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

Form 10-K

(MARK ONE)

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Complete Production Services, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)*

72-1503959
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

**11700 Katy Freeway, Suite 300
Houston, Texas**
(Address of principal executive offices)

77079
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 372-2300

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of June 30, 2008, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1,997,979,057 based upon the price at which our common stock was last sold on that date.

Number of shares of the Common Stock of the registrant outstanding as of February 20, 2009: 76,867,674

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's proxy statement to be furnished to the stockholders in connection with its 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III, Items 10-14 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K

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PART I

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to we, us, our, our company, or Complete include Complete Production Services, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Item 1. Business

Our Company

Complete Production Services, Inc., formerly named Integrated Production Services, Inc., is a Delaware corporation formed on May 22, 2001. We provide specialized services and products focused on helping oil and gas companies develop hydrocarbon reserves, reduce costs and enhance production. We focus on basins within North America that we believe have attractive long-term potential for growth, and we deliver targeted, value-added services and products required by our customers within each specific basin. We believe our range of services and products positions us to meet many needs of our customers at the wellsite, from drilling and completion through production and eventual abandonment. We seek to differentiate ourselves from our competitors through our local leadership, our basin-level expertise and the innovative application of proprietary and other technologies. We deliver solutions to our customers that we believe lower their costs and increase their production in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. Virtually all our operations are located in basins within North America, where we manage our operations from regional field service facilities located throughout the U.S. Rocky Mountain region, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, western Canada and Mexico. We also have operations in Southeast Asia.

The Combination

Prior to 2001, SCF Partners, a private equity firm that focuses on investments in the oilfield services segment of the energy industry, began to target investment opportunities in service oriented companies in the North American natural gas market with specific focus on the completion and production phase of the exploration and production cycle. On May 22, 2001, SCF Partners through a limited partnership, SCF-IV, L.P. (SCF), formed Saber, a new company, in connection with its acquisition of two companies primarily focused on completion and production related services in Louisiana. In July 2002, SCF became the controlling stockholder of Integrated Production Services, Ltd., a production enhancement company that, at the time, focused its operation in Canada. In September 2002, Saber acquired this company and changed its name to Integrated Production Services, Inc. (IPS). Subsequently, IPS began to grow organically and through several acquisitions, with the ultimate objective of creating a technical leader in the enhancement of natural gas production. In November 2003, SCF formed another production services company, Complete Energy Services, Inc. (CES), establishing a platform from which to grow in the Barnett Shale region of north Texas. Subsequently, through organic growth and several acquisitions, CES extended its presence to the U.S. Rocky Mountain and the Mid-continent regions. In the summer of 2004, SCF formed I.E. Miller Services, Inc. (IEM), which at the time had a presence in Louisiana and Texas. During 2004, IPS and IEM independently began to execute strategic initiatives to establish a presence in both the Barnett Shale and U.S. Rocky Mountain regions.

On September 12, 2005, IPS, CES and IEM were combined and became Complete Production Services, Inc. in a transaction we refer to as the Combination. In the Combination, IPS served as the acquirer. Immediately after the Combination, SCF held approximately 70% of our outstanding common stock, the former CES stockholders (other than SCF) in the aggregate held approximately 18.8% of our outstanding common stock, the former IEM stockholders (other than SCF) in the aggregate held approximately 2.4% of our outstanding common stock and the former IPS stockholders (other than SCF) in the aggregate held approximately 8.4% of our outstanding common stock.

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On April 20, 2006, we entered into an underwriting agreement in connection with our initial public offering and became subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On April 21, 2006, our common stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPX. On April 26, 2006, we completed our initial public offering.

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Our Operating Segments

Our business is comprised of three segments:

Completion and Production Services. Through our completion and production services segment, we establish, maintain and enhance the flow of oil and gas throughout the life of a well. This segment is divided into the following primary service lines:

Intervention Services. Well intervention requires the use of specialized equipment to perform an array of wellbore services. Our fleet of intervention service equipment includes coiled tubing units, pressure pumping units, nitrogen units, well service rigs, snubbing units and a variety of support equipment. Our intervention services provide customers with innovative solutions to increase production of oil and gas.

Downhole and Wellsite Services. Our downhole and wellsite services include electric-line, slickline, production optimization, production testing, rental and fishing services. We also offer several proprietary services and products that we believe create significant value for our customers.

Fluid Handling. We provide a variety of services to help our customers obtain, move, store and dispose of fluids that are involved in the development and production of their reservoirs. Through our fleet of specialized trucks, frac tanks and other assets, we provide fluid transportation, heating, pumping and disposal services for our customers.

Drilling Services. Through our drilling services segment, we provide services and equipment that initiate or stimulate oil and gas production by providing land drilling, specialized rig logistics and site preparation throughout our service area. Our drilling rigs operate primarily in and around the Barnett Shale region of north Texas.

Product Sales. We provide oilfield service equipment and refurbishment of used equipment through our Southeast Asian business, and we provide repair work and fabrication services for our customers at a location in Gainesville, Texas.

Our Industry

Our business depends on the level of exploration, development and production expenditures made by our customers. These expenditures are driven by the current and expected future prices for oil and gas, and the perceived stability and sustainability of those prices. Our business is primarily driven by natural gas drilling activity in North America. While demand for natural gas has recently declined, we believe that the long-term demand for natural gas in North America will be high and that supply may be constrained as natural gas basins become more mature and experience declines.

