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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

N/A

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Primary Offering			
Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share			
Preferred Shares			
Debt Securities			
Guarantees(2)			
Warrants(3)			
Purchase Contracts(4)			
Rights(5)			
Units(6)			
Primary Offering Total	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	\$0 (1)
Secondary Offering			
Class A Common Shares, par value \$0.01	35,294,779 shares	\$798,014,953.19(7)	\$99,352.86 (8)
TOTAL		\$798,014,953.19	\$99,352.86

An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices. Also includes such indeterminate amount of debt securities and number of common shares and preferred shares as may be issued upon conversion or exchange for any other debt securities or shares of preferred stock that provide for conversion or exchange into other securities. In connection with the securities offered hereby, the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fees and will pay registration fees on a "pay-as-you-go" basis in accordance with Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r).

The debt securities may be guaranteed pursuant to guarantees by the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Ocean Rig UDW Inc. No separate compensation will be received for the guarantees. Pursuant to Rule 457(n), no separate fees for the guarantees will be payable.

Registered hereunder are an indeterminate number of warrants as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices

Registered hereunder are an indeterminate number of purchase contracts as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices.

Registered hereunder are an indeterminate number of rights as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices.

Registered hereunder are an indeterminate number of units as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices. Units may consist of any combination of securities registered hereunder.

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Previously estimated, in connection with the unsold securities previously registered discussed below, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low prices per share of the registrant's common shares as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on September 25, 2017.

As noted in the paragraph below, pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement includes unsold securities that had been previously registered and for which the registration fee had previously been paid. Accordingly, the amount of the registration fee to be paid is reduced by \$92,399.03 the amount of the registration fee applied to such unsold securities.

Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the securities registered pursuant to this Registration Statement include unsold securities previously registered under the registration statement on Form F-1 with File No. 333-220668 dated September 27, 2017, as amended (the "Prior Registration Statement"). In connection with the registration of the unsold securities on the Prior Registration Statement, the Registrant paid a registration fee of \$ \$92,399.03, which continues to be applied to such securities and encompasses the total fee associated with this Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6), the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this Registration Statement.

Prospectus

OCEAN RIG UDW INC.

Common Shares, Preferred Shares,

Debt Securities, Guarantees, Warrants, Purchase Contracts, Rights and Units

Through this prospectus, we may periodically offer:

- (1) our common shares,
- (2) our preferred shares,
- (3) our debt securities, which may be guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries,
- (4) our warrants,
- (5) our purchase contracts,
- (6) our rights, and
- (7) our units.

In addition, the selling shareholders named herein, or their donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors in interest may sell in one or more offerings pursuant to this registration statement up to an aggregate of 35,294,779 of our common shares. The selling shareholders may sell shares in regular brokerage transactions, in transactions directly with market makers or investors, in privately negotiated transactions or through agents or underwriters they may select from time to time. The prices and terms of the securities that we or any selling shareholders or their donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors in interest will offer will be determined at the time of their offering and will be described in a supplement to this prospectus, if required. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of securities by any selling shareholders or their donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors in interest.

Our common shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ORIG." The last reported sale price of our common shares was \$25.00 on March 16, 2018.

The securities issued under this prospectus may be offered directly or through underwriters, agents or dealers. The names of any underwriters, agents or dealers will be included in a supplement to this prospectus.

An investment in these securities involves a high degree of risk. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8 of this prospectus, and other risk factors contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

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.

The date of this prospectus is March 19, 2018.

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Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "dollars" and "\$" in this prospectus are to U.S. Dollars, and the financial statements incorporated by reference herein are presented in U.S. dollars and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. We have a fiscal year end of December 31. As used throughout this prospectus, the term "selling shareholder" refers to any selling shareholders who are named in a prospectus supplement and their donees, pledgees, transferees and other successors in interest. This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we and the selling shareholders named in this prospectus may, from time to time, sell our common shares, preferred shares, debt securities (and related guarantees), warrants, purchase contracts rights and units may sell our common shares that are described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we or any selling shareholder may offer. Each time we or a selling shareholder offer securities, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and terms of the offered securities. We may file a prospectus supplement in the future that may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described below.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement we filed with the Commission and do not contain all the information in the registration statement. Forms of the indentures and other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. For further information about us or the securities offered hereby, you should refer to the registration statement, which you can obtain from the Commission as described below under the section entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. We, any selling shareholder, and any underwriters have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or any underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary provides an overview of our company and our business. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information you should consider before purchasing our securities. On September 22, 2017, we completed a financial restructuring of our company, pursuant to which, among other things, our aggregate outstanding indebtedness owed to third parties has been reduced from approximately \$3.7 billion of principal (plus accrued interest) to \$450 million. We refer to this as the "Restructuring", which is described more fully in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 which was filed with the Commission on March 15, 2018 and is incorporated by reference herein. You should carefully read this entire prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 20-F and the other documents to which this prospectus refers to fully understand the effects of the Restructuring (as defined herein). In particular, you should read the form of Second Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company incorporated by reference herein because these documents govern your rights as a shareholder of the Company following the Restructuring. You should carefully read all of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, including the sections titled "Risk Factors" and our financial statements and related notes contained herein and therein, before making an investment decision. As used throughout this prospectus, the terms "Company," "Ocean Rig UDW," "we," "our" and "us" refer to Ocean Rig UDW Inc. and its subsidiaries except where the context otherwise requires. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "dollars" and "\$" in this prospectus are to U.S. Dollars and the financial statements incorporated by reference herein are presented in U.S. dollars and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. References to "real" or "R\$" are to the official currency of Brazil, the real.

