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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2017

Commission File Number: 001-32657

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

98-0363970
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer”, “accelerated filer”, “smaller reporting company” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO

The number of common shares, par value \$.001 per share, outstanding as of October 31, 2017 was 285,864,361, excluding 49,672,636 common shares held by our subsidiaries, or 335,536,997 in the aggregate.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 190,556	\$ 264,093
Short-term investments	29,770	31,109
Accounts receivable, net	621,640	508,355
Inventory, net	119,050	103,595
Assets held for sale	37,275	76,668
Other current assets	176,630	172,019
Total current assets	1,174,921	1,155,839
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,051,606	6,267,583
Goodwill	173,321	166,917
Deferred tax asset	444,796	366,586
Other long-term assets	243,941	230,090
Total assets	\$ 8,088,585	\$ 8,187,015
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of debt	\$ 196	\$ 297
Trade accounts payable	317,314	264,578
Accrued liabilities	485,347	543,248
Income taxes payable	27,817	13,811
Total current liabilities	830,674	821,934
Long-term debt	3,958,615	3,578,335
Other long-term liabilities	351,787	522,456
Deferred income taxes	20,288	9,495
Total liabilities	5,161,364	4,932,220
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Equity:		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common shares, par value \$0.001 per share:		
Authorized common shares 800,000; issued 335,550 and 333,598, respectively	336	334
Capital in excess of par value	2,624,711	2,521,332
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	15,657	(12,119)
Retained earnings	1,556,650	2,033,427

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Less: treasury shares, at cost, 49,673 and 49,673 common shares, respectively	(1,295,949)	(1,295,949)
Total shareholders' equity	2,901,405	3,247,025
Noncontrolling interest	25,816	7,770
Total equity	2,927,221	3,254,795
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 8,088,585	\$ 8,187,015

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

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NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
Revenues and other income:				
Operating revenues	\$ 662,103	\$ 519,729	\$ 1,856,008	\$ 1,688,891
Earnings (losses) from unconsolidated affiliates	4	2	6	(221,918)
Investment income (loss)	373	310	208	923
Total revenues and other income	662,480	520,041	1,856,222	1,467,896
Costs and other deductions:				
Direct costs	441,263	306,436	1,246,428	1,012,738
General and administrative expenses	65,010	56,078	192,114	175,036
Research and engineering	12,960	8,476	36,060	24,818
Depreciation and amortization	217,075	220,713	628,837	655,444
Interest expense	54,607	46,836	165,813	137,803
Other, net	5,559	10,392	29,173	267,403
Total costs and other deductions	796,474	648,931	2,298,425	2,273,242
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(133,994)	(128,890)	(442,203)	(805,346)
Income tax expense (benefit):				
Current	8,644	8,600	45,646	39,323
Deferred	(23,353)	(39,651)	(105,460)	(163,621)
Total income tax expense (benefit)	(14,709)	(31,051)	(59,814)	(124,298)
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	(119,285)	(97,839)	(382,389)	(681,048)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	(27,134)	(12,187)	(43,077)	(14,097)
Net income (loss)	(146,419)	(110,026)	(425,466)	(695,145)
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2,113)	(1,185)	(5,001)	990
Net income (loss) attributable to Nabors	\$ (148,532)	\$ (111,211)	\$ (430,467)	\$ (694,155)
Amounts attributable to Nabors:				
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (121,398)	\$ (99,024)	\$ (387,390)	\$ (680,058)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	(27,134)	(12,187)	(43,077)	(14,097)
Net income (loss) attributable to Nabors	\$ (148,532)	\$ (111,211)	\$ (430,467)	\$ (694,155)
Earnings (losses) per share:				
Basic from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (1.35)	\$ (2.41)
Basic from discontinued operations	(0.10)	(0.04)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Total Basic	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.46)

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Diluted from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (1.35)	\$ (2.41)
Diluted from discontinued operations	(0.10)	(0.04)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Total Diluted	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.46)
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	279,313	276,707	278,670	276,369
Diluted	279,313	276,707	278,670	276,369
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In thousands)			
Net income (loss) attributable to Nabors	\$ (148,532)	\$ (111,211)	\$ (430,467)	\$ (694,155)
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:				
Translation adjustment attributable to Nabors	16,444	(8,950)	31,183	27,870
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities	(5,706)	1,502	(5,122)	3,551
Less: reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net income (loss)	—	3,495	1,341	3,495
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities	(5,706)	4,997	(3,781)	7,046
Pension liability amortization and adjustment	50	297	150	765
Unrealized gains (losses) and amortization on cash flow hedges	153	153	459	459
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	10,941	(3,503)	28,011	36,140
Income tax expense (benefit) related to items of other comprehensive income (loss)	78	172	235	472
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	10,863	(3,675)	27,776	35,668
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Nabors	(137,669)	(114,886)	(402,691)	(658,487)
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,113	1,185	5,001	(990)
Translation adjustment attributable to noncontrolling interest	160	(90)	317	371
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,273	1,095	5,318	(619)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (135,396)	\$ (113,791)	\$ (397,373)	\$ (659,106)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (425,466)	\$ (695,145)
Adjustments to net income (loss):		
Depreciation and amortization	630,773	657,541
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(114,973)	(168,413)
Impairments and other charges	35,293	45,809
Deferred financing costs amortization	5,300	3,335
Discount amortization on long-term debt	15,129	1,597
Losses (gains) on debt buyback	16,005	(6,707)
Losses (gains) on long-lived assets, net	10,180	13,608
Losses (gains) on investments, net	1,342	—
Impairments on equity method holdings	—	216,242
Share-based compensation	25,057	24,070
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains), net	1,728	5,916
Equity in (earnings) losses of unconsolidated affiliates, net of dividends	(6)	221,918
Other	(4,596)	2,025
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(128,542)	255,455
Inventory	(14,567)	14,660
Other current assets	(6,967)	30,192
Other long-term assets	35,378	(377)
Trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,611	(187,771)
Income taxes payable	19,790	(22,496)
Other long-term liabilities	(158,578)	(6,691)
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	(36,109)	404,768
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(6,722)	(24)
Sales and maturities of investments	12,533	643
Cash paid for acquisition of businesses, net	(50,764)	—
Capital expenditures	(448,864)	(284,950)
Proceeds from sales of assets and insurance claims	32,805	26,597
Other	(427)	(19)
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	(461,439)	(257,753)
Cash flows from financing activities:		

