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Washington, D.C. 20549

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM S-1**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**OMNI ENERGY SERVICES CORP.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Louisiana**  
(State of other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1382**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

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**72-1395273**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED APRIL 25, 2006.**

**PROSPECTUS**

# **OMNI ENERGY SERVICES CORP.**

## **3,000,000 Shares of Common Stock**

This prospectus relates to the sale of up to 3.0 million shares of our common stock by Fusion Capital Fund II, LLC ( Fusion Capital ). Fusion Capital is sometimes referred to in this prospectus as the selling shareholder.

The selling shareholder may from time to time offer all or a portion of these shares of common stock through public or private transaction on the Nasdaq National Market or such other securities exchange on which our common stock is traded at the time of the sale. The selling shareholder may sell these shares of common stock at prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices either directly or through agents, broker dealers or otherwise.

The selling shareholder is an underwriter as such term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and any commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to any such person and any profits received on resale of the securities offered hereby may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act.

The selling shareholder will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. We are paying all of the expenses of registration incurred in connection with this offering, but the selling shareholder will pay all selling and other expenses. You may find more information concerning how the selling shareholder may sell these securities under the caption Plan of Distribution.

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol OMNI. On April 20, 2006, the last reported sale price for our common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market was \$6.04 per share. We have applied to have the shares of common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus approved for trading on the Nasdaq National Market.

Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 3 for a discussion of these risks.

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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The date of this Prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in shares of our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including Risk factors beginning on page 4 and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto beginning on page F-1, before making an investment decision. Except as otherwise noted, we present all financial and operational data on a fiscal year and fiscal quarter basis. Our fiscal year ends on December 31 of each year. Our fiscal quarters end March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year.*

**OMNI Energy Services Corp.**

OMNI Energy Services Corp. is an integrated oilfield service company specializing in providing a range of (i) onshore seismic drilling, operational support, permitting, and survey services; and (ii) dock-side and offshore hazardous and non-hazardous oilfield waste management and environmental cleaning services, including tank and vessel cleaning and safe vessel entry, for oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico. At December 31, 2005 we operated in two business divisions Seismic Drilling and Environmental Services. As more fully described herein, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment effective June 30, 2005. This division provided helicopter transportation services to oil and gas companies operating in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico as well as helicopter support services to our Seismic Drilling Division. Subsequent to December 31, 2005, we acquired Preheat, Inc. ( Preheat ), a premier provider of rental equipment and specialized environmental services principally to drilling contractors operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

We were founded in 1987, as OMNI Drilling Corporation, to provide drilling services to the geophysical industry. In July 1996, OMNI Geophysical, L.L.C. acquired substantially all of the assets of OMNI Geophysical Corporation, the successor to the business of OMNI Drilling Corporation. OMNI Energy Services Corp. was formed as a Louisiana corporation on September 11, 1997 to acquire all of the outstanding common units of OMNI Geophysical, L.L.C.

**Seismic Drilling.** The principal market of our Seismic Drilling division is the marsh, swamp, shallow water and contiguous dry land areas along the Gulf of Mexico (the Transition Zone ), primarily in Louisiana and Texas, where we are the leading provider of seismic drilling support services. In 1997, we commenced operations in the mountainous regions of the western United States, and in 2003 we initiated seismic drilling activities in various Transition Zone regions of Mexico.

We own and operate a fleet of specialized seismic drilling and transportation equipment for use in the Transition Zone. We believe we are the only company that currently can provide both an integrated range of seismic drilling, permitting and survey services in all of the varied terrain of the Transition Zone and simultaneously support operations for multiple, large-scale seismic projects. In 2002, we acquired all of the assets of AirJac Drilling, a division of Veritas Land DGC. With this acquisition, we became the largest domestic provider of seismic drilling support services to geophysical companies.

**Environmental Services.** We provide dock-side and offshore, hazardous and non-hazardous oilfield waste management and environmental cleaning services, including drilling rig, tank and vessel cleaning, safe vessel entry, naturally occurring radioactive material decontamination, platform abandonment services, pipeline flushing, gas dehydration, and hydro blasting. Demand for our dock-side vessel and tank cleaning and non-hazardous waste treatment businesses are primarily driven by drilling and well-site abandonment activity in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as reflected by the drilling rig count. Much of the cleaning and waste treatment is from residual waste created in the drilling process.

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**Equipment Leasing.** We completed the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. effective February 10, 2006. Preheat is a premier provider of rental equipment and specialized environmental services principally to drilling contractors operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Preheat has a vast fleet of rental equipment including pressure washers, reverse osmosis machines and steam cleaners. In addition to the oilfield rental equipment, Preheat offers wellhead installation, stress relieving services and environmental pit cleaning services to drilling contractors. Preheat operates from locations in Belle Chasse and Broussard, Louisiana and Freer, Texas.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4500 N.E. Evangeline Thruway, Carencro, Louisiana 70520, and our telephone number at that address is (337) 896-6664. The address of our website is [www.omnienergy.com](http://www.omnienergy.com). The information on our website is not part of this prospectus. Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol OMNI. Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus to OMNI, Company, we, us, or our refer to OMNI Energy Services Corp.



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### **Recent Events**

On January 17, 2006, we announced the appointment of Gregory B. Milton as our Chief Accounting Officer.

On February 14, 2006, we completed the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. ( Preheat ) pursuant to a Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 29, 2005 between us and the shareholders of Preheat. We purchased 100% of the outstanding common stock of Preheat for a purchase price of \$22.5 million consisting of \$16 million in cash plus the issuance of 900,000 shares of our common stock and \$4 million in buyer promissory notes. In addition, we assumed \$1.6 million of certain long-term debt of Preheat. As a condition of closing, Preheat was required to have on hand excess working capital of at least \$4.5 million.

### **The Offering**

On November 11, 2005, we entered into a Common Stock Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ) with Fusion Capital pursuant to which Fusion Capital agreed, under certain conditions, to purchase on each trading day \$25,000 of our common stock up to an aggregate of \$12.5 million over a 25 month period, subject to earlier termination at our discretion. In our discretion, we may elect to sell more of our common stock to Fusion Capital than the minimum daily amount. The purchase price of the shares of common stock will be equal to a price based upon the future market price of the common stock. Fusion Capital does not have the right or the obligation to purchase shares of our common stock in the event that the price of our common stock is less than \$1.50. In addition, if we elect to sell our shares to Fusion Capital at a price per share below \$2.39, we first would be required to obtain shareholder approval in order to be in compliance with the Nasdaq National Market rules.

At any time from November 11, 2005 until 30 days after we have sold \$12.5 million of our stock to Fusion Capital, we have the right in our sole discretion to enter into a new purchase agreement with Fusion Capital for the purchase of up to \$12.5 million of our common stock. If we exercise such option we cannot enter into such a new agreement until all \$12.5 million of our common stock is purchased by Fusion Capital under the November 11, 2005 agreement.

Fusion Capital, the selling shareholder under this prospectus, is offering for sale up to 3,000,000 shares of our common stock. In connection with entering into the Purchase Agreement, we authorized the purchase by Fusion Capital of up to \$12.5 million of our common stock and agreed to register up to 3,000,000 shares of our common stock (which includes the 177,000 shares issued and 73,000 shares issuable to Fusion Capital as the commitment fee). We have the right but not the obligation to issue more than 3,000,000 shares to Fusion Capital. In the event we elect to issue more than 3,000,000 shares offered hereby, we will be required to file a new registration statement and have it declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission to cover such additional shares. The number of shares ultimately offered for sale by Fusion Capital is dependent upon the number of shares purchased by Fusion Capital under the Purchase Agreement.

As of April 20, 2006, there were 16,181,570 shares of our common stock outstanding, including the 177,000 shares that we have issued to Fusion Capital as compensation for its purchase commitment, but excluding the 2,750,000 shares offered by Fusion Capital pursuant to this prospectus which it has not yet purchased from us and 73,000 shares that may be issued as a commitment fee. If all of shares offered by this prospectus were issued and outstanding as of the date hereof, the number of shares offered by this prospectus would represent 15.8% of the total common stock outstanding as of April 20, 2006.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding, among other things,

our business plans or strategies, and projected or anticipated benefits or other consequences of such plans or strategies;

our objectives;

projected and anticipated benefits from future or past acquisitions; and

projections involving capital expenditure or revenues, earnings or other aspects of capital projects or operating results.

Forward-looking statements, which involve assumptions and describe our future plans, strategies, and expectations, are generally identifiable by use of the words *may*, *will*, *should*, *expect*, *anticipate*, *estimate*, *believe*, *intend* or *project* or the negative of these words or other these words or comparable terminology. This information may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance, or

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achievements to be materially different from the future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements. These statements may be found under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Business, as well as in this prospectus generally. You are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risk associated with our dependence on activity in the oil and gas industry, labor shortages, international expansion, dependence on significant customers, seasonality and weather risks, competition, technological evolution and other risks detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additional important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are discussed under the caption Risk Factors below. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date that they are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update our forward-looking statements.

**You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. Offers to sell and offers to buy shares of our common stock are being made only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our common stock.**

**No action is being taken in any jurisdiction outside the United States to permit a public offering of common stock or possession or distribution of this prospectus in that jurisdiction. Persons who come into possession of this prospectus in jurisdictions outside the United States are required to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions as to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus applicable to that jurisdiction.**

## **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the following risk factors, in addition to the other information set forth or incorporated in this prospectus, before purchasing shares of our common stock. Each of these risk factors could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition, and also adversely affect the value of an investment in our common stock.

*We have incurred net losses in previous years.*

For 2005, we had net income from our continuing operations. However, our recent financial history, including the year ended December 31, 2005, reflects annual net losses, of which our current net loss is attributable mainly to discontinued operations. We hope to continue generating increased revenues and profits from our continuing operations; however, any such increase may not be sustainable or indicative of future results of operations. We do intend to continue investing in internal expansion, infrastructure, integration of acquired companies and into our operations and our marketing and sales efforts.

*We may require additional financing to sustain our operations.*

The extent to which we may rely on Fusion Capital as a source of funding will depend on a number of factors including, without limitation, the prevailing market price of our common stock, that no event of default exists under the Purchase Agreement, and the extent to which we are able to secure working capital from other sources. Fusion Capital does not have the right or the obligation to purchase shares of our common stock in the event that the price of our common stock is less than \$1.50. In addition, we are not required or permitted to issue any shares of common

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stock under the Purchase Agreement if such issuance would breach our obligations under the rules or regulations of the Nasdaq National Market. If obtaining financing from Fusion Capital becomes unavailable or prohibitively dilutive, we will need to secure another source of funding in order to satisfy our working capital needs. Even if we are able to access the full \$12.5 million under the Purchase Agreement with Fusion Capital, we may still need additional capital to implement our business, operating and development plans. Should the financing we require to sustain our working capital needs be unavailable or prohibitively expensive when we require it, the consequences would have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

*The sale of our common stock to Fusion Capital may cause dilution and the sale of the shares of common stock acquired by Fusion Capital could cause the price of our common stock to decline*

The purchase price for the common stock to be sold to Fusion Capital pursuant to the Purchase Agreement will fluctuate based on the future market price of our common stock. Fusion Capital does not have the right or the obligation to purchase shares of our common stock in the event that the price of our common stock is less than \$1.50. In addition, we are not required or permitted to issue any shares of common stock under the Purchase Agreement if such issuance would breach our obligations under the rules or regulations of the Nasdaq National Market. All shares in this offering are freely tradable. Fusion Capital may sell none, some or all of the shares of common stock purchased from us at any time. Depending upon market liquidity at the time, a sale of shares under this offering at any given time could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline. The sale of a substantial number of shares of our common stock under this offering, or anticipation of such sales, could make

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it more difficult for us to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and at a price that we might otherwise wish to effect sales.

*Industry volatility may adversely affect our results of operations.*

The demand for our services depends on the level of capital expenditures by oil and gas companies for developmental construction and these expenditures are critical to our operations. The levels of such capital expenditures are influenced by:

oil and gas prices and industry perceptions of future price levels;

the cost of exploring for, producing and delivering oil and gas;

the ability of oil and gas companies to generate capital;

the sale and expiration dates of leases in the United States;

the availability of current geophysical data;

the discovery rate of new oil and gas reserves; and

local and international political and economic conditions.

The cyclical nature of the oil and gas industry has a significant effect on our revenues and profitability. Historically, prices of oil and gas, as well as the level of exploration and developmental activity, have fluctuated substantially. This has, in the past, and may, in the future, adversely affect our business. We are unable to predict future oil and gas prices or the level of oil and gas industry activity. A prolonged low level of activity in the oil and gas industry will likely depress development activity, adversely affecting the demand for our products and services and our financial condition and results of operations.

*Our growth and growth strategy involves risks.*

We have grown over the last several years through internal growth and acquisitions of other companies. It will be important for our future success to manage our rapid growth and this will demand increased responsibility for management personnel. The following factors could present difficulties to us:

the lack of sufficient executive-level personnel;

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the successful integration of the operations of Preheat, Inc. including the integration of a management team with no history of working together;

increased levels of debt and administrative burdens; and

increased logistical problems of large, expansive operations.

If we do not manage these potential difficulties successfully, they could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

*The dangers inherent in our operations and the potential limits on insurance coverage for certain risks could expose us to potentially significant liability costs.*

Our operations, and to a significant degree our seismic operations, are subject to risks of injury to personnel and loss of equipment. Our crews often conduct operations in extreme weather, in difficult terrain that is not easily accessible, and under other hazardous conditions. We maintain what we believe is prudent insurance protection. However, we cannot assure that our insurance will be sufficient or effective under all circumstances. A successful claim for which we are not fully insured may have a material adverse effect on our revenues and profitability. Moreover, we do not carry business interruption insurance with respect to our operations.

*We operate in a highly competitive industry.*

We compete with several other providers of seismic drilling, permitting, survey and environmental services. Competition among seismic contractors historically has been, and will continue to be, intense. Competitive factors have in recent years included price, crew experience, equipment availability, technological expertise and reputation for quality and dependability. Our revenues and earnings may be affected by the following factors:

changes in competitive prices and availability of trained personnel;

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fluctuations in the level of activity and major markets;

general economic conditions; and

governmental regulation.

Additionally, in certain geographical areas, some of our competitors may operate more crews than we do and may have substantially greater financial and other resources. These operators could enjoy an advantage over us if the competitive environment for contract awards shifts to one characterized principally by intense price competition.

*Seasonality and adverse weather conditions in the regions in which we operate may adversely affect our operations.*

Our operations are directly affected by the weather conditions in the Gulf of Mexico. Due to seasonal differences in weather patterns, we may operate more days in the spring, summer and fall periods and less in the winter months. The seasonality of oil and gas industry activity in the Gulf Coast region also affects our operations. Due to exposure to weather, we generally experience higher drilling activity in the spring, summer and fall months with the lowest activity in winter months, especially with respect to our operations in the mountainous regions of the western United States. The rainy weather, hurricanes and other storms prevalent in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Gulf Coast throughout the year may also affect our operations. As a result, full-year results are not likely to be a direct multiple of any particular quarter or combination of quarters.

*We are dependent on key personnel.*

Our success depends on, among other things, the continued active participation of our executive officers and certain of our other key operating personnel. Our officers and personnel have extensive experience in the domestic and international oilfield services industry. The loss of the services of any one of these persons could impact adversely our ability to implement our expansion strategy.

*We may incur additional expenditures to comply with governmental regulations.*

Our seismic operations are subject to extensive governmental regulation, violations of which may result in civil and criminal penalties, injunctions and cease and desist orders. These laws and regulations govern, among other things, operations in wetlands, the handling of explosives and hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Although our cost of compliance with such laws has to date been immaterial, such laws are changed frequently. Accordingly, it is impossible to predict the cost or impact of such laws on our future operations. We are also required by various governmental agencies to obtain certain permits, licenses and certificates. To date, we believe that we possess all permits, licenses and certificates material to the operation of our business. The loss by us of any of the licenses required for our operation could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We depend on demand for our services from the oil and gas industry, and this demand may be affected by changing tax laws and oil and gas regulations. As a result, the adoption of laws that curtail oil and gas production in our areas of operation may adversely affect us. We cannot determine to what extent our operations may be affected by any new regulations or changes in existing regulations.

*One stockholder has substantial control over our affairs.*

Dennis R. Sciotto beneficially owns approximately 34.1% of our outstanding common stock. Mr. Sciotto represents and controls The Dennis R. Sciotto Family Trust and was appointed to the Board of Directors by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock on June 13, 2005 pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement dated May 17, 2005. As a result, Mr. Sciotto has the ability to substantially influence our management and affairs and all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions, such as a merger, consolidation or sale of substantially all of our assets. This may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, or impeding a merger or consolidation.

*Future technological advances could impair operating assets or require substantial unbudgeted capital expenditures.*

We compete in providing services in a capital intensive business. The development of seismic data acquisition and processing equipment has been characterized by rapid technological advancements in recent years, and this trend may continue. Manufacturers of seismic equipment may develop new systems that have competitive advantages over systems now in use that could render our current equipment obsolete or require us to make significant unplanned capital expenditures to maintain our competitive position. Under such circumstances, there can be no assurance that we would be able to obtain necessary financing on favorable terms.



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*Our seismic drilling operations depend on a few significant customers.*

We derive a significant amount of our seismic drilling revenue from a small number of geophysical companies. Our inability to continue to perform services for a number of our large existing customers, if not offset by sales to new or other existing customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations. For example, our largest customers (those which individually accounted for more than 10% of revenue in a given year, listed alphabetically) collectively accounted for 71% (Quantum Geophysical, Seismic Exchange, and Veritas DGC), 50% (PGS, Quantum Geophysical, Seismic Exchange, and Veritas DGC), and 38% (Quantum Geophysical and Veritas DGC) of revenue for fiscal 2003, 2004, and 2005, respectively.

*Unfavorable results of litigation could have a material adverse impact on our financial statements.*

We are subject to a variety of claims and lawsuits. Adverse outcomes in some or all of the pending cases may result in significant monetary damages or injunctive relief against us. We are also subject to a variety of other claims and suits that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of our business. Management currently believes that resolving all of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations. The litigation and other claims are subject to inherent uncertainties and management's view of these matters may change in the future. There exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our financial position and the results of operations for the period in which the effect of an unfavorable final outcome becomes probable and reasonably estimable.

*We are not able to guarantee that our backlog will be timely converted into revenue in any particular fiscal period.*

Our backlog represents those seismic drilling and survey projects for which a customer has hired us and has scheduled a start date for the project. Backlog levels vary during the year depending on the timing of the completion of certain contracts and when we are awarded new contracts. Projects currently included in our backlog are subject to termination or delay without penalty at the option of the customer, which could substantially reduce the amount of backlog currently reported, and consequently, the conversion of that backlog into revenue.

the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

*If we breach any of the material financial covenants under our various indebtedness, or if an event of default is declared with respect to any such indebtedness, our debt service obligations could be accelerated.*

If we breach any of the material financial covenants under our various indebtedness, or if an event of default is declared with respect to any such indebtedness, our substantial debt service obligations could be accelerated. In the event of any such simultaneous acceleration, we would not be able to repay all of the indebtedness.

*The market price of our common stock is highly volatile.*

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The market price of our common stock has been and is expected to continue to be highly volatile. Factors, including announcements of technological innovations by us or other companies, regulatory matters, new or existing products or procedures, concerns about our financial position, operating results, litigation, government regulation, developments or disputes relating to agreements, patents or proprietary rights, may have a significant impact on the market price of our common stock. In addition, potential dilutive effects of future sales of shares of common stock by our shareholders, including Fusion Capital, and by us, pursuant to this prospectus or otherwise could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

### USE OF PROCEEDS

All of the shares of common stock offered hereby are being offered by the selling shareholder, who will receive all proceeds from such sales. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock in this offering. However, we may receive up to \$12.5 million in proceeds from the sale of our common stock to Fusion Capital under the Purchase Agreement. Any proceeds from Fusion Capital we receive under the Purchase Agreement will be used to reduce long-term debt and for working capital and general corporate purposes. Pending such uses, we will invest any proceeds in short term, investment grade, interest bearing securities.

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Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol OMNI. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq National Market for the periods indicated.

	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>2006</b>		
First quarter	\$ 4.94	\$ 3.23
Second quarter (through April 20, 2006)	\$ 6.25	\$ 4.29
<b>2005</b>		
First quarter	\$ 2.84	\$ 1.21
Second quarter	\$ 2.66	\$ 1.43
Third quarter	\$ 5.35	\$ 2.01
Fourth quarter	\$ 4.22	\$ 2.30
<b>2004</b>		
First quarter	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.76
Second quarter	\$ 7.80	\$ 4.22
Third quarter	\$ 5.35	\$ 2.95
Fourth quarter	\$ 4.94	\$ 1.65

On April 20, 2006, the reported last sale price of our common stock was \$6.04. As of April 20, 2006 there were approximately 6,100 holders of record of our common stock.