Our Company

We are an international offshore drilling contractor providing oilfield services for offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production drilling and specializing in the ultra-deepwater and harsh-environment segment of the offshore drilling industry. We seek to utilize our high-specification drilling units to the maximum extent of their technical capability and we believe that we have earned a reputation for operating performance excellence, customer service and safety.

We, through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, currently own two modern, fifth generation harsh weather ultra-deepwater semisubmersible offshore drilling units, the Leiv Eiriksson and the Eirik Raude, five sixth generation advanced capability ultra-deepwater drilling units, the Ocean Rig Corcovado, the Ocean Rig Olympia, the Ocean Rig Poseidon and the Ocean Rig Mykonos, delivered in January 2011, March 2011, July 2011 and September 2011, respectively and the Ocean Rig Paros, acquired on April 28, 2016 through an auction, and four seventh generation drilling units, the Ocean Rig Mylos, the Ocean Rig Skyros, the Ocean Rig Athena and the Ocean Rig Apollo, delivered in August 2013, December 2013, March 2014 and March 2015, respectively. The Ocean Rig Corcovado, the Ocean Rig Olympia, the Ocean Rig Poseidon the Ocean Rig Mykonos and the Ocean Rig Paros are "sister-ships" constructed to the same high-quality vessel design and specifications and are capable of drilling in water depths of 10,000 feet. The design of our seventh generation drilling units reflects additional enhancements that will enable the drilling units to drill in water depths of 12,000 feet. The Ocean Rig Mylos, the Ocean Rig Skyros, the Ocean Rig Athena and the Ocean Rig Apollo, are "sister ships" constructed to the same high – quality drilling unit design and specifications. We believe that owning and operating "sister-ships" helps us maintain our cost efficient operations on a global basis through the shared inventory and use of spare parts and the ability of our offshore maritime crews to work seamlessly across all of our drilling units.

In addition, we have contracts to construct two seventh generation drilling units at a major shipyard in Korea, the Ocean Rig Santorini, and the Ocean Rig Crete. These newbuildings were previously scheduled for delivery in 2017 and 2018, respectively. As part of renegotiations, the delivery of the Ocean Rig Santorini and the Ocean Rig Crete -are currently scheduled in June 2018 and January 2019, respectively, certain installments were rescheduled and the total construction costs were increased to \$694.8 million and \$709.6 million, respectively. If we decide to go ahead with the construction of the two drilling unit newbuildings, the estimated remaining total construction payments, excluding financing costs, will amount to approximately \$0.9 billion in aggregate. With respect to the Ocean Rig Santorini, our subsidiary that holds the shipbuilding contract for the Ocean Rig Santorini has received a notice of default in February 2018 for failure to pay an interim installment that was due on February 5, 2018, and is currently in commercial discussions with the shipyard to further postpone the delivery of the drilling unit and amend other terms of the

shipbuilding contract. To date, our subsidiary has paid \$309.4 million in installment payments under the shipbuilding contract. Under the contract, our subsidiary must pay the amount of installments in default plus accrued interest thereon at a rate of 6% per annum. Should our subsidiary that holds the shipbuilding contract and the shipyard fail to renegotiate terms while in default, the contract could be rescinded by the shipyard and all installment payments paid by us in the amount of \$309.4 million to date could be forfeited.

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We employ our drilling units primarily on a dayrate basis for periods of between one month and six years to drill wells for our customers, typically major oil companies, integrated oil and gas companies, state-owned national oil companies and independent oil and gas companies.