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Increase (decrease) in cash overdrafts	(78)	5
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	411,200	—
Debt issuance costs	(11,039)	—
Proceeds from revolving credit facilities	410,000	560,000
Reduction in revolving credit facilities	—	(260,000)
Proceeds from (payments for) issuance of common shares	8,300	562
Repurchase of common shares	—	(1,687)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(7,272)	—
Noncontrolling interest contribution	20,000	—
Reduction in long-term debt	(382,815)	(492,625)
Dividends to shareholders	(51,346)	(33,927)
Proceeds from (payment for) commercial paper, net	78,000	15,000
Cash proceeds from equity component of exchangeable debt	159,952	—
Payments on term loan	(162,500)	—
Proceeds from (payments for) short-term borrowings	(528)	(6,388)
Purchase of capped call hedge transactions	(40,250)	—
Other	(7,864)	(4,313)
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	423,760	(223,373)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	251	(1,129)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(73,537)	(77,487)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	264,093	254,530
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 190,556	\$ 177,043

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Unaudited)

	Common Shares		Capital	Accumulated			Non-	Total
(in thousands)	Shares	Par Value	in Excess of Par Value	Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Treasury Shares	controlling Interest	Equity
December 31, 2015	330,526	331	2,493,100	(47,593)	3,131,134	(1,294,262)	11,158	4,293,868
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(694,155)	—	(990)	(695,145)
Dividends to shareholders (\$0.18 per share)	—	—	—	—	(50,926)	—	—	(50,926)
Repurchase of treasury shares	—	—	—	—	—	(1,687)	—	(1,687)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	—	35,668	—	—	371	36,039
Issuance of common shares for stock options exercised, net of surrender of unexercised stock options	57	—	562	—	—	—	—	562
Share-based compensation	—	—	24,070	—	—	—	—	24,070
Other	2,424	2	(4,315)	—	—	—	(3,774)	(8,087)
September 30, 2016	333,007	\$ 333	\$ 2,513,417	\$ (11,925)	\$ 2,386,053	\$ (1,295,949)	\$ 6,765	\$ 3,598,694
December 31, 2016	333,598	\$ 334	\$ 2,521,332	\$ (12,119)	\$ 2,033,427	\$ (1,295,949)	\$ 7,770	\$ 3,254,795
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(430,467)	—	5,001	(425,466)
	—	—	—	—	(51,460)	—	—	(51,460)

Dividends to shareholders (\$0.18 per share) Other									
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	—	27,776	—	—	317	28,093	
Issuance of common shares for stock options exercised, net of surrender of unexercised stock options	843	1	8,299	—	—	—	—	8,300	
Share-based compensation equity component of exchangeable debt	—	—	25,057	—	—	—	—	25,057	
Warrant call transactions	—	—	116,195	—	—	—	—	116,195	
Adoption of SSU No. 2016-09	—	—	(40,250)	—	—	—	—	(40,250)	
Noncontrolling interest contributions (distributions)	—	—	1,943	—	5,150	—	—	7,093	
Other	1,109	1	(7,865)	—	—	—	12,728	12,728	(7,864)
As of September 30, 2017	335,550	\$ 336	\$ 2,624,711	\$ 15,657	\$ 1,556,650	\$ (1,295,949)	\$ 25,816	\$ 2,927,221	

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

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Nabors Industries Ltd. and Subsidiaries

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 Nature of Operations

Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this report to “we,” “us,” “our,” “the Company,” or “Nabors” mean Nabors Industries Ltd., together with our subsidiaries where the context requires.

We own and operate the world’s largest land-based drilling rig fleet and are a leading provider of offshore platform drilling rigs in the United States and multiple international markets. We also provide advanced wellbore placement services, drilling software and performance tools, drilling equipment and innovative technologies throughout the world’s most significant oil and gas markets.

As a global provider of drilling and drilling-related services for land-based and offshore oil and natural gas wells, our fleet of rigs and drilling-related equipment as of September 30, 2017 included:

- 405 actively marketed rigs for land-based drilling operations in the United States, Canada and approximately 20 other countries throughout the world; and
- 40 actively marketed rigs for offshore drilling operations in the United States and multiple international markets.

Our business consists of four reportable operating segments: U.S., Canada, International and Rig Services.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Nabors have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”). Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted. Therefore, these financial statements should be read together with our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 (“2016 Annual Report”). In management’s opinion, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to state fairly our financial position as of September 30, 2017 and the results of operations, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows and changes in equity for the periods presented herein. Interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 may not be indicative of results that will be realized for the full year ending December 31, 2017.