**Dividend policy**

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. We intend to retain future earnings, if any, to meet our working capital requirements and to finance future operations of our business. Therefore, we do not plan to declare or pay cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. In addition, certain of our credit arrangements contain provisions that limit our ability to pay cash dividends on our common stock.

**SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

The selected financial data as of and for the five years ended December 31, 2005 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The following information should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our selected historical results are not necessarily indicative of results expected in future periods. The per share data gives retroactive effect to the one for three reverse stock split effective July 3, 2002.

We sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment effective June 30, 2005. In order to enhance the comparability of the amounts from year to year, the financial information related to the results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2004 have been adjusted to present the operations of the Aviation Transportation Services segment as discontinued operations.

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	(In thousands, except per share data)				
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA:</b>					
Operating revenue	\$ 19,839	\$ 24,592	\$ 31,555	\$ 39,064	\$ 43,350
Operating expenses					
Direct costs	15,005	17,178	21,586	28,510	27,515
Depreciation and amortization	3,328	3,270	3,355	4,282	4,627
General and administrative expense	2,436	3,186	3,718	9,464	8,497
Total operating expenses	20,769	23,634	28,659	42,256	40,639
Asset impairment and other charges	632				
Operating income (loss)	(1,562)	958	2,896	(3,192)	2,711
Interest expense	1,223	799	943	3,288	2,836
(Gain) loss on debenture conversion inducement and debt extinguishment				729	(758)
Other expense (income), net	(7,929)	(115)	(114)	290	(835)
Income (loss) before income taxes	5,144	274	2,067	(7,499)	1,468
Income tax benefit		400	1,092		508
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	5,144	674	3,159	(7,499)	1,976
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	520	534	324	(6,756)	(3,978)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets, net of taxes					(2,271)
Net income (loss)	5,664	1,208	3,483	(14,255)	(4,273)
Dividends and accretion of preferred stock	(726)	(484)	(484)	(490)	(249)
Non-cash charge attributable to beneficial conversion features of preferred stock					(745)
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 4,938	\$ 724	\$ 2,999	\$ (14,745)	\$ (5,267)
<b>Basic Income (loss) per common share:</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.30	\$ (0.73)	\$ 0.07
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.06	0.06	0.04	(0.62)	(0.30)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets					(0.17)
Net Income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.34	\$ (1.35)	\$ (0.40)
<b>Diluted Income (loss) per common share:</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.73)	\$ 0.07
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.05	0.06	0.03	(0.62)	(0.29)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets					(0.16)
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.31	\$ (1.35)	\$ (0.38)
<b>Number of Weighted Average Shares:</b>					
Basic	9,015	8,739	8,772	10,884	13,251

Diluted	9,844	8,745	11,362	10,884	13,683
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	DECEMBER 31,				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>					
Total assets	\$ 38,448	\$ 41,325	\$ 50,289	\$ 65,913	\$ 43,758
Long-term debt, less current maturities	9,289	8,340	9,624	12,952	15,801
Preferred Stock	11,616	12,100	12,100	29	806
Total Equity	18,560	19,781	24,386	4,864	11,135
<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW DATA:</b>					
(for continuing and discontinued operations)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 6,355	\$ 5,015	\$ 5,664	\$ 5,550	\$ 2,894
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(155)	(1,901)	(4,158)	(12,647)	11,474
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(5,284)	(3,643)	(1,638)	7,568	(15,237)

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND  
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations contains certain forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), which reflect management's best judgment based on factors currently known. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including but not limited to those discussed under the headings Risk factors, and Forward-looking statements provided by us pursuant to the safe harbor established by the federal securities laws should be evaluated in the context of these factors.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes contained herein.

**Recent Events**

On January 17, 2006, we announced the appointment of Gregory B. Milton as our Chief Accounting Officer.

On February 14, 2006, we completed the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. (Preheat) pursuant to a Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 29, 2005 between us and the shareholders of Preheat. We purchased 100% of the outstanding common stock of Preheat for a purchase price of \$22.5 million consisting of \$16 million in cash plus the issuance of 900,000 shares of our common stock and \$4 million in buyer promissory notes. In addition, we assumed \$1.6 million of certain long-term debt of Preheat. As a condition of closing, Preheat was required to have on hand excess working capital of at least \$4.5 million.

### **Reclassification of financial statements**

Effective June 30, 2005, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment. The income statements for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been revised to properly present the comparative information related to the Aviation Transportation Services segment. For these periods, the activities of the Aviation Transportation Services segment has been presented as discontinued operations.

### **General**

**Demand For Our Services.** We receive our revenues from customers in the energy industry. Demand for our services is principally impacted by conditions affecting geophysical companies engaged in the acquisition of 3-D seismic data and oil and gas companies operating primarily in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The level of activity for our services is primarily influenced by the level of capital expenditures by oil and gas companies.

A number of factors affect the decision of oil and gas companies to pursue the acquisition of seismic data and the exploration for oil and gas, including (i) prevailing and expected oil and gas demand and prices; (ii) the cost of exploring for, producing and developing oil and gas reserves; (iii) the discovery rate of new oil and gas reserves; (iv) the availability and cost of



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permits and consents from landowners to conduct seismic activity; (v) local and international political and economic conditions; (vi) governmental regulations; and (vii) the availability and cost of capital. The ability to finance the acquisition of seismic data in the absence of oil and gas companies' interest in obtaining the information is also a factor, as some geophysical companies will acquire seismic data on a speculative basis.

**Seasonality And Weather Risks.** Our operations are subject to seasonal variations in weather conditions and daylight hours as our activities take place outdoors. On average, fewer hours are worked per day and fewer holes are generally drilled or surveyed per day in winter months than in summer months due to an increase in rainy, foggy, and cold conditions and a decrease in daylight hours.

**Results Of Operations**

The following discussion provides information related to the results of our operations.

As discussed below in **Discontinued Operations**, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment effective June 30, 2005. In order to enhance the comparability of the amounts reflected for the periods below, the financial information related to the results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005 has been revised to present the activities of the Aviation Transportation Services segment as discontinued operations. For more information regarding the discontinued operations of the Aviation Transportation Services segment refer to Note 13 of Consolidated Financial Statements, included herein.

**Year Ended December 31, 2004 Compared To The Year Ended December 31, 2005:**

	<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Operating revenue	\$ 39,064	\$ 43,350
Operating expenses		
Direct costs	28,510	27,515
Depreciation and amortization	4,282	4,627
General and administrative expenses	9,464	8,497
Total operating expenses	42,256	40,639
Operating income (loss)	(3,192)	2,711
Interest expense	3,288	2,836
(Gain) loss on debenture conversion inducement and debt extinguishment	729	(758)
Other (income) expense	290	(835)
Income (loss) before taxes	(7,499)	1,468
Income tax benefit		508

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Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(7,499)	1,976
Loss from discontinued operations	(6,756)	(3,978)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets		(2,271)
Net loss	(14,255)	(4,273)
Preferred stock dividends	(490)	(249)
Non-cash charge attributable to beneficial conversion features of preferred stock		(745)
Net loss available to common stockholders	\$ (14,745)	\$ (5,267)

Operating revenues increased 11%, or \$4.3 million, from \$39.1 million to \$43.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively, of which \$8.8 million of this increase was due to the June 30, 2004 acquisition of Trussco. Drilling revenues decreased from \$30.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 to \$25.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 due to permitting and weather-related delays. Operating revenues are expected to increase in 2006, as the demand for, and range of, our services continue to improve.

Direct costs decreased 4%, or \$1.0 million, from \$28.5 million in 2004 to \$27.5 million in 2005. Operating payroll costs increased \$0.9 million from \$12.8 million to \$13.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively. Payroll costs from the Trussco acquisition accounted for a \$2.9 million increase while the drilling division accounted for a \$2.0 million decrease. Repairs and maintenance expenses decreased \$0.7 million from 2004 to 2005, with \$0.8 million of the decrease related to the drilling division offset by \$0.1 million related to Trussco. Explosives expense decreased \$0.4 million primarily as a result of the decreased drilling activity in 2005. Contract services decreased \$1.9 million company-wide, of

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which our drilling division accounted for \$2.0 million of the decrease with an offsetting increase of \$0.1 million related to Trussco. In 2004, we contracted third parties exclusively to provide services for heliportable drilling in the Rocky Mountains where we no longer provide these specialized drilling services. In 2004, we also contracted third parties to provide airboat drilling services during a period when most of our available employees were working on other projects. Rental and lease expenses increased \$0.6 million from 2004 to 2005, with a \$0.2 million decrease related to the drilling division offset by a \$0.8 million increase related to Trussco. Field office expenses and insurance expenses increased \$0.5 million collectively, due to the Trussco acquisition. While operating expenses are expected to continue to increase in 2006 as operating revenues increase, we expect these expenses to remain consistent as a percentage of revenues.

Depreciation and amortization costs increased \$0.3 million, from \$4.3 million in 2004 to \$4.6 million in 2005. Depreciation expense increased \$0.2 million due to the increase in revenue-producing assets, primarily from the acquisition of Trussco in June 2004. Additionally, amortization expense increased by \$0.1 million resulting primarily from amortization of intangible assets related to the Trussco acquisition.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$1.0 million from \$9.5 million for 2004 to \$8.5 million for 2005. Of this decrease, \$2.8 million relates to professional services, offset by a \$1.6 million increase attributable to the Trussco acquisition. Other general and administrative expense increased by \$0.2 million. General and administrative expenses are expected to increase slightly in 2006.

During 2004, we recorded asset impairment charges of \$4.2 million related to the revaluation of certain aviation equipment, prepaid repairs and assets held for sale resulting in a charge to expense of \$0.6 million, \$3.0 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. There was no impairment charge required to be recorded in 2005. This 2004 impairment charge, which relates entirely to the Aviation Transportation Services Segment, is included in the loss from discontinued operations.

Interest expense was \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$3.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. The decrease was partially attributable to decreased levels of debt including the convertible debentures. Interest expense allocated to loss from discontinued operations amounted to \$0.9 million and \$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. We expect to manage our senior debt facility as we explore strategic business opportunities.

In 2005, we recorded a \$0.8 million accounting gain in connection with the early extinguishment of a portion of our debt compared to a \$0.7 million loss during 2004. An additional loss of \$0.7 million is included in loss from discontinued operations for 2005 compared to \$0.3 million for 2004.

Other (income) expense increased from an expense of \$0.3 million to income of \$0.8 million. This increase in income was partially attributable to costs incurred as a result of financing transactions that did not close in 2004 coupled with a \$0.8 million gain on sale of assets in 2005.

During 2004, the entire amount of the net operating loss carryforward generated was fully reserved as it was determined that more likely than not this increase in deferred tax asset would not be realized in the near future. In 2005, an income tax benefit was recognized in the amount of \$0.5 million to establish the deferred tax asset balance to its estimated realizable amount.

As previously discussed, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment effective June 30, 2005. Accordingly, we recorded a loss from discontinued operations of \$4.0 million net of tax benefit, for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$6.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Included in the 2004 loss from discontinued operations is the asset impairment charge of \$4.2 million mentioned above.

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Additionally, we recorded a loss of \$2.3 million on the sale of our Aviation Transportation Services segment.

Preferred stock dividends were \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. Furthermore, we recorded a non-cash charge (deemed dividend) attributable to the beneficial conversion feature associated with the Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock issued during 2005.

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2003	2004
	(In thousands)	
Operating revenue	\$ 31,555	\$ 39,064
Operating expenses		
Direct costs	21,586	28,510
Depreciation and amortization	3,355	4,282
General and administrative expenses	3,718	9,464
Total operating expenses	28,659	42,256
Operating income (loss)	2,896	(3,192)
Interest expense	943	3,288
Loss on debenture conversion inducement and debt extinguishment		729
Other (income) expense	(114)	290
Income (loss) before taxes	2,067	(7,499)
Income tax benefit	1,092	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	3,159	(7,499)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	324	(6,756)
Net income (loss)	3,483	(14,255)
Preferred stock dividends	(484)	(490)
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 2,999	\$ (14,745)

Operating revenues increased 24%, or \$7.5 million, from \$31.6 million to \$39.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively, of which \$8.7 million of this increase was due to the June 30, 2004 acquisition of Trussco. Drilling revenues decreased slightly from \$31.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 to \$30.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 due to permitting and weather-related delays.

Direct costs increased 32%, or \$6.9 million, from \$21.6 million in 2003 to \$28.5 million in 2004. Operating payroll expenses increased \$2.3 million from \$6.2 million to \$8.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively. Payroll costs from the Trussco acquisition accounted for \$2.3 million of the increase while the drilling division accounted for a \$0.6 million decrease. Repairs and maintenance expenses decreased \$0.3 million from 2003 to 2004, with \$0.5 million of the decrease related to the drilling division offset by \$0.3 million related to Trussco. Explosives expense increased \$1.7 million due to an increase in the cost of explosives and downhole costs on jobs performed in 2004. Contract services increased \$0.8 million company-wide, of which our drilling division accounted for \$1.3 million of the increase with an offsetting decrease of \$0.6 million from our permitting division. In 2004, we contracted third parties exclusively to provide services for heliportable drilling in the Rocky Mountains where we no longer provide these specialized drilling services. In 2004, we also contracted third parties to provide airboat drilling services during a period when most of our available employees were working on other projects. Shop expenses increased \$0.4 million from 2003 to 2004 as a result of the Trussco acquisition. Other direct costs increased \$2.3 million, of which Trussco accounted for \$1.0 million.

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Depreciation and amortization costs increased 26%, or \$0.9 million, from \$3.4 million in 2003 to \$4.3 million in 2004. Depreciation expense increased \$0.4 million due to the increase in revenue-producing assets, primarily from the acquisitions of Trussco in June 2004. Additionally, amortization expense increased by \$0.5 million resulting primarily from amortization of intangible assets related to the Trussco acquisition.

General and administrative expenses increased \$5.8 million from \$3.7 million for 2003 to \$9.5 million for 2004. Of this increase, \$2.2 million is attributable to the Trussco acquisition, \$2.4 million is related to professional services and \$0.4 million is related to payroll increases. Other general and administrative expense increased by \$0.8 million.

During 2004, we recorded asset impairment charges of \$4.2 million related to the revaluation of certain aviation equipment, prepaid repairs and assets held for sale resulting in a charge to expense of \$0.6 million, \$3.0 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. There was no impairment charge required to be recorded in 2003. This 2004 impairment charge, which relates entirely to the Aviation Transportation Services Segment, is included in the loss from discontinued operations.

Interest expense was \$3.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 compared to \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. The increase was partially attributable to increased levels of debt including the convertible debentures coupled with increased interest rates between the periods. Also, \$1.3 million of the increase related to amortization of deferred loan costs and \$0.7 million related to the amortization of debt discounts originally recorded in conjunction with the

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convertible debentures in early 2004. Interest expense allocated to loss from discontinued operations amounted to \$1.9 million and \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

We recorded a \$1.0 million accounting loss in connection with the inducement for early extinguishment of a portion of our convertible debentures during 2004. Of that loss, \$0.3 million is included in loss from discontinued operations. There was no such charge in 2003.

Other expense (income) decreased from income of \$0.1 million to expense of \$0.3 million. This increase in expense was due to costs incurred as a result of financing transactions that did not close.

In 2003, we reversed \$1.6 million of the allowance for deferred taxes previously reserved of which \$0.5 million was allocated to discontinued operations. There were no taxes recorded in 2004 due to the significant net operating loss incurred. During 2004, the entire amount of the net operating loss carryforward generated was fully reserved as it was determined that more likely than not this increase in deferred tax asset would not be realized in the future.

As previously discussed, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment on June 30, 2005. In order to enhance the comparability of the amounts from year to year, the financial information related to the results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004 has been adjusted to present the activities of the Aviation Transportation Services segment as discontinued operations. The income, net of tax benefit, related to those discontinued operations was \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the loss related to the discontinued operations was \$6.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Included in the 2004 loss from discontinued operations is the asset impairment charge of \$4.2 million mentioned above.

Accretion of preferred stock and preferred stock dividends remained constant at \$0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004.

## **Liquidity And Capital Resources**

At December 31, 2005, we had approximately \$0.2 million in cash on hand and approximately \$2.4 million available on our revolving line of credit. This compares to approximately \$1.0 million in cash on hand and no availability on our revolving line of credit at December 31, 2004. At December 31, 2005, we had a working capital deficit of approximately \$0.02 million as compared to a working capital deficit of approximately \$22.1 million at December 31, 2004. Our increase in working capital is the result of restructuring and settlement of certain debt obligations during 2005.

Cash provided by continuing operating activities was \$3.2 million, \$6.0 million and \$6.0 million in the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The largest contributing factors in 2003 were a result of non-cash transactions and a decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets. In 2004, the largest contributing factors were a result of non-cash transactions, an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and a decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets. In 2005, the largest contributing factors were a result of non-cash transactions, an increase in receivables and a decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets and accounts payable and accrued expenses.

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Historically, our capital requirements have primarily related to the purchase or fabrication of new seismic drilling equipment and related support equipment, additions to our aviation fleet and new business acquisitions. In 2004, we acquired Trussco, Inc., purchased approximately \$6.4 million of aircraft accounted for as capital leases, and purchased approximately \$0.8 million of new vehicles accounted for as capital leases. For the year ended December 31, 2005, we acquired \$0.1 million of new vehicles and approximately \$0.1 million in aviation support equipment as well as \$0.2 million in equipment and approximately \$0.3 million in facility improvements. In 2005, we sold the assets of our Aviation Transportation Services segment. Proceeds from the sale were used to repay capital lease obligations related to that division. In 2006, we plan to continue to explore strategic business opportunities, renew our rolling stock and expand and upgrade our facilities and equipment to improve efficiency of our operations.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2005, we repaid approximately \$3.3 million of our debt primarily related to our equipment notes, capital leases and real estate loans. Furthermore, we extinguished three capital leases totaling \$2.9 million as a result of our disposition of three helicopters.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, we finalized a new \$50.0 million senior credit facility, which we also refer to as the Term A Loan. The proceeds from the Term A Loan were used to re-finance certain long-term debt, provide working capital and establish funding necessary to complete various strategic transactions which are under consideration. During the year ended December 31, 2005, a portion (\$9.35 million) of the \$11.0 million proceeds from the sale of the Aviation Transportation Services segment were used to repay a portion of the Term A Loan as well as a \$3.4 million repayment from proceeds of the Term B Loan discussed below. At December 31, 2005, the balance owed on the facility was \$4.5 million.



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During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, we completed a new \$25 million multiple draw term credit facility, which we also refer to as our Term B Loan. The proceeds from the Term B Loan were used to (i) reduce indebtedness under our Term A Loan; (ii) retire certain Subordinated Notes; (iii) retire certain Subordinated Debt; and, (iv) provide working capital and funds necessary for potential strategic transactions. At December 31, 2005, the balance owed on the Term B Loan was \$9.0 million.

Loan closing costs of \$3.6 million were incurred during the year ended December 31, 2005 related to the Term A and Term B Loans and a total of \$0.5 million was incurred during the year ended December 31, 2005 related to our various credit facilities.

**Long-Term Debt**

At December 31, 2004 and 2005, long-term debt consists of the following:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2004	2005
	(In thousands)	
Notes payable to a finance company, variable interest rate at LIBOR plus 5.0% (7.42% at December 31, 2004) maturing July 31, 2006, secured by various property and equipment, repaid in full	\$ 867	\$
Notes payable to a bank with interest payable at Prime plus 1.75% (8.25% at December 31, 2005 and 6.75% at December 31, 2004) maturing July 31, 2023, secured by real estate	1,392	1,354
Notes payable to a finance company with interest at 10.24%, maturing May 18, 2008, secured by an aircraft, repaid in full	168	
Notes payable to a finance company with interest at 6.26%, maturing March 17, 2006, secured by various aircraft, repaid in full	1,697	
Notes payable to a bank with interest at 8.13%, maturing June 20, 2009, secured by aircraft, repaid in full	238	
Notes payable to a finance company with interest at 8%, maturing February 10, 2013, secured by real estate	214	195
Notes payable to a bank with interest at 12% at December 31, 2004, maturing May 31, 2005, secured by various property and equipment, repaid in full	6,500	
Convertible promissory notes payable to certain former stockholders of Trussco, Inc. with interest at 5%, maturing in June 2007	3,000	1,000
Capital lease payable to leasing companies secured by vehicles	1,198	729
Capital lease payable to finance companies	9,100	941
Subordinated promissory note to a former debenture holder with a fixed interest rate of 8%, maturing May 13, 2008, unsecured		913
Term B notes payable to a finance company, variable interest rate at LIBOR plus 8.0% (12.41% at December 31, 2005) maturing August 29, 2010, secured by various property and equipment		9,000
Term A notes payable to a finance company, variable interest rate at LIBOR plus 6.5% (10.80% at December 31, 2005), maturing May 18, 2010, secured by various equipment		4,540
Other debt	86	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,460</b>	<b>18,724</b>
Less: current maturities	(6,095)	(2,926)
Less: long-term debt of discontinued operations	(11,228)	
<b>Long-term debt, less current maturities continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 7,137</b>	<b>\$ 15,798</b>

**Line Of Credit**

We have a working capital revolving line of credit agreement (the Line ). Availability under the Line is the lower of: (i) \$15.0 million or (ii) the eligible accounts receivable, as defined under the agreement. The Line accrues interest at the prime interest rate plus 1.5% (9.25% at December 31, 2005) and matures in May 2010. The Line is collateralized by accounts receivable and is subject to certain customer concentration limitations. As of December 31, 2005, we had \$4.8 million outstanding under the Line. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings under our revolving lines of credit was 6.0% and 7.7% for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively. Due to the lock-box arrangement and the subjective acceleration clause of the Line agreement, the debt under the Line has been classified as a current liability as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, as required by Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) No. 95-22, *Balance Sheet Classification of Borrowings Outstanding under Revolving Credit Agreements that include both a Subjective Acceleration Clause and a Lock-Box Arrangement*.