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As illustrated in the table below, natural gas and oil commodity prices had risen in recent years but began to decline in late 2008 and are expected to remain relatively low for 2009. The WTI Cushing spot price of a barrel of crude oil reached an all-time high of \$145.31 per barrel in July 2008 and then dropped sharply by the end of the year, falling as low as \$30.28 per barrel on December 23, 2008. The number of drilling rigs under contract in the United States and Canada and the number of well service rigs have increased over the three-year period ended December 31, 2008, according to Baker Hughes Incorporated (BHI) and the Weatherford/AESC Service Rig Count for Active Rigs. However, the rig counts also decreased sharply in late 2008 and thus far in 2009. The table below sets forth average daily closing prices for the WTI Cushing spot oil price and the average daily closing prices for the Henry Hub price for natural gas since 1999:

Period	Average Daily Closing Henry Hub Spot Natural Gas Prices (\$/mcf)	Average Daily Closing WTI Cushing Spot Oil Price (\$/bbl)
1/1/99 12/31/99	\$ 2.27	\$ 19.30
1/1/00 12/31/00	4.31	30.37
1/1/01 12/31/01	3.99	25.96
1/1/02 12/31/02	3.37	26.17
1/1/03 12/31/03	5.49	31.06
1/1/04 12/31/04	5.90	41.51
1/1/05 12/31/05	8.89	56.56
1/1/06 12/31/06	6.73	66.09
1/1/07 12/31/07	6.97	72.23
1/1/08 12/31/08	8.89	99.92

Source: Bloomberg NYMEX prices.

The closing spot price of a barrel of WTI Cushing oil at December 31, 2008 was \$44.60, and the closing spot price for Henry Hub natural gas (\$/mcf) was \$5.63.

Long-term trends which we believe will affect our industry include:

Trend toward drilling and developing unconventional North American natural gas resources. Due to the maturity of conventional North American oil and gas reservoirs and their accelerating production decline rates, unconventional resources will comprise an increasing proportion of future North American oil and gas production. Unconventional resources include tight sands, shales and coalbed methane. These resources are more service-intensive and may require more wells to be drilled and maintained on tighter acreage spacing. The appropriate technology to recover unconventional gas resources varies from region to region; therefore, knowledge of local conditions and operating procedures, and selection of the right technologies is key to providing customers with appropriate solutions.

The advent of the resource play. A resource play is a term used to describe an accumulation of hydrocarbons known to exist over a large area which, when compared to a conventional play, has lower commercial development risks and a higher average decline rate. Once identified, resource plays have the potential to make a material impact because of their size and long reserve life. The application of appropriate technology and program execution are important to

obtain value from resource plays. Resource play developments occur over long periods of time, well by well, in large-scale developments that repeat common tasks in an assembly-line fashion and capture economies of scale to drive down costs.

Complex technologies and equipment. The development of unconventional oil and gas resources are driving the need for complex, new technologies and equipment to help increase recovery rates, lower production costs and accelerate field development.

Natural gas is generally placed into storage during the warmer months of the year and withdrawn during colder months. The amount of natural gas in storage can impact current natural gas prices and prices quoted on futures exchanges. Although economic conditions may reduce demand for natural gas near-term, we believe the long-term fundamentals for our industry are positive. Additionally, natural gas prices can be impacted by the ability to move

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gas from producing areas to consuming areas of North America from time to time. For example, due to the significant level of natural gas drilling in western Colorado and southwest Wyoming, pipeline capacity became constrained in late 2006 and continued into 2007, contributing to a short-term decline in natural gas prices in these areas until additional pipeline capacity was added. Fluctuations in commodity prices and availability of gas supply through pipeline capacity can impact the level of drilling activity by our customers as they adjust investment levels commensurate with their revenues.

Our Business Strategy

Our goal is to build the leading oilfield services company focused on the completion and production phases in the life of an oil and gas well. We intend to capitalize on the emerging trends in the North American marketplace through the execution of a growth strategy that consists of the following components:

Focus on execution and performance. We have established and intend to develop further a culture of performance and accountability. Senior management spends a significant portion of its time ensuring that our customers receive the highest quality of service by focusing on the following:

clear business direction;

thorough planning process;

clearly defined targets and accountabilities;

close performance monitoring;

safety objectives;

performance incentives for management and employees; and

effective communication.

Expand and capitalize on local leadership and basin-level expertise. A key component of our strategy is to build upon our base of strong local leadership and basin-level expertise. We have a significant presence in most of the key onshore continental U.S. and Canadian gas resource plays we believe have the potential for long-term growth. Our position in these basins capitalizes on our local leadership that has accumulated a valuable knowledge base and strong customer relationships. We intend to leverage our existing market presence, expertise and customer relationships to expand our business within these gas resource plays. We also intend to replicate this approach in new regions by building and acquiring new businesses that have strong regional management with extensive local knowledge.

Develop and deploy technical and operational solutions. We are focused on developing and deploying technical services, equipment and expertise that lower our customers' costs.