Principles of Consolidation

Our condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Nabors, as well as all majority owned and non-majority owned subsidiaries required to be consolidated under GAAP. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

During 2016, we entered into an agreement with Saudi Arabian Development Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Saudi Arabian Oil Company (“Saudi Aramco”), to form a new joint venture, Saudi Aramco Nabors Drilling (“SANAD”), to own, manage and operate onshore drilling rigs in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. SANAD, which is equally owned by Saudi Aramco and Nabors, is expected to commence operations during the fourth quarter of 2017. In May 2017, Nabors and Saudi Aramco each contributed \$20 million in cash for formation of the joint venture. We have consolidated this joint venture which, as of September 30, 2017, is limited to the \$40 million of cash mentioned above to be used exclusively by the joint venture to fund future operations.

Investments in operating entities where we have the ability to exert significant influence, but where we do not control operating and financial policies, are accounted for using the equity method. Our share of the net income (loss) of these entities is recorded as earnings (losses) from unconsolidated affiliates in our condensed consolidated statements of

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income (loss). The investments in these entities are included in investment in other long-term assets in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. We historically recorded our share of the net income (loss) of our equity method investment in C&J Energy Services, Ltd. (“CJES”) on a one-quarter lag, as we were not able to obtain the financial information of CJES on a timely basis. During the third quarter of 2016, CJES filed for bankruptcy, at which time we ceased accounting for our investment in CJES as an equity method investment. See Note 4 — Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenues and costs on daywork contracts daily as the work progresses. For certain contracts, we receive lump-sum payments for the mobilization of rigs and other drilling equipment. We defer revenue related to mobilization periods and recognize the revenue over the term of the related drilling contract. We also defer recognition of revenue on amounts received from customers for prepayment of services until those services are provided. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our deferred revenues classified as accrued liabilities were \$241.8 million and \$255.6 million, respectively. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our deferred revenues classified as other long-term liabilities were \$167.8 million and \$321.0 million, respectively.

Costs incurred related to a mobilization period for which a contract is secured are deferred and recognized over the term of the related drilling contract. Costs incurred to relocate rigs and other drilling equipment to areas in which a contract has not been secured are expensed as incurred. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our deferred expenses classified as other current assets were \$66.6 million and \$63.4 million, respectively. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our deferred expenses classified as other long-term assets were \$41.7 million and \$69.5 million, respectively.

We recognize revenue for top drives and instrumentation systems we manufacture when the earnings process is complete. This generally occurs when products have been shipped, title and risk of loss have been transferred, collectability is probable, and pricing is fixed and determinable.

We recognize, as operating revenue, proceeds from business interruption insurance claims in the period that the applicable proof of loss documentation is received. Proceeds from casualty insurance settlements in excess of the carrying value of damaged assets are recognized in other, net in the period that the applicable proof of loss documentation is received. Proceeds from casualty insurance settlements that are expected to be less than the carrying value of damaged assets are recognized at the time the loss is incurred and recorded in other, net.

We recognize reimbursements received for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as revenues and account for out-of-pocket expenses as direct costs.

Inventory, net

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out or weighted-average cost methods and includes the cost of materials, labor and manufacturing overhead. Inventory included the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 89,127	\$ 84,431
Work-in-progress	15,630	1,204
Finished goods	14,293	17,960
	\$ 119,050	\$ 103,595

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Property, Plant and Equipment

We review our assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows are not sufficient to support the asset's recorded value, an impairment charge is recognized to the extent the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its estimated fair value. Management considers a number of factors such as estimated future cash flows from the assets, appraisals and current market value analysis in determining fair value. The determination of future cash flows requires the estimation of utilization, dayrates, operating margins, sustaining capital and remaining economic life. Such estimates can change based on market conditions, technological advances in the industry or changes in regulations governing the industry.

For an asset classified as held for sale, we consider the asset impaired when its carrying amount exceeds fair value less its cost to sell. Fair value is determined in the same manner as an impaired long-lived asset that is held and used.

Significant and unanticipated changes to the assumptions could result in future impairments. A significantly prolonged period of lower oil and natural gas prices could adversely affect the demand for and prices of our services. As such, we will continue to assess our asset fleet for triggering events, particularly our legacy and undersized rigs. Should we experience weakening in the market for a prolonged period for any specific rig class, this could result in future impairment charges or retirements of assets. As the determination of whether impairment charges should be recorded on our long-lived assets is subject to significant management judgment, and an impairment of these assets could result in a material charge on our condensed consolidated statements of income (loss), management believes that accounting estimates related to impairment of long-lived assets are critical.

Goodwill

We review goodwill for impairment annually during the second quarter of each fiscal year or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such goodwill and intangible assets exceed their fair value. Due to the adoption of Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2017-04, effective January 1, 2017, we no longer determine goodwill impairment by calculating the implied fair value of goodwill by assigning the fair value of a reporting unit to all of its assets and liabilities as if that reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. We will continue to perform our qualitative analysis as well as step one of the impairment test which compares the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment charge will be recognized in an amount equal to the excess; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

For our goodwill tests prior to adoption of the new standard, we initially assessed goodwill for impairment based on qualitative factors to determine whether to perform the two-step annual goodwill impairment test, a Level 3 fair value

measurement. After our qualitative assessment, step one of the impairment test compared the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount exceeded the fair value, a second step was required to measure the goodwill impairment loss. The second step compared the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount exceeded the implied fair value, an impairment loss was recognized in an amount equal to the excess.