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### **Senior Secured**

On October 21, 2004, we completed a \$6.5 million senior secured loan ( Bridge Loan ) with Beal Bank, SSB. The Bridge Loan accrued interest at the rate of 12% per annum, matured January 15, 2005, and was collateralized by specific seismic assets, certain Trussco equipment and three Bell helicopters. The proceeds were used to repay debt, pay the October Put Option on the Convertible Debentures discussed below and for working capital purposes.

On January 21, 2005, we entered into a forbearance agreement with Beal Bank, SSB, which increased the interest rate from 12% to 17% and extended the maturity of the Bridge Loan to March 15, 2005. On May 2, 2005, we entered into a second agreement to extend the maturity date to May 31, 2005. The Bridge Loan restricted the payment of dividends and contained customary financial covenants requiring, among other things, minimum levels of tangible net worth, debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) ratios, and limitations on annual capital expenditures and certain customer concentrations. This loan was repaid in full with proceeds from the Senior Credit Facility (see below) on May 18, 2005.

### **Capital Leases**

During the year ended December 31, 2005, we had several capital leases for aircraft which generally had lease terms of 60 months at inception of the lease. Aircraft leases either contain a bargain purchase option at the end of the lease or a balloon amount due that can be refinanced over 36 months. From time to time, we acquired an aircraft through cash flows from operations or through the Line which was then sold to a financing company and leased back to us. These sales and lease back transactions were recorded as a capital lease and gains and losses incurred on the sale are deferred and amortized over the life of the lease term or the asset, whichever is shorter. These leases were paid in full from proceeds of our Term A Loan in the third quarter of 2005.

We also lease several vehicles used in our seismic drilling operations under 40-month capital leases.

### **Convertible Debentures**

Pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated February 12, 2004, we issued (i) \$10,000,000 in principal amount of 3-year, 6.5% fixed rate, Convertible Debentures (the Initial Debentures ) that were convertible into shares of common stock at an initial conversion price of \$7.15 per share, (ii) 1-year common stock Series A Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 700,000 shares of Common Stock at an initial exercise price of \$7.15 per share and (iii) 5-year Common Stock Series B Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 390,000 shares of Common Stock at an initial exercise price of \$8.50 per share. The warrants were not exercisable for a period of six months and one day after the issue date of such warrants and in no event would the exercise prices of such warrants be less than \$6.15 per share. In accordance with APB Opinion No. 14, the warrants were valued at a fair market value of \$0.9 million using the Black Scholes model. The value of these warrants was recorded as debt discount with a corresponding amount recorded to paid in capital at the date of issuance. The 1-year Series A warrants expired during 2005.

On April 15, 2004, in accordance with the Securities Purchase Agreement, we issued (i) \$5,050,000 in principal amount of 3-year, 6.5% fixed rate, Convertible Debentures (collectively with the Initial Debentures, hereinafter referred to as the Debentures ) that were convertible into shares of common stock at an initial conversion price of \$7.20 per share, and (ii) 5-year Common Stock Series A Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 151,500 shares of common stock at an initial exercise price of \$9.00 per share. The warrants were not exercisable for a period of six months and

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one day after the issue date of such warrants and in no event would the exercise prices of such warrants be less than \$7.11 per share. In accordance with APB Opinion No. 14, the warrants were valued at a fair market value of \$0.2 million using the Black Scholes model. The value of the warrants and beneficial conversion feature were recorded as a debt discount with a corresponding amount recorded to paid in capital at the date of issuance.

Total proceeds of \$14.2 million were received from the issue of these Debentures, after expenses. Of the total proceeds received, \$8.2 million was used to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock and dividends in February 2004, \$4.9 million was used to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock and dividends in March and April 2004 and the balance used for working capital purposes (See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

The debt discounts for the February 12, 2004 and April 15, 2004 debentures were \$0.9 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The debt discounts are being amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the period in which the debentures can be put to us. A total of \$0.9 million is included in interest expense and \$0.2 million loss on extinguished related to the amortization of the debt discounts for the year ended December 31, 2004. Since the Debentures were in default at December 31, 2004, the entire amount of the debt discount was charged to expense during 2004.

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Prior to maturity of the Debentures, the holders of the Debentures had the right to require the repayment or conversion of up to an aggregate of \$13.17 million of the Debentures (the Put Option). We registered 5,012,237 shares effective June 30, 2004 covering the common stock that may have been issuable pursuant to the conversion of the Debentures and the exercise of the Put Option and all associated warrants, including additional shares that may be issuable due to adjustments for conversion price upon the Debenture conversion, payment of interest with shares and/or the exercise of warrants due to subdivision or combination of our common stock. Pursuant to the Debenture agreement, the registration of the related common stock triggered the ability of the Debentures holders to exercise the Put Option in ten consecutive non-cumulative and equal monthly installments equal to 8.75% of the face value of the Debentures (\$1,316,875) beginning August 1, 2004. Accordingly the Debentures, net of debt discount, were classified as a current liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2004. We received, and redeemed for cash, notices from the holders of the Debentures exercising their Put Option for August, September and October 2004. Upon receipt of the Debenture Holders' intent to exercise a Put Option, we had the irrevocable option to deliver cash or, if certain conditions set forth in the Debentures were satisfied, shares of our common stock. If we elected to pay the Put Option with common stock, the underlying shares would have been valued at a 12.5% discount to the average trading price of our common stock for the applicable pricing period, as defined in the Debenture agreement. The number of shares we would have delivered was equal to the value of the Put Option installment due divided by the fair market value of our common stock for the applicable pricing period discounted at 12.5%. We did not redeem for cash or stock notices received from the Debenture Holders exercising their Put Option for the months of November and December 2004 and January, February, March and April 2005.

As provided for in the terms of the applicable Securities Purchase Agreements, the Debenture holders received Put Option payments of \$1.3 million in principal, plus accrued interest, each on August 5, 2004, on September 9, 2004 and on October 25, 2004. In accordance with APB Opinion No. 26 *Early Extinguishment of Debt*, we recorded \$0.2 million as a loss on extinguishment of debt in 2004 as a result of the early extinguishment of these portions of the Debentures. (See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

On October 8, 2004, we entered into an Amendment and Conditional Waiver Agreement (the Amendment) with the holders of the Debentures. Under the terms of the Amendment, the Debenture holders granted us, among other things, the right to pre-pay in cash all, but not less than all, of the outstanding Debentures held by each holder on or prior to November 15, 2004. In exchange for such right, we agreed to allow the holders of the Debentures to convert \$2,000 of the principal amount of the April 15, 2004 Debentures into 200,000 shares of common stock at a revised conversion price of \$0.01 per share. As a result of this conversion and in accordance with the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 84, *Induced Conversions of Convertible Debt, an amendment to APB Opinion No. 26*, we recorded \$0.9 million in debt conversion expense in 2004.

On January 25, 2005, we filed suit in United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana against the holders of the Debentures and other third parties (collectively, the Debenture Holders). In the suit, we alleged that the Debenture Holders violated Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and we sought the disgorgement of profits realized by the Debenture Holders from their purchases and sales of our common stock.

On May 18, 2005, we entered into settlement agreements (Debenture Settlement Agreements) with each of the Debenture Holders in exchange for our dismissal of the lawsuit filed against the Debenture Holders (see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). Under the terms of the Debenture Settlement Agreements, we agreed to (i) pay the Debenture Holders approximately \$4.0 million cash; (ii) immediately issue the Debenture Holders 2.0 million shares of our common stock at an agreed upon value of \$3.4 million; and, (iii) issue the Debenture Holders approximately \$4.3 million of unsecured, subordinated promissory notes (Subordinated Debenture Notes). The Company recorded a gain of \$0.2 million at the close of these transactions. The Subordinated Debenture Notes were scheduled to be paid quarterly, with interest in arrears, over 36 months in level payments with interest accruing at the rate of 8% per annum. Execution of the Debenture Settlement Agreements extinguished the terms of the original Debentures and released all parties from any future claims.

On August 26, 2005, we entered into a settlement agreement and mutual release (Agreement and Release) with two of the three holders of the Subordinated Debenture Notes. Under terms of the Agreement and Release, we paid \$1.5 million in cash from the proceeds of a new \$25.0 million multiple draw term credit facility, and issued 750,000 shares of our common stock in full satisfaction of the applicable Subordinated

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Debenture Notes. At December 31, 2005, the remaining Subordinated Debenture Note had a balance of approximately \$0.9 million.

### **Senior Credit Facility**

On May 18, 2005, we completed a \$50 million equipment term financing facility, and increased our Line to \$15 million from its previous level of \$12 million. Under the terms of the Term A Loan, funding will be limited to the lesser of \$50 million and the sum of (i) 85% of the orderly liquidation value of our aviation fleet; (ii) 75% of the orderly liquidation value of our seismic drilling and environmental equipment; and (iii) 50% of the fair market value of certain real estate. Proceeds from the

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Term A Loan were used to refinance certain long-term debt, provide working capital and establish funding necessary to complete various strategic transactions under consideration. The Term A Loan restricts the payment of cash dividends and contains customary financial covenants requiring, among other things, minimum levels of tangible net worth, debt to EBITDA ratios and limitations on annual capital expenditures. The Term A Loan matures in May 2010 and will be repaid in equal payments of up to a 50% balloon at maturity date, with interest, paid in arrears and accruing at the initial annual interest rate of 30-day LIBOR plus 6.5% (10.80% at December 31, 2005). Upon the completion of the sale of the aviation transportation services segment, the total borrowing base under the Term A Loan was reduced to \$30.0 million. Proceeds from the sale of the Aviation Transportation Services segment were used to pay approximated \$9.35 million on the Term A Loan during July 2005, leaving an outstanding balance of approximately \$8.6 million. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from the Term B Loan (discussed below) were used to reduce the balance of the Term A Loan to approximately \$5.0 million in August 2005.

## **Junior Credit Facility**

On August 29, 2005, we completed a \$25 million multiple draw term credit facility. Under the terms of the Term B Loan, borrowings will be done through advances at our request in minimum amounts of \$2 million. Quarterly payments in the amount of \$0.175 million, plus interest, will begin on April 1, 2008 and the Loan matures in August 2010 and accrues interest at the rate of LIBOR plus 8% (12.41% at December 31, 2005). The Term B Loan restricts the payment of cash dividends and contains customary financial covenants requiring, among other things, minimum levels of tangible net worth, debt to EBITDA ratios and limitations on annual capital expenditures. The proceeds from the Term B Loan were used to (i) reduce the current outstanding balance under our Term A Loan by \$3.4 million; (ii) retire approximately \$3.3 million of 8% Subordinated Debenture Notes with a payment of \$1.5 million cash and the issuance of 750,000 shares of our common stock; (iii) retire \$2 million of certain Subordinated Notes with a payment of \$1 million cash and the issuance of 200,000 shares of common stock; and (iv) provide working capital and funds necessary for potential strategic transactions.

## **Trussco Notes**

On June 30, 2004, we purchased Trussco for an aggregate acquisition price of \$11.9 million, including \$7.3 million in cash, \$3.0 million in 5% convertible promissory notes payable to certain stockholders ( Stockholder Notes ) maturing in June 2007, and the assumption of approximately \$1.6 million in debt and other liabilities. The Stockholder Notes can be prepaid at any time and are convertible into shares of our common stock at a price of \$9.40 per share.

On May 18, 2005, we entered into early debt extinguishment agreements ( Debt Extinguishment Agreements ) with respect to \$2.0 million of the Stockholder Notes and \$1.0 million of the Earnout Note more fully described in Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained herein. Under the terms of the Debt Extinguishment Agreements, we (i) immediately issued 0.2 million shares of our common stock; and (ii) paid certain holders of the Stockholder Notes \$1.0 million on or before August 16, 2005, in full and complete satisfaction of \$2.0 million of the Stockholder Notes and \$1.0 million of the contingent Earnout Note. We recognized a gain on debt extinguishment of \$0.3 million upon closing the transaction.

At December 31, 2005, we had \$1.0 million of Stockholder Notes outstanding bearing interest at 5% and maturing in June 2007. At December 31, 2005, we also had outstanding a \$2.0 million contingent Earnout Note payable, none of which had been earned. Based upon current estimates, the amounts due and payable by the end of the term of the Earnout Notes, if any, will be immaterial. See Trussco Earnout in Commitments and Contingencies below.

## **Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock**

On May 17, 2005, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with certain of our affiliates and executive officers to issue up to \$5.0 million of Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series C Preferred ) in conjunction with the completion of the Term A Loan more fully described above. Our Series C Preferred is convertible into our common stock at a conversion price of \$1.95 per share and includes detachable warrants to purchase up to 6,550,000 additional shares of our common stock at exercise prices ranging between \$1.95 and \$3.50 per share. The transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement closed in two tranches. On May 17, 2005, the closing date of the first tranche, we issued an aggregate of 3,500 shares of Series C Preferred and warrants to acquire 4,585,000 shares of our common stock, in exchange for \$3,500,000. The second tranche closed on August 29, 2005, at which time the remainder of the Series C Preferred and warrants were issued generating proceeds of \$1.5 million and we granted the remaining 1,965,000 warrants.

As mentioned above, the Term A Loan and the Term B Loan restrict the payment of cash dividends. Consequently, a portion of the 9% dividend obligation related to the Series C Preferred has been satisfied through the issuance of payment-in-kind ( PIK ) dividends. The PIK dividends are paid through the issuance of additional shares of Series C Preferred. These additional shares of preferred stock do not have warrants attached to them. During the year ended December 31, 2005, 128 shares of Series C Preferred were issued as PIK dividends at par.



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### **Related Party Transactions**

During the three year period ended December 31, 2001, we privately placed with an affiliate subordinated debentures totaling \$7.5 million, \$3.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. The debentures matured five years from their date of issue and accrued interest at various rates ranging from a fixed rate of 12% per annum to a variable rate of interest starting at 12% per annum and escalating to 20% per annum. In October 2000, we agreed to convert \$4.6 million of the subordinated debentures into our Series A Preferred. In May 2001, we agreed to pay the affiliate \$3.0 million cash plus issue to the affiliate \$4.6 million of the Company's Series B Preferred in satisfaction of all of the remaining outstanding subordinated debentures including accrued interest of \$1.8 million. This transaction resulted in the affiliate agreeing to forgive \$1.0 million of indebtedness, which was reflected as a capital contribution from the affiliate (See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statement for the accounting for preferred stock). In February 2004 and April 2004, we issued \$10 million and \$5.05 million, respectively, of 6.5% Subordinated Convertible Debentures (See Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The proceeds were used to redeem \$8.2 million (7,475 shares) of the Series A Preferred Stock outstanding, including accrued dividends. The remaining 25 shares of Series A Preferred were redeemed in April 2004 for \$0.03 million. At December 31, 2004 there are no Series A Preferred outstanding. During the first quarter of 2004, we redeemed 2,286 shares of the Series B Preferred for \$2.4 million, including accrued dividends. In April 2004, we redeemed 2,285 shares of the total of 2,314 shares of the Series B Preferred outstanding for \$2.5 million, including accrued dividends. At December 31, 2005, 29 shares of Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding.

In connection with the original issuance of the subordinated debentures, we issued to the affiliate detachable warrants to purchase 1,912,833 shares of our common stock, of which 293,055 warrants were transferred in 2003 to settle certain litigation (See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) and 858,678 warrants were cancelled in 2003. The balance of 761,100 warrants was exercised in the first quarter of 2004 at an exercise price of \$2.25.

During 2003, we entered into an agreement to facilitate the private placement of approximately 1,650,000 shares of our common stock owned by an affiliate and certain investors. The sale of the stock covered by this agreement closed in the fourth quarter of 2003, resulting in our receipt of \$0.4 million cash which is reflected as a reduction in our general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

During 2003, in order to facilitate a settlement of ongoing litigation between certain of our affiliates, we agreed to re-price and extend the maturity dates of certain warrants owned by the defendant affiliates but transferred in settlement of the litigation to the plaintiff affiliates. The exercise prices of the transferred warrants ranged from \$2.25 \$6.00 per share. The maturity dates of the transferred warrants ranged from November 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005. The transferred warrants were re-priced at \$1.54 per share and the maturity dates were extended to November 1, 2006. Our statement of operations includes a non-recurring charge of approximately \$0.1 million representing the differences in the fair market value of the originally issued warrants and the re-priced warrants. In 2004 all re-priced warrants were exercised.

On May 17, 2005, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with certain of our affiliates and executive officers to issue up to \$5.0 million of Series C Preferred in conjunction with the completion of the Term A Loan more fully described above. Our Series C Preferred is convertible into our common stock at a conversion price of \$1.95 per share and includes detachable warrants to purchase up to 6,550,000 additional shares of our common stock at exercise prices ranging between \$1.95 and \$3.50 per share. The transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement closed in two tranches. On May 17, 2005, the closing date of the first tranche, we issued an aggregate of 3,500 shares of Series C Preferred Stock and warrants to acquire 4,585,000 shares of our common stock, in exchange for \$3,500,000. The second tranche closed on August 29, 2005, at which time the remainder of the Series C Preferred and warrants were issued generating proceeds of \$1.5 million and we granted the remaining 1,965,000 warrants.

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The Term A Loan and the Term B Loan restrict the payment of cash dividends. Consequently, the dividend obligation related to the Series C Preferred has been satisfied through the issuance of PIK dividends. The PIK dividends are paid through the issuance of additional shares of Series C Preferred. These additional shares of preferred stock do not have warrants attached to them. During the year ended December 31, 2005, 128 shares of Series C Preferred were issued as PIK dividends at par.

### **Critical Accounting Policies And Estimates**

#### **Use Of Estimates**

The discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operation are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We evaluate our estimates on an on-going

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basis, based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

### **Accounts Receivable**

We extend credit to customers and other parties in the normal course of business. We regularly review outstanding receivables, and provide for estimated losses through an allowance for doubtful accounts. In evaluating the level of established reserves, we make judgments regarding the parties' ability to make required payments, economic events and other factors. As the financial condition of these parties change, circumstances develop or additional information becomes available, adjustments to the allowance for doubtful account may be required. Due to the nature of our industry, we may periodically have concentration of credit risks. As a result, adjustments to the allowance for doubtful accounts may be significant.

### **Inventory**

We have made significant investments in inventory to service our equipment. On a routine basis, we use judgments in determining the level of reserves required to state inventory at the lower of cost or market. Technological innovations, market activity levels and the physical condition of products primarily influence our estimates. Changes in these or other factors may result in adjustments to the carrying value of inventory.

### **Income Taxes**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for differences between the book basis and tax basis of our net assets. In providing for deferred taxes, we consider current tax regulations, estimates of future taxable income and available tax planning strategies. We have established reserves to reduce our net deferred tax assets to estimated realizable value. If tax regulations change, operating results or the ability to implement tax planning strategies vary, adjustments to the carrying value of our net deferred tax assets and liabilities may be required. In making this determination, we have considered future income in assessing the ultimate recoverability of the recognized net deferred tax asset.

We record liabilities for environmental obligations when remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Our estimates are based on currently enacted laws and regulations. As more information becomes available or environmental laws and regulations change, such liabilities may be required to be adjusted. Additionally, in connection with acquisitions, we obtain indemnifications from the seller related to environmental matters. If the indemnifying parties do not fulfill their obligations, adjustments of recorded amounts may be required.

We maintain insurance coverage for various aspects of our business and operations. We retain a portion of losses that occur through the use of deductibles and, to a limited extent, self-funded insurance programs. We regularly review estimates of reported and unreported claims and provide for losses through insurance reserves. As claims develop and additional information becomes available, adjustments to loss reserves may

be required.