We believe that our drilling units, the Ocean Rig Corcovado, the Ocean Rig Olympia, the Ocean Rig Poseidon, the Ocean Rig Mykonos, the Ocean Rig Mylos, the Ocean Rig Skyros, the Ocean Rig Athena, the Ocean Rig Apollo and the Ocean Rig Paros, as well as our two seventh generation drilling units under construction, are among the most technologically advanced drilling units in the world. The S10000E design, used for our operating drilling units, was originally introduced in 1998 and has been widely accepted by customers. Among other technological enhancements, our drilling units are equipped with dual activity drilling technology, which involves two drilling systems using a single derrick that permits two drilling-related operations to take place simultaneously. We estimate this technology saves between 15% and 40% in drilling time, depending on the well parameters. Each of our sixth generation operating drilling units is capable of drilling 40,000 feet at water depths of 10,000 feet and our seventh generation drilling units have the capacity to drill 40,000 feet at water depths of 12,000 feet, while our fifth generation drilling units are capable of drilling 30,000 feet at water depths of 10,000 feet.

Our Fleet

Set forth below is summary information concerning our offshore drilling units as of March 12, 2018.

Drilling Unit	Year Built or Scheduled Delivery/ Generation	Water Depth to the Wellhead (ft)	Drilling Depth to the Oil Field (ft)	Customer	Expected Contract Expiration(1)	Dayrate (4)	Drilling Location
Operating Drilling Units							
Leiv Eiriksson	2001/5th	10,000	30,000	Lundin Norway AS	Q3 2018	\$149,525	Norway
Ocean Rig Corcovado	2011/6th	10,000	40,000	Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.	Q2 2018	\$495,000 (3)	Brazil
Ocean Rig Mykonos(5)	2011/6th	10,000	40,000	Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.	Q1 2018	\$495,000 (3)	Brazil
Ocean Rig Skyros	2013/7th	12,000	40,000	Total E&P Angola	Q3 2021	\$580,755	Angola
Ocean Rig Poseidon (6)	2011/6th	10,000	40,000	Tullow Namibia Ltd.	Q3/Q4 2018	\$138,889	Namibia
Available for employment							
Ocean Rig Mylos (2)	2013/7th	12,000	40,000				
Eirik Raude (2)	2002/5th	10,000	30,000				
Ocean Rig Paros (2)	2011/6th	10,000	40,000				
Ocean Rig Olympia (2)	2011/6th	10,000	40,000				
Ocean Rig Apollo (2)	2015/7th	12,000	40,000				
Ocean Rig Athena (2)	2014/7th	12,000	40,000				

- (1) Not including the exercise of any applicable options to extend the term of the contract and any notification received for the termination of contracts.
- (2) These drilling units are cold stacked in Greece and are available for charter.
Approximately 20% of the dayrates are service fees paid to us in Brazilian Real (R\$). The day rate disclosed in this table is based on the March 12, 2018 exchange rate of R\$3.25:\$1.00. During the first and second quarter of 2015,
- (3) the Ocean Rig Mykonos and the Ocean Rig Corcovado, respectively, commenced drilling operations under the new awarded contracts, which are extensions of the previous contracts from Petrobras, for drilling offshore Brazil. The term of each extension was for 1,095 excluding reimbursement by Petrobras for contract related equipment upgrades.
- (4) These rates represent the current operating rates applicable under each contract. Depending on the contract, these rates may be escalated.
- (5) The Ocean Rig Mykonos contract with Petrobras expires in March 2018 and is planned to transit to Las Palmas where it will remain in "ready-to-drill" state.
On February 23, 2018, the Company signed a new drilling contract with Tullow Namibia Ltd., for a
- (6) one-well drilling program plus options for drilling offshore Namibia. The contract is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2018 and to be performed by the Ocean Rig Poseidon.

Newbuilding Drilling Units

We have entered into contracts with a major shipyard in Korea for the construction of three seventh generation drilling units, which were previously scheduled for delivery in 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively. As part of renegotiations, the Ocean Rig Santorini and the Ocean Rig Crete are currently scheduled for delivery in June 2018 and January 2019, respectively, and certain installments were rescheduled and the total construction costs were increased to \$694,790 and \$709,565, respectively. With respect to the Ocean Rig Amorgos, we had previously agreed to suspend its construction with an option, subject to our option, to bring it back into force within a period of 18 months after the date of the addendum, which option expired in February 2018. With respect to the Ocean Rig Santorini, our subsidiary that holds the shipbuilding contract for the Ocean Rig Santorini has received a notice of default in February 2018 for failure to pay an interim installment that was due on February 5, 2018, and is currently in commercial discussions with the shipyard to further postpone the delivery of the drilling unit and amend other terms of the shipbuilding contract. Should our subsidiary that holds the shipbuilding contract and the shipyard fail to renegotiate terms while in default, the contract could be rescinded by the shipyard and all installment payments paid by us in the amount of \$309.4 million to date could be forfeited. In addition, if we are unable to fund the amounts due in connection with the delivery of the Ocean Rig Crete, the yard may rescind the shipyard contract and we would forfeit all amounts we have already paid to the yard in the amount of \$156.9 million. As of December 31, 2016, the Company impaired the total advances and related costs provided to the yard for the Ocean Rig Amorgos. As of December 31, 2017, the Company determined that the full amount of the carrying value of the two drilling units under construction Ocean Rig Crete and Ocean Rig Santorini was not recoverable and, therefore, impaired their total advances and related costs provided to the yard. In connection with the three newbuilding agreements, we had made total payments of \$542.9 million as of December 31, 2017. If we decide to go ahead with the construction of the two drilling unit newbuildings, the estimated remaining total construction payments, excluding financing costs, will amount to approximately \$0.9 billion in aggregate.