Our estimated fair values of our reporting units incorporate judgment and the use of estimates by management. Potential triggering events requiring assessment include a further or sustained decline in our stock price, declines in oil and natural gas prices, a variance in results of operations from forecasts, a change in operating strategy of assets and additional transactions in the oil and gas industry. Another factor in determining whether a triggering event has occurred is the relationship between our market capitalization and our book value. As part of our annual review, we compare the sum of our reporting units' estimated fair value, which includes the estimated fair value of non-operating assets and liabilities, less debt, to our market capitalization and assess the reasonableness of our estimated fair value. Any of the above-mentioned factors may cause us to re-evaluate goodwill during any quarter throughout the year.

Based on our annual review during the second quarter of 2017, we did not record a goodwill impairment.

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Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU No. 2016-07, Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures, to simplify the transition to the equity method of accounting. This standard eliminates the requirement to retroactively adopt the equity method of accounting as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence. Instead, the equity method investor should add the cost of acquiring the additional interest in the investee to the current basis of the investor’s previously held interest and adopt the equity method of accounting as of the date the investment qualifies for the equity method of accounting. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation, to simplify the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities and classification on the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. We adopted this guidance on a prospective basis effective January 1, 2017. The impact of adoption was a decrease in deferred tax liabilities of \$7.1 million and an increase in retained earnings of \$7.1 million related to excess tax benefits on prior awards. Additionally, we elected to account for forfeitures as they occur. The impact of this election resulted in an increase in capital in excess of par and a corresponding decrease in retained earnings of \$1.9 million.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other, which simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by eliminating Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. In computing the implied fair value of goodwill under Step 2, an entity had to perform procedures to determine the fair value at the impairment testing date of its assets and liabilities (including unrecognized assets and liabilities) following the procedure that would be required in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. Under this new standard, an entity should perform its goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and then recognize an impairment charge, as necessary, for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit’s fair value, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. We have elected to early adopt this guidance on a prospective basis for our annual goodwill impairment test performed subsequent to January 1, 2017. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, relating to the revenue recognition from contracts with customers that creates a common revenue standard for GAAP and IFRS. The core principle will require recognition of revenue to represent the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration, including costs incurred, to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard will also require significantly expanded disclosures containing qualitative

and quantitative information regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In July 2015, the FASB approved a one year deferral of this standard, with a new effective date for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Throughout 2017 we have taken many steps towards quantifying the impact of the new standard on our contracts. We, along with our third party consultants, have identified and reviewed our revenue streams, identified a subset of contracts to represent these revenue streams and performed a detailed analysis of such contracts. As part of this analysis, we identified specific areas impacted under the new standard. We have finalized our bucketing of contracts and expanded our sample of contracts for review in order to evaluate, document and quantify the consolidated impact of adopting the standard. We expect to apply the modified retrospective approach during the first quarter of 2018. However, we continue to evaluate the impact of the standard on our accounting policies, internal controls and consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall, relating to the recognition and measurement of financial assets and liabilities. This standard enhances the reporting model for financial instruments, which includes amendments to address aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases, relating to leases to increase transparency and comparability among companies. This standard requires that all leases with an initial term greater than one year be recorded on the balance sheet as an asset and a lease liability. Additionally, this standard will require disclosures designed to give financial statement users information on the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Early application is permitted. This standard requires an entity to separate lease components from nonlease components within a contract. While the lease components would be accounted for under ASU No. 2016-02, nonlease components would be accounted for under ASU No. 2014-09. We have determined that under the new standard, our drilling contracts contain a lease component and therefore we will be required to separately recognize revenues associated with the lease and services components. Therefore, we are evaluating ASU No. 2016-02 concurrently with the provisions of ASU No. 2014-09 and the impact this will have on our consolidated financial statements. We expect to adopt this guidance as of the effective date.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows, to reduce the diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-16, Income Taxes, which improves the accounting for the income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows: Restricted Cash, to provide guidance on the classification of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. The amendments in the ASU should be adopted on a retrospective basis. We are currently evaluating the impact this will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Clarifying the Definition of a Business, which clarifies the definition of a business and provides further guidance for evaluating whether a transaction will be accounted for as an acquisition of an asset or a business. The standard provides a test to determine whether a set of assets and activities acquired is a business. When substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, the set is not a business. Under the updated guidance, an acquisition of a single property will likely be treated as an asset acquisition as opposed to a business combination and associated transaction costs will be capitalized rather than expensed as incurred. Additionally, assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest will be measured at their relative fair values. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation, to reduce diversity in practice and provide clarity regarding existing guidance in ASC 718, “Stock Compensation”. The standard provides guidance on the types of changes to the terms or conditions of share-based payment awards to which an entity would be required to apply modification accounting under ASC 718. Specifically, an entity would not apply modification accounting if the fair value, vesting conditions and classification of the awards are the same immediately before and after the modification. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact that this will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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Note 3 Acquisitions

On September 5, 2017 we paid an initial amount of approximately \$50.9 million in cash, subject to customary closing adjustments, to acquire Stavanger, Norway based Robotic Drilling Systems AS ("RDS"), a provider of automated tubular and tool handling equipment for the onshore and offshore drilling markets. This transaction will allow us to integrate RDS's highly capable team and product offering with the technology portfolio of Canrig Drilling Technology ("Canrig"), Nabors rig equipment division, and strengthens the development of Canrig's drilling automation solutions. As part of our purchase price allocation, we have initially recorded intangible assets of \$53.3 million (developed technology and in process research and development), goodwill of approximately \$5.7 million and other liabilities of \$7.3 million (net of other working capital items). The proforma effect on revenue and net income (loss) have been determined to be immaterial to our financial statements.