### **Stock Based Compensation**

We account for employee stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* ( Opinion No. 25 ). Accordingly, the provisions of SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, permits the continued use of the method prescribed by Opinion No. 25, but requires additional disclosures, including pro forma calculations of earnings and net earnings per share as if the fair value method of accounting prescribed by SFAS No. 123 had been applied. As required by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure*, which amended SFAS No. 123, a table illustrating the effect on net income and earnings per share if we had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based compensation is presented in Note 1 of the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

### **Discontinued Operations**

In accordance with SFAS No. 144 *Accounting for the Impairment and Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* ( SFAS No. 144 ), we are accounting for the Brazoria market as a separate unit within American Helicopters, Inc. and have accounted for our exit from this market as discontinued operations in 2004. Effective June 30, 2005, we sold the equipment and related assets of our Aviation Transportation Services segment for a cash price of \$11.0 million. The proceeds were used to repay advances under our Term A Loan and for additional working capital. See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

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In order to facilitate comparability between the periods, the revenues and expenses of the Aviation Transportation Services segment have been reclassified to income (loss) on discontinued operations in the accompanying financial information for the years ended December 31, 2001 through 2005. There was no effect on net income (loss) as a result of the reclassifications.

### **Impairment Of Long-Lived Assets And Assets Held For Sale**

We review our long lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable in accordance with SFAS No. 144. If the carrying amount of the asset, including any intangible assets associated with that asset, exceeds its estimated undiscounted net cash flow, before interest, we will recognize an impairment loss equal to the difference between its carrying amount and its estimated fair value.

Assets held for sale are recorded at the lower of their net book value or their net realizable value, which is determined based upon an estimate of their fair market value less the cost of selling the assets. An impairment is recorded to the extent that the amount that was carried on the books is in excess of the net realizable value. Assets held for sale at December 31, 2005 are comprised of eight marsh buggies. Three helicopters held for sale at December 31, 2004 totaling \$3.5 million were disposed of during the three months ended March 31, 2005 generating proceeds of \$573,000 and the extinguishment of lease obligations of approximately \$2.9 million. An impairment loss of \$0.6 million related to these helicopters was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2004 and there was no gain or loss recorded upon their disposition.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2005, the aviation-related improvements at the Mouton Cove facility were deemed to be impaired as a result of the sale of our Aviation Transportation Services segment. A charge was recorded against operations in the amount of \$0.5 million reflecting the impairment of the value of that facility. The facility was not included in the sale of our Aviation Transportation Services segment.

### **Commitments And Contingencies**

On June 30, 2004, we amended Restricted Stock Incentive Agreements with certain executive officers into Amended and Restated Incentive Agreements (collectively referred to hereinafter as the Incentive Agreements ) that award stock and/or cash on various vesting dates. Under the terms and conditions of the Incentive Agreements, two executive officers received 40,454 shares and 50,000 shares. The stock was held in escrow, registered in the name of the executive officers, until it vested 100% on November 4, 2004. Tax equalization payments were also paid to the two executive officers totaling \$0.1 million at June 30, 2004. The awards were fair valued at a per share price of \$5.05 at June 30, 2004 and recorded, in full, as compensation expense of \$0.5 million.

The Incentive Agreements also grant these executive officers the right to receive two cash payments each equal to the fair market value of 60,673 shares and 75,000 shares of our common stock, respectively, on the first business day following our annual stockholders meeting in 2005 and in 2006. The amounts of such stock-based awards to the executive officers on each vesting date may be paid in cash or, at the sole option of the Compensation Committee, in additional common stock, provided such shares are available for issuance pursuant to the terms of the Fourth Amended and Restated OMNI Energy Services Corp. Stock Incentive Plan (hereinafter the Plan ). Such shares were not available until November 30, 2004, when the number of shares available under the Plan was increased after approval by the stockholders. From June 30, 2004 until November 30, 2004, the awards were accounted for under FASB Interpretation (FIN) No. 28 *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Right and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans* as a variable plan, which requires that compensation will be measured at the end of each period at the quoted market price of a share of our common stock and the change in the value of the incentive awards be charged to expense. As such, the awards were revalued at the end of each reporting period at the quoted market price of a share of our common stock. At November 30, 2004, the market value of a share of our common stock was \$2.93 resulting in compensation expense under variable accounting of \$0.5 million

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to be recognized through that date. Effective November 30, 2004, the Company amended these incentive agreements to provide for 100% vesting of the restricted stock and have put into escrow the number of shares of common stock to settle the award. Accordingly the previous unvested portion of the award was charged to expense which totaled \$0.8 million and was recorded as compensation expense as of December 31, 2004.

We also entered into Stock-Based Award Incentive Agreements (hereinafter "SBA") with certain executive officers on June 30, 2004. The SBA shall become computed and payable: (a) on the date of the Employee's termination of employment (for any reason other than resignation or termination for cause), (b) 90 days after the executive's death or disability or (c) upon a Change in Control. The executive managers were awarded 45% and 55%, respectively, of: (1) 10% of the fair market value (hereinafter "FMV"), defined as the average closing price per share on the NASDAQ National Market over the five prior trading days times the number of issued and outstanding shares of the Company, of a share of the Company's common stock greater than or equal to \$1.00 but less than \$1.50, plus (2) 15% of the FMV of a share of the Company's common stock greater than or equal to \$1.50 but less than \$2.50, plus (3) 20% of the FMV of a share of the Company's common stock greater than or equal to \$2.50 but less than \$10.00, plus (4) 15% of the FMV of a share of the Company's common stock

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greater than or equal to \$10.00 but less than \$20.00, plus (5) 10% of the FMV of a share of the Company's common stock greater than or equal to \$20.00. If no payments have been made, the right terminates on December 31, 2008 or upon termination of employment for resignation or cause, whichever occurs first. The intrinsic value of this award at December 31, 2005 is \$6.7 million but no compensation expense has been recorded at December 31, 2005 because the award is contingent on future events, none of which are considered probable at December 31, 2005.

In addition, we entered into employment contracts with certain key executive management effective until various dates ranging from December 31, 2006 through February 2009 with automatic extensions for additional, successive one year periods, unless either party gives notice of non-renewal as provided for under the terms of the employment contracts.

In connection with the Trussco acquisition, we entered into employment contracts with three former Trussco stockholders effective until December 31, 2006 with automatic extensions for additional, successive one year periods commencing January 1, 2007, unless either party gives notice of non-renewal as provided for under the terms of the employment contracts. During 2005, two of these employment contracts were terminated.

**Trussco Earnout**

In connection with the acquisition of Trussco, we issued to certain former stockholders of Trussco a promissory note ( Earnout Note ) that will earn interest at a rate of 5% per annum of the amount owed. Under the terms of the Earnout Note, we agree to pay these stockholders on or before June 30, 2007, the lesser of (i) the amount of \$3 million, or (ii) the sum of the product of 3.12 times Trussco's average annual EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) for the 36-month period ending December 31, 2006, less the sum of \$9 million, plus the long-term and former stockholder debt existing as of June 30, 2004 of Trussco that we assumed, which totaled \$1.5 million.

On May 18, 2005, we entered into early Debt Extinguishment Agreements on \$2.0 million of the Stockholder Notes and \$1.0 million of the Earnout Note more fully described in Note 8 of our Consolidated Financial Statements contained herein. Under the terms of the Debt Extinguishment Agreements, in full and complete satisfaction of \$2.0 million of the Stockholder Notes and \$1.0 million of the Earnout Note, we agreed to (i) immediately issue 0.2 million shares of our common stock; and, (ii) pay certain holders of the Stockholder Notes \$1.0 million on or before August 16, 2005, in full and complete satisfaction of \$2.0 million of the Stockholder Notes and \$1.0 million of the Earnout Note. At December 31, 2005, we had a \$2.0 million contingent Earnout Note payable, none of which had been earned. Based upon current estimates, the amounts due and payable by the end of the term of the Earnout Notes, if any, will be immaterial.

**Contractual Debt Obligations**

We have the following contractual debt obligations as of December 31, 2005:

PAYMENTS DUE BY PERIOD			
TOTAL	LESS THAN	1-3	AFTER
	1 YEAR	YEARS	4 YEARS





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### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As mentioned above, we have various vehicle and facilities leases which are classified as operating leases for reporting purposes. The total future commitments under these leases is \$0.8 million.

### **Recently Issued Unimplemented Accounting Pronouncements**

On December 16, 2004, as amended on April 14, 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( SFAS No. 123(R) ). SFAS No. 123(R) will require companies to measure all employee stock-based compensation awards using a fair value method and record such expense in its consolidated financial statements. In addition, the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) requires additional accounting and disclosure related to the income tax and cash flow effects resulting from share-based payment arrangements. SFAS No. 123(R) is effective beginning as of the first interim reporting period for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Based upon current estimates, we believe that the charge to earnings in 2006 related to SFAS No. 123 (R) will be approximately \$0.3 million.

In December 2004, SFAS No. 153, *Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29 Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions*, ( SFAS No. 153 ) is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. This Statement addresses the measurement of exchange of nonmonetary assets and eliminates the exception from fair value measurement for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets in paragraph 21(b) of APB Opinion No. 29, and replaces it with an exception for exchanges that do not have commercial substance. The adoption of SFAS No. 153 is not expected to have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 30* ( SFAS No. 154 ). This statement changes the requirements for accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. This statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. SFAS No. 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Adoption of SFAS No. 154 is not expected to have an effect on our consolidated financial statements.

### **Subsequent Events**

On February 14, 2006, we completed the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. ( Preheat ) pursuant to a Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 29, 2005 between us and the shareholders of Preheat. We purchased 100% of the outstanding common stock of Preheat for a purchase price of \$22.5 million consisting of \$16 million in cash plus the issuance of 900,000 shares of our common stock and \$4 million in buyer promissory notes. In addition, we assumed \$1.6 million of certain long-term debt of Preheat. As a condition of closing, Preheat was required to have on hand at closing excess working capital in excess of \$4.5 million.

## **CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL**

### **DISCLOSURES**

There were no changes in or disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosures during 2005.

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We are exposed to interest rate risk due to changes in interest rates, primarily in the United States. Our policy is to manage interest rates through the use of a combination of fixed and floating rate debt. We currently do not use any derivative financial instruments to manage our exposure to interest rate risk. The table below provides information about the future maturities of principal for outstanding debt instruments at December 31, 2005 subject to interest rate risk. All instruments described are non-traded instruments and approximated fair value.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
	(dollars in thousands)				
Long-term debt					
Fixed Rate	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,838	\$ 782	\$ 62	\$ 110
Average interest rate	5.3%	5.4%	8.3%	7.9%	8.0%
Variable Rate	\$ 1,888	\$ 1,891	\$ 2,486	\$ 2,157	\$ 6,472
Average interest rate	10.7%	10.7%	11.8%	12.3%	11.7%
Short-term debt					
Fixed Rate	\$ 1,692				
Average interest rate	4.7%				
Variable Rate	\$ 4,750				
Average interest rate	9.3%				

**Interest Rate Exposure**

Our exposure to changes in interest rates primarily results from our long-term debt with both fixed and floating interest rates. The debt on our consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2005 with fixed interest rates totals \$2.2 million. At December 31, 2005, 87% of our consolidated long-term debt was subject to variable interest rates. The detrimental effect of a hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates would be to increase net loss before provision for income taxes by approximately \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**Foreign Currency Risks**

We transact 100% of our business in U.S. dollars, thus we are not subject to foreign currency exchange risks.

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**THE FUSION TRANSACTION**

**General**

On November 11, 2005, we entered into the Purchase Agreement with Fusion Capital pursuant to which Fusion Capital agreed, under certain conditions, to purchase on each trading day \$25,000 of our common stock up to an aggregate of \$12.5 million over a 25 month period, subject to earlier termination at our discretion. In our discretion, we may elect to sell more of our common stock to Fusion Capital than the minimum daily amount. The purchase price of the shares of common stock will be equal to a price based upon the future market price of the common stock. Fusion Capital does not have the right or the obligation to purchase shares of our common stock in the event that the price of our common stock is less than \$1.50. In addition, we are not required or permitted to issue any shares of common stock under the Purchase Agreement if such issuance would breach our obligations under the rules or regulations of the Nasdaq National Market. At any time from November 11, 2005 until 30 days after we have sold \$12.5 million of our stock to Fusion Capital, we have the right in our sole discretion to enter into a new purchase agreement with Fusion Capital for the purchase of up to \$12.5 million. If we exercise such option we cannot enter into such a new agreement until all \$12.5 million is purchased by Fusion Capital under the November 11, 2005 agreement.

Fusion Capital, the selling shareholder under this prospectus, is offering for sale up to 3,000,000 shares of our common stock. In connection with entering into the Purchase Agreement, we authorized the purchase by Fusion Capital of up to \$12.5 million of our common stock and agreed to register up to 3,000,000 shares of our common stock. We have the right but not the obligation to issue more than 3,000,000 shares to Fusion Capital. In the event we elect to issue more than 3,000,000 shares offered hereby, we will be required to file a new registration statement and have it declared effective by the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission to cover such additional shares. The number of shares ultimately offered for sale by Fusion Capital is dependent upon the number of shares purchased by Fusion Capital under the Purchase Agreement.

**Purchase Of Shares Under The Purchase Agreement**

Under the Purchase Agreement, on each trading day Fusion Capital is obligated to purchase a specified dollar amount of our common stock. Subject to our right to suspend such purchases at any time, and our right to terminate the Purchase Agreement at any time, each as described below, Fusion Capital shall purchase on each trading day during the term of the Purchase Agreement \$25,000 of our common stock. This daily purchase amount may be decreased by us at any time. We also have the right to increase the daily purchase amount at any time by notifying Fusion Capital of the new daily purchase amount; provided however, we may not increase the daily purchase amount above \$25,000 unless the purchase price is at least \$2.75 per share for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the notification.

The purchase price per share is equal to the lesser of:

the lowest sale price of our common stock on the purchase date; or

the average of the three (3) lowest closing sale prices of our common stock during the twelve (12) consecutive trading days prior to the date of a purchase by Fusion Capital.

The purchase price will be adjusted for any reorganization, recapitalization, non-cash dividend, stock split, or other similar transaction occurring during the trading days in which the closing bid price is used to compute the purchase price. Fusion Capital may not purchase shares of our

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common stock under the Purchase Agreement if Fusion Capital, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own more than 9.9% of our common stock outstanding at the time of the purchase by Fusion Capital. Fusion Capital has the right at any time to sell any shares purchased under the Purchase Agreement which would allow it to avoid the 9.9% limitation. Therefore, Fusion Capital has informed us that it does not expect to breach the 9.9% limitation.

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The following table sets forth the amount of proceeds we would receive from Fusion Capital from the sale of shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus at varying purchase prices:

**Assumed**

<b>Average Purchase Price</b>	<b>Number of Shares to be Issued if Full Purchase</b>	<b>Percentage of Outstanding After Giving Effect to the Issuance to Fusion Capital<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Proceeds from the Sale of up to 2,750,000 Shares to Fusion Capital under the Purchase Agreement</b>
\$1.50 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,750,000	15.8%	\$ 4,125,000
\$2.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,750,000	15.8%	\$ 5,500,000
\$2.39 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,750,000	15.8%	\$ 6,572,500
\$4.00	2,750,000	15.8%	\$ 11,000,000
\$5.00	2,500,000	14.7%	\$ 12,500,000
\$6.04 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,069,536	12.7%	\$ 12,500,000
\$7.00	1,785,714	12.7%	\$ 12,500,000
\$8.00	1,562,500	12.7%	\$ 12,500,000
\$9.00	1,388,889	9.3%	\$ 12,500,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 16,254,570 shares outstanding as of April 20, 2006. Includes the issuance of 250,000 shares of common stock issuable to Fusion Capital as a commitment fee and the number of shares issuable at the corresponding assumed purchase price set forth in the adjacent column.

<sup>(2)</sup> In order to be in compliance with the Nasdaq National Market rules, we cannot be required to sell shares of our common stock to Fusion Capital at a price below \$2.39, which represents the greater of the book value per share of our common stock or the closing price per share of our common stock on November 10, 2005. If we elect to sell our shares to Fusion Capital at a price per share below \$2.39, we first would be required to obtain shareholder approval in order to be in compliance with the Nasdaq National Market rules.

<sup>(3)</sup> Closing sale price of our common stock on April 20, 2006.

In connection with entering into the Purchase Agreement, we authorized the sale to Fusion Capital of up to \$12.5 million of our common stock. We agreed to register 3,000,000 shares of our common stock under the Purchase Agreement (which includes the 177,000 shares issued and 73,000 shares issuable to Fusion Capital as the commitment fee), all of which are included in this offering. We have the right to terminate the Purchase Agreement without any payment or liability to Fusion Capital at any time. We have the right but not the obligation to sell more than 3,000,000 shares to Fusion Capital. In the event we elect to sell more than the 3,000,000 shares offered hereby, we will be required to file a new registration statement and have it declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Minimum Purchase Price**

Under the Purchase Agreement, we have set a minimum purchase price ( floor price ) of \$1.50. However, we shall not effect any sales under the Purchase Agreement and Fusion Capital shall not have the right nor the obligation to purchase any shares of our common stock in the event that the purchase price would be less than the floor price. Specifically, Fusion Capital shall not have the right or the obligation to purchase shares of our common stock on any trading day that the market price of our common stock is below \$1.50.

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In addition to floor price restriction, in order to be in compliance with the Nasdaq National Market rules, we cannot be required to sell shares of our common stock to Fusion Capital at a price below \$2.39, which represents the greater of the book value per share of our common stock or the closing price per share of our common stock on November 10, 2005. If we elect to sell our shares to Fusion Capital at a price per share below \$2.39, we first would be required to obtain shareholder approval in order to be in compliance with the Nasdaq National Market rules.

### **Our Right to Suspend Purchases**

We have the unconditional right to suspend purchases at any time for any reason effective upon one trading day's notice. Any suspension would remain in effect until our revocation of the suspension. To the extent we need to use the cash proceeds of the sales of common stock under the Purchase Agreement for working capital or other business purposes, we do not intend to restrict purchases under the Purchase Agreement.

### **Our Right To Increase and Decrease the Amount to be Purchased**

Under the Purchase Agreement, Fusion Capital has agreed to purchase on each trading day during the 25 month term of the Purchase Agreement, \$25,000 of our common stock up to an aggregate of \$12.5 million. We have the unconditional right to

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decrease the daily amount to be purchased by Fusion Capital at any time for any reason effective upon one trading day's notice.

In our discretion, we may elect to sell more of our common stock to Fusion Capital than the minimum daily amount. First, in respect of the daily purchase amount, we have the right to increase the daily purchase amount as the market price of our common stock increases. Specifically, for every \$0.25 increase in Threshold Price above \$2.50, the Company shall have the right to increase the daily purchase amount by up to an additional \$5,000. For example, if the Threshold Price is \$3.25 we would have the right to increase the daily purchase amount to up to an aggregate of \$40,000. The Threshold Price is the lowest sale price of our common stock during the five trading days immediately preceding our notice to Fusion Capital to increase the daily purchase amount. If at any time during any trading day the sale price of our common stock is below the Threshold Price, the applicable increase in the daily purchase amount will be void.

In addition to the daily purchase amount, we may elect to require Fusion Capital to purchase on any single trading day our shares in an amount up to \$500,000 provided that our share price is above \$5.00 during the five trading days prior thereto. The price at which such shares would be purchased will be the lowest Purchase Price (as defined above) during the previous fifteen (15) trading days prior to the date that such purchase notice was received by Fusion Capital. We may increase this amount to \$1,000,000 if our share price is above \$7.50 during the five trading days prior to our delivery of the purchase notice to Fusion Capital. We may deliver multiple purchase notices; however at least ten (10) trading days must have passed since the most recent non-daily purchase was completed. The daily purchases shall be suspended for ten (10) trading days each time any such notice is delivered.

## **Events of Default**

Generally, Fusion Capital may terminate the Purchase Agreement without any liability or payment to the Company upon the occurrence of any of the following events of default:

the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part lapses for any reason (including, without limitation, the issuance of a stop order) or is unavailable to Fusion Capital for sale of our common stock offered hereby and such lapse or unavailability continues for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days or for more than an aggregate of thirty (30) trading days in any 365-day period;

suspension by our principal market of our common stock from trading for a period of three consecutive trading days;

the de-listing of our common stock from our principal market provided our common stock is not immediately thereafter trading on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market, the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange;

the transfer agent's failure for five trading days to issue to Fusion Capital shares of our common stock which Fusion Capital is entitled to under the Purchase Agreement;

our breach of any representations or warranties or covenants contained in the Purchase Agreement or any related agreements, which breach could have a material adverse effect on us subject to a cure period of ten trading days;

any participation or threatened participation in insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings by or against us; or



a material adverse change in our business.

### **Our Termination Rights**

We have the unconditional right at any time for any reason to give notice to Fusion Capital terminating the Purchase Agreement. Such notice shall be effective one trading day after Fusion Capital receives such notice.

