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**SWISS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TRANSOCEAN LTD.**

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**AUDITED SWISS CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TRANSOCEAN LTD.**

The Swiss audited consolidated financial statements of Transocean Ltd. included herein are provided pursuant to Swiss law and are audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, Swiss Auditing Standards and Swiss law. In connection with our efforts to dispose of non-strategic assets: (a) in March 2011, we engaged an unaffiliated advisor to coordinate the sale of the assets of our oil and gas properties reporting unit, and (b) in February 2011, we sold our former subsidiary that owns the High-Specification Jackup *Trident 20*, located in the Caspian Sea. As a result of these developments, we have reclassified the assets and liabilities and operating results associated with these discontinued operations in the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011, which are incorporated by reference in the prospectus supplement relating to this offering. The following consolidated financial statements have not been recast to reflect these discontinued operations.

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To the General Meeting of

**Transocean Ltd., Zug**

Zurich, February 28, 2011

**Report of the statutory auditor on the consolidated financial statements**

As statutory auditor, we have audited the consolidated financial statements of Transocean Ltd. and subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows and notes thereto (pages AR-72 to AR-119) for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

*Board of Directors responsibility*

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the requirements of Swiss law. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law, Swiss Auditing Standards and auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also

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includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 present fairly in all material respects, the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and comply with Swiss law.

### **Report on other legal requirements**

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO and article 11 AOA) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Ernst & Young Ltd

/s/ Robin Errico  
Licensed audit expert  
(Auditor in charge)

/s/ Jolanda Dolente  
Licensed audit expert

**TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(In millions, except per share data)

	2010	Years ended December 31,		2008
		2009		
<b>Operating revenues</b>				
Contract drilling revenues	\$ 8,967	\$ 10,607	\$	10,756
Contract drilling intangible revenues	98	281		690
Other revenues	511	668		1,228
	9,576	11,556		12,674
<b>Costs and expenses</b>				
Operating and maintenance	5,119	5,140		5,355
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,589	1,464		1,436
General and administrative	247	209		199
	6,955	6,813		6,990
Loss on impairment	(1,012)	(334)		(320)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets, net	257	(9)		(7)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>4,400</b>		<b>5,357</b>
<b>Other income (expense), net</b>				
Interest income	23	5		32
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(567)	(484)		(640)
Loss on retirement of debt	(33)	(29)		(3)
Other, net	10	32		26
	(567)	(476)		(585)
Income before income tax expense	1,299	3,924		4,772
Income tax expense	311	754		743
<b>Net income</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>3,170</b>		<b>4,029</b>
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	27	(11)		(2)
<b>Net income attributable to controlling interest</b>	<b>\$ 961</b>	<b>\$ 3,181</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,031</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>				
Basic	\$ 2.99	\$ 9.87	\$	12.63
Diluted	\$ 2.99	\$ 9.84	\$	12.53
<b>Weighted-average shares outstanding</b>				
Basic	320	320		318
Diluted	320	321		321

See accompanying notes.

**TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(In millions)

	2010	Years ended December 31,		2008
		2009		
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 988	\$ 3,170	\$ 4,029	
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income taxes</b>				
Unrecognized components of net periodic benefit costs	(8)	37	(388)	
Recognized components of net periodic benefit costs	16	24	5	
Unrecognized loss on derivative instruments	(29)	(2)	(1)	
Recognized loss on derivative instruments	12	6		
Other, net		1	(3)	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income taxes	(9)	66	(387)	
Income taxes related to other comprehensive income (loss)	(9)	24	9	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	(18)	90	(378)	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	970	3,260	3,651	
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	6	(6)	(2)	
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest</b>	\$ 964	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,653	

See accompanying notes.

## TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,394	\$ 1,130
Accounts receivable, net		
Trade	1,811	2,330
Other	189	55
Materials and supplies, net	517	462
Deferred income taxes, net	115	104
Assets held for sale		186
Other current assets	169	209
Total current assets	6,195	4,476
Property and equipment	27,007	27,383
Property and equipment of consolidated variable interest entities	2,214	1,968
Less accumulated depreciation	7,763	6,333
Property and equipment, net	21,458	23,018
Goodwill	8,132	8,134
Other assets	1,026	808
Total assets	\$ 36,811	\$ 36,436
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 847	\$ 780
Accrued income taxes	116	240
Debt due within one year	1,917	1,568
Debt of consolidated variable interest entities due within one year	95	300
Other current liabilities	861	730
Total current liabilities	3,836	3,618
Long-term debt	8,354	8,966
Long-term debt of consolidated variable interest entities	855	883
Deferred income taxes, net	594	726
Other long-term liabilities	1,772	1,684
Total long-term liabilities	11,575	12,259
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	25	
Shares, CHF 15.00 par value, 335,235,298 authorized, 167,617,649 conditionally authorized, 335,235,298 issued and 319,080,678 outstanding at December 31, 2010; and 502,852,947 authorized, 167,617,649 conditionally authorized, 335,235,298 issued and 321,223,882 outstanding at December 31, 2009	4,482	4,472
Additional paid-in capital	7,504	7,407
Treasury shares, at cost, 2,863,267 and none held at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively	(240)	
Retained earnings	9,969	9,008
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(332)	(335)
Total controlling interest shareholders' equity	21,383	20,552
Noncontrolling interest	(8)	7
Total equity	21,375	20,559

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Total liabilities and equity	\$	36,811	\$	36,436
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**TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(In millions)

	Years ended December 31,			Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008	2010	2009	2008
	Shares			Amount		
<b>Shares</b>						
Balance, beginning of period	321	319	317	\$ 4,472	\$ 4,444	\$ 3
Issuance of shares under share-based compensation plans	1	2	2	10	28	
Purchases of shares held in treasury	(3)					
Cancellation of shares for redomestication						
			(317)			(3)
Issuance of shares for redomestication			317			4,444
Balance, end of period	319	321	319	\$ 4,482	\$ 4,472	\$ 4,444
<b>Additional paid-in capital</b>						
Balance, beginning of period				\$ 7,407	\$ 7,313	\$ 11,619
Share-based compensation expense				102	81	64
Issuance of shares under share-based compensation plans				(11)	7	62
Repurchases of convertible senior notes				14	22	
Redomestication						(4,441)
Changes in ownership of noncontrolling interest and other, net				(8)	(16)	9
Balance, end of period				\$ 7,504	\$ 7,407	\$ 7,313
<b>Treasury shares, at cost</b>						
Balance, beginning of period				\$	\$	\$
Purchases of shares held in treasury				(240)		
Balance, end of period				\$ (240)	\$	\$
<b>Retained earnings</b>						
Balance, beginning of period				\$ 9,008	\$ 5,827	\$ 1,796
Net income attributable to controlling interest				961	3,181	4,031
Balance, end of period				\$ 9,969	\$ 9,008	\$ 5,827
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive loss</b>						
Balance, beginning of period				\$ (335)	\$ (420)	\$ (42)
Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to controlling interest				3	85	(378)
Balance, end of period				\$ (332)	\$ (335)	\$ (420)
<b>Total controlling interest shareholders equity</b>						
Balance, beginning of period				\$ 20,552	\$ 17,164	\$ 13,376
Total comprehensive income attributable to controlling interest				964	3,266	3,653
Share-based compensation expense				102	81	64
Issuance of shares under share-based compensation plans				(1)	35	62
Purchases of shares held in treasury				(240)		
Repurchases of convertible senior notes				14	22	
Changes in ownership of noncontrolling interest and other, net				(8)	(16)	9
Balance, end of period				\$ 21,383	\$ 20,552	\$ 17,164



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<b>Noncontrolling interest</b>			
Balance, beginning of period	\$	7	\$ 3 \$ 5
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest		7	(6) (2)
Reclassification of redeemable noncontrolling interest		(26)	
Changes in ownership of noncontrolling interest and other, net		4	10
Balance, end of period	\$	(8)	\$ 7 \$ 3
<b>Total equity</b>			
Balance, beginning of period	\$	20,559	\$ 17,167 \$ 13,381
Total comprehensive income		971	3,260 3,651
Share-based compensation expense		102	81 64
Issuance of shares under share-based compensation plans		(1)	35 62
Purchases of shares held in treasury		(240)	
Repurchases of convertible senior notes		14	22
Reclassification of redeemable noncontrolling interest and other, net		(30)	(6) 9
Balance, end of period	\$	21,375	\$ 20,559 \$ 17,167

See accompanying notes.

**TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(In millions)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 988	\$ 3,170	\$ 4,029
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Amortization of drilling contract intangibles	(98)	(281)	(690)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,589	1,464	1,436
Share-based compensation expense	102	81	64
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	(1)	(2)	(10)
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	(257)	9	7
Loss on impairment	1,012	334	320
Loss on retirement of debt	33	29	3
Amortization of debt issue costs, discounts and premiums, net	189	209	176
Deferred income taxes	(145)	13	8
Other, net	(1)	7	41
Deferred revenue, net	205	169	11
Deferred expenses, net	(79)	(38)	(115)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	409	434	(321)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,946	5,598	4,959
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Capital expenditures	(1,411)	(3,052)	(2,208)
Proceeds from disposal of assets, net	60	18	348
Proceeds from insurance recoveries for loss of drilling unit	560		
Proceeds from payments on notes receivable	37		
Proceeds from short-term investments	37	564	59
Purchases of short-term investments		(269)	(408)
Joint ventures and other investments, net	(4)	45	13
Net cash used in investing activities	(721)	(2,694)	(2,196)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Change in short-term borrowings, net	(193)	(382)	(837)
Proceeds from debt	2,054	514	2,661
Repayments of debt	(2,565)	(2,871)	(4,893)
Purchases of shares held in treasury	(240)		
Financing costs	(15)	(2)	(24)
Proceeds from (taxes paid for) share-based compensation plans, net	(1)	17	51
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	1	2	10
Other, net	(2)	(15)	(9)
Net cash used in financing activities	(961)	(2,737)	(3,041)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,264	167	(278)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,130	963	1,241
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 3,394	\$ 1,130	\$ 963

See accompanying notes.



**TRANSOCEAN LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1 Nature of Business**

Transocean Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries and predecessors, unless the context requires otherwise, Transocean, the Company, we, us or o is a leading international provider of offshore contract drilling services for oil and gas wells. Our mobile offshore drilling fleet is considered one of the most modern and versatile fleets in the world. Specializing in technically demanding sectors of the offshore drilling business with a particular focus on deepwater and harsh environment drilling services, we contract our drilling rigs, related equipment and work crews predominantly on a dayrate basis to drill oil and gas wells. At December 31, 2010, we owned, had partial ownership interests in or operated 139 mobile offshore drilling units. As of this date, our fleet consisted of 47 High-Specification Floaters (Ultra-Deepwater, Deepwater and Harsh Environment semisubmersibles and drillships), 25 Midwater Floaters, 10 High-Specification Jackups, 54 Standard Jackups and three Other Rigs. We also have one Ultra-Deepwater Floater and three High-Specification Jackups under construction (see Note 9 Drilling Fleet and Note 25 Subsequent Events).

We also provide oil and gas drilling management services, drilling engineering and drilling project management services, and we participate in oil and gas exploration and production activities. We provide drilling management services through Applied Drilling Technology Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary, and through ADT International, a division of one of our U.K. subsidiaries (together, ADTI ). ADTI conducts drilling management services primarily on either a dayrate or a completed-project, fixed-price (or turnkey ) basis. Oil and gas properties consist of exploration, development and production activities performed by Challenger Minerals Inc. and Challenger Minerals (North Sea) Limited (together, CMI ), our oil and gas subsidiaries.