On August 13, 2017, Nabors signed an Arrangement Agreement to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Tesco Corporation ("Tesco"), with each outstanding common share of Tesco being exchanged for 0.68 common shares of Nabors. This transaction (the "Arrangement") will create a leading rig equipment and drilling automation provider by combining Canrig, with Tesco's rig equipment manufacturing, rental and aftermarket service business. Additionally, Tesco operates a tubular services business in numerous key regions globally, which will immediately benefit Nabors Drilling Solutions' ("NDS") operation. Nabors estimates that it will issue approximately 32 million of its common shares in connection with this transaction. The consummation of the Arrangement is subject to approval by Tesco security holders, receipt of required regulatory approvals, approval by the Court of Queens Bench of Alberta, and satisfaction or waiver of other customary closing conditions. It is currently anticipated that the closing of the Arrangement will occur in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Note 4 Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

On March 24, 2015, we completed the merger of our Completion & Production Services business with C&J Energy Services, Inc.. We received total consideration comprised of approximately \$693.5 million in cash (\$650.0 million after settlement of working capital requirements) and approximately 62.5 million common shares in the combined company, CJES, representing approximately 53% of the outstanding and issued common shares of CJES as of the closing date. We recognized our share of the net income (loss) of CJES, which was a loss of \$221.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, and is reflected in earnings (losses) from unconsolidated affiliates in our condensed consolidated statement of income (loss). Additionally, we recognized an other-than-temporary impairment charge of \$192.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, which is reflected in other, net in our condensed consolidated statement of income (loss). During the third quarter of 2016, CJES commenced voluntarily cases under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code. As such, we ceased accounting for our investment in CJES as an equity method investment. In January 2017, CJES emerged from bankruptcy and as part of the settlement we received warrants to acquire the common equity in the reorganized CJES.

Note 5 Fair Value Measurements

Our financial assets and liabilities that are accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2017 consist of available-for-sale equity and debt securities. Our debt securities could transfer into or out of a Level 1 or 2 measure depending on the availability of independent and current pricing at the end of each quarter. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, there were no transfers of our financial assets between Level 1 and Level 2 measures. Our financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The majority of our short-term investments are categorized as Level 1 and had a fair value of \$23.6 million as of September 30, 2017. Additionally, we report our investment in the CJES warrants at fair value based on quoted market prices or prices quoted from third-party financial institutions. This measure is categorized as Level 2 and had a fair value of \$6.2 million as of September 30, 2017.

Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements

We applied fair value measurements to our nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis, which consist of measurements primarily to assets held for sale, goodwill, equity method investments, intangible assets and other long-lived assets, assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination and our pipeline contractual commitment. Based upon our review of the fair value hierarchy, the inputs used in these fair value measurements were considered Level 3 inputs.

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Fair Value of Financial Instruments

We estimate the fair value of our financial instruments in accordance with GAAP. The fair value of our long-term debt, revolving credit facility and commercial paper is estimated based on quoted market prices or prices quoted from third-party financial institutions. The fair value of our debt instruments is determined using Level 2 measurements. The carrying and fair values of these liabilities were as follows:

	September 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Carrying Value (In thousands)	Fair Value	Carrying Value (In thousands)	Fair Value
6.15% senior notes due February 2018	\$ 460,537	\$ 467,620	\$ 827,539	\$ 865,300
9.25% senior notes due January 2019	303,489	327,902	303,489	337,443
5.00% senior notes due September 2020	669,769	685,622	669,540	689,211
4.625% senior notes due September 2021	695,048	686,096	694,868	708,765
5.50% senior notes due January 2023	600,000	598,242	600,000	627,000
5.10% senior notes due September 2023	346,544	333,680	346,448	348,613
0.75% senior exchangeable notes due January 2024	425,010	469,258	—	—
Term loan facility	—	—	162,500	162,500
Revolving credit facility	410,000	410,000	—	—
Commercial paper	78,000	78,000	—	—
Other	196	196	297	297
	3,988,593	\$ 4,056,616	3,604,681	\$ 3,739,129
Less: deferred financing costs	29,782		26,049	
	\$ 3,958,811		\$ 3,578,632	

The fair values of our cash equivalents, trade receivables and trade payables approximate their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 6 Debt

Debt consisted of the following:

September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
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	(In thousands)	
6.15% senior notes due February 2018 (1)	\$ 460,537	\$ 827,539
9.25% senior notes due January 2019	303,489	303,489
5.00% senior notes due September 2020	669,769	669,540
4.625% senior notes due September 2021	695,048	694,868
5.50% senior notes due January 2023	600,000	600,000
5.10% senior notes due September 2023	346,544	346,448
0.75% senior exchangeable notes due January 2024	425,010	—
Term loan facility	—	162,500
Revolving credit facility	410,000	—
Commercial paper	78,000	—
Other	196	297
	3,988,593	3,604,681
Less: current portion	196	297
Less: deferred financing costs	29,782	26,049
	\$ 3,958,615	\$ 3,578,335

(1) The 6.15% senior notes due February 2018 have been classified as long-term because we have the ability and intent to repay this obligation utilizing our revolving credit facility.