Employment of Our Fleet

Employment of our Drilling Units

On January 12, 2018, Lundin Norway AS ("Lundin") declared their sixth option to extend the existing contract of the Leiv Eiriksson, which is now expected to have firm employment secured until August 2018. Should Lundin exercise its remaining six one-well options, the drilling unit could be employed until the second half of 2019. As of March 12, 2018, the dayrate is \$149,525.

In May 2015, the Ocean Rig Corcovado commenced a three-year extension under the previous contract with Petrobras. The contract includes reimbursement by Petrobras for contract related equipment upgrades. As of March 12, 2018, the dayrate is \$495,000, (including service fees of \$94,552 based on the contracted rate in Real and the March 12, 2018 exchange rate of R\$3:25:\$1.00).

In March 2015, the Ocean Rig Mykonos commenced a three-year extension under the previous contract with Petrobras. The contract includes reimbursement by Petrobras for contract related equipment upgrades. As of March 12, 2018, the dayrate is \$495,000, (including service fees of \$94,552 based on the contracted rate in Real and the March 12, 2018 exchange rate of R\$3:25:\$1.00). The Ocean Rig Mykonos contract with Petrobras expires in March 2018 and is planned to transit to Las Palmas where it will remain in "ready-to-drill" state.

In October 2015, the Ocean Rig Skyros commenced its six year contract with Total E&P Angola for drilling operations offshore Angola. As of March 12, 2018, the dayrate is \$580,755.

On February 23, 2018, the Ocean Rig Poseidon has signed a new drilling contract with Tullow Namibia Ltd., for a one-well drilling program plus options for drilling offshore West Africa. The contract is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2018.

The total contracted backlog under our drilling contracts for our drilling units, as of March 12, 2018, was \$847.5 million. We calculate our contract backlog by multiplying the contractual dayrate under all of our employment contracts for which we have firm commitments, by the minimum expected number of days committed under such contracts (excluding any options to extend), assuming full earnings efficiency. There can be no assurance that the counterparties to such contracts will fulfill their obligations under the contracts. See the section of our annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 entitled " Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Company—Our future contracted revenue for our fleet of drilling units may not be ultimately realized."

Unless otherwise stated, all references to dayrates included in this prospectus are exclusive of any applicable annual contract revenue adjustments, which generally result in the escalation of the dayrates payable under the drilling contracts.

Management of Our Drilling Units

Ocean Rig Management Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary, provides supervisory management services including onshore management to our operating drilling units and drilling units under construction, pursuant to separate management agreements entered/to be entered with each of the drilling unit – owning subsidiaries. Under the terms of these management agreements, Ocean Rig Management Inc., through its affiliates is responsible for, among other things, (i) assisting in construction contract technical negotiations and (ii) providing technical and operational management for the drilling units.

In addition, up to March 31, 2016 we had engaged Cardiff Drilling Inc, a company that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by our Chairman, Mr. George Economou, to provide us with consulting and other services with respect to the arrangement of employment for, and relating to the purchase and sale of, our drilling units. On March 31, 2016, we entered into a Management services agreement with TMS Offshore Services Ltd., a Company that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Economou to provide certain management services related to our drilling units including but not limited to commercial, financing, legal and insurance services. This agreement is effective from January 1, 2016 and was amended effective January 1, 2017. On September 22, 2017, the Restructuring Effective Date, as part of the Restructuring, we and each of our drilling-unit-owning subsidiaries terminated the previous agreement with TMS Offshore and entered into the Management Services Agreement with TMS to provide certain management services related to our drilling units including but not limited to executive management, commercial, financing, accounting, reporting, information technology, legal, manning, insurance, catering and superintendency services. See "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions."