### **Effect of Performance of the Purchase Agreement on Our Shareholder**

All shares registered in this offering will be freely tradable. It is anticipated that shares registered in this offering will be sold over a period of up to 25 months from the date of this prospectus. The sale of a significant amount of shares registered in this offering at any given time could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline and to be highly volatile. Fusion Capital may ultimately purchase all of the shares of common stock registered in this offering, and it may sell some, none or all of the shares of common stock it acquires upon purchase. Therefore, the purchases under the Purchase Agreement may result in substantial dilution to the interests of other holders of our common stock. However, we have the right at any time for any reason to: (1) reduce the daily purchase amount, (2) suspend purchases of the common stock by Fusion Capital and (3) terminate the Purchase Agreement.

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**No Short-Selling or Hedging by Fusion Capital**

Fusion Capital has agreed that neither it nor any of its affiliates shall engage in any direct or indirect short-selling or hedging of our common stock during any time prior to the termination of the Purchase Agreement.

**Commitment Shares Issued to Fusion Capital**

Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement Fusion Capital has received 177,000 shares of our common stock as a commitment fee. In connection with each purchase of our common stock by Fusion Capital, we will issue up to 73,000 shares of common stock to Fusion Capital as an additional commitment fee. These additional shares will be issued pro rata based on the proportion that a dollar amount purchased by Fusion bears to the \$12.5 million aggregate amount under the Purchase Agreement. Unless an event of default occurs, these shares must be held by Fusion Capital until 25 months from the date of the Purchase Agreement or the date the Purchase Agreement is terminated.

**No Variable Priced Financings**

Until the termination of the Purchase Agreement, we have agreed not to issue, or enter into any agreement with respect to the issuance of, any variable priced equity or variable priced equity-like securities unless we have obtained Fusion Capital's prior written consent.

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**BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES**

**General**

OMNI Energy Services Corp. is an integrated oilfield service company specializing in providing a range of (i) onshore seismic drilling, operational support, permitting, and survey services; and (ii) dock-side and offshore hazardous and non-hazardous oilfield waste management and environmental cleaning services, including tank and vessel cleaning and safe vessel entry, for oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico. At December 31, 2005 we operated in two business divisions Seismic Drilling and Environmental Services. As more fully described below, we sold our Aviation Transportation Services segment effective June 30, 2005. This division provided helicopter transportation services to oil and gas companies operating in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico as well as helicopter support services to our Seismic Drilling Division. Subsequent to December 31, 2005, we acquired Preheat, Inc. ( Preheat ), a premier provider of rental equipment and specialized environmental services principally to drilling contractors operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

We were founded in 1987, as OMNI Drilling Corporation, to provide drilling services to the geophysical industry. In July 1996, OMNI Geophysical, L.L.C. acquired substantially all of the assets of OMNI Geophysical Corporation, the successor to the business of OMNI Drilling Corporation. We were formed as a Louisiana corporation on September 11, 1997 to acquire all of the outstanding common units of OMNI Geophysical, L.L.C.

Our principal executive officers are located at 4500 N.E. Evangeline Thruway, Carencro, Louisiana 70520, and our telephone number is (337) 896-6664. The address of our website is [www.omnienergy.com](http://www.omnienergy.com). Information on our website is not part of this prospectus. For additional information about us and our business, see [Where You Can Find More Information](#) on page 51.

**Seismic Drilling.** The principal market of our Seismic Drilling division is the marsh, swamp, shallow water and contiguous dry land areas along the Gulf of Mexico (the Transition Zone ), primarily in Louisiana and Texas, where we are a leading provider of seismic drilling support services. In 1997, we commenced operations in the mountainous regions of the western United States, and in 2003 we initiated seismic drilling activities in various Transition Zone regions of Mexico.

We own and operate a fleet of specialized seismic drilling and transportation equipment for use in the Transition Zone. We believe we are the only company that currently can both provide an integrated range of seismic drilling, permitting, survey and helicopter support services in all of the varied terrain of the Transition Zone and simultaneously support operations for multiple, large-scale seismic projects. In 2002, we acquired all of the assets of AirJac Drilling, a division of Veritas Land DGC. With this acquisition, we became the largest domestic provider of seismic drilling support services to geophysical companies.

**Environmental Services.** We provide dock-side and offshore, hazardous and non-hazardous oilfield waste management and environmental cleaning services, including drilling rig, tank and vessel cleaning, safe vessel entry, naturally occurring radioactive material ( NORM ) decontamination, platform abandonment services, pipeline flushing, gas dehydration, and hydro blasting. Demand for our dock-side vessel and tank cleaning and non-hazardous waste treatment businesses are primarily driven by drilling and well-site abandonment activity in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as reflected by the drilling rig count. Much of the cleaning and waste treatment is from residual waste created in the drilling process.

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**Equipment Leasing.** We completed the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. effective February 10, 2006. Preheat is a premier provider of rental equipment and specialized environmental services principally to drilling contractors operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Preheat has a vast fleet of rental equipment including pressure washers, reverse osmosis machines and steam cleaners. In addition to the oilfield rental equipment, Preheat offers wellhead installation, stress relieving services and environmental pit cleaning services to drilling contractors. Preheat operates from locations in Belle Chasse and Broussard, Louisiana and Freer, Texas.

**Aviation Transportation.** We operated our Aviation Transportation Services segment for approximately six months during 2005. Within our Aviation Transportation Services segment, we operated a fleet of 20 company-owned and leased helicopters, and one fixed-wing aircraft, from bases or heliports located along the Gulf Coast regions of Louisiana. Our land-based aviation customers were primarily geophysical companies operating in various regions of the United States. Our offshore aviation customers included oil and gas companies operating primarily in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Our aviation services were utilized by oil and gas exploration and production companies and other offshore service companies for routine offshore transportation and, to transport personnel during medical and safety emergencies and to evacuated personnel during the threat of hurricane and other adverse weather conditions.

We maintained an inventory of aviation maintenance parts, turbine engines and other miscellaneous flight equipment used in connection with providing aviation services to our customers. As part of our expansion program, we acquired American Helicopters, Inc. in 2003.

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Effective June 30, 2005 we sold the equipment and related assets of our Aviation Transportation Services segment for a cash price of \$11.0 million.

### **Industry Overview**

**Seismic drilling.** Seismic data generally consists of computer-generated three-dimensional ( 3-D ) images or two-dimensional ( 2-D ) cross sections of subsurface geologic formations and is used in the exploration of new hydrocarbon reserves and as a tool for enhancing production from existing reservoirs. Onshore seismic data is acquired by recording subsurface seismic waves produced by an energy source, usually dynamite, at various points ( source points ) at a project site. Historically, 2-D surveys were the primary technique used to acquire seismic data. However, advances in computer technology have made 3-D seismic data, which provides a more comprehensive geophysical image, a practical and capable oil and gas exploration and development tool. 3-D seismic data has proven to be more accurate and effective than 2-D data at identifying potential hydrocarbon-bearing geological formations. The use of 3-D seismic data to identify locations to drill both exploration and development wells has improved the economics of finding and producing oil and gas reserves, which in turn has created increased demand for 3-D seismic surveys and seismic support services.

Oil and gas companies generally contract with independent geophysical companies to acquire seismic data. Once an area is chosen for seismic analysis, permits and landowner consents are obtained, either by us, by the geophysical company or by special permitting agents. The geophysical company then determines the layout of the source and receiving points. For 2-D data, the typical configuration of source and receiving points is a straight line with a source point and small groups of specialized sensors ( geophones ) or geophone stations placed evenly every few hundred feet along the line. For 3-D data, the configuration is generally a grid of perpendicular lines spaced a few hundred to a few thousand feet apart, with geophone stations spaced evenly every few hundred feet along one set of parallel lines, and source points spaced evenly every few hundred feet along the perpendicular lines. This configuration is designed by the geophysical company to provide the best imaging of the targeted geological structures while taking into account surface obstructions such as water wells, oil and gas wells, pipelines and areas where landowner consents cannot be obtained. A survey team then marks the source points and geophone locations, and the source points are drilled and loaded with dynamite.

After the source points have been drilled and loaded and the network of geophones and field recording boxes deployed over a portion of the project area, the dynamite is detonated at a source point. Seismic waves generated by the blast move through the geological formations under the project area and are reflected by various subsurface strata back to the surface where they are detected by geophones. The signals from the geophones are collected and digitized by recording boxes and transmitted to a central recording system. In the case of 2-D data, the geophones and recording devices from one end of the line are then shuttled, or rolled forward, to the other end of the line and the process is repeated. In the case of 3-D data, numerous source points, typically located between the first two lines of a set of three or four parallel lines of geophone stations, are activated in sequence. The geophone stations and recording boxes from the first of those lines are then rolled forward to form the next line of geophone stations. The process is repeated, moving a few hundred feet at a time, until the entire area to be analyzed has been covered.

After the raw seismic data has been acquired, it is sent to a data processing facility. The processed data can then be manipulated and viewed on computer workstations by geoscientists to map the subsurface structures to identify formations where hydrocarbons are likely to have accumulated and to monitor the movement of hydrocarbons in known reservoirs. Domestically, seismic drilling and survey services are typically contracted to companies, such as OMNI, as geophysical companies have found it more economical to outsource these services and focus their efforts and capital on the acquisition and interpretation of seismic data.

**Environmental Services.** We provide specialized environmental cleaning and maintenance equipment and trained personnel to oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf Coast region of the United States. We also assist production operators in the maintenance and replacement of anodes, mist extractors, valves, glycol systems, chemical electric units and fire tubes. Our customer list includes more than 225 major and

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independent oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico, and one customer accounted for more than 10% of this business unit's revenues. The demand for our environmental services is directly impacted by offshore drilling and production activity in the Gulf of Mexico. Our dock side services are dependent upon the movement of vessels from offshore production platforms or drilling rigs which operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

We charge for our environmental services on a time and materials basis. Our ability to successfully secure and maintain future environmental services for our customers is dependent upon our ability to provide quick, safe and efficient maintenance and cleaning services at a competitive price. Project backlogs are maintained for NORM decontamination, abandonment and decommissioning and scheduled offshore maintenance.

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**Equipment Leasing.** With our acquisition of Preheat in February 2006, we have expanded the list of equipment and services which we offer to customers. We now have a vast fleet of rental equipment including pressure washers, reverse osmosis systems and steam cleaners available for rent to drilling contractors operating in the Gulf of Mexico region. Additionally, services offered by Preheat include wellhead installation and stress relieving. As a complement to our environmental services division, Preheat offers environmental pit cleaning services.

Preheat charges for its rental equipment on a daily basis. Wellhead installations and stress relieving are billed on a per job basis. Our ability to successfully secure and maintain future rental and service opportunities with Preheat customers is dependent upon our ability to continue to provide high-quality, dependable rental equipment and reliable services to these customers at a competitive price.

## **Description of Operations**

We provide an integrated range of services including (i) onshore seismic drilling, operational support, permitting, and surveying to geophysical companies operating in logistically difficult and environmentally sensitive terrain in the United States and (ii) dock-side and offshore, hazardous and non-hazardous oilfield waste management and environmental cleaning services, including tank and vessel cleaning and safe vessel entry for oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico. With the acquisition of Preheat in February 2006, we now have available an extensive fleet of oilfield rental equipment for our customers.

**Seismic drilling.** Our primary activity is the drilling and loading of source points for seismic analysis. Once the geophysical company has plotted the various source points and a survey crew has marked their locations, our drill crews are deployed to drill and load the source points.

In the Transition Zone, we use water pressure rotary drills mounted on various types of vehicles to drill the source holes. The nature, accessibility and environmental sensitivity of the terrain surrounding the source point determine the type of vehicle used. Transition Zone source holes are generally drilled to depths of 40 to 180 feet, depending on the nature of the terrain and the needs of the geophysical company. We generally use ten-foot sections of drill pipe that are carried with the drilling unit. Our Transition Zone vehicles are typically manned with a driver and one or two helpers. The driver is responsible for maneuvering the vehicle into position and operating the drilling unit, while the helper sets and guides the drill into position, attaches the drilling unit's water source, if drilling in dry areas, and loads the drill pipe sections used in the drilling process. Once the hole has been drilled to the desired depth, it is loaded with dynamite, which is carried onboard our vehicles in special containers. The explosive charge is set at the bottom of the drill hole and then tested to ensure that the connection has remained intact. Once the charge has been tested, the hole is plugged in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and marked so that the geophysical company can identify it for detonation at a later date. This process is repeated throughout the survey area until all source points have been drilled and loaded.

In seismic rock drilling, we use compressed air rotary/hammer drills to drill holes that are typically shallower than Transition Zone holes. Rock drills are manned by a two-man or three-man crew and are transported to and from locations by hand, surface vehicle or helicopter. Once the hole has been drilled to the desired depth, it is loaded with explosives, which are delivered to the job site in an explosive magazine carried by hand, vehicle or helicopter.

**Operational support.** We are able to coordinate a variety of related services to customers performing 3-D seismic data acquisition projects that produce significant economies of scale and value. Our substantial base of experience gained from years of work supporting 3-D seismic projects enables us to provide significant pre-job planning information to the customer during job design analysis. Typical 3-D seismic data acquisition projects in the field involve large amounts of equipment, personnel and logistics coordination. Coordination of movements between permitting, drilling, survey and recording crews is of critical importance to timely, safe and cost effective execution of the job. We have a pool of senior

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field supervisors, who have broad seismic industry experience and are able to coordinate the activities of drill crews, permit agents and survey teams with the recording crews to achieve improved results. These personnel also have the ability to recommend changes to the customer field representatives in the manner of executing the job in the field to improve performance and reduce costs. By having the ability to perform significant field coordination, we are able to streamline field decision making and information flow and reduce customer overhead costs that otherwise would be required to perform these supervisory tasks. We also have one of the industry's leading Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) programs. The involvement of our experienced personnel monitoring HSE field practices greatly reduces customer involvement in this area. By offering the only integrated combination of seismic drilling, permit acquisition, seismic survey and operational support, in addition to an equipment fleet that is one of the largest in terms of number of units and most diverse in the industry, we provide significant operational advantages to the customer.

**Permitting.** We maintain a Geophysical Permit Acquisition Division. Our staff of contract permit agents first conducts research in public land title records to determine ownership of the lands located in the seismic projects. The permit agents then



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contact, negotiate and acquire permits and landowner consents for the survey, drilling and recording crews to conduct their operations. Throughout the seismic data acquisition process, the permit agents assist the crews in the field with landowner relations and permit restrictions in order to reduce field-crew downtime for noncompliance with landowner requests. Our permit services are enhanced with the assistance of a proprietary database software program specifically designed for efficient management of seismic projects.

**Survey.** Once all permits and landowner consents for a seismic project have been obtained and the geophysical company has determined the placement of source and receiving points, contract survey crews are sent into the field to plot each source and receiving point prior to drilling. We employ both GPS (global positioning satellite) equipment, which is more efficient for surveying in open areas, and conventional survey equipment, which is generally used to survey wooded areas. We have successfully integrated both types of equipment in order to complete projects throughout the varied terrain of the Transition Zone and elsewhere. In addition, the contract survey crews have access to our extensive fleet of specialized transportation equipment, as opposed to most other survey companies, which must rent this equipment.

**Fabrication and maintenance.** At our Carencro facilities, we perform all routine repairs and maintenance for our Transition Zone and highland drilling equipment. We design and fabricate aluminum marsh all terrain vehicles (ATV s), a number of our support boats and pontoon boats, and the drilling units that we use on all of our Transition Zone equipment. We purchase airboats directly from the manufacturer and then modify the airboats to install the drilling equipment. We have also designed and built a limited number of highland drilling units by installing our drilling equipment on tractors bought directly from the manufacturer. We also fabricate rock-drilling equipment and have the capability of fabricating other key equipment, such as swamp ATV s. Because of our ability to fabricate and maintain much of our equipment, we do not believe that we are dependent on any one supplier for our drilling equipment or parts.

**Environmental services.** We are an environmental and maintenance service contractor working primarily for onshore and offshore oil and gas companies. Our environmental services unit (Trussco, Inc.) provides equipment and personnel to perform environmental cleaning services including drilling rig, tank and vessel cleaning, NORM decontamination, platform abandonment services, pipeline flushing, hydro blasting and gas dehydration services. We operate in the onshore, dockside and offshore regions of the Gulf of Mexico where we are considered to be the leading provider of such environmental services. Our cleaning operations are performed at six locations along the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

**Equipment leasing.** As mentioned above, we acquired Preheat in February 2006. Preheat has a vast fleet of rental equipment including pressure washers, reverse osmosis systems and steam cleaners available for rent to drilling contractors in the Gulf of Mexico region. Additionally, the services offered by Preheat include wellhead installation and stress relieving. As a complement to our environmental services division, Preheat offers environmental pit cleaning services. The rental and services operations are serviced from three locations.

## **Facilities and Equipment**

**Facilities.** Our corporate headquarters are located on 34 acres of land situated in Carencro, Louisiana. The building was constructed in 1998 and provides approximately 20,000 square feet of office space. It is located adjacent to our primary repair and maintenance facilities. Our environmental units operate from land and dock-side bases located along the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

**Seismic drilling facilities.** Our primary fabrication and maintenance facilities are situated in a building located adjacent to our corporate headquarters. The building provides approximately 28,000 square feet of covered maintenance and fabrication space.

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***Environmental services facilities.*** The primary executive offices for our Environmental Services Unit are located in the Carencro, Louisiana facility. Our primary operations and offshore cleaning support facility is also located in Carencro, Louisiana. We maintain six leased facilities along the Louisiana Gulf Coast to support our cleaning and maintenance operations. These locations include Cameron, Intracoastal City, Morgan City, Fourchon and Venice, Louisiana. Fourchon is Louisiana's largest and busiest deep water port. Our NORM decontamination site is located in a separate facility also in Intracoastal City, Louisiana.

As a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the third quarter of 2005, we sustained damage to our Gulf Coast environmental facilities. Damages to our facilities and to the municipal infrastructure caused interruptions in services from these facilities. With the exception of our facility in Venice, Louisiana, all of our facilities were operational by the end of the fourth quarter of 2005. The Venice facility remains closed awaiting repairs to the municipal infrastructure and resumption of municipal services.

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**Equipment leasing facilities.** Our primary operations facilities for our Equipment Leasing Unit are located in leased facilities in Broussard and Belle Chasse, Louisiana. We also maintain a leased satellite location in Freer, Texas.

**Transition zone transportation and drilling equipment.** Because of the varied terrain throughout the Transition Zone and the prevalence of environmentally sensitive areas, we employ a wide variety of drilling vehicles. We believe that we are the only company currently operating in the Transition Zone that owns and operates all of the following types of equipment:

<u>Types of Equipment</u>	<u>Number of Units as of December 31, 2005</u>
Highland Drilling Units (1)	73
Water Buggies	58
Aluminum Marsh ATV s	23
Stainless Steel Marsh ATV s (2)	8
Airboat-Drilling Units	40
Swamp ATV s	30
Pullboats	21
Pontoon Boats	15
Jack-Up Rigs	1
Skid-Mounted Drilling Units (3)	20
Heli-portable and Seismic Rock Drilling Equipment	20

- (1) Sixteen of these drilling units are currently dedicated to seismic rock drilling operations outside of the Transition Zone.
- (2) This equipment is currently held for sale (see Note 1 Property, Plant and Equipment to the Consolidated Financial Statements).
- (3) One of these drilling units is currently located outside of the Transition Zone.

Because of our extensive fleet of Transition Zone transportation and seismic drilling equipment, much of which we fabricated, we believe that we are the only company that currently can provide an integrated range of seismic drilling and survey services in all of the varied terrain of the Transition Zone and simultaneously support operations for multiple, large-scale seismic projects.

**Highland drilling units and water buggies.** We currently own and operate 73 highland drilling units for seismic drilling in dry land areas, 16 of which are currently dedicated to our seismic rock drilling operations outside of the Transition Zone. These units generally consist of a tractor-like vehicle with a drilling unit mounted on the rear of the vehicle. This highland drilling unit can be driven over land from point to point and is accompanied by a unit referred to as a water buggy (of which we own 58) that carries water required for water pressure rotary drills. This type of vehicle is used around the world for this type of terrain.

**Marsh ATV S.** The environmentally sensitive wetlands along the U.S. Gulf Coast contain water grasses on dry land and in shallow water and areas mixed with open water are referred to as marsh areas. Marsh ATV s, which are amphibious vehicles supported by pontoons that are surrounded by tracks, are used to provide seismic drilling services in the marsh areas. The pontoons enable the marsh ATV to float while the tracks propel the vehicle through the water and over dry marsh areas. Each marsh ATV is equipped with a drilling unit and a backhoe for digging a small hole to collect water necessary for drilling.

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Some marsh areas have sufficient surrounding water to support drilling without an external water source, but often water must be pumped into the area from a remote water source or a portable supply must be carried by the marsh ATV.

We own and operate 31 marsh ATVs, of which eight are made of stainless steel and 23 are made of aluminum. All of the stainless steel marsh ATVs are currently held for sale. The aluminum ATVs are lighter than steel vehicles and are specifically designed for the environmentally sensitive areas typically found in marsh terrain. Landowner consents will often require the use of aluminum ATVs in an effort to reduce the environmental impact of seismic drilling. The aluminum marsh ATV is the most widely accepted marsh vehicle for drilling operations in all Louisiana's state and federal refuges. We fabricated our own aluminum marsh ATVs at our facilities in Carencro, Louisiana.