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we repurchased or redeemed \$367.9 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.15% senior notes due February 2018 for approximately \$387.3 million in cash, reflecting principal and approximately \$5.6 million of accrued and unpaid interest. The difference represents the premiums paid in connection with these repurchases or redemptions and is included in other, net in our condensed consolidated statement of income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

0.75% Senior Exchangeable Notes Due January 2024

In January 2017, Nabors Industries, Inc. (“Nabors Delaware”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Nabors, issued \$575 million in aggregate principal amount of 0.75% exchangeable senior unsecured notes due 2024, which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Nabors. The notes bear interest at a rate of 0.75% per year payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on July 15, 2017. The exchangeable notes are bifurcated for accounting purposes into debt and equity components of \$411.2 million and \$163.8 million, respectively, based on the relative fair value. Debt issuance costs of \$9.6 million and equity issuance costs of \$3.9 million were capitalized in connection with the issuance of these notes in long-term debt and netted against the proceeds allocated to the equity component, respectively, in our condensed consolidated balance sheet. The debt issuance costs are being amortized through January 2024.

The exchangeable notes are exchangeable, under certain conditions, at an initial exchange rate of 39.75 common shares of Nabors per \$1,000 principal amount of exchangeable notes (equivalent to an initial exchange price of approximately \$25.16 per common share). Upon any exchange, Nabors Delaware will settle its exchange obligation in cash, common shares of Nabors, or a combination of cash and common shares, at our election.

In connection with the pricing of the notes, we entered into privately negotiated capped call transactions which are expected to reduce potential dilution to common shares and/or offset potential cash payments required to be made in excess of the principal amount upon any exchange of notes. Such reduction and/or offset is subject to a cap representing a price per share of \$31.45, an approximately 75.0% premium over our share price of \$17.97 as of the date of the transaction. The capped call meets the definition of a derivative under ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging, as it has an underlying (the Company’s share price), a notional amount (the number of underlying shares to be purchased per option), an initial net investment less (by more than a nominal amount) than the amount that would have to be paid to own the underlying and provides for a default net share settlement (but could also be settled in cash at the election of the Company). However, the capped call meets the derivative scope exception under ASC 815 for instruments indexed to the Company’s own stock and classified in shareholders’ equity and therefore was initially recorded in equity. Until such time as the Company elects a settlement method for the exchangeable notes, the capped call transaction will continue to be accounted for as equity. At conversion, if the Company elects to partially settle the notes in cash in excess of the principal amount, or fully in cash, the capped call will be subject to mark to market through earnings as a derivative until such settlement is paid.

The net proceeds from the offering of the exchangeable notes were used to prepay the remaining balance of our unsecured term loan originally scheduled to mature in 2020, as well as to pay the cost of the capped call transactions. The remaining net proceeds from the offering were allocated for general corporate purposes, including to repurchase or repay other indebtedness.

Commercial Paper Program

As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$78.0 million of commercial paper outstanding. The weighted average interest rate on borrowings at September 30, 2017 was 1.83%. Our commercial paper borrowings are classified as long-term debt because the borrowings are fully supported by availability under our revolving credit facility, which matures as currently structured in July 2020, more than one year from now.

Revolving Credit Facility

As of September 30, 2017, we had \$410.0 million outstanding under our \$2.25 billion revolving credit facility, which matures in July 2020. The weighted average interest rate on borrowings at September 30, 2017 was 2.59%. The revolving credit facility contains various covenants and restrictive provisions that limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, make investments or loans and create liens and require us to maintain a net funded indebtedness to total capitalization ratio, as defined in the agreement. Availability under the revolving credit facility is subject to a covenant

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not to exceed a net debt to capital ratio of 0.60:1. We were in compliance with all covenants under the agreement at September 30, 2017. If we fail to perform our obligations under the covenants, the revolving credit commitment could be terminated, and any outstanding borrowings under the facility could be declared immediately due and payable.

Term Loan Facility

On September 29, 2015, Nabors Delaware entered into a new five-year unsecured term loan facility for \$325.0 million, which was fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us. The term loan facility contained a mandatory prepayment of \$162.5 million due in September 2018, which was repaid in December 2016 utilizing a portion of the proceeds received in connection with the 5.50% senior notes offering. In January 2017, we repaid the remaining \$162.5 million term loan utilizing the proceeds received in connection with the 0.75% senior exchangeable notes and the facility was terminated.

Note 7 Common Shares

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we repurchased 0.3 million of our common shares in the open market for \$1.7 million, all of which are held in treasury.

On July 28, 2017, a cash dividend of \$0.06 per share was declared for shareholders of record on September 12, 2017. The dividend was paid on October 3, 2017 in the amount of \$17.2 million and was charged to retained earnings in our condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Note 8 Commitments and Contingencies

Contingencies

Income Tax

We operate in a number of countries throughout the world and our tax returns filed in those jurisdictions are subject to review and examination by tax authorities within those jurisdictions. We do not recognize the benefit of income tax positions we believe are more likely than not to be disallowed upon challenge by a tax authority. If any tax authority

successfully challenges our operational structure, intercompany pricing policies or the taxable presence of our subsidiaries in certain countries, if the terms of certain income tax treaties are interpreted in a manner that is adverse to our structure, or if we lose a material tax dispute in any country, our effective tax rate on our worldwide earnings could change substantially.

We have received an assessment from a tax authority in Latin America in connection with a 2007 income tax return. The assessment relates to the denial of depreciation expense deductions related to drilling rigs. Similar deductions were taken for tax year 2009. Although Nabors and its tax advisors believe these deductions are appropriate and intend to continue to defend our position, the contingency has been partially reserved. If we ultimately do not prevail, we estimate that we would be required to recognize additional tax expense for the entire contingency in the range of \$3 million to \$8 million.