In December 2008, Transocean Ltd. completed a transaction pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger among Transocean Ltd., Transocean Inc., which was our former parent holding company, and Transocean Cayman Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands that was a wholly owned subsidiary of Transocean Ltd., pursuant to which Transocean Inc. merged by way of schemes of arrangement under Cayman Islands law with Transocean Cayman Ltd., with Transocean Inc. as the surviving company (the Redomestication Transaction ). In the Redomestication Transaction, Transocean Ltd. issued one of its shares in exchange for each ordinary share of Transocean Inc. In addition, Transocean Ltd. issued 16 million of its shares to Transocean Inc. for future use to satisfy Transocean Ltd.'s obligations to deliver shares in connection with awards granted under our incentive plans or other rights to acquire shares of Transocean Ltd. (see Note 16 Shareholders' Equity). The Redomestication Transaction effectively changed the place of incorporation of our parent holding company from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland. As a result of the Redomestication Transaction, Transocean Inc. became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Transocean Ltd. In connection with the Redomestication Transaction, we relocated our principal executive offices to Vernier, Switzerland.

**Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies**

**Accounting estimates** The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( U.S. ) requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and assumptions, including those related to our allowance for doubtful accounts, materials and supplies obsolescence, property and equipment, investments, notes receivable, goodwill and other intangible assets, income taxes, share-based compensation, defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefits and contingencies. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

**Fair value measurements** We estimate fair value at a price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal market for the asset or liability. Our valuation techniques require inputs that we categorize using a three-level hierarchy, from highest to lowest level of observable inputs, as follows: (1) unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets ( Level 1 ), (2) direct or indirect observable inputs, including quoted prices or other market data, for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or identical assets or liabilities in less active markets ( Level 2 ) and (3) unobservable inputs that require significant judgment for which there is little or no market data ( Level 3 ). When multiple input levels are required for a valuation, we categorize the entire fair value measurement according to the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement even though we may have also utilized significant inputs that are more readily observable.

**Principles of consolidation** We consolidate entities in which we have a majority voting interest and entities that meet the criteria for variable interest entities for which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary for accounting purposes. We eliminate intercompany transactions and accounts in consolidation. We apply the equity method of accounting for investments in entities if we have the ability to exercise significant influence over an entity that (a) does not meet the variable interest entity criteria or (b) meets the variable interest entity criteria, but for which we are not deemed to be the primary beneficiary. We apply the cost method of accounting for investments in other entities if we do not have the ability to exercise significant influence over the unconsolidated affiliate. See Note 4 - Variable Interest Entities.

Our investments in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates, recorded in other assets on our consolidated balance sheets, had carrying amounts of \$19 million and \$11 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We recognized equity in earnings of

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**    **Continued**

unconsolidated affiliates, recorded in other, net, on our consolidated statements of operations, in the amount of \$8 million, \$2 million and \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Cash and cash equivalents** Cash equivalents are highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less that may include time deposits with commercial banks that have high credit ratings, U.S. Treasury and government securities, Eurodollar time deposits, certificates of deposit and commercial paper. We may also invest excess funds in no-load, open-end, management investment trusts ( management trusts ). The management trusts invest exclusively in high-quality money market instruments.

**Allowance for doubtful accounts** We establish an allowance for doubtful accounts on a case-by-case basis, considering changes in the financial position of a major customer, when we believe the required payment of specific amounts owed is unlikely to occur. We derive a majority of our revenues from services to international oil companies and government-owned or government-controlled oil companies. We evaluate the credit quality of our customers on an ongoing basis, and we do not generally require collateral or other security to support customer receivables. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$38 million and \$65 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**Materials and supplies** Materials and supplies are carried at average cost less an allowance for obsolescence. The allowance for obsolescence was \$70 million and \$66 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**Property and equipment** Property and equipment, consisting primarily of offshore drilling rigs and related equipment, represented approximately 58 percent of our total assets at December 31, 2010. The carrying amounts of these assets are based on estimates, assumptions and judgments relative to capitalized costs, useful lives and salvage values of our rigs. These estimates, assumptions and judgments reflect both historical experience and expectations regarding future industry conditions and operations. We compute depreciation using the straight-line method after allowing for salvage values. We capitalize expenditures for renewals