**Airboat drilling units.** We own and operate 40 airboat-drilling units. An airboat-drilling unit consists of a drilling unit fabricated and installed on a large, three-engine airboat. Because of their better mobility, airboat-drilling units are used in shallow waters and all marsh areas where sufficient water is present.

**Swamp ATVs and pullboats.** Wooded lowlands typically covered with water are referred to as the swamp areas of the Transition Zone. Our swamp ATVs are used to provide drilling services in these areas. Swamp ATVs are smaller, narrower

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versions of the marsh ATV s. The smaller unit is needed in swamp areas due to the dense vegetation typical in this terrain. Because of its smaller size, the swamp ATV uses a skid-mounted drilling unit installed in a pullboat, a non-motorized craft towed behind the swamp ATV. We own and operate 30 swamp ATV s and 21 pullboats. Swamp ATV s are also used in connection with survey operations in swamp areas.

**Pontoon boats.** We own and operate 15 pontoon boats that are used in shallow or protected inland bays and lakes and shallow coastal waters. Each pontoon boat uses a skid-mounted drilling unit installed on board.

**Jack-up rigs.** When a seismic survey requires source points to be drilled in deeper inland bays or lakes or in deeper coastal waters, we use jack-up rigs equipped with one of our skid-mounted drilling units. Seismic activity in water deeper than approximately 20 feet is generally conducted by using offshore seismic techniques that do not include the drilling and loading of source points. We currently have one jack-up rig.

**Skid-mounted drilling units.** A skid-mounted drilling unit is a drilling unit mounted on I-beam supports, which allows the drilling unit to be moved easily between pullboats, pontoon boats, jack-up rigs and other equipment we operate based on customer needs. We manufacture our skid-mounted drilling units at our facilities in Carencro, Louisiana and we own 20 of these units. One of the units is located outside of the Transition Zone.

**Heli-portable and seismic rock drilling equipment.** We have 20 heli-portable and man-portable drilling units dedicated to seismic rock drilling. We also have the ability to manufacture our own heli-portable and man-portable seismic rock-drilling units, and often export and provide servicing of heli-portable and man-portable drilling units.

**Miscellaneous.** We own and operate 88 single engine airboats and 21 outboard powered boats, which we use to ferry personnel and supplies to locations throughout the Transition Zone. We also maintain a fleet of five tractor-trailer trucks and numerous other trucks, trailers and vehicles to move our equipment and personnel to projects throughout the Transition Zone.

**Environmental equipment.** The following table sets forth the type and quantity of our key equipment operated by our Environmental division:

<b>Types of Equipment</b>	<b>Number of units as of December 31, 2005</b>
Offshore Tool House Cleaning Packages	4
Offshore Skid Cleaning Packages	12
Dockside & Land Tank Cleaning Packages	11
Air Compressors	30
Steam / Degas Generators	4
Liquid Vacuum Truck (60BBL)	2
Wet / Dry Vacuum Truck (80BBL)	3
Trailer Mounted Vacuum Units	2
Water Blasters (10K - 40K)	3
15 BBL Cutting Boxes (Disposal)	19
NORM Pipe Decontamination System	1

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**Equipment Leasing.** The following table sets for the type of and quantity of our key equipment available for rental in our equipment rental division as a result of our acquisition of Preheat in early 2006:

<b>Types of Equipment</b>	<b>NUMBER OF UNITS</b>
Pressure Washers	375
Wellhead Units	23
Stress Relieving Units	7
Reverse Osmosis Units	12
Water Blasters	13
Vacuum Units	115
Pit Cleaning Units	5
Mud Savers	36
Oilfield Fans	109

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### **Materials and Equipment**

The principal materials and equipment used in our seismic drilling operations, which include drills, heli-portable and man-portable drills, drill casings, drill bits, engines, gasoline and diesel fuel, dynamite, aluminum and steel plate, welding gasses, trucks and other vehicles, are currently in adequate supply from many sources. We do not depend upon any single supplier or source for such materials.

Environmental cleaning equipment and materials such as compressors, pressure washers, diaphragm pumps, electric generators, water blasters, vacuum trucks, hoses, personnel protection equipment, and cleaning agents are readily available from many sources throughout the Gulf of Mexico Region. We do not depend upon any single supplier or source for such materials.

### **Safety and Quality Assurance**

We maintain a stringent safety assurance program to reduce the possibility of accidents. Our Quality, Health, Safety and Environmental ( QHSE ) department establishes guidelines to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal safety regulations and provides training and safety education, including first aid and CPR training, through orientations for new employees. Our QHSE manager reports directly to our Chief Executive Officer and supervises six QHSE field advisors and one instructor who provides Occupational Safety and Health Act ( OSHA ) mandated training. In addition, Preheat also employs one QHSE field advisor. We believe that our safety program and commitment to quality are vital to attracting and retaining customers and employees.

Each drilling crew is supervised at the project site by a field supervisor and, depending on the project s requirements, an assistant supervisor and powderman who is in charge of all explosives. For large projects or when required by a customer, a separate advisor from our QHSE department is also located at the project site. Management is provided with daily updates for each project and believes that our daily review of field performance together with the on-site presence of supervisory personnel helps ensure high quality performance for all of our projects.

Environmental employees work in many facilities, most of which have site specific requirements. Our crews attend pre-job meetings to formulate job specific work plans. These plans are monitored and audited by our supervisors and in-house QHSE Advisors.

We have implemented an extensive program that provides training for these adverse conditions. In addition to our internal requirements, our employee training is conducted in accordance with federal, state and customer requirements.

### **Customers, Marketing and Contracting**

**Customers.** Historically, our customers have primarily been geophysical companies, although in many cases the oil and gas company participates in determining which drilling, permitting or survey company will be used on our seismic projects. A few customers have historically generated a large portion of our seismic drilling revenue. For example, our largest customers (those which individually accounted for more than 10% of revenue in a given year, listed alphabetically) collectively accounted for 71% (Quantum Geophysical, Seismic Exchange and Veritas DGC), 50% (PGS, Quantum Geophysical, Seismic Exchange and Veritas DGC) and 38% (Quantum Geophysical and Veritas DGC) of revenue

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for fiscal 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively, all of which relate to the drilling division. While we expect oil and gas companies utilizing our environmental and newly acquired rental equipment services will eventually comprise a greater share of our revenue base, we currently derive a significant amount of our revenue from a small number of large geophysical companies and independent oil and gas operators. The loss of one of these significant customers, if not offset by sales to new or other existing customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations.

The majority of our customers are engaged in the oil and gas industry. This concentration of customers may impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively, in that customers may be similarly affected by changes in economics and industry conditions. We do not generally require collateral in support of trade receivables, but we do maintain reserves for credit losses. Actual losses have historically been within expectations.

**Marketing.** Our Seismic Drilling services have traditionally been marketed by our principal executive officers. We believe that this marketing approach helps us preserve long-term relationships established by our executive officers. Even as our geographical and service capabilities expand, we intend to continue implementing these marketing efforts in both the Transition Zone and in the Rocky Mountain region from our principal offices in Carencro, Louisiana.

Our Environmental services are marketed from offices in Louisiana and Texas using eight sales representatives - five dockside and three corporate. Preheat s equipment and services are marketed from offices in Louisiana and Texas.



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**Contracting Seismic drilling.** We generally contract with our customers for seismic drilling services on a unit-price basis, either on a per hole or per foot basis. These contracts are often awarded after a competitive bidding process. We price our contracts based on detailed project specifications provided by the customer, including the number, location and depth of source holes and the project's completion schedule. As a result, we are generally able to make a relatively accurate determination prior to pricing a contract of the type and amount of equipment required to complete the contract on schedule.

Because of unit-price contracting, we sometimes bear a portion of the risk of production delays that are beyond our control, such as those caused by adverse weather. We often bill the customer standby charges if our operations are delayed due to delays in permitting or surveying or for other reasons within the geophysical company's control.

**Contracting permitting services.** We contract with our customers for permitting services on a day rate or per project basis. Under the per project basis, revenue is recognized when certain percentages of the permitting process are completed. Contracts are often awarded to us only after competitive bidding. In the case of the per project basis, we determine the price after we have taken into account such factors as the number of permit agents, the number of permits and the detailed project specification provided by the customer.

**Contracting survey services.** We contract with our customers for seismic survey services on a day rate or per mile basis. Under the per mile basis, revenue is recognized when the source or receiving point is marked by one of our survey crews. Contracts are often awarded to us only after competitive bidding. In each case, the price is determined after we have taken into account such factors as the number of surveyors and other personnel, the type of terrain and transportation equipment, and the precision required for the project based on detailed project specifications provided by the customer.

**Contracting environmental services.** We generally bill for our environmental cleaning and maintenance services on a time and materials basis. Our customer list includes more than 225 major and independent oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Our success in securing projects is often dependent on our ability to immediately provide personnel that operate in a quick, safe and efficient manner at a competitive price.

**Contracting equipment leasing.** We generally bill our customers for equipment leasing on a monthly basis. Equipment is generally leased to our customers on a per day rate. Our customer list includes major and independent oil and gas companies operating in the Gulf of Mexico. Our success is dependent upon maintaining our fleet of quality equipment and having the equipment available to our customers on short notice.

## **Competition**

**Seismic drilling.** The principal competitive factors for seismic drilling services are price and the ability to meet customer schedules, although other factors including safety, capability, reputation and environmental sensitivity are also considered by customers when deciding upon a provider of seismic drilling services. We have a limited number of competitors in the Transition Zone and numerous smaller competitors in the highland areas in which we operate. We believe that no other company operating in the Transition Zone owns a fleet of Transition Zone seismic drilling equipment as varied or as large as ours. Our extensive and diverse equipment base allows us to provide drilling services to our customers throughout the Transition Zone with the most efficient and environmentally appropriate equipment. We believe there are numerous competitors offering rock and heli-portable drilling in the Rocky Mountain region and internationally. We believe we are the largest provider of seismic drilling services in the United States.

**Permitting services.** Our competitors include a number of larger, well-established companies with a number of permit agents comparable to us.

**Survey services.** Our competitors include a number of larger, well-established companies with a number of crews comparable to us.

**Environmental services.** We have several competitors offering identical environmental services to those offered by Trussco. Some of these competitors are larger and have more financial resources than we have available. Our ability to compete effectively is dependent upon our ability to have personnel available when needed at competitive prices.

**Equipment leasing.** We have several competitors offering similar equipment rental and services to those offered by Preheat. Some of the competitors are larger and have more financial resources than we have available. Our ability to effectively compete is dependent upon having the desired rental equipment available to meet the customer's needs. In addition, it is imperative that the desired services can be performed for customers in a timely fashion at competitive prices. We feel that our recently acquired equipment and services are among the best in the market.

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### **Seasonality and Weather Risks**

**Seismic drilling.** Our Seismic Drilling operations are subject to seasonal variations in weather conditions and daylight hours. Since our activities take place outdoors, the average number of hours worked per day, and therefore the number of holes drilled or surveyed per day, generally is less in winter months than in summer months, due to an increase in rainy, foggy and cold conditions and a decrease in daylight hours. Furthermore, demand for seismic data acquisition activity by oil and gas companies at the end of the fourth quarter and in the first quarter is generally lower than at other times of the year. As a result, our revenue and gross profit during the fourth quarter and the first quarter of each year typically are lower than the second and third quarters for this business unit. Operations may also be affected by rainy weather, lightning, hurricanes and other storms prevalent along the Gulf Coast throughout the year and by seasonal climatic conditions in the Rocky Mountain area. In addition, prolonged periods of dry weather result in slower drill rates in marsh and swamp areas as water in the quantities needed to drill is more difficult to obtain and equipment movement is impeded. Adverse weather conditions and dry weather can also increase maintenance costs for our equipment and decrease the number of vehicles available for operations.

### **Backlog**

Our backlog represents those seismic drilling and survey projects for which a customer has hired us and has scheduled a start date for the project. Projects currently included in our backlog are subject to termination or delay without penalty at the option of the customer, which could substantially reduce the amount of backlog currently reported. Backlog levels vary during the year depending on the timing of the completion of certain contracts and when we are awarded new contracts.

Due to increasing demand for our seismic drilling services, our backlog as of December 31, 2005 was approximately \$40.4 million compared to \$33.0 million at December 31, 2004. Backlog at December 31, 2005 includes seismic drilling and survey projects in the Transition Zone in addition to seismic rock drilling projects.

Our permitting and environmental divisions (with the exception of NORM decontamination), historically, have not measured backlog due to the nature of our business and our contracts, which are generally cancelable by either party with thirty days written notice. Backlog for NORM decontamination projects is maintained but is not considered to be material.

### **Governmental Regulation**

**Seismic drilling.** Our operations and properties are subject to and affected by various types of governmental regulations, including laws and regulations governing the entry into and restoration of wetlands, the handling of explosives and numerous other federal, state and local laws and regulations. To date, our cost of complying with such laws and regulations has not been material. However, such laws and regulations frequently change and it is not possible for us to accurately predict the cost or impact such laws and regulations may have on our future operations.

Furthermore, we depend on the demand for our services by the oil and gas industry and are affected by tax legislation, price controls and other laws and regulations relating to the oil and gas industry in general. The adoption of laws and regulations curtailing exploration and development drilling for oil and gas in our areas of operations for economic, environmental or other policy reasons would adversely affect our operations by limiting the demand for our services. We cannot determine to what extent our future operations and earnings may be affected by new legislation, new regulations or changes in existing regulations.

**Explosives.** Because we use dynamite in our operations, we are subject to various local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and storage of explosives and are specifically regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. We must take daily inventories of the dynamite and blasting caps that we keep for our seismic drilling and are subject to random checks by state and federal officials. We are licensed by the Louisiana State Police as an explosives handler. Any loss or suspension of these licenses would result in a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. We believe that we are in compliance with all material laws and regulations with respect to our handling and storage of explosives.

**Environmental.** Our operations and properties are subject to a wide variety of increasingly complex and stringent federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those governing discharges into the air and water, the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes, the remediation of soil and groundwater contaminated by hazardous substances and the health and safety of employees. In addition, certain areas where we operate are federally protected or state protected wetlands or refuges where environmental regulation is particularly strict. These laws may provide for strict liability for damages to natural resources and threats to public health and safety, rendering a party liable for environmental damage without regard to negligence or fault on the part of such party. Sanctions for noncompliance may include revocation of permits, corrective action orders, administrative or civil penalties and criminal prosecution. Certain environmental laws

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provide for strict, joint and several liability for remediation of spills and other releases of hazardous substances, as well as damage to natural resources. In addition, we may be subject to claims alleging personal injury or property damage as a result of alleged exposure to hazardous substances. Such laws and regulations may also expose us to liability for the conduct of, or conditions caused by, others, or for our acts that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time such acts were performed.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and similar laws provide for responses to and liability for releases of hazardous substances into the environment. Additionally, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, each as amended, and similar state or local counterparts to these federal laws, regulate air emissions, water discharges, hazardous substances and wastes, and require public disclosure related to the use of various hazardous substances. Compliance with such environmental laws and regulations may require the acquisition of permits or other authorizations for certain activities and compliance with various standards or procedural requirements. We believe that our facilities are in substantial compliance with current regulatory standards.

**Worker safety.** Laws and regulations relating to workplace safety and worker health, primarily OSHA and regulations promulgated thereunder, govern our operations. In addition, various other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies require us to obtain certain permits, licenses and certificates with respect to our operations. The kind of permits, licenses and certificates required in our operations depend upon a number of factors. We believe that we have all permits, licenses and certificates necessary to the conduct of our existing business.

## **Insurance**

**Seismic drilling.** Our operations are subject to the inherent risks of inland marine activity, heavy equipment operations and the transporting and handling of explosives, including accidents resulting in personal injury, the loss of life or property, environmental mishaps, mechanical failures and collisions. We maintain insurance coverage against certain of these risks, which we believe are reasonable and customary in the industry. We also maintain insurance coverage against property damage caused by fire, flood, explosion and similar catastrophic events that may result in physical damage or destruction to our equipment or facilities. All policies are subject to deductibles and other coverage limitations. We believe our insurance coverage is adequate. Historically, we have not experienced an insured loss in excess of our policy limits; however, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain adequate insurance at rates which we consider commercially reasonable, nor can there be any assurance such coverage will be adequate to cover all claims that may arise.

**Environmental services.** Our operations involve a high degree of operational risk, particularly of personal injury and damage or loss of equipment. Failure or loss of our equipment could result in property damages, personal injury, environmental pollution and other damage for which we could be liable. We maintain insurance against risk that we believe is consistent with industry standards and required by our customers. Although we believe that our insurance protection is adequate and we have not experienced a loss in excess of our policy limits, we may not be able to maintain adequate insurance rates that we consider commercially reasonable, or ensure that our coverage will be adequate to cover all claims that may arise.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2005, we had 258 employees, including 203 operating personnel and 55 corporate, administrative and management personnel. These employees are not unionized or employed pursuant to any collective bargaining agreement or any similar agreement. We believe our relations with our employees are generally good. With the acquisition of Preheat in February 2006, we currently have approximately 400 employees.



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The following table sets forth, as of date of this prospectus, certain information with respect to our directors and executive officers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
James C. Eckert	55	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
Edward E. Colson, III	55	Director
Michael G. DeHart	53	Director
Dennis R. Sciotto	52	Director
Richard C. White	48	Director
Barry E. Kaufman	67	Director
G. Darcy Klug	54	Executive Vice President
John A. Harris	47	Vice President of Seismic Drilling Operations
Gregory B. Milton	44	Chief Accounting Officer
Shawn L. Rice	43	Vice President of Trussco Operations
Nolan C. Vice, Jr.	47	Vice President of Preheat Operations
Robert H. Rhyne, Jr.	51	Vice President of Sales and Marketing

The following biographies describe the business experience of our directors and executive officers. Except as described in Executive Employment Agreements below, all of our executive officers serve at the pleasure of our Board of Directors. The Articles of Incorporation provide that so long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the holders of a majority of the Series C Preferred Stock, voting as a separate class to the exclusion of all other classes of our capital stock, shall be entitled to elect two directors to the Board to serve on the Board until their successors are duly elected by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock or they are removed from office (with or without cause) by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, directors are elected at our Annual Meeting of Shareholders and serve for a one year term or until their successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal in accordance with our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

**James C. Eckert** has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director since March 2001. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Eckert served as Vice-President for Business Development of Veritas DGC Land, Inc. From 1992 to 1998, Mr. Eckert supervised the highland and transition seismic acquisitions of Veritas DGC Land, Inc. He served as President of GFS Company, a company that he co-founded in 1985, until its acquisition in 1992 by Digiton, Inc., a predecessor by merger to Veritas, Inc. Mr. Eckert graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971.

**Edward E. Colson, III** is a founder and co-owner of FF Properties, a real estate holding company created in 1988 that specializes in the acquisitions of commercial properties suitable for drive through restaurants. He is a co-creator of the Mexican restaurant chain (34 stores as of April 2005) named Muchas Gracias, prevalent in the Northwestern United States of America. Mr. Colson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Long Beach State University, 1972. He is a past Director and founder of Pacific Mortgage Exchange, Inc. and is a past Director of Vista Sol High School in Torremolinos, Spain. Mr. Colson was elected to the Board by the holders of the Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock on June 13, 2005.

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**Michael G. DeHart** is a Certified Public Accountant and has been employed as the President and Chief Investment Officer for Stuller Management Services, Inc. since June 2001. Prior to that, Mr. DeHart was a partner with the accounting firm Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis and Hutchinson, L.L.C. He was a member of that firm's management committee from 1998 to May 2001. Mr. DeHart received an M.B.A. from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and has been one of our directors since November 2000.

**Dennis R. Sciotto** is a founder and co-owner of FF Properties, a real estate holding company created in 1988 which specializes in the acquisitions of commercial properties suitable for drive through restaurants. Prior to 1988, Mr. Sciotto was a restaurateur catering to the military installations in San Diego. In 1995, he co-created a Mexican restaurant chain (34 stores as of April 2005) named Muchas Gracias, prevalent in the Northwestern United States of America. Mr. Sciotto attended San Diego State University. Mr. Sciotto was elected to the Board by the holders of the Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock on June 13, 2005.

**Richard C. White** is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of NuTec Energy Services Inc. He held that position from October of 2001, until his retirement in September 2002. He was Chief Executive Officer of Veritas DGC Land, Inc. from January 2000 through June 2000. From 1995 until his retirement in October 1999, Mr. White served as President of



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Western Geophysical Company, as well as Senior Vice President of Western Atlas Inc. He also served as President of Baker Hughes Incorporated from August 1998 until October 1999. Prior to 1995, he held various other executive positions with Western Geophysical Company, including Chief Operating Officer. Mr. White graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1978 and has been one of our directors since March 2001. Mr. White is Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

**Barry E. Kaufman** is a certified public accountant and is a Member of Silver Fox Advisors, Houston, Texas. Prior to joining Silver Fox Advisors, Mr. Kaufman was a partner in the Houston office of Grant Thornton LLP and prior to joining Grant Thornton, he was a partner and associate regional director with Deloitte & Touche (formerly Touche, Ross and Company). Mr. Kaufman has practiced public accounting for more than 40 years and was appointed to the Board of Directors effective October 1, 2005.