Capitalize on organic and acquisition-related growth opportunities. We believe there are numerous opportunities to sell new services and products to customers in our current geographic areas and to sell our current services and products to customers in new geographic areas. We have a proven track record of organic growth and successful acquisitions, and we intend to continue using capital investments and acquisitions to strategically expand our business over the long-term. Near-term, we will significantly reduce our capital expenditures and do not anticipate completing cash acquisitions until market conditions stabilize.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that we are well positioned to execute our strategy and capitalize on opportunities in the North American oil and gas market based on the following competitive strengths:

Strong local leadership and basin-level expertise. We operate our business with a focus on each regional basin complemented by our local reputations. We believe our local and regional businesses, some of which have been operating for more than 50 years, provide us with a significant advantage over many of our competitors. Our managers, sales engineers and field operators have extensive expertise in their local geological basins and understand the regional challenges our customers face. We have long-term relationships

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with many customers, and most of the services and products we offer are sold or contracted at a local level, allowing our operations personnel to bring their expertise to bear while selling services and products to our customers. We strive to leverage this basin-level expertise to establish ourselves as the preferred provider of our services in the basins in which we operate.

Significant presence in major North American basins. We operate in major oil and gas producing regions of the U.S. Rocky Mountains, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, western Canada and Mexico, with concentrations in key resource play and unconventional basins. Resource plays are expected to continue to increase in importance in future North American oil and gas production as more conventional resources enter later stages of the exploration and development cycle. We believe we have an excellent position in highly active markets such as the Haynesville Shale area of Arkansas and northern Louisiana, the Marcellus Shale area of Pennsylvania, the Barnett Shale region of north Texas, the Fayetteville Shale in Arkansas and the Woodford Shale area in Oklahoma, for example. Each of these markets is among the most active areas for exploration and development of onshore oil and gas. Accelerating production and driving down development and production costs are key goals for oil and gas operators in these areas, resulting in higher demand for our services and products. In addition, our presence in these regions allows us to build solid customer relationships and take advantage of cross-selling opportunities.

Focus on complementary production and field development services. Our breadth of service and product offerings positions us well relative to our competitors. Our services encompass the entire lifecycle of a well from drilling and completion, through production and eventual abandonment. We deliver complementary services and products, which we may provide in tandem or sequentially over the life of the well. This suite of services and products gives us the opportunity to cross-sell to our customer base and throughout our geographic regions. Leveraging our local leadership and basin-level expertise, we are able to offer expanded services and products to existing customers or current services and products to new customers.

Innovative approach to technical and operational solutions. We develop and deploy services and products that enable our customers to increase production rates, stem production declines and reduce the costs of drilling, completion and production. The significant expertise we have developed in our areas of operation offers our customers customized operational solutions to meet their particular needs. Our ability to develop these technical and operational solutions is possible due to our understanding of applicable technology, our basin-level expertise and our close local relationships with customers.

Modern and active asset base. We have a modern and well-maintained fleet of coiled tubing units, pressure pumping equipment, wireline units, well service rigs, snubbing units, fluid transports, frac tanks and other specialized equipment. We believe our ongoing investment in our equipment allows us to better serve the diverse and increasingly challenging needs of our customer base. New equipment is generally less costly to maintain and operate on an annual basis and is more efficient for our customers. Modern equipment reduces the downtime and associated costs and expenditures and enables the increased utilization of our assets. We believe our future expenditures will be used to capitalize on growth opportunities within the areas we currently operate and to build out new platforms obtained through targeted acquisitions.

Experienced management team with proven track record. Each member of our operating management team has extensive experience in the oilfield services industry. We believe that their considerable knowledge of and experience in our industry enhances our ability to operate effectively throughout industry cycles. Our management also has substantial experience in identifying, completing and integrating acquisitions. In addition, our management supports local leadership by developing corporate strategy, implementing corporate governance procedures and overseeing a company-wide safety program.

Overview of Our Segments

We manage our business through three segments: completion and production services, drilling services and product sales. Within each of these segments, we perform services and deliver products, as detailed in the table below. We constantly monitor the North American market for opportunities to expand our business by building our presence in existing regions and expanding our services and products into attractive, new regions.

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See Note 15 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report for financial information about our operating segments and about geographic areas.

Product/Service Offering	North Gulf			Central				Western				
	Louisiana		Coast/	& Eastern		DJ	Western	North		Canadian		
	North	South	East	South	Western	&	Basin	Slope	Rock	Sedimentary	Appalachia	
	Texas	Texas	Texas	Louisiana	Oklahoma	Arkansas	(CO)	UT	Wyoming	ND)	Basin	Mexico (PA)
Completion and Production Services:												
Coiled Tubing	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü			ü	ü		ü
Pressure Pumping	ü								ü			ü
Well Servicing	ü	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü			
Snubbing	ü	ü							ü	ü		
Electric-line	ü			ü	ü	ü	ü		ü		ü	ü
Slickline		ü	ü								ü	ü
Production Optimization	ü	ü	ü		ü	ü		ü	ü		ü	
Production Testing							ü	ü	ü		ü	ü
Rental Equipment	ü		ü		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü		
Pressure Testing								ü	ü			ü
Fluid Handling	ü	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü	ü		ü		
Drilling Services:												
Contract Drilling	ü											
Drilling Logistics	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü		ü		ü		
Product Sales:												
Fabrication and repair	ü											

ü denotes a service or product currently offered by us in this area.

Completion and Production Services (84% of Revenue for the Year Ended December 31, 2008)

Through our completion and production services segment, we establish, maintain and enhance the flow of oil and gas throughout the life of a well. This segment is divided into intervention services, downhole and wellsite services and fluid handling.