Self-Insurance

We estimate the level of our liability related to insurance and record reserves for these amounts in our condensed consolidated financial statements. Our estimates are based on the facts and circumstances specific to existing claims and our past experience with similar claims. These loss estimates and accruals recorded in our financial statements for claims have historically been reasonable in light of the actual amount of claims paid and are actuarially supported. Although we believe our insurance coverage and reserve estimates are reasonable, a significant accident or other event that is not fully covered by insurance or contractual indemnity could occur and could materially affect our financial position and results of operations for a particular period.

We self-insure for certain losses relating to workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability, automobile liability and property damage. Some of our workers' compensation, employers' liability and marine employers' liability claims are subject to a \$3.0 million per-occurrence deductible; additionally, some of our automobile

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liability claims are subject to a \$2.5 million deductible. General liability claims remain subject to a \$5.0 million per-occurrence deductible. Our policies were renewed effective April 1, 2017 and remain subject to these same deductibles.

In addition, we are subject to a \$5.0 million deductible for land rigs and for offshore rigs. This applies to all kinds of risks of physical damage except for named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for which we are self-insured.

Litigation

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

In March 2011, the Court of Ouargla entered a judgment of approximately \$25.0 million (at September 30, 2017 exchange rates) against us relating to alleged violations of Algeria's foreign currency exchange controls, which require that goods and services provided locally be invoiced and paid in local currency. The case relates to certain foreign currency payments made to us by CEPESA, a Spanish operator, for wells drilled in 2006. Approximately \$7.5 million of the total contract amount was paid offshore in foreign currency, and approximately \$3.2 million was paid in local currency. The judgment includes fines and penalties of approximately four times the amount at issue. We have appealed the ruling based on our understanding that the law in question applies only to resident entities incorporated under Algerian law. An intermediate court of appeals upheld the lower court's ruling, and we appealed the matter to the Supreme Court. On September 25, 2014, the Supreme Court overturned the verdict against us, and the case was reheard by the Ouargla Court of Appeals on March 22, 2015 in light of the Supreme Court's opinion. On March 29, 2015, the Ouargla Court of Appeals reinstated the initial judgment against us. We have appealed this decision again to the Supreme Court. While our payments were consistent with our historical operations in the country, and, we believe, those of other multinational corporations there, as well as interpretations of the law by the Central Bank of Algeria, the ultimate resolution of this matter could result in a loss of up to \$17.0 million in excess of amounts accrued.

In March 2012, Nabors Global Holdings II Limited ("NGH2L") signed an agreement with ERG Resources, LLC ("ERG") relating to the sale of all of the Class A shares of NGH2L's wholly owned subsidiary, Ramshorn International Limited,

an oil and gas exploration company (“Ramshorn”) (“the ERG Agreement”). When ERG failed to meet its closing obligations, NGH2L terminated the transaction on March 19, 2012 and, as contemplated in the agreement, retained ERG’s \$3.0 million escrow deposit. ERG filed suit the following day in the 61st Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, in a case styled ERG Resources, LLC v. Nabors Global Holdings II Limited, Ramshorn International Limited, and Parex Resources, Inc.; Cause No. 2012 16446, seeking injunctive relief to halt any sale of the shares to a third party, specifically naming as defendant Parex Resources, Inc. (“Parex”). The lawsuit also sought monetary damages of up to \$750.0 million based on an alleged breach of contract by NGH2L and alleged tortious interference with contractual relations by Parex. We successfully defeated ERG’s effort to obtain a temporary restraining order from the Texas court on March 20, 2012 and completed the sale of Ramshorn’s Class A shares to a Parex affiliate in April 2012, which mooted ERG’s application for a temporary injunction. The defendants made numerous jurisdictional challenges on appeal, and on April 30, 2015, ERG filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the civil actions are currently subject to the bankruptcy stay and ERG’s claims in the lawsuit are assets of the estate. The lawsuit was stayed, pending further court actions, including appeals of the jurisdictional decisions. On June 17, 2016, the Texas Supreme Court issued its opinion on the jurisdictional appeal holding that jurisdiction exists in Texas for Ramshorn, but not for Parex Bermuda or Parex Canada. ERG retains its causes of action for monetary damages, but we believe the claims are foreclosed by the terms of the ERG Agreement and are without factual or legal merit. On December 28, 2016, the District Court granted Nabors’ Motion for Partial Summary Judgment to Enforce Exclusive Remedies Clause, holding that ERG’s potential recovery in the action may not exceed \$4.5 million in accordance with the terms of the ERG Agreement. The plaintiffs challenged this ruling and Parex was poised to enter

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into a settlement agreement, over the objection of Nabors, whereby ERG would release Parex from all claims in exchange for a \$15 million cash payment from Parex. The Parex settlement changed the dynamics of the ongoing litigation between Nabors and ERG, with all signs indicating that the bankrupt ERG intended to use the cash influx from Parex to pursue a low risk but potentially high reward strategy by continuing with its claim against Nabors. With this development Nabors re-evaluated its options, noting that however remote, a negative outcome at trial had the potential for a significantly adverse financial impact. As a result, in order to mitigate expenses associated with what was proving to be lengthy and potentially costly litigation, Nabors has agreed to a settlement in which ERG will release NGH2L from all claims in exchange for a payment of \$20 million by NGH2L. This settlement resulted in a pre-tax charge of \$16.5 million, which is included in net income (loss) from discontinued operations within our condensed consolidated statement of income (loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. This settlement, which did not include an admission of wrongdoing by NGH2L, has been funded and the matter is closed.