**G. Darcy Klug** was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President in March 2004. He joined us as our Chief Financial Officer in May 2001, after being involved in private investments since 1987. Between 1983 and 1987, Mr. Klug held various positions with a private oil and gas fabrication company, including the position of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to 1983, he held various financial positions with Galveston-Houston Company, a manufacturer of oil and gas equipment listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Between 1973 and 1979, he was a member of the audit staff of Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP).

**John A. Harris** joined us through our January 2002 acquisition of AirJac Drilling, a division of Veritas Land DGC. Prior to joining us, John held a similar position with AirJac. Mr. Harris has more than 28 years of experience in both transition zone and highland seismic drilling operations.

**Gregory B. Milton** was appointed Chief Accounting Officer in January 2006. He joined us in November 2005 as our Director of Financial Reporting. From May 1983 through January 2005, Mr. Milton was employed by Broussard, Poche, Lewis and Breaux, LLP, a large local public accounting firm. He became a partner in the firm's auditing department in 1993. Mr. Milton is a certified public accountant with extensive experience in financial statement preparation and reporting, taxation, and computer software applications. He graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and is a member of the Louisiana State Board of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants.

**Shawn L. Rice** was promoted to the position of Vice President Trussco Operations in August 2005. He joined us as Vice President QHSE (Quality, Health, Safety and Environmental) in 2004, after more than twenty years of international and domestic management experience with WesternGeco, a joint venture of Schlumberger and Baker Hughes. Since December 2000, Mr. Rice held the position of Vice President, QHSE for WesternGeco's worldwide operations. In this capacity he developed and managed all aspects of WesternGeco's QHSE structure, systems and programs for more than 16,000 employees. Prior to December 2000, Mr. Rice held various management positions with Western Geophysical, including Business Services Manager responsible for Human Resources, QHSE and training for more than 8,000 employees. He holds an engineering degree from Colorado School of Mines.

**Nolan C. Vice, Jr.** joined OMNI in 2003 from his position as Operations Manager at Veritas DGC Land, Inc. Mr. Vice has more than twenty years of experience in various international and domestic management positions. During Mr. Vice's tenure with OMNI he has served as International Operations Manager, General Manager of Trussco, Inc. and General Manager of Business Development. His areas of expertise include business development, geophysical operations, and oilfield equipment. Mr. Vice's international experience includes senior management responsibility in Latin America, Canada, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He is currently Vice President of Preheat Operations.

**Robert H. Rhyne, Jr.** joined OMNI in 2006 with the acquisition of Preheat, Inc. He has extensive experience in the oilfield services segment. Mr. Rhyne co-founded Preheat, Inc. in 1987 and was President and Chief Executive Officer until the company's acquisition by OMNI. He has over 25 years of experience in the sector with an emphasis in the sales and management areas. His international experience includes activities in Hong Kong and Indonesia. Mr. Rhyne has a degree in business from Nicholls State University.

### **Compensation of Directors**

Each director who is not one of our employees (an Outside Director) earns a retainer of \$15,000 per year. Each Outside Director that serves as a member of the Audit Committee receives an additional retainer of \$5,000 per year, while the Audit Committee Chairperson receives a retainer of \$7,500 per year. Each Outside Director that serves as a member of the Compensation Committee or the Corporate Governance Committee receives an additional retainer of \$2,000 per year, while the Chairman of each of those Committees receives a retainer of \$3,000 per year. All retainers are paid quarterly. In addition to the retainers that are paid to the Board and Committee members, each Outside Director receives a fee of \$2,500 for

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attendance at each meeting of the Board in person, \$1,000 for attendance at a Board meeting by telephone, and \$500 for attendance at each Committee meeting of which the director is a member.

Upon appointment or election to the Board, each such elected or appointed Outside Director is granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date such person becomes a director. Since Messrs. Sciotto and Colson joined the Board so late in the term, they were awarded 5,000 shares of stock upon their election to the Board in 2005. Mr. Kaufman received 10,000 shares of stock upon his appointment to the Board in 2005.

Additionally, each year that the Plan is in effect and a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock are available thereunder, each person who is an Outside Director on the day following our annual meeting of the shareholders will be granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on such date. All such options become fully exercisable on the first anniversary of their date of grant and expire on the tenth anniversary thereof, unless the Outside Director ceases to be one of our directors, in which case the exercise periods will be shortened. Messrs. Colson, DeHart, Sciotto and White received this earned option in 2005.

**Executive Compensation**

The following table sets forth all compensation information for the three years ended December 31, 2005, for our Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers whose total annual salary and bonus exceeded \$100,000 (collectively, the Named Executive Officers ).

**SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	ANNUAL COMPENSATION		LONG TERM COMPENSATION AWARDS		
		SALARY	BONUS	NO. OF SHARES UNDERLYING OPTIONS/SARS GRANTED	NO. OF SHARES RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (1)
James C. Eckert President and Chief Executive Officer	2005	\$ 200,000	\$			\$
	2004	\$ 203,500(2)	\$ 261,222			\$ 79,200
	2003	\$ 150,000	\$	60,000	200,000	\$
G. Darcy Klug Executive Vice President	2005	\$ 177,692	\$ 50,000			\$
	2004	\$ 165,100(2)	\$ 182,222			\$ 64,072
	2003	\$ 115,000	\$	40,000	161,800	\$
Shawn L. Rice Vice President of Trussco Operations	2005	\$ 175,000	\$	30,000		\$
	2004	\$ 47,115	\$	100,000		\$
	2003	\$	\$			\$
John A. Harris Vice President of Seismic Drilling Operations	2005	\$ 125,000	\$	30,000		\$
	2004	\$ 115,798	\$ 20,000			\$
	2003	\$ 82,015	\$ 7,500	30,000		\$

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Nolan C. Vice, Jr.	2005	\$ 111,538	\$	24,000	\$
Vice President of	2004	\$ 95,354	\$ 3,000		\$
Preheat Operations	2003	\$ 53,577	\$	10,000	\$

- (1) Amounts paid in 2004 represent tax equalization payments paid in connection with certain restricted stock issued pursuant to the Restricted Stock Incentive Agreements more fully described herein.
- (2) Includes \$20,833 each, of retroactive salary payments for the year ended December 31, 2003, but not paid until 2004 for Mr. Eckert and Mr. Klug.

### **2003 Restricted Stock Incentive Agreement**

Effective December 1, 2003, we entered into Restricted Stock Incentive Agreements, as amended, with Messrs. Eckert and Klug for the award of 200,000 shares of restricted stock and 161,800 shares of restricted stock, respectively, under the terms and conditions of the Plan. Under the terms of the Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Incentive Agreement, 25% of such shares vested and were issued immediately on the day following our 2004 annual shareholder meeting and the additional 75%

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of such shares vested on November 30, 2004. Of the remaining vested but restricted shares, 50% were issued unrestricted on the day following our 2005 annual shareholder meeting and 50% will be issued unrestricted on the day following the 2006 annual shareholder meeting.

**2004 Stock-Based Award Incentive Agreement**

We also entered into Stock-Based Award Incentive Agreements (hereinafter "SBA") with its Messrs. Eckert and Klug on June 30, 2004. The SBA shall become computed and payable: (a) on the date of the executive's termination of employment (for any reason other than resignation or termination for cause), (b) 90 days after the executive's death or disability or (c) upon a Change in Control (as defined in the SBA). The executive managers were awarded 55% and 45%, respectively, of: (1) 10% of the fair market value (hereinafter "FMV"), defined as the average closing price per share on the Nasdaq National Market over the five prior trading days times the number of our issued and outstanding shares, of a share of our common stock greater than or equal to \$1.00 but less than \$1.50, plus (2) 15% of the FMV of a share of our common stock greater than or equal to \$1.50 but less than \$2.50, plus (3) 20% of the FMV of a share of our common stock greater than or equal to \$2.50 but less than \$10.00, plus (4) 15% of the FMV of a share of our common stock greater than or equal to \$10.00 but less than \$20.00, plus (5) 10% of the FMV of a share of our common stock greater than or equal to \$20.00. If no payments have been made, the right terminates on December 31, 2008 or upon termination of employment or resignation or cause, whichever occurs first. The intrinsic value of this award at was \$1.4 million and \$6.7 million at December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2005, respectively. No compensation expense has been recorded at December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2005 because the expense is contingent on future events, none of which are considered probable at December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2005.

During 2005, no stock appreciation rights were granted to Named Executive Officers.

**Stock Option Holdings**

The following table sets forth information, as of December 31, 2005, with respect to stock options held by the Named Executive Officers. Mr. Eckert exercised 201,652 options to purchase common stock in 2005.

**AGGREGATE OPTION VALUES AT YEAR END**

	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT YEAR END (1)		VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT YEAR END (2)	
	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE
James C. Eckert	175,002	15,012	\$ 36,703	\$ 20,416
G. Darcy Klug	163,325	10,008	\$ 275,455	\$ 13,611
Shawn L. Rice	69,166	60,834	\$ 52,724	\$ 54,976
John A. Harris	43,339	35,007	\$ 62,227	\$ 40,184
Nolan C. Vice, Jr.	8,664	24,503	\$ 11,243	\$ 27,384

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Does not include 89,744 and 166,667 shares of common stock for each of Messrs. Eckert and Klug, respectively, upon the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock, 229,250 and 425,750 shares of common stock for each of Messrs. Eckert and Klug, respectively, issuable upon the exercise of warrants issued in connection with the Series C Preferred Stock or 75,000 and 60,673 shares of common stock for each of Messrs. Eckert and Klug, respectively, upon the issuance of restricted shares of common stock.

- (2) The closing sale price of the common stock on December 31, 2005 was \$3.68 per share, as reported by the Nasdaq National Market.

### **Option Grants**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the grants of stock options to each of the Named Executive Officers during fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. The percentage of total options set forth below is based on an aggregate of 485,900 options granted to employees during fiscal 2005. All options were granted at the fair market value of our common stock, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, on the date of grant. Potential realizable values are net of exercise price, but before taxes associated with exercise. Amounts representing hypothetical gains are those that could be achieved for the options if exercised at the end of the option term. The assumed 5% and 10% rates of stock price appreciation are provided in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules based on the fair market value of the stock at the time of option grant, and do not represent our estimate or projection of the future stock price.

**Table of Contents****OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Exercise		Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rate of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term <sup>(2)</sup>	
			Price Per Share	Expiration Date		
					5%	10%
James C. Eckert						
G. Darcy Klug						
Shawn L. Rice	30,000	6.1%	\$ 2.59	7/28/2015	12,300	16,800
John A. Harris						
Nolan C. Vice, Jr.						

(1) Options vest in twelve equal quarterly installments commencing on the first day of the calendar quarter following their grant date.

(2) Potential realizable value is determined by multiplying the per share market value of our common stock as of the date of the grant, which is equal to the per share exercise price of the option, and the sum of one plus the adjusted stock price appreciation rate (the assumed rate of appreciation compounded annually over the term of the option), subtracting the exercise price per share from the product, and multiplying the remainder by the number of securities underlying the grant at fiscal year end.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table gives information about our common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2005, including the Plan and the 1999 Stock Option Plan.

PLAN CATEGORY	(A) NUMBER OF SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UPON THE EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS	(B) WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS	(C)	(D)
			NUMBER OF SECURITIES REMAINING AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS (EXCLUDING SECURITIES REFLECTED IN COLUMNS (A) & (B))	TOTAL OF SECURITIES REFLECTED IN COLUMNS (A) & (C)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Shareholders	1,593,107	\$ 2.70	906,893	2,500,000
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Shareholders	43,743	\$ 2.32	56,257	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,636,850</b>	<b>\$ 2.69</b>	<b>963,150</b>	<b>2,600,000</b>

### **Executive Employment Agreements**

We have employment agreements with each of Messrs. Eckert and Klug that are in effect until December 31, 2008 with automatic extensions for additional, successive one year periods commencing January 1, 2009, unless either party gives notice of non-renewal as provided for under the terms of the employment agreements. Annual base salaries for Messrs. Eckert and Klug are \$200,000 and \$165,000, respectively, effective April 1, 2004.

If we terminate either of Mr. Eckert's or Mr. Klug's employment without cause (except as provided in the Plan), then we shall, and only if and as long as Mr. Eckert or Mr. Klug (as applicable, employee) is not in breach of his obligations under the employment agreement, promptly pay or otherwise provide to employee, in addition to those amounts set forth in the Plan: (i) an amount equal to employee's monthly annual base salary then in effect, payable semi-monthly and in accordance with our normal payroll practices, for a period equal to the lesser of thirty (30) months or the number of months remaining in the Initial Period or the Additional Period (both defined in the employment contract); (ii) an annual bonus calculated on a daily pro-rata basis to the bonus which would otherwise be payable under the Plan; and (iii) an amount in cash equal to the fair market value, on the date of termination of employment, of any vested, but restricted, shares granted employee and the amount of any non-vested stock-based award granted to employee on November 4, 2003 pursuant to the Incentive Agreement of even



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date therewith. The above payment operates as a full settlement of our obligations to employee under his employment agreement in the event of a termination without cause.

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management**

The following table sets forth, as of April 20, 2006, unless otherwise indicated below, certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Common Stock by (i) each of the Named Executive Officers (as defined below in Annual Compensation ), (ii) each director and nominee for director of the Company, (iii) all of the Company's directors and executive officers as a group and (iv) each stockholder known by the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding Common Stock, all as in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Unless otherwise indicated, the Company believes that the stockholders listed below have sole investment and voting power with respect to their shares based on information furnished to the Company by such stockholders.

NAME OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK
Dennis Sciotto		
7315 El Fuerte Street		
Carlsbad, CA 92009	7,919,824(1)	34.1%
Dennis R. Sciotto Family Trust	7,902,142 (2)	34.0%
Edward E. Colson, III		
2646 Marmal Court		
Carlsbad, CA 92009	895,999 (3)	5.3%
Edward Colson, III Trust	893,999 (4)	5.3%
James C. Eckert	586,183(5)	3.5%
Michael G. DeHart	33,533 (6)	*
Richard C. White	25,000(7)	*
Barry E. Kaufman		*
G. Darcy Klug	925,495 (8)	5.5%
Shawn L. Rice	74,164 (9)	*
John A. Harris	50,839(10)	*
Nolan C. Vice, Jr.	13,496(11)	*
All directors, executive officers as a group (12 persons)	10,978,698 (12)	43.1%

\* Less than one percent.

- (1) Includes shares held by the Dennis R. Sciotto Family Trust referred to in note (2). Mr. Sciotto is the trustee for the Trust referred to in note (2). Also includes shared voting power with respect to 17,682 shares of common stock.
- (2) Includes sole voting power with respect to 7,810,860 shares of common stock (which includes (i) 1,948,718 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock, (ii) 4,978,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants currently exercisable, and (iii) 142,051 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock dividends paid in kind).

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- (3) Includes shares held by the Edward Colson III Trust referred to in note (7). Mr. Colson is the trustee for the Trust referred to in note 7 below. Also includes 2,000 shares owned by virtue of his 25% ownership in Carlsbad Equity Group.
  
- (4) Includes (i) 205,128 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock, (ii) 524,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants currently exercisable, (iii) 14,871 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock dividends paid in kind, and (iv) 150,000 shares of common stock.

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- (5) Includes (i) 89,744 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock and 229,500 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants currently exercisable, (ii) 255,006 shares issuable upon the exercise of options and restricted stock grants currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days, and (iii) 7,179 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock dividends paid in kind.
- (6) Includes 28,333 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days.
- (7) Includes 25,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days.
- (8) Based on (i) 166,666 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock and 425,750 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants currently exercisable, (ii) 308,461 shares issuable upon the exercise of options and restricted stock grants currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days, and (iii) 11,282 shares issuable upon conversion of Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock dividends paid in kind.
- (9) Includes 74,164 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days.
- (10) Includes 50,839 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days.
- (11) Includes 13,496 shares issuable upon the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days.
- (12) Includes 10,978,678 shares that such persons have the right to receive upon the conversion of Series C Preferred Stock, the exercise of warrants and the exercise of options currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days, and shares issuable upon conversion of Series C Preferred Stock dividends paid in kind.

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On May 17, 2005, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with certain of our affiliates and executive officers to issue up to \$5.0 million of Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series C Preferred) in conjunction with the completion of the Senior Credit Facility (see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). Our Series C Preferred is convertible into our common stock at a conversion price of \$1.95 per share and includes detachable warrants to purchase up to 6,550,000 additional shares of our common stock at exercise prices ranging between \$1.95 and \$3.50 per share. The transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement closed in two tranches. On May 17, 2005, the closing date of the first tranche, we issued an aggregate of 3,500 shares of Series C Preferred and warrants to acquire 4,585,000 shares of our common stock, in exchange for \$3,500,000. The second tranche closed on August 29, 2005, at which time the remainder of the Series C Preferred and warrants were issued generating proceeds of \$1.5 million and we granted the remaining 1,965,000 warrants.

As discussed in Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Term A Loan and the Term B Loan restrict the payment of cash dividends. Consequently, a portion of the 9% dividend obligation related to the Series C Preferred has been satisfied through the issuance of payment-in-kind (PIK) dividends. The PIK dividends are paid through the issuance of additional shares of Series C Preferred. These additional shares of preferred stock do not have warrants attached to them. During the year ended December 31, 2005, 128 shares of Series C Preferred were issued as PIK dividends at par.

During the three month periods ended March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, two of our executives deferred receipt of salary totaling \$120,000 and \$37,000 respectively. Beginning in the quarter ended June 30, 2005, we paid \$120,000 toward this liability. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the total amount owed to these two executives was \$0 and \$37,000, respectively.

**SELLING SHAREHOLDER**

The following table presents information regarding the selling shareholder. The table is based on information supplied to us by the selling shareholder and assumes the sale of all of the resale shares. The number of shares beneficially owned by the selling shareholder reflects the 2,750,000 shares authorized for sale under the Purchase Agreement, together with 250,000 shares of common stock issuable to the selling shareholder as a commitment shares, is determined under the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. The selling shareholder may from time to time offer the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus.

Neither the selling shareholder nor any of its affiliates has held a position or office, or had any other material relationship, with us.

<b>Selling Shareholder</b>	<b>Shares Beneficially Owned Before Offering</b>	<b>Percentage of Outstanding Shares Beneficially Owned Before Offering (1)</b>	<b>Shares to be Sold in the Offering</b>	<b>Percentage of Outstanding Shares Beneficially Owned After Offering</b>
<b>Fusion Capital Fund II, LLC (1) (2)</b>	177,000	1.1 %	3,000,000	0 %

(1) As of the date hereof, 177,000 shares of our common stock have been acquired by Fusion Capital under the terms of the Purchase Agreement. Fusion Capital may acquire up to an additional 2,823,000 shares of our common stock under the terms of the Purchase Agreement. The percentage of outstanding shares is based on 16,181,570 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 20, 2006,

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together with such additional 2,823,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired by Fusion Capital from us under the Purchase Agreement after the date hereof. Fusion Capital may not purchase shares of our common stock under the Purchase Agreement if Fusion Capital, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own more than 9.9% of our common stock outstanding at the time of the purchase by Fusion Capital.

- (2) Pursuant to federal securities laws, Steven G. Martin and Joshua B. Scheinfeld, the principals of Fusion Capital, are deemed to be beneficial owners of all of the shares of our common stock owned by Fusion Capital. Messrs. Martin and Scheinfeld have shared voting and disposition power over the shares of our common stock being offered under this prospectus.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

The common stock offered by this prospectus is being offered by Fusion Capital, the selling shareholder. The common stock may be sold or distributed from time to time by the selling shareholder directly to one or more purchasers or through brokers, dealers, or underwriters who may act solely as agents at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, at negotiated prices, or at fixed prices, which may be changed. The sale of the common stock offered by this prospectus may be effected in one or more of the following methods:

ordinary brokers transactions;

transactions involving cross or block trades;

through brokers, dealers, or underwriters who may act solely as agents

at the market into an existing market for the common stock;

in other ways not involving market makers or established trading markets, including direct sales to purchasers or sales effected through agents;

in privately negotiated transactions; or

any combination of the foregoing.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the shares may be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in certain states, the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and complied with.

Brokers, dealers, underwriters, or agents participating in the distribution of the shares as agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts, or concessions from the selling shareholder and/or purchasers of the common stock for whom the broker-dealers may act as agent. The compensation paid to a particular broker-dealer may be less than or in excess of customary commissions.