Intervention Services

We use our intervention assets, which include coiled tubing units, pressure pumping equipment, nitrogen units, well service rigs and snubbing units to perform three major types of services for our customers:

Completion Services. As newly drilled oil and gas wells are prepared for production, our operations may include selectively perforating the well casing to access producing zones, stimulating and testing these zones and installing downhole equipment. We provide intervention services and products to assist in the performance

of these services. The completion process typically lasts from a few days to several weeks, depending on the nature and type of the completion. Oil and gas producers use our intervention services to complete their wells because we have good equipment, well trained employees, the experience necessary to perform such services and a strong record for safety and reliability.

Workover Services. Producing oil and gas wells occasionally require major repairs or modifications, called workovers. These services include extensions of existing wells to drain new formations either through deepening wellbores to new zones or by drilling horizontal lateral wellbores to improve reservoir drainage patterns. In less extensive workovers, we provide services and products to seal off depleted zones in existing wellbores and access previously bypassed productive zones. Other workover services which we provide include: major subsurface repairs, such as casing repair or replacement; recovery of tubing and removal of foreign objects in the wellbore; repairing downhole equipment failures; plugging back the bottom of a well to reduce the amount of water being produced; cleaning out and recompleting a well if production has declined; and repairing leaks in the tubing and casing.

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Maintenance Services. Maintenance services are required throughout the life of most producing oil and gas wells to ensure efficient and continuous operation. We provide services that include mechanical repairs necessary to maintain production from the well, such as repairing inoperable pumping equipment or replacing defective tubing, and removing debris from the well. Other services include pulling rods, tubing, pumps and other downhole equipment out of the wellbore to identify and repair a production problem.

The key intervention assets we use to perform the above services are as follows:

Coiled Tubing Units and Nitrogen Units

We are one of the leading providers of coiled tubing services in North America. We operate a fleet of coiled tubing units, as well as nitrogen units. We use these assets to perform a variety of wellbore applications, including foam washing, acidizing, displacing, cementing, gravel packing, plug drilling, fishing and jetting. Coiled tubing is a key segment of the well service industry today, which allows operators to continue production during service operations without shutting in the well, thereby reducing the risk of formation damage. The growth in deep well and horizontal drilling has increased the market for coiled tubing. We provide coiled tubing services primarily in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, North Dakota, Mexico and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Pressure Pumping Services

We operate fleets of pressure pumping equipment in the Barnett Shale of north Texas, in the Bakken Shale of North Dakota and in the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania through which we provide stimulation and cementing services principally to natural gas drilling and producing companies.

Stimulation services primarily consist of hydraulic fracturing of hydrocarbon bearing formations which lack permeability to permit the natural flow. The fracturing process consists of pumping fluids into a well at pressures that are sufficient enough to fracture the formation. Materials such as sand and synthetic proppants are pumped into the fracture to prop open the fracture, permitting the hydrocarbons in the formation to flow into the wellbore and ultimately to the surface. Various pieces of specialized equipment are used in the process, including a blender, which is used to blend the proppant into the fluid, multiple high pressure pumping units capable of pumping significant volumes at high pressures, and real-time monitoring equipment where the progress of the process is controlled. Our fracturing units are capable of pumping slurries at pressures up to 10,000 pounds per square inch.

Cementing services consist of blending special cement with water and various solid and liquid additives to form a cement slurry that can be pumped into a well between the casing and the wellbore. Cementing services are principally performed in connection with primary cementing, where the casing used to line a wellbore after a well has been drilled is cemented into place. The purpose of primary cementing is to isolate fluids behind the casing between productive formations and non-productive formations that could damage the productivity of the well or damage the quality of freshwater aquifers, seal the casing from corrosive formation fluids, and to provide structural support for the casing string.

Well Service Rigs

We own and operate a large fleet of well service rigs, of which a significant number were either recently constructed or have been rebuilt over the past six years. We believe we have a leading market position in the Barnett Shale region of north Texas and in some of the most active basins of the U.S. Rocky Mountain region. We also operate swabbing units, some of which are highly customized hydraulic units which we use to diagnose and remediate gas well production problems. We provide well service rig operations in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, North Dakota,

Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. These rigs are used to perform a variety of completion, workover and maintenance services, such as installations, completions, assisting with perforating, removing defective equipment and sidetracking wells.

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Snubbing Units

We operate a fleet of snubbing units, several of which are rig assist units. Snubbing services use specialized hydraulic well service units that permit an operator to repair damaged casing, production tubing and downhole production equipment in high-pressure, live-well environments. A snubbing unit makes it possible to remove and replace downhole equipment while maintaining pressure in the well. Applications for snubbing units include live-well completions and workovers, underground blowout control, underbalanced completions, underbalanced drilling and the snubbing of tubing, casing or drillpipe into or out of the wellbore. Our snubbing units operate primarily in Texas and Wyoming.

Downhole and Wellsite Services

We provide an array of complementary downhole and wellsite services that we classify into four groups: wireline services; production optimization services; production testing services; and rental, fishing and pressure testing services.

