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	67,643	50,000	256,571
Per share data			
Basic:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.36)	\$ 1.00
Diluted:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.98

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NON-GAAP MEASURES AND RECONCILIATION

Certain non-GAAP performance measures and corresponding reconciliations to GAAP financial measures for the Company have been provided for meaningful comparisons between current results and prior operating periods. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's

performance, financial position, or cash flows that excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company defines "Adjusted EBITDA" as net loss from continuing operations before income taxes; interest income and other, net; gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt, net; interest expense, net of amounts capitalized; loss on impairment; reorganization items, net; certain corporate projects and legal matters; certain infrequent operational events; and depreciation and amortization expense. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA measure provides greater transparency of our core operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA run-rate as used in this press release means the Company's Adjusted EBITDA guidance for the second, third and fourth quarters of 2022, annualized for three quarters.

In order to fully assess the financial operating results, management believes that the results of operations, adjusted to exclude the following items, which are included in the Company's press release issued on May 2, 2022, are appropriate measures of the continuing and normal operations of the Company:

- (i) In the period of January 1, 2021 to February 5, 2021, discrete tax items and reorganization items. In the period of February 6, 2021 to March 31, 2021, merger and integration costs, intangible contract amortization and discrete tax items;
- (ii) In the fourth quarter of 2021, merger and integration costs; gain on sale of operating assets, net; hurricane losses and (recoveries), net; intangible contract amortization; an adjustment to the gain on bargain purchase and discrete tax items. The quarter also included professional services costs related to corporate initiatives; and
- (iii) In the first quarter of 2022, merger and integration costs; gain on sale of operating assets, net; hurricane losses and (recoveries), net; intangible contract amortization and discrete tax items. The quarter also included professional services costs related to corporate initiatives.

These non-GAAP adjusted measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, contract drilling revenue, contract drilling cost, contract drilling margin, average daily revenue, operating income, cash flows from operations, or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Please see the following non-GAAP Financial Measures and Reconciliations for a complete description of the adjustments.

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NON-GAAP MEASURES				
(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
(Unaudited)				
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA	Successor			Predecessor
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Three Months Ended December 31, 2021	Period from February 6, 2021 through March 31, 2021	Period from January 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (41,861)	\$ 130,432	\$ (25,271)	\$ 253,651
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	7,680	8,107	6,895	229
Interest income and other, net	(450)	(3,455)	(8)	(399)
Depreciation and amortization	25,605	24,704	14,244	20,622
Intangible contract amortization	14,099	14,413	8,459	-
Professional services - corporate projects	135	711	-	-
Merger and integration costs	9,521	11,006	2,013	-
Gain on sale of operating assets, net	(4,562)	(189,080)	-	-
Hurricane losses and (recoveries), net	17,212	12,909	-	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	2,174	-	-
Reorganization items, net	-	-	-	(252,051)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,379	\$ 11,921	\$ 6,332	\$ 22,052

Reconciliation of Income Tax Benefit (Provision)	Successor			Predecessor
			Period from	
			February 6, 2021	
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	
Income tax benefit (provision)	\$ 5,205	\$ (6,996)	\$ 7,047	\$
Adjustments				
Intangible contract amortization	(2,961)	(3,027)	(1,776)	-
Gain on sale of operating assets, net	866	-	-	-
Reorganization items, net	-	-	-	2
Discrete tax items	(5,881)	(1,150)	(10,829)	0
Total Adjustments	(7,976)	(4,177)	(12,605)	8
Adjusted income tax benefit (provision)	\$ (2,771)	\$ (11,173)	\$ (5,558)	\$

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NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss)	Successor			Predecessor
			Period from	
			February 6, 2021	Period
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	through
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	Februa
Net income (loss)	\$ (36,656)	\$ 123,436	\$ (18,224)	\$ 250,2
Adjustments				
Intangible contract amortization, net of tax	11,138	11,386	6,683	-
Professional services - corporate projects	135	711	-	-
Merger and integration costs	9,521	11,006	2,013	-

Gain on sale of operating assets, net	(3,696)	(189,080)	-	-
Hurricane losses and (recoveries), net	17,212	12,909	-	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	2,174	-	-
Reorganization items, net	-	-	-	(249,550)
Discrete tax items	(5,881)	(1,150)	(10,829)	(1,692,000)
Total Adjustments	28,429	(152,044)	(2,133)	(251,200)
Adjusted net income (loss)	\$ (8,227)	\$ (28,608)	\$ (20,357)	\$ (1,010,000)
Reconciliation of Diluted EPS	Successor			Predecessor
			Period from	Period
			February 6, 2021	January 1, 2021
	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	through
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2021	February 28, 2021
Unadjusted diluted EPS	\$ (0.54)	\$ 1.70	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.98
Adjustments				
Intangible contract amortization	0.17	0.16	0.13	-
Professional services - corporate projects	-	0.01	-	-
Merger and integration costs	0.14	0.15	0.04	-
Gain on sale of operating assets, net	(0.06)	(2.60)	-	-
Hurricane losses and (recoveries), net	0.25	0.18	-	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	0.03	-	-
Reorganization items, net	-	-	-	(0.98)
NOBLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES Discrete tax items	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.22)	-
(Unaudited) Total Adjustments	0.42	(2.09)	(0.05)	(0.98)
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (0.41)	\$ -

Guidance issued May 2, 2022. Noble's guidance is provided on a guidance basis, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. Management evaluates Noble's financial performance in part based on guidance basis, which management believes enhances investors' understanding of Noble's overall financial performance by providing them with an additional meaningful and relevant comparison of current and anticipated future results across periods. The adjustments to arrive at guidance basis are described below. Due to the forward-looking nature of Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA run-rate, management cannot reliably predict certain of the necessary components of the most directly comparable forward-looking GAAP measure. Accordingly, the company is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of such forward-looking non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable forward-looking GAAP financial measure without unreasonable effort.

The Company provided updated guidance for full year 2022:

(\$ in millions)	2022 Guidance
Adjusted Revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$1,130 - \$1,180
Adjusted EBITDA ^(1,2)	\$320 - \$350
Capital Expenditures, net of client reimbursables ⁽³⁾	\$145 - \$160

- (1) Adjusted to exclude recognition of the non-cash intangible contract asset amortization of ~\$44 million in 2022. Without this adjustment, the Revenue guidance range for 2022 would be \$1,086 million - \$1,136 million.
- (2) The Company discloses Adjusted EBITDA (Operating income/loss excluding Depreciation and amortization and, when applicable, Other Items). Other Items during the guidance period include amortization of intangible contract assets, professional services - corporate services, net gain on sale of operating assets, net hurricane losses, and merger and integration costs.
- (3) Capital Expenditures are adjusted to exclude approximately \$25 million of capital which is anticipated to be reimbursed by our customers. Before these adjustments, total capital expenditures for 2022 are expected to range between \$170 million and \$185 million.

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