

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2005

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction)

0-20310
(Commission File Number)

75-2379388
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1105 Peters Road, Harvey, Louisiana
(Address of principal executive offices)

70058
(Zip Code)

(504) 362-4321
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2005, Superior Energy Services, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information presented herein shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release issued by Superior Energy Services, Inc., dated February 23, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By: _____
/s/ Robert S. Taylor
Robert S. Taylor
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 24, 2005

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Superior Energy Services, Inc. Announces Fourth Quarter 2004 Results

(Harvey, La., Wednesday, February 23, 2005) Superior Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: SPN) today announced results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004. For the quarter, revenues were \$157.8 million resulting in net income of \$12.3 million or \$0.16 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenues of \$120.3 million and net income of \$5.9 million or \$0.08 diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2003.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, revenues were a record \$564.3 million and net income was \$35.9 million or \$0.47 diluted earnings per share, as compared to revenues of \$500.6 million and net income of \$30.5 million or \$0.41 diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2003.

CEO Terry Hall Comments

CEO Terry Hall commented, "The traditional fourth quarter seasonal slowdown in the shallow water Gulf of Mexico for our services was not as severe as in years past. Higher levels of remedial and production-related work resulted in better results for our well intervention group and marine segments. Weaker deepwater rentals of drill pipe due to ongoing project delays from Hurricane Ivan were more than offset by continued diversification of our rental tools segment domestically on land and internationally in the North Sea. Fourth quarter financial performance was impacted by significant production deferral from our oil and gas segment because of extended delays to third-party pipeline and infrastructure repairs due to damage from Hurricane Ivan.

"We believe the outlook for 2005 is favorable for several reasons. First, our geographic markets appear to be more active entering this year as compared to the start of 2004, which should bode well for our core businesses. Production-related activity in the shallow water Gulf of Mexico is improving and deepwater exploration projects are resuming following storm-related downtime. Second, we should continue to gain rental tool market share domestically on land and internationally in West Africa and the Middle East. Third, we continue to build a backlog of service and decommissioning work for our own properties which can be performed if activity levels slow. Finally, we should benefit from increased levels of oil and gas production when compared to 2004 production levels."

Well Intervention Group Segment

Fourth quarter revenues for the Well Intervention Group were \$62.8 million, a 28% increase over the fourth quarter of 2003 and a 5% increase over the third quarter of 2004. Activity year-over-year was stronger in most of the segment's service lines, including coiled tubing, pumping and stimulation, plug and abandonment, mechanical wireline and well control services. Sequential improvement was driven mainly by mechanical wireline activity in the Gulf of Mexico and a large well control project in Egypt.

Rental Tools Segment

Revenues for the Rental Tools segment were \$45.0 million, a 28% increase over the fourth quarter of 2003 and a 6% increase over the third quarter of 2004. Improved results as compared to the fourth quarter of 2003 were driven mainly by increased rentals of stabilizers and downhole tubulars, on-site accommodations, and drill pipe and ancillary tools.

Marine Segment

Marine revenues were \$20.5 million, an increase of 28% as compared to the fourth quarter of 2003 and a 13% increase as compared to the third quarter of 2004. Average fleet utilization was 76% as compared to 66% in the fourth quarter of 2003 and 69% in the third quarter of 2004. Average daily revenue in the fourth quarter was approximately \$222,300, inclusive of subsistence revenue.

**Liftboat Average Dayrates and Utilization by Class Size
Three Months Ended December 31, 2004**

(\$ actual)

Class	Liftboats	Average Dayrate	Utilization
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105'	6	\$3,201	69.8%
120-135'	8	3,243	73.1%
145-155'	11	5,748	74.5%
160'-175'	6	7,310	70.8%
200'	2	11,239	94.6%
230'-245'	3	14,768	89.1%
250'	2	17,450	93.5%

Other Oilfield Services Segment

Revenues in this segment were \$20.8 million, a 7% increase as compared to the fourth quarter of 2003 and a 2% increase as compared to the third quarter of 2004 primarily due to incremental demand for property management and contract operations.

Oil and Gas Segment

Oil and gas revenues were \$11.5 million as compared to \$0.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2003 and \$14.2 million in the third quarter of 2004. Fourth quarter production from SPN Resources was approximately 289,400 barrels of oil equivalent, net (boe) as compared to approximately 335,890 boe in the third quarter of 2004. Fourth quarter production was lower due to production deferral of approximately 260,500 boe as a result of downtime at South Pass 60 from Hurricane Ivan.

The Company will host a conference call at 10 a.m. Central Time on Thursday. The call can be accessed from Superior's website at www.superiorenergy.com, or by telephone at 800-763-5557. The replay telephone number is 800-642-1687 and the replay passcode is 4027344. The replay is available beginning two hours after the call and ending March 3, 2005.