Wireline Services. We own and operate a fleet of wireline units in North America and provide both electric-line and slickline services. Truck and skid mounted wireline services are used to evaluate downhole well conditions, to initiate production from a formation by perforating a well's casing, and to provide mechanical services such as setting equipment in the well, or fishing lost equipment out of a well. We provide wireline services in the western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, Colorado, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

With our fleet of wireline equipment we provide the following services:

Electric-Line Services:

Perforating Services. Perforating involves positioning a perforating gun that contains explosive jet charges down the wellbore next to a productive zone. A detonator is fired and primer cord is ignited, which then detonates the jet charges. The resulting explosion burns a hole through the wellbore casing and cement and into the formation, thus allowing the formation fluid to flow into the wellbore and be produced to the surface. The perforating gun may be deployed in a number of ways. The gun can be conveyed by a conventional wireline cable if the wellbore geometry allows, it may be conveyed on coiled tubing, it may be conveyed on conventional tubing or the gun may be pumped-down to the correct depth in the wellbore.

Logging Services. Logging requires the use of a single or multi-conductor, braided steel cable (electric-line), mounted on a hydraulically operated drum, and a specialized logging truck. Electronic instruments are attached to the end of the cable and lowered to the bottom of the well and the line is slowly pulled out of the well, transmitting wellbore data up the cable to the surface where the information is processed by a surface computer system and displayed on a graph in a logging format. This information is used by customers to analyze different downhole formation structures, to detect the presence of oil, gas and water and to check the integrity of the casing or the cement behind the pipe. Logs are also run to detect gas or fluid migration between zones or to the surface.

Slickline Services. Slickline services are used primarily for well maintenance. The line used for this application is generally a small single steel line. Typical applications of this service would include bottom hole pressure surveys, running temperature gradients, setting tubing plugs, opening and closing sliding sleeves, fishing operations, plunger lift installations, gas lift installations and other maintenance services that a well might require during its lifecycle.

Production Optimization Services. Our production optimization services provide customers with technical solutions to stem declining production that results from liquid loading, reduced bottom-hole pressures or improper wellsite designs. We assist in identifying candidates, designing solutions, executing on-site and following up to ensure continued performance. We have developed proprietary technologies that allow us to enhance recovery for our customers and provide on-going service. Specific services we provide include:

Plunger Lift Services and Products. We provide plunger lift candidate selection, installation and maintenance services which may incorporate the use of our patented Pacemaker Plunger Lift System.

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Plunger lift systems facilitate the removal of fluids that restrict the production of natural gas wells. Removing fluids that accumulate in wells increases production and in many cases slows decline rates. The proprietary design of our Pacemaker Plunger Lift System incorporates a large bypass area which allows it to make more trips per day and remove more wellbore fluids, versus other plunger lift designs, in wells with certain characteristics.

Acoustic Pressure Surveys. We provide acoustic pressure surveys, an analytical technique that assists our customers in determining static reservoir pressure and the existence of near wellbore formation damage.

Dynamometer Analysis. Our dynamometer analysis services include the analysis of reciprocating rod pumping systems (pumpjacks) to determine pump performance and provide our customers with critical information for well performance used to optimize the production and recovery of oil and gas.

Fluid Level Analysis. We provide fluid level analysis services which record an acoustic pulse as it travels down the wellbore in order to determine the fluid depth.

We offer production optimization services to customers across the United States and in Canada. We provide production optimization services in Canada through our subsidiary, Premier Production Services Ltd.

Production Testing Services. Production testing is a service required by exploration and production companies to evaluate and clean out new and existing wells. We use a proprietary technology and service approach and are a leading independent provider in North America. We provide production testing services throughout the western Canadian Sedimentary Basin and also provide production testing services in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Texas and Mexico.

Production testing has the following primary applications:

Well clean-ups or flowbacks are done shortly after completing or stimulating a well and are designed to remove damaging drilling fluids, completion fluids, sand and other debris. This clean-up prevents damage to the permanent production facilities and flowlines, thereby improving production. Our clean-up offering includes our Green Flowback services, which permit the flow of gas to our customers while performing drill-outs and flowback operations, increasing production, accelerating time to production and eliminating the need to flare gas;

Exploration well testing measures how a reservoir performs under various flow conditions. These measurements allow reservoir and production engineers and geologists to understand a well's or reservoir's production capability. Exploration testing jobs can last from a few days to several months; and

In-line production testing measures a well's flow rates, oil, gas and water composition, pressure and temperature. These measurements are used by engineers to identify and solve well and reservoir problems. In-line production testing is performed after a well has been completed and is already producing. In-line tests can run from several hours to more than several months.

Rental Equipment, Fishing and Pressure Testing Services. Oil and gas producers and drilling contractors often need specialized tools, drillpipe, pressure testing equipment and other equipment and need qualified personnel to operate this equipment. In response to this need, we provide the following services and products:

Rental Equipment and Services. We rent specialized tools, equipment and tubular goods for the drilling, completion and workover of oil and gas wells. Items rented include pressure control equipment, drill string

equipment, pipe handling equipment, fishing and downhole tools, and other equipment, including stabilizers, power swivels and bottom-hole assemblies.

Fishing Services. We provide highly skilled downhole services, including fishing, milling and cutting services, which consist of removing or otherwise eliminating fish or junk (a piece of equipment, a tool, a part of the drill string or debris) in a well that is causing an obstruction. We also install whipstocks to sidetrack wells, provide plugging and abandonment services, pipe recovery and wireline recovery services, foam services and casing patch installation.