Recent and Other Developments

Restructuring

On March 23, 2017, we and certain of our subsidiaries, Drillships Financing Holding Inc., or DFH, Drillships Ocean Ventures Inc., or DOV, and Drill Rigs Holdings Inc., or DRH, which are collectively referred to as the Scheme Companies entered into a Restructuring Support Agreement (the "RSA"), with certain creditors of our then-outstanding consolidated indebtedness to implement a financial restructuring plan, (the "Restructuring") under Section 86 of the Companies Law (2016 Revision). Pursuant to the terms of the RSA, the Scheme Companies presented winding up petitions to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands (the "Grand Court"), on March 24, 2017, and filed applications seeking the appointment of joint provisional liquidators (the "JPLs"), under section 104(3) of the Companies Law (2016) Revision. On March 27, 2017, following a hearing before the Grand Court, the JPLs were appointed in respect to each of the Scheme Companies.

The RSA proposed that the Restructuring of each of the Scheme Companies be effected by way of a scheme of arrangement under Cayman Islands law (the "Schemes"). The Schemes provided for substantial deleveraging of the Scheme Companies through an exchange by their creditors, or the Scheme Creditors, of approximately \$3.7 billion principal amount of debt (plus accrued interest) for new equity of the Company, approximately \$288 million in cash (excluding the early consent fee) and \$450 million of new secured debt.

On March 27, 2017, the JPLs as "foreign representatives" of each of the Scheme Companies filed petitions with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court under Chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code seeking recognition of the provisional liquidation proceedings and the contemplated Schemes as "foreign main proceedings." On April 3, 2017, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court granted provisional relief extending the protections of the temporary restraining order pending a recognition hearing, which was held on August 16, 2017. Following the recognition hearing, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court granted an order granting recognition to the provisional liquidation proceedings and the Schemes, pursuant to the terms sought by the JPLs.

On July 20, 2017, the Grand Court gave permission to the Scheme Companies to convene meetings of the Scheme Creditors for the purpose of considering, and if found appropriate, approving the Schemes.

On August 11, 2017, the Scheme Meetings were held and each of the Schemes was approved by a majority, in number, of the Scheme Creditors holding at least 75% in value of claims present and voting at the respective Scheme Meeting. The Schemes were approved by Scheme Creditors holding over 97% of our then-outstanding indebtedness.

On August 22, 2017, the JPLs filed an application for an order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court recognizing and giving full force and effect to the Schemes in the United States. Following the sanction of the Schemes by the Grand Court, a hearing was held before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on September 20, 2017 to consider the relief requested in the JPLs' application. Shortly after the conclusion of this hearing, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered an order giving full force and effect to the Grand Court's orders, the Schemes, and all documents and other agreements related thereto.

On August 25, 2017, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court issued a memorandum opinion and an order granting recognition of the provisional liquidation and scheme of arrangement proceedings for us and our subsidiaries, DRH, DFH, and DOV pending in the Grand Court as foreign main proceedings, and of the JPLs as the foreign representatives of the Scheme Companies in the United States. If the Schemes were approved by the Cayman Court, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court would conduct a hearing on September 20, 2017, to consider the entry of an order giving full force and effect to the Schemes in the United States.

On September 15, 2017, following a hearing held between September 4, 2017 and September 6, 2017, the Grand Court issued orders sanctioning the Schemes. On September 21, 2017, canceled 22,222,222 of its treasury shares and 56,079,533 shares of the Company previously held by its subsidiary, Ocean Rig Investments Inc. On the same day, we effected a 1-for-9,200 reverse stock split of our then-outstanding common shares. Our common shares commenced trading on a split-adjusted basis on September 22, 2017. The reverse stock split reduced the number of our issued and outstanding common shares from 82,586,851 shares (including the aforementioned treasury shares and shares held by Ocean Rig Investments, Inc.) to approximately 8,975 shares and affected all issued and outstanding common shares.

The number of our authorized common shares and the par value and other terms of our common shares were not affected by the reverse stock split. No fractional shares were issued in connection with the reverse stock split. Shareholders of record who would have otherwise been entitled to receive a fractional share as a result of the reverse stock split received a cash payment in lieu thereof. The reverse stock split was completed in connection with our Restructuring and in order to comply with NASDAQ's listing requirements and meet the minimum bid requirement for continued listing on NASDAQ's Global Select Market.