On September 29, 2017, Nabors and Nabors Maple Acquisition Ltd. were sued, along with Tesco Corporation and its Board of Directors, in a putative shareholder class action filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. The plaintiff alleges that the September 18, 2017 Preliminary Proxy Statement filed by Tesco with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission omitted material information with respect to the proposed transaction between Tesco and Nabors announced on August 14, 2017. The plaintiff claims that the omissions rendered the Proxy Statement false and misleading, constituting a violation of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and alleges liability by Nabors as a control person of Tesco. Defendants are moving to consolidate this case, captioned *The Vladimir Gusinsky Rev. Trust et al. v. Tesco Corporation et al.*, No. 4:17-cv-02918 (S.D. Tex.) (Miller, J.) with another matter recently filed against Tesco making the same or similar legal claims against Tesco, captioned *Panella v. Tesco Corporation et al.*, No. 4:17-cv-02904 (S.D. Tex.) (Bennett, J.).

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements (Including Guarantees)

We are a party to some transactions, agreements or other contractual arrangements defined as “off-balance sheet arrangements” that could have a material future effect on our financial position, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources. The most significant of these off-balance sheet arrangements involve agreements and obligations under which we provide financial or performance assurance to third parties. Certain of these agreements serve as guarantees, including standby letters of credit issued on behalf of insurance carriers in conjunction with our workers’ compensation insurance program and other financial surety instruments such as bonds. In addition, we have provided indemnifications, which serve as guarantees, to some third parties. These guarantees include indemnification provided by Nabors to our share transfer agent and our insurance carriers. We are not able to estimate the potential future maximum payments that might be due under our indemnification guarantees.

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

	Maximum Amount		2019	Thereafter	Total
	2017	2018			
Financial standby letters of credit and other financial surety instruments	\$ 98,050	165,311	—	—	\$ 263,361

Note 9 Earnings (Losses) Per Share

ASC 260, Earnings per Share, requires companies to treat unvested share-based payment awards that have nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents as a separate class of securities in calculating earnings (losses) per share. We have granted and expect to continue to grant to employees restricted stock grants that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends. Such grants are considered participating securities under ASC 260. As such, we are required to include these grants in the calculation of our basic earnings (losses) per share and calculate basic earnings (losses) per share using the two-class method. The two-class method of computing earnings per share is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings.

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Basic earnings (losses) per share is computed utilizing the two-class method and is calculated based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented.

Diluted earnings (losses) per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the periods utilizing the two-class method for stock options and unvested restricted stock. Shares issuable upon exchange of the \$575 million 0.75% exchangeable notes are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings (losses) per share unless the exchange value of the notes exceeds their principal amount at the end of the relevant reporting period, in which case the notes will be accounted for as if the number of common shares that would be necessary to settle the excess are issued. Such shares are only included in the calculation of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in our diluted earnings (losses) per share calculation, when the price of our shares exceeds \$25.16 on the last trading day of the quarter, which did not occur during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
BASIC EPS:				
Net income (loss) (numerator):				
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	\$ (119,285)	\$ (97,839)	\$ (382,389)	\$ (681,048)
Less: net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2,113)	(1,185)	(5,001)	990
Less: (earnings) losses allocated to unvested shareholders	3,463	2,698	10,580	14,683
Numerator for basic earnings per share:				
Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax - basic	\$ (117,935)	\$ (96,326)	\$ (376,810)	\$ (665,375)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (27,134)	\$ (12,187)	\$ (43,077)	\$ (14,097)
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding - basic	279,313	276,707	278,670	276,369
Earnings (losses) per share:				
Basic from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (1.35)	\$ (2.41)
Basic from discontinued operations	(0.10)	(0.04)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Total Basic	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.46)
DILUTED EPS:				
Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax - basic	\$ (117,935)	\$ (96,326)	\$ (376,810)	\$ (665,375)
Add: effect of reallocating undistributed earnings of unvested shareholders	—	—	—	—

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Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax - diluted	\$ (117,935)	\$ (96,326)	\$ (376,810)	\$ (665,375)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (27,134)	\$ (12,187)	\$ (43,077)	\$ (14,097)
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding - basic	279,313	276,707	278,670	276,369
Add: dilutive effect of potential common shares	—	—	—	—
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding - diluted	279,313	276,707	278,670	276,369
Earnings (losses) per share:				
Diluted from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (1.35)	\$ (2.41)
Diluted from discontinued operations	(0.10)	(0.04)	(0.16)	(0.05)
Total Diluted	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.46)

For all periods presented, the computation of diluted earnings (losses) per share excludes outstanding stock options with exercise prices greater than the average market price of Nabors' common shares, because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive and because they are not considered participating securities. For periods in which we experience a net loss from continuing operations, all potential common shares have been excluded from the calculation of weighted-average shares outstanding, because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive. The average number of options that were

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excluded from diluted earnings (losses) per share that would potentially dilute earnings per share in the future were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017		September 30, 2016	
			Nine Months Ended	
			September 30, 2017	
			2016	
	(In thousands)			
Potentially dilutive securities excluded as anti-dilutive	4,484	5,369	4,534	5,388

In any period during which the average market price of Nabors' common shares exceeds the exercise prices of these stock options, such stock options will be included in our diluted earnings (losses) per share computation using the if-converted method of accounting. Restricted stock is included in our basic and diluted earnings (losses) per share computation using the two-class method of accounting in all periods because such stock is considered participating securities.

Note 10 Supplemental Balance Sheet and Income Statement Information

Accrued liabilities included the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In thousands)	
Accrued compensation	\$ 112,277	\$ 116,775
Deferred revenue	241,812	255,626
Other taxes payable	25,306	