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Pressure Testing Services. We provide specialized pressure testing services which involve the use of truck mounted equipment designed to carry small fluid volumes with high pressure pumps and hydraulic torque equipment. This equipment is primarily used to perform pressure tests on flow line, pressure vessels, lubricators, well heads and casings and tubing strings. The units are also used to assemble and disassemble blowout preventors (BOPs) for the drilling and work over sector. We have developed specialized, multi-service pressure testing units that enable one or two employees to complete multiple services simultaneously. We have multi-service pressure testing units that we operate in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Mexico.

Fluid Handling

Oil and gas operations use and produce significant quantities of fluids. We provide a variety of services to assist our customers to obtain, move, store and dispose of fluids that are involved in the development and production of their reservoirs. We provide fluid handling services in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado, Wyoming, Arkansas, North Dakota and Montana.

Fluid Transportation. We operate specialized transport trucks to deliver, transport and dispose of fluids safely and efficiently. We transport fresh water, completion fluids, produced water, drilling mud and other fluids to and from our customers' wellsites. Our assets include U.S. Department of Transportation certified equipment for transportation of hazardous waste.

Frac Tank Rental. We operate a fleet of frac tanks that are often used during hydraulic fracturing operations. We use our fleet of fluid transport assets to fill and empty these tanks and we deliver and remove these tanks from the wellsite with our fleet of winch trucks.

Fluid Disposal. We own salt water disposal wells in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and one produced water evaporation facility in Wyoming. These facilities are used to dispose of water from fracturing operations and from fluids produced during the routine production of oil and gas. In addition, we operated two mud disposal facilities that are used to store and ultimately dispose of drilling mud.

Other Services. We own and operate a fleet of hot oilers and superheaters, which are assets capable of heating high volumes of fluids. We also sell fluids used during well completions, such as fresh water and potassium chloride, and drilling mud, which we move to our customers' wellsites using our fluid transportation services.

Drilling Services (13% of Revenue for the Year Ended December 31, 2008)

Through our drilling services segment, we deliver services that initiate or stimulate oil and gas production by providing land drilling, specialized rig logistics and site preparation. Our drilling rigs currently operate in and around the Barnett Shale region of north Texas.

Contract Drilling

We provide contract drilling services to major oil companies and independent oil and gas producers in north Texas. Contract drilling services are primarily provided under a standard day rate, and, to a lesser extent, footage or turnkey contracts. Drilling rigs vary in size and capability and may include specialized equipment. The majority of our drilling rig fleet is equipped with mechanical power systems and have depth ratings ranging from approximately 8,000 to 15,000 feet. We placed into service several land drilling rigs during 2006 and invested in two drilling rigs in 2007 and an additional two drilling rigs in 2008.

Drilling Logistics

We provide a variety of drilling logistic services as follows:

Drilling Rig Moving. Through our owned and operated fleet of specialized trucks, we provide drilling rig mobilization services primarily in Louisiana, Texas, North Dakota and Arkansas. Our capabilities allow us to move the largest rigs in the United States. Our operations are strategically located in regions where

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approximately 50% of the land drilling rigs in the United States are located. We believe our highly skilled personnel position us as one of the leading rig moving companies in the industry.

Wellsite Preparation and Remediation. We provide equipment and services to build and reclaim drilling wellsites before and after the drilling operations take place. We build roads, dig pits, clear land, move earth and provide a host of construction services to drilling contractors and to oil and gas producers. Our wellsite preparation and remediation services are in Colorado and Wyoming.

Product Sales (3% of Revenue for the Year Ended December 31, 2008)

Through our product sales segment, we provide a variety of equipment used by oil and gas companies throughout the lifecycle of their wells. We sell oilfield service equipment and refurbish used equipment through our Southeast Asian business and a fabrication shop in north Texas.

Overseas Operations

We operate an oilfield sales service and rental business based in Singapore. This business sells new and reconditioned equipment used in the construction and upgrade of offshore drilling rigs; rents mud coolers, tubular handling equipment, BOPs and other service tools; and provides machining and repair services.

Sales and Marketing

Most sales and marketing activities are performed through our local operations in each geographical region. We believe our local field sales personnel have an excellent understanding of basin-specific issues and customer operating procedures and, therefore, can effectively target marketing activities. We also have a small corporate sales team located in Houston, Texas that supplements our field sales efforts and focuses on large accounts and selling technical services.

Customers

Our customers consist of large multi-national and independent oil and gas producers, as well as smaller independent producers and the major land-based drilling contractors in North America. Our top ten customers accounted for approximately 45%, 42% and 37% of our revenue for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, with no one customer representing more than 10% of our revenue for each of these years or in the aggregate. We believe we have a broad customer base and wide geographic coverage of operations, which somewhat insulates us from regional or customer specific circumstances.

Seasonality

Our completion and production services business generally experiences a decline in sales for our Canadian operations during the second quarter of each year due to seasonality, as weather conditions make oil and gas operations in this region difficult during this period. Our Canadian operations accounted for approximately 5%, 5% and 8% of total revenues from continuing operations during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Operating Risk and Insurance

Our operations are subject to hazards inherent in the oil and gas industry, such as accidents, blowouts, explosions, fires and oil spills that can cause:

personal injury or loss of life;

damage or destruction of property, equipment and the environment; and

suspension of operations.

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In addition, claims for loss of oil and gas production and damage to formations can occur in the well services industry. If a serious accident were to occur at a location where our equipment and services are being used, it could result in our being named as a defendant in lawsuits asserting large claims.