Successful Emergence from Restructuring

On September 22, 2017, which we refer to as the Restructuring Effective Date, the Restructuring took effect. Pursuant to the Schemes, on the Restructuring Effective Date, Scheme Creditors exchanged their existing claims against the respective Scheme Companies for cash, new debt and new equity issued by the Company, as outlined above. The existing claims were either transferred to our Company or released. In particular, Scheme Creditors or their nominees received shares equivalent to 90.68% of the post-Restructuring equity of our Company and aggregate cash consideration of \$320.8 million (including the early consent fee) across all of the Schemes, and the Scheme Companies and certain subsidiaries entered into a new credit agreement with the DOV and DFH Scheme Creditors (the "New Credit Agreement"). The New Credit Agreement contains limited restrictive covenants that are customary for facilities of this type. The remaining 9.32% of post-Restructuring equity was issued to Prime Cap Shipping Inc., a company that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company's Chairman and up to December 31, 2017, Chief Executive Officer, Mr. George Economou, pursuant to the management services agreement with TMS Offshore Services Ltd. as described below.

On September 26, 2017, we received formal notice from NASDAQ that we had demonstrated compliance with all applicable requirements for the continued listing of the Company's common shares on NASDAQ and confirmed that, as a result of its favorable determination, our common shares would continue to be listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

On October 4, 2017, the Grand Court issued an order discharging the JPLs effective as of October 18, 2017.

Recent Developments

Effective January 1, 2018 our Board of Directors appointed Mr. Pankaj Khanna as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Mr. Iraklis Sbarounis as Chief Financial Officer, Mr. David Cusiter as Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Anthony Kandylidis as Executive Vice Chairman of our Company.

During January 2018 and February 2018, we converted an aggregate of 349,711 Class B Common Shares, par value \$0.01 (the "Class B Common Shares"), into 349,711 Class A Common Shares, par value \$0.01 (the "Class A Common Shares"). Pursuant to our Second Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association each Class B Common Share is convertible once, at any time or from time to time, in each case, at the option of the respective holder, into a Class A Common Share at a one for one conversion ratio.

On January 12, 2018, Lundin Norway AS ("Lundin") declared its sixth option to extend the existing contract of the Leiv Eiriksson, which is now expected to have firm employment secured until August 2018. Should Lundin exercise its remaining six one-well options, the rig could be employed until the second half of 2019.

On February 7, 2018, the drilling rig Leiv Eiriksson commenced its shipyard stay at Olen, Norway where it will undergo certain enhancements related to its contract with Lundin, its intermediate survey and upgrade its BOP to 5-rams. The Leiv Eiriksson is expected to complete its yard stay by the end of the first quarter of 2018.

On February 23, 2018, the Company signed a new drilling contract with Tullow Namibia Ltd., for a one-well drilling program plus options for drilling offshore West Africa. The contract is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2018 and to be performed by the Ocean Rig Poseidon.

In February 2018, our subsidiary that holds the shipbuilding contract for the Ocean Rig Santorini has received a notice of default for failure to pay an interim installment that was due on February 5, 2018, and is currently in commercial discussions with the shipyard to further postpone the delivery of the drilling unit and amend other terms of the shipbuilding contract.

On March 5, 2018, we held our 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders.

Our drilling contract of the Ocean Rig Poseidon with Statoil, for a one-well drilling program offshore Tanzania, has been successfully completed. The Ocean Rig Poseidon is in Walvis Bay, where it will remain in "ready-to-drill" state and be actively marketed for employment until commencement of the new drilling contract with Tullow Namibia Ltd. in the third quarter of 2018.

Our drilling unit the Ocean Rig Mykonos, which is expected to complete her current drilling contract with Petrobras during March 2018, is planned to transit to Las Palmas, where it will remain in "ready-to-drill" state, and be actively marketed for employment. During the Ocean Rig Mykonos stay in Las Palmas, the unit will be fitted with a full Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD) package.

We are currently in discussions with Total E&P Angola Block 32 for the Ocean Rig Skyros contract to revise its commercial terms. These discussions may lead to no change to the contract, to a blend and extend arrangement, or termination according to the termination for convenience provisions of the contract.

The Offshore Drilling Industry

In recent years, the international drilling market has seen an increasing trend towards deep and ultra-deepwater oil and gas exploration. As shallow water resources mature, deep and ultra-deepwater regions are expected to play an increasing role in offshore oil and gas exploration and production. The floating rig fleet as of January, 2018 consisted of 263 units. An additional 43 units were under construction or on order as of January, 2018. Historically, an increase in supply has caused a decline in utilization and dayrates until drilling units are absorbed into the market.

Accordingly, dayrates have been very cyclical. We believe that the largest undiscovered offshore reserves are mostly located in ultra-deepwater fields and primarily located in the "golden triangle" between West Africa, Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico, as well as in East Africa, Australia and Southeast Asia. The location of these large offshore reserves has resulted in more than 90% of the floating drilling unit, or floater, orderbook being represented by ultra-deepwater

units. Furthermore, due to increased focus on technically challenging operations and the inherent risk of developing offshore fields in ultra-deepwater, particularly in light of the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico, in which we were not involved, oil companies have already begun to show a preference for modern units more capable of drilling in these challenging environments.