Superior Energy Services, Inc. provides a broad range of specialized oilfield services and equipment primarily to major and independent oil and gas companies engaged in the exploration, production and development of oil and natural gas properties offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the Gulf Coast region. These services and equipment include the rental of liftboats, rental of specialized oilfield equipment, electric and mechanical wireline services, well plug and abandonment services, well control, hydraulic workover, coiled tubing services and engineering services. Additional services provided include contract operating and supplemental labor, offshore and dockside environmental cleaning services, the manufacture and sale of drilling instrumentation and the manufacture and sale of oil spill containment equipment.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are: volatility of the oil and gas industry, including the level of exploration, production and development activity; risks associated with the Company's rapid growth; changes in competitive factors and other material factors that are described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual events, circumstances, effects and results may be materially different from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Consequently, the forward-looking statements contained herein should not be regarded as representations by Superior or any other person that the projected outcomes can or will be achieved.

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SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Operations

Three and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

(in thousands, except earnings per share amounts)

(unaudited, except as noted)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003 (audited)
Revenues	\$ 157,835	\$ 120,257	\$ 564,339	\$ 500,625
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of services	83,848	69,710	310,108	289,607
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	18,891	12,852	67,337	48,853
General and administrative	30,980	23,249	110,605	94,822
Total costs and expenses	133,719	105,811	488,050	433,282

Income from operations	24,116	14,446	76,289	67,343
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(5,752)	(5,673)	(22,476)	(22,477)
Interest income	401	98	1,766	209
Other income	-	-	-	2,762
Equity in income of affiliates	437	493	1,329	985
Income before income taxes	19,202	9,364	56,908	48,822
Income taxes	6,916	3,511	21,056	18,308
Net income	<u>\$ 12,286</u>	<u>\$ 5,853</u>	<u>\$ 35,852</u>	<u>\$ 30,514</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.16</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 0.48</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.16</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 0.47</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>
Weighted average common shares used in computing earnings per share:				
Basic	<u>76,163</u>	<u>74,079</u>	<u>74,896</u>	<u>73,970</u>
Diluted	<u>77,618</u>	<u>74,759</u>	<u>75,900</u>	<u>74,648</u>

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(in thousands)

	12/31/2004 (unaudited)	12/31/2003 (audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,281	\$ 19,794
Accounts receivable - net	156,235	112,775
Income taxes receivable	2,694	-
Notes receivable	9,611	19,212
Prepaid insurance and other	28,203	14,059
Total current assets	<u>212,024</u>	<u>165,840</u>
Property, plant and equipment - net	515,151	427,360
Goodwill - net	226,593	204,727
Notes receivable	29,131	15,145
Investments in affiliates	14,496	13,224
Other assets - net	6,518	6,567
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,003,913</u>	<u>\$ 832,863</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 36,496	\$ 20,817
Accrued expenses	56,796	48,949
Income taxes payable	-	138
Fair value of commodity derivative instruments	2,018	-
Current portion of decommissioning liabilities	23,588	20,097
Current maturities of long-term debt	11,810	14,210
Total current liabilities	<u>130,708</u>	<u>104,211</u>
Deferred income taxes	103,372	86,251
Decommissioning liabilities	90,430	18,756
Long-term debt	244,906	255,516

Fair value of commodity derivative instruments	618	-
Total stockholders' equity	433,879	368,129
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,003,913	\$ 832,863

Superior Energy Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Segment Highlights
Three months ended December 31, 2004, September 30, 2004, and December 31, 2003
(Unaudited)
(in thousands)

Revenue	Three months ended,		
	December 31, 2004	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
Well Intervention	\$ 62,779	\$ 59,861	\$ 49,192
Rental tools	44,971	42,530	35,015
Marine	20,456	18,049	15,958
Other Oilfield Services	20,789	20,354	19,351
Oil and Gas	11,462	14,190	741
Less: Oil and Gas Eliminations (2)	(2,622)	(2,484)	-
Total Revenues	\$ 157,835	\$ 152,500	\$ 120,257

Gross Profit (1)	Three months ended,		
	December 31, 2004	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
Well Intervention	\$ 29,154	\$ 25,519	\$ 20,756
Rental tools	29,731	27,186	22,901
Marine	7,357	5,856	3,421
Other Oilfield Services	4,560	3,878	3,059
Oil and Gas	3,185	7,650	410
Total Gross Profit	\$ 73,987	\$ 70,089	\$ 50,547

- (1) Gross profit is calculated by subtracting cost of services from revenue for each of the Company's five segments.
- (2) Oil and gas eliminations represent products and services from the company's segments provided to the Oil and Gas Segment.