Because our business involves the transportation of heavy equipment and materials, we may also experience traffic accidents which may result in spills, property damage and personal injury.

Despite our efforts to maintain high safety standards, we have suffered accidents in the past and anticipate that we will experience accidents in the future. In addition to the property and personal losses from these accidents, the frequency and severity of these incidents affect our operating costs and insurability and our relationships with customers, employees and regulatory agencies. Any significant increase in the frequency or severity of these incidents, or the general level of compensation awards, could adversely affect the cost of, or our ability to obtain, workers compensation and other forms of insurance, and could have other material adverse effects on our financial condition and results of operations.

Although we maintain insurance coverage of types and amounts that we believe to be customary in the industry, we are not fully insured against all risks, either because insurance is not available or because of the high premium costs. We do maintain commercial general liability, workers compensation, business auto, excess auto liability, commercial property, rig physical damage and contractor's equipment, motor truck cargo, umbrella liability and excess liability, non-owned aircraft liability, directors and officers, employment practices liability, fiduciary, commercial crime and kidnap and ransom insurance policies. However, any insurance obtained by us may not be adequate to cover any losses or liabilities and this insurance may not continue to be available or available on terms which are acceptable to us. Liabilities for which we are not insured, or which exceed the policy limits of our applicable insurance, could have a material adverse effect on us. See Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Competition

The markets in which we operate are highly competitive. To be successful, a company must provide services and products that meet the specific needs of oil and gas exploration and production companies and drilling services contractors at competitive prices.

We provide our services and products across North America, and we compete against different companies in each service and product line we offer. Our competition includes many large and small oilfield service companies, including the largest integrated oilfield services companies.

Our major competitors for our completion and production services segment include Schlumberger Ltd., BJ Services Company, Halliburton Company, Weatherford International Ltd., Baker Hughes Inc., Key Energy Services, Inc., Basic Energy Services, Inc., Superior Energy Services, Inc., Superior Well Services, Inc., RPC Inc. and a significant number of locally oriented businesses. In our drilling services segment, our primary competitors include Nabors Industries Ltd., Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Unit Corporation, Helmerich & Payne and Grey Wolf Inc. Our principal competitors in our product sales segment include National Oilwell Varco, Inc., Smith International, Inc., and various smaller providers of equipment. We believe that the principal competitive factors in the market areas that we serve are quality of service and products, reputation for safety and technical proficiency, availability and price. While we must be competitive in our pricing, we believe our customers select our services and products based on local leadership and basin-expertise that our personnel use to deliver quality services and products.

Government Regulation

We operate under the jurisdiction of a number of regulatory bodies that regulate worker safety standards, the handling of hazardous materials, the transportation of explosives, the protection of the environment and driving standards of operation. Regulations concerning equipment certification create an ongoing need for regular maintenance which is incorporated into our daily operating procedures. The oil and gas industry is subject to environmental regulation pursuant to local, state and federal legislation.

Among the services we provide, we operate as a motor carrier and therefore are subject to regulation by the U.S. Department of Transportation and by various state agencies. These regulatory authorities exercise broad

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powers, governing activities such as the authorization to engage in motor carrier operations, and regulatory safety, financial reporting and certain mergers, consolidations and acquisitions. There are additional regulations specifically relating to the trucking industry, including testing and specification of equipment and product handling requirements. The trucking industry is subject to possible regulatory and legislative changes that may affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or by changing the demand for common or contract carrier services or the cost of providing truckload services. Some of these possible changes include increasingly stringent environmental regulations, changes in the hours of service regulations which govern the amount of time a driver may drive in any specific period, onboard black box recorder devices or limits on vehicle weight and size.

Interstate motor carrier operations are subject to safety requirements prescribed by the Department of Transportation. To a large degree, intrastate motor carrier operations are subject to safety regulations that mirror federal regulations. Such matters as weight and dimension of equipment are also subject to federal and state regulations. Department of Transportation regulations mandate drug testing of drivers.

From time to time, various legislative proposals are introduced, including proposals to increase federal, state, or local taxes, including taxes on motor fuels, which may increase our costs or adversely impact the recruitment of drivers. We cannot predict whether, or in what form, any increase in such taxes applicable to us will be enacted.

Environmental Matters

Our operations are subject to numerous foreign, federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations governing the release and/or discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. Numerous governmental agencies issue regulations to implement and enforce these laws, for which compliance is often costly and difficult. The violation of these laws and regulations may result in the denial or revocation of permits, issuance of corrective action orders, assessment of administrative and civil penalties, and even criminal prosecution. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. Further, we do not anticipate that compliance with existing environmental laws and regulations will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements. However, it is possible that substantial costs for compliance or penalties for non-compliance may be incurred in the future. Moreover, it is possible that other developments, such as the adoption of stricter environmental laws, regulations, and enforcement policies, could result in additional costs or liabilities that we cannot currently quantify.

We generate wastes, including hazardous wastes, that are subject to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or RCRA, and comparable state statutes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state agencies have limited the approved methods of disposal for some types of hazardous and nonhazardous wastes. Some wastes handled by us in our field service activities that currently are exempt from treatment as hazardous wastes may in the future be designated as hazardous wastes under RCRA or other applicable statutes. If this were to occur, we would become subject to more rigorous and costly operating and disposal requirements.