Risk Factors

We face a number of risks associated with our business and industry and must overcome a variety of challenges to utilize our strengths and implement our business strategy. These risks include, among others, changes in the offshore drilling market, including supply and demand, utilization rates, dayrates, customer drilling programs, and commodity prices; the effect of the Restructuring on us; increased costs of compliance with regulations affecting the offshore drilling industry; a downturn in the global economy; hazards inherent in the drilling industry and marine operations resulting in liability for personal injury or loss of life, damage to or destruction of property and equipment, pollution or environmental damage; inability to comply with loan covenants; inability to finance shipyard and other capital projects; and inability to successfully employ our drilling units.

This is not a comprehensive list of risks to which we are subject, and you should carefully consider all the information in this prospectus before investing in the securities offered by this prospectus. In particular, we urge you to carefully consider the risk factors set forth in the section of this prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8.

Corporate Structure

Ocean Rig UDW Inc. is an exempted company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the Cayman Islands. We were initially organized in the Republic of the Marshall Islands on December 10, 2007 under the name Primelead Shareholders Inc., as a subsidiary of DryShips Inc. (Nasdaq:DRYS), a company founded by our Chairman Mr. Economou, in which two of our directors, currently serve as directors. Following our partial spin off from DryShips to its existing shareholders, our shares commenced trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ORIG" on October 6, 2011. As of April 5, 2016, DryShips no longer holds any equity interests in our Company and no registrable securities under the registration rights agreement we entered into with DryShips on March 20, 2012 remain outstanding. As of April 14, 2016, we redomiciled from the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Cayman Islands Each of our drilling units is owned by a separate wholly-owned vessel-owning subsidiary. We maintain our principal executive offices at c/o Ocean Rig Cayman Management Services SEZC Limited, 3rd Floor Flagship Building, Harbour Drive, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Our telephone number is +1 345 327 9232. Our website address is www.ocean-rig.com. Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and the discussion of risks under the heading "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Commission on March 15, 2018, and hereby incorporated by reference into this prospectus, along the section entitled "Risk Factors" in future annual reports that summarize the risks that may materially affect our business before making an investment in our securities. Please see the section in this prospectus entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information—Information Incorporated by Reference." In addition, prospective U.S. Holders of our common shares (as such term is defined in the discussion of "Taxation" in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017) should consider the significant U.S. tax consequences relating to the ownership of our common shares as discussed in the section of this prospectus entitled "Tax Considerations." Furthermore, you should also consider carefully the risks set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" in any prospectus supplement before investing in any securities offered by this prospectus. The occurrence of one or more of those risk factors could adversely impact our business, results of operations or financial condition.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. The Company desires to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this cautionary statement in connection with such safe harbor legislation.

Certain statements in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements which reflect our current views and assumptions with respect to future events and financial performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions. The words "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "plan," "potential," "may," "should," "expect" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish the expectations, beliefs or projections described in such forward-looking statements.

In addition to these important factors and matters discussed elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include factors related to:

- our ability to operate our business following our Restructuring;
- the offshore drilling market, including supply and demand, utilization rates, dayrates, customer drilling programs, commodity prices, effects of new drilling units on the market and effects of declines in commodity prices and downturns in the global economy; on market outlook for our various geographical operating sectors and classes of drilling units;
- hazards inherent in the offshore drilling industry and marine operations causing personal injury or loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment, pollution or environmental damage, claims by third parties or customers and suspension of operations;
- customer contracts, including contract backlog, contract commencements, contract terminations, contract option exercises, contract revenues, contract awards and drilling unit and drillship mobilizations, performance provisions, newbuildings, upgrades, shipyard and other capital projects, including completion, delivery and commencement of operations dates, expected downtime and lost revenue;
- political and other uncertainties, including political unrest, risks of terrorist acts, war and civil disturbances, piracy,
- significant governmental influence over many aspects of local economies, seizure, nationalization or expropriation of property or equipment;
- repudiation, nullification, termination, modification or renegotiation of contracts;
- limitations on insurance coverage, such as war risk coverage, in certain areas;
- foreign and U.S. monetary policy and foreign currency fluctuations and devaluations;
- the inability to repatriate income or capital;
- complications associated with repairing and replacing equipment in remote locations;

- import-export quotas, wage and price controls or imposition of trade barriers;
- regulatory or financial requirements to comply with foreign bureaucratic actions, including potential limitations on drilling activity;
- changing taxation policies and other forms of government regulation and economic conditions that are beyond our control;
- the level of expected capital expenditures and the timing and cost of completion of capital projects; our ability to successfully employ both our existing and newbuilding drilling units, procure or have access to financing, ability to comply with loan covenants, liquidity and adequacy of cash flow for our obligations;
- our new capital structure;
- continued borrowing availability under our debt agreements and compliance with the covenants contained therein; our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to service our existing debt and the incurrence of indebtedness in the future;
- factors affecting our results of operations and cash flow from operations, including revenues and expenses, uses of excess cash, including debt retirement, dividends, timing and proceeds of asset sales, tax matters, changes in tax laws, treaties and regulations, tax assessments and liabilities for tax issues, legal and regulatory matters, including results and effects of legal proceedings, customs and environmental matters, insurance matters, debt levels, including impacts of the financial and credit crisis;
- the effects of accounting changes and adoption of accounting policies;
- recruitment and retention of personnel; and
- other important factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" and other risk factors described in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We caution investors not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements made in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are qualified by these cautionary statements. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, changes in future operating results over time or otherwise.

Please note that "we," "us," "our," "Ocean Rig UDW" and "the Company," all refer to Ocean Rig UDW Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

SHARE HISTORY AND MARKETS

Since October 6, 2011, the primary trading market for our common shares has been the NASDAQ Global Select Market, on which our shares are listed under the symbol "ORIG." On September 19, 2011 our common shares began "when issued" trading and on October 6, 2011 commenced "regular way" trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The secondary trading market for our common shares is the Norwegian OTC Market, on which our common shares have been trading since the pricing of a private offering on December 15, 2010. Currently only our Class A Common Shares trade on Nasdaq. Our Class B Common Shares are not publicly traded.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our unaudited ratio of earnings to fixed charges (or the dollar amount of the coverage deficiency in periods that earnings are inadequate to cover fixed charges) for each of the preceding five fiscal years.

	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2017
(1)					
(in thousands of US dollars)					
Earnings					
Pre-tax income/(loss) from continuing operations	\$107,914	\$337,626	\$179,830	\$(3,135,203)	\$58,093
Add: Fixed charges	286,056	337,473	303,385	258,067	276,368
Less: Capitalized interest	(65,492)	(37,342)	(26,055)	(28,265)	(27,718)
Add: Current period amortization of interest capitalized in prior periods	3,596	6,879	8,232	8,444	3,784
Total Earnings/ (loss)	\$332,074	\$644,636	\$465,392	\$(2,896,957)	\$310,527
Fixed Charges					
Interest expensed	\$247,259	\$294,478	\$279,352	\$237,027	\$215,156
Amortization and write-off of debt issue cost and discount relating to convertible notes	38,797	42,995	24,033	21,040	61,212
Total Fixed Charges	\$286,056	\$337,473	\$303,385	\$258,067	\$276,368
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	1.2	1.9	1.5	N/A	1.1
Dollar amount of the coverage deficiency in Earnings to Fixed Charges	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,896,957	N/A

(1) We have not issued any preferred shares as of the date of this prospectus, or during any periods covered by the above table.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash position and consolidated capitalization as of December 31, 2017, on:

· on an actual basis;

· on an as adjusted basis to give effect to aggregate scheduled loan repayments of \$35.0 million under our \$462 million secured credit facility which we made subsequent to December 31, 2017;

	As of December 31, 2017 (in thousands of U.S. dollars)	
	Actual	As Adjusted (1)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$736,114	\$736,114
Restricted cash	46,967	12,132
Total Cash	783,081	748,246
Total debt, net of financing fees		
\$450 million Senior Secured Credit Facility – Exit financing	450,000	450,000
\$462 million Senior Secured Credit Facility	81,886	47,051
Deferred Financing Costs	(254)	(254)
Total debt, including current portion	531,632	496,797
Preferred shares, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, at December 31, 2017, nil issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017.	—	—
Common shares, \$0.01 par value; 1,800,000,000 shares (1,500,000,000 class A shares and 300,000,000 class B shares) authorized, at December 31, 2017, 91,567,982 (90,562,138 class A shares and 1,005,844 class B shares) at December 31, 2017	916	916
Additional paid-in capital	5,722,078	5,722,078
Accumulated other comprehensive Income	3,476	3,476
Accumulated deficit	(3,523,250)	(3,523,250)
Total shareholders' equity	2,203,220	2,203,220
Total capitalization	\$2,734,852	\$2,700,017

(1) There have been no significant changes to our capitalization since December 31, 2017, as so adjusted.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use net proceeds from the sale of securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The selling shareholders will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of any common shares offered by them under the applicable prospectus supplement. See "Principal and Selling Shareholders." The selling shareholders will pay any underwriting discounts and commissions and expe