Fusion Capital is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

Neither we nor Fusion Capital can presently estimate the amount of compensation that any agent will receive. We know of no existing arrangements between Fusion Capital, any other shareholder, broker, dealer, underwriter, or agent relating to the sale or distribution of the shares offered by this prospectus. At the time a particular offer of shares is made, a prospectus supplement, if required, will be distributed that will set forth the names of any agents, underwriters, or dealers and any compensation from the selling shareholder, and any other required information.

We will pay all of the expenses incident to the registration, offering, and sale of the shares to the public other than commissions or discounts of underwriters, broker-dealers, or agents. We have also agreed to indemnify Fusion Capital and related persons against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers, and controlling persons, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore, unenforceable.

Fusion Capital and its affiliates have agreed not to engage in any direct or indirect short selling or hedging of our common stock during the term of the Purchase Agreement.

We have advised Fusion Capital that while it is engaged in a distribution of the shares included in this Prospectus it is required to comply with Regulation M promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. With certain exceptions, Regulation M precludes the selling shareholder, any affiliated purchasers, and any broker-dealer or other person who participates in the distribution from bidding for or purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of the distribution until the entire distribution is complete. Regulation M also prohibits any bids or purchases made in order to stabilize the price of a security in connection with the distribution of that security. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of the shares offered hereby this prospectus.

This offering will terminate on the date that all shares offered by this prospectus have been sold by Fusion Capital.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 50,000,000 shares of capital stock, of which 45,000,000 shares are common stock, \$0.01 par value, and 5,000,000 shares are preferred stock, no par value. The following statements are brief summaries of our capital stock contained in our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Louisiana corporate law.

**Common Stock**

Our authorized common stock consists of 45,000,000 shares, \$0.01 par value, of which 16,181,570 shares were issued and outstanding as of April 20, 2006. The issued and outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares sold hereunder will be, fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. As of April 20, 2006 there were approximately 6,100 holders of record of our common stock. Among our common stock, each share of our common stock is entitled to equal dividend rights and to equal rights in our assets available for distribution upon liquidation. Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws do not provide for preemptive rights of the holders of our common stock.

**Preferred Stock**

Our authorized preferred stock consists of 5,000,000 shares, no par value. Our board of directors has the authority to issued shares of preferred stock from time to time in one or more series and to fix the preferences and variations in the preferences, limitations and relative rights as between the preferred stock and the common stock.

***Series B 8% Convertible Preferred Stock***

We have authorized 10,000 shares of Series B 8% Convertible Preferred Stock, no par value per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). Advantage Capital Partners L.L.P. (or an affiliated entity) owns 29 shares of Series B Preferred Stock. The Series B Preferred Stock is convertible into the number of shares of Common Stock equal to (i) the sum of (a) the number of shares to be converted multiplied by the liquidation value and (b) the amount of accrued and unpaid dividends by (ii) the conversion price then in effect. The initial conversion price is \$1.25 per share (subject to adjustment for stock splits, stock dividends and certain dilutive issuances). The Series B Preferred Stock is senior to our common stock and our Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock. The liquidation value of each share of Series B Preferred Stock is \$1,000. The Series B Preferred Stock has the right to receive cumulative dividends at a rate per share of \$80 per year. Dividends are payable in equal quarterly installments due on the first business day of each January, April, July and October commencing on October 1, 2002 and dividends begin to accrue and accumulate from July 1, 2002 whether or not declared or due. During the first two years, any dividend may be paid in cash or shares of Series B Preferred Stock, at our option. The Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to one vote per share. The voting power of the Series B Preferred Stock may not exceed 49% of our total outstanding voting power. If the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock excluding accrued dividends were converted at April 20, 2006, they would represent 7,733 shares of our common stock.

***Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock***



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We have authorized 10,000 shares of Series C 9% Convertible Preferred Stock, no par value per share (the Series C Preferred Stock ). On May 17, 2005, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with certain affiliates and executive officers to issue up to \$5,000,000 of Series C Preferred Stock. As of April 20, 2006, 5,363 shares of Series C Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding. The Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into the number of shares of Common Stock equal to (i) the sum of (a) the number of shares to be converted multiplied by the liquidation value and (b) the amount of accrued and unpaid dividends by (ii) the conversion price then in effect. The initial conversion price is \$1.95 per share (subject to adjustment for stock splits, stock dividends and certain dilutive issuances). The Series C Preferred Stock includes detachable warrants (the Warrants ) to purchase up to 6,550,000 additional shares of our Common Stock at exercise prices ranging between \$1.95 and \$3.50 per share. The Series C Preferred Stock ranks junior to the Series B Preferred Stock in terms of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs and senior to our Common Stock in all respects. The liquidation value of each share of Series C Preferred Stock is \$1,000. The Series C Preferred Stock has the right to receive, subject to the rights of the Series B Preferred Stock and in preference to all other classes of stock, cumulative dividends at a rate of \$90 per year. Dividends are payable in equal quarterly installments due on the first business day of each January, April, July and October commencing on July 1, 2005. During the first two years, any dividend may be paid in cash or shares of Series C Preferred Stock, at our option. If the outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock excluding accrued dividends were converted at April 20, 2006, they would represent 2,750,256 shares of our common stock.

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***Voting Rights***

***Election of Directors.*** So long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the holders of a majority of the Series C Preferred Stock, voting as a separate class, with each share of Series C Preferred Stock entitled to one vote, shall be entitled to elect two directors to the Board to serve on the Board until their successors are duly elected by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock or they are removed from office (with or without cause) by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock.

***Other Voting Rights.*** Except as otherwise provided in our Articles of Incorporation or as required by Louisiana law, the holders of Series C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to vote on all matters on which the holders of common stock shall be entitled to vote, on an as converted basis, voting together with the holders of common stock as a single class.

We are not permitted, without the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the Series C Preferred Stock, to take any of the following actions:

amend our Articles of Incorporation or any other document to alter or change any rights, preferences or privileges of the Series C Preferred Stock;

authorize another class or series of shares senior to or ranking pari passu with the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to dividends or distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or the winding up of our affairs;

so long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, increase the number of persons on the Board of Directors above six;

purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any stock ranking junior to the Series C Preferred Stock; provided, that we may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock without receiving the prior approval of the holders of Series C Preferred Stock; or

so long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, sell, grant any option to purchase, or otherwise issue any common stock or any equity or equity equivalent securities (including any equity, debt or other instrument that is at any time over the life thereof is convertible into or exchangeable for common stock) entitling any person, other than the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock or any Excluded Securities (as hereinafter defined), to acquire shares of common stock at an effective price per share less than \$1.95.

Excluded Securities means:

securities purchased under the Securities Purchase Agreement;

securities issued upon conversion or exercise of the Series C Preferred Stock or the Warrants;

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shares of common stock issuable or issued to employees, consultants or directors from time to time upon the exercise of options, in such case granted or to be granted in the discretion of the Board pursuant to one or more stock option plans or restricted stock plans in effect;

shares of common stock issued in connection with any stock split, stock dividend or our recapitalization;

securities issued upon conversion of outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock, provided that the terms of such preferred stock have not been amended since May 17, 2005;

securities issued upon conversion or exercise of debentures or warrants issued under the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2004, between us and the Investors named therein and the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2004, between us and the Investors named therein, each as amended, modified and supplemented;

361,800 shares (200,000 shares to James C. Eckert and 161,800 shares to G. Darcy Klug) and 100,000 options (60,000 options to James C. Eckert and 40,000 options to G. Darcy Klug); and

2,924,424 shares issuable upon exercise of the currently outstanding warrants and investor options listed on Schedule 1 to the Warrants.

### ***Redemption***

On or after May 17, 2009, we have the right, at our option, to redeem the Series C Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, in cash at a price per share equal to 100% of the liquidation value. Our right to redeem shall be subject to the purchaser's right to convert the Series C Preferred Stock into common stock.

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***Put Option by James C. Eckert and G. Darcy Klug***

If we terminate Mr. Eckert's or Mr. Klug's employment without Cause (as defined in their respective Employment Agreements), Mr. Eckert or Mr. Klug, as the case may be, may exercise, upon written notice to us within 60 days after the termination, his option to put all or any part of his shares of Series C Preferred Stock to us, and we, if legally able to do so, must purchase such shares of Series C Preferred Stock put to us for a price per share equal to 100% of the liquidation value on the termination date.

***Warrants***

The Warrants issued and issuable under the Securities Purchase Agreement may be exercised for an aggregate of 6,550,000 additional shares of our common stock, subject to adjustment as described below. The Warrants issued on May 17, 2005 (the first tranche), which together are estimated to be exercisable into 4,585,000 shares of common stock, were issued as follows: (i) 3,360,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share of \$1.95; (ii) 875,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share of \$2.50; and (iii) 350,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share of \$3.50. The Warrants issued on August 29, 2005 (the second tranche), which are estimated to be exercisable into 1,965,000 shares of common stock, were issued as follows: (i) 1,440,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share of \$1.95; (ii) 375,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share \$2.50; and (iii) 150,000 five-year warrants exercisable at a price per share of \$3.50.

We will adjust the exercise price of the Warrants upon the occurrence of:

the subdivision or combination of the outstanding common stock;

the issuance of shares of common stock as a dividend or distribution on common stock;

the issuance of common stock for no consideration or at a price per share that is less than the exercise price of the Warrants;

the issuance of securities convertible into common stock at a conversion price per share that is less than the exercise price of the Warrants or such conversion price per share is changed thereafter to be less than the exercise price of the Warrants; and

the issuance of options, warrants or other rights to purchase or subscribe for common stock, or securities convertible into common stock, at an exercise price per share that is less than the exercise price of the Warrants or such exercise price per share is changed thereafter to less than the exercise price of the Warrants.

In the event we are a party to a merger, consolidation, business combination, tender offer, exchange of shares, recapitalization, reorganization, redemption or other similar event, as a result of which shares of our common stock shall be changed into the same or a different number of shares of the same or another class or classes of stock or securities or other of our assets or another entity or we sell all or substantially all of our assets, the holders will be able to exercise the Warrants into such other securities.

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In addition, if we declare or make any distribution of our assets (or rights to acquire our assets) to holders of our common stock as a partial liquidating dividend or otherwise (including any dividend or distribution to our stockholders in cash or shares (or rights to acquire shares) of capital stock of a subsidiary), the holders of Warrants will be entitled to receive the distribution on an as-if-converted or exercised basis.

### **Change of Control Provisions**

We are subject to the provisions of Louisiana Business Corporation Law Section 132, which regulates the vote required for business combinations. A corporation may opt out of this provision by including in their original Articles of Incorporation a statement expressly electing not to be governed by this provision. Our Articles of Incorporation provide that we are not governed by Section 132.

In order to proceed with a business combination with an interested stockholder, we must obtain at least eighty percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation voting as a single group, and two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock, other than voting stock held by the interested stockholder who is, or whose affiliate is, a party to the business combination, or by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder, voting together as a single voting group. An interested stockholder is defined as a beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation, or as an affiliate of the corporation who at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question was the beneficial owner, directly or

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indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation. An affiliate is defined as a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a specified person.

### **Board of Directors Vacancies**

Our Bylaws authorize the Board of Directors, or the stockholders by vote at a special meeting, to fill vacant directorships. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors may be set only by resolution of the incumbent directors. The Articles of Incorporation provide that so long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the holders of a majority of the Series C Preferred Stock, voting as a separate class to the exclusion of all other classes of our capital stock, shall be entitled to elect two directors to the Board to serve on the Board until their successors are duly elected by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock or they are removed from office (with or without cause) by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock. The Articles of Incorporation also provide that so long as at least 2,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we may not increase the number of persons on the Board of Directors above six (6) without the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class. These provisions may deter a stockholder from increasing the size and gaining control of the Board of Directors by filling the resulting vacancies with its own nominees. However, except for our board members appointed by the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock as set forth in the preceding sentence, at any time the holders of two-thirds of our stock, bonds, debentures and other obligations holding voting rights may vote to replace any or all of our board members with or without cause.

### **Advance Notice Requirements For Director Nominations**

Our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provide that stockholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors at our annual meeting of stockholders must provide timely notice of their intent in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to, or mailed and received at, our principal executive offices not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date of an annual meeting or, if notice of the annual meeting is given less than 55 days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting, no later than the close of the business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice was mailed or the public disclosure providing notice was made. Our Articles of Incorporation also specify certain requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude our stockholders from making nominations for directors at our annual meeting of stockholders.

### **Authorized but Unissued Shares**

Our authorized but unissued shares of common stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval and may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes. The existence of authorized but unissued common stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise. If we issue such shares without stockholder approval and in violation of limitations imposed by the Nasdaq National Market or any stock exchange on which our stock may then be trading, our stock could be delisted.

### **Personal Liability of Directors and Officers**

As permitted by Louisiana law, our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation contain certain provisions eliminating the personal liability of the directors and officers to us and our stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of their fiduciary duties as directors or officers,

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except for (i) a breach of a director's or officer's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) dividends or stock repurchases or redemptions that are illegal under Louisiana law and (iv) any transaction from which he or she receives an improper personal benefit. In addition, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provide that if Louisiana law is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of a director or officer, then the liability of the directors or officers shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by Louisiana law, as amended. These provisions pertain only to breaches of duty by directors or officers in such capacities and limit liability only for breaches of fiduciary duties under Louisiana corporate law and not for violations of other laws such as the federal securities laws.

Our Bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and officers against certain expenses and costs, fees, judgments, settlements and fines incurred in the defense of any claim to which they were made parties by reason of being or having been directors and officers, subject to certain conditions and limitations. We have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, indemnification of directors, officers or controlling persons for liabilities arising under the Securities Act is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

In addition, each of our directors and executive officers has entered into an indemnity agreement with us, pursuant to which we have agreed under certain circumstances to purchase and maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance. The agreements also provide that we will indemnify the directors and executive officers against any costs and expenses,

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judgments, settlements and fines incurred in connection with any claim involving a director or executive officer by reason of his position as a director or executive officer that are in excess of the coverage provided by such insurance; provided that the director or executive officer meets certain standards of conduct. Under the indemnity agreements, we are not required to purchase and maintain directors and officers liability insurance if it is not reasonably available or, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Directors, there is insufficient benefit to us from the insurance.

## **The Nasdaq National Market**

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol OMNI.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer and Trust Company.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the shares of our common stock will be passed upon for us by Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, Houston, Texas.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of OMNI Energy Services Corp. for the year ended December 31, 2003, appearing in this Prospectus and Registration Statement have been audited by Fitts Roberts & Co., P.C., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, as set forth in their report thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and has been included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of OMNI Energy Services Corp. for the years ended December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2005, appearing in this Prospectus and Registration Statement have been audited by Pannell Kerr Forster of Texas, P.C., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, as set forth in their report thereon appearing herein, and has been included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the public reference room. Our filings are also available over the Internet at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also visit our website at [www.omnienergy.com](http://www.omnienergy.com).

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC to register the securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and our securities. You may inspect the registration statement and exhibits at the SEC's public reference room or at the SEC's website.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The documents we incorporate by reference are considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this incorporated information.

We also disclose information about us through current reports on Form 8-K that are furnished to the SEC to comply with Regulation FD. This information disclosed in these reports is not considered to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference herein.

At your request, we will provide you with a free copy of any of these filings (except for exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the filing). You may request copies by writing or telephoning us at:

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Carencro, Louisiana 70520

Attn: G. Darcy Klug

(337) 896-6664

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of

OMNI Energy Services Corp.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of OMNI Energy Services Corp. as of December 31, 2004 and 2005 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of OMNI Energy Services Corp. as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Pannell Kerr Forster of Texas, P.C.

Houston, Texas  
March 6, 2006

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

OMNI Energy Services Corp.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended December 31, 2003 of OMNI Energy Services Corp. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations of OMNI Energy Services Corp. and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003 in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ FITTS, ROBERTS & CO., P.C.

Houston, Texas

March 12, 2004, except as to Notes 1, 11, and 13 as they relate to 2003 for which the date is July 29, 2005

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**OMNI ENERGY SERVICES CORP.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2004	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,043	\$ 174
Trade receivables, net	7,824	8,094
Other receivables	62	1,882
Parts and supplies inventory	2,093	1,787
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,739	2,458
Deferred tax asset	1,492	2,000
Current assets of discontinued operations	6,766	295
Assets held for sale	108	108
Assets held for sale of discontinued operation	3,834	
	25,961	16,798
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Property, plant and equipment, net	18,965	14,922
Property, plant and equipment of discontinued operations, net	10,839	
	29,804	14,922
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Goodwill	2,006	2,924
Customer intangible assets, net	1,620	1,520
Licenses, permits and other intangible assets, net	5,142	3,934
Loan closing costs, net	521	3,197
Other assets	243	463
Other non-current assets of discontinued operations	616	
	10,148	12,038
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 65,913</b>	<b>\$ 43,758</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,967	\$ 5,374
Accrued expenses	2,379	1,382
Current maturities of long-term debt	6,095	2,926
Insurance notes payable	2,500	1,692
Line of credit	9,162	4,750
Convertible debentures	11,097	
Current maturities of long-term debt, discontinued operations	5,513	
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	3,384	698
	33,087	16,822

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Total current liabilities	48,097	16,822
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>		
Long-term debt, less current maturities	7,137	15,798
Other long-term liabilities	100	3
Long-term debt of discontinued operations, less current maturities	5,715	
Total long-term liabilities	12,952	15,801
Total liabilities	61,049	32,623
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY:</b>		
Convertible 8% Preferred stock, no par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 29 shares of Series B issued and outstanding at December 31, 2004 and 2005 and 5,128 shares of Series C issued and outstanding at December 31, 2005, liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share	29	806
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 45,000,000 shares authorized; 11,679,565 and 15,272,121 issued and 11,408,219 and 15,136,448 outstanding at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively	117	153
Treasury stock, 271,346 and 135,673 shares, at cost, at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively	(529)	(264)
Preferred stock dividends declared	2	123
Additional paid-in capital	65,448	75,787
Accumulated deficit	(60,203)	(65,470)
Total stockholders equity	4,864	11,135
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 65,913</b>	<b>\$ 43,758</b>

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

**Table of Contents****OMNI ENERGY SERVICES CORP.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Operating revenue	\$ 31,555	\$ 39,064	\$ 43,350
Operating expenses:			
Direct costs	21,586	28,510	27,515
Depreciation and amortization	3,355	4,282	4,627
General and administrative expenses	3,718	9,464	8,497
	<u>28,659</u>	<u>42,256</u>	<u>40,639</u>
Operating income (loss)	2,896	(3,192)	2,711
Interest expense	943	3,288	2,836
(Gain) loss on debenture conversion inducement and debt extinguishment		729	(758)
Other (income) expense	(114)	290	(835)
	<u>2,067</u>	<u>(7,499)</u>	<u>1,468</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	2,067	(7,499)	1,468
Income tax benefit	1,092		508
	<u>3,159</u>	<u>(7,499)</u>	<u>1,976</u>
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	3,159	(7,499)	1,976
Gain (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	324	(6,756)	(3,978)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets, net of taxes			(2,271)
	<u>3,483</u>	<u>(14,255)</u>	<u>(4,273)</u>
Net income (loss)	3,483	(14,255)	(4,273)
Dividends on preferred stock	(484)	(490)	(249)
Non-cash charge attributable to beneficial conversion feature of preferred stock			(745)
	<u>\$ 2,999</u>	<u>\$ (14,745)</u>	<u>\$ (5,267)</u>
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 2,999	\$ (14,745)	\$ (5,267)
Basic income (loss) per common share:			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.30	\$ (0.73)	\$ 0.07
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.04	(0.62)	(0.30)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets, net of taxes			(0.17)
	<u>\$ 0.34</u>	<u>\$ (1.35)</u>	<u>\$ (0.40)</u>
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 0.34	\$ (1.35)	\$ (0.40)
Diluted income (loss) per common share:			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.73)	\$ 0.07
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.03	(0.62)	(0.29)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations assets, net of taxes			(0.16)
	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ (1.35)</u>	<u>\$ (0.38)</u>
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 0.31	\$ (1.35)	\$ (0.38)
Number of weighted average shares:			
Basic	8,772	10,884	13,251

Diluted	11,362	10,884	13,683
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## OMNI ENERGY SERVICES CORP.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

	PREFERRED		COMMON		TREASURY
	STOCK		STOCK		STOCK
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	(Dollars in thousands)				
BALANCE, December 31, 2002	12,100	\$ 12,100	9,101,778	\$ 91	\$ (706)
Stock option exercised for cash			467,951	5	
Preferred stock dividends declared					
Comprehensive income:					
Net income					
Foreign currency translation adjustments					
Total comprehensive income					
BALANCE, December 31, 2003	12,100	12,100	9,569,729	96	(706)
Issuance of common stock for services			69,930	1	
Issuance of common stock warrants for services					
Convertible debenture warrants recorded as debt discount					
Debenture conversion inducement			200,000	2	