The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, CERCLA or the Superfund law, and comparable state statutes impose liability, without regard to fault or legality of the original conduct, on classes of persons that are considered to have contributed to the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. Such classes of persons include the current and past owners or operators of sites where a hazardous substance was released, and companies that disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at offsite locations such as landfills. Under CERCLA, these persons may be subject to joint and several liability for the costs of cleaning up the hazardous substances that have been released into the environment and for damages to natural resources, and it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the hazardous substances released into the environment. We currently own, lease, or operate

numerous properties and facilities that for many years have been used for industrial activities, including oil and gas production operations. Hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons may have been released on or under the properties owned or leased by us, or on or under other locations where such substances have been taken for disposal. In addition, some of these properties have been operated by third parties or by previous owners whose treatment and disposal or release of hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons, was not under

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our control. These properties and the substances disposed or released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove previously disposed substances and wastes (including substances disposed of or released by prior owners or operators), remediate contaminated property (including groundwater contamination, whether from prior owners or operators or other historic activities or spills), or perform remedial plugging of disposal wells or pit closure operations to prevent future contamination. These laws and regulations may also expose us to liability for our acts that were in compliance with applicable laws at the time the acts were performed.

In the course of our operations, some of our equipment may be exposed to naturally occurring radiation associated with oil and gas deposits, and this exposure may result in the generation of wastes containing naturally occurring radioactive materials or NORM. NORM wastes exhibiting trace levels of naturally occurring radiation in excess of established state standards are subject to special handling and disposal requirements, and any storage vessels, piping, and work area affected by NORM may be subject to remediation or restoration requirements. Because many of the properties presently or previously owned, operated, or occupied by us have been used for oil and gas production operations for many years, it is possible that we may incur costs or liabilities associated with elevated levels of NORM.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, and applicable state laws impose restrictions and strict controls regarding the discharge of pollutants into state waters or waters of the United States. The discharge of pollutants into jurisdictional waters is prohibited unless the discharge is permitted by the EPA or applicable state agencies. Many of our properties and operations require permits for discharges of wastewater and/or stormwater, and we have a system for securing and maintaining these permits. In addition, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 imposes a variety of requirements on responsible parties related to the prevention of oil spills and liability for damages, including natural resource damages, resulting from such spills in waters of the United States. A responsible party includes the owner or operator of a facility. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act and analogous state laws provide for administrative, civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized discharges and, together with the Oil Pollution Act, impose rigorous requirements for spill prevention and response planning, as well as substantial potential liability for the costs of removal, remediation, and damages in connection with any unauthorized discharges.

Our underground injection operations are subject to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as analogous state and local laws and regulations. Under Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA established the Underground Injection Control program, which established the minimum program requirements for state and local programs regulating underground injection activities. The Underground Injection Control program includes requirements for permitting, testing, monitoring, record keeping and reporting of injection well activities, as well as a prohibition against the migration of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water. State regulations require us to obtain a permit from the applicable regulatory agencies to operate our underground injection wells. We believe that we have obtained the necessary permits from these agencies for our underground injection wells and that we are in substantial compliance with permit conditions and state rules. Nevertheless, these regulatory agencies have the general authority to suspend or modify one or more of these permits if continued operation of one of our underground injection wells is likely to result in pollution of freshwater, substantial violation of permit conditions or applicable rules, or leaks to the environment. Although we monitor the injection process of our wells, any leakage from the subsurface portions of the injection wells could cause degradation of fresh groundwater resources, potentially resulting in cancellation of operations of a well, issuance of fines and penalties from governmental agencies, incurrence of expenditures for remediation of the affected resource and imposition of liability by third parties for property damages and personal injuries. In addition, our sales of residual crude oil collected as part of the saltwater injection process could impose liability on us in the event that the entity to which the oil was transferred fails to manage the residual crude oil in accordance with applicable environmental health and safety laws.

Some of our operations also result in emissions of regulated air pollutants. The federal Clean Air Act and analogous state laws require permits for facilities that have the potential to emit substances into the atmosphere that could adversely affect environmental quality. Failure to obtain a permit or to comply with permit requirements could result in the imposition of substantial administrative, civil and even criminal penalties.

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Recent scientific studies have suggested that emissions of certain gases, commonly referred to as greenhouse gases and including carbon dioxide and methane, may be contributing to warming of the Earth's atmosphere. In response to such studies, the U.S. Congress is considering legislation to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. President Obama has expressed support for legislation to restrict or regulate emissions of greenhouse gases. In addition, more than one-third of the states, either individually or through multi-state regional initiatives, already have begun implementing legal measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, primarily through the planned development of emission inventories or regional greenhouse gas cap and trade programs. Depending on the particular program, our customers could be required to purchase and surrender allowances for greenhouse gas emissions resulting from their operations. This requirement could increase our customers' operational and compliance costs and result in reduced demand for their products, which would have a material adverse effect on the demand for our services and our business.

Also, as a result of the United States Supreme Court's decision on April 2, 2007 in *Massachusetts, et al. v. EPA*, the EPA may regulate greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources such as cars and trucks even if Congress does not adopt new legislation specifically addressing emissions of greenhouse gases. The Court's holding in *Massachusetts* that greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide fall under the federal Clean Air Act's definition of "air pollutant" may also result in future regulation of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. In July 2008, EPA released an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding possible future regulation of greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Massachusetts*. In the notice, EPA evaluated the potential regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act and other potential methods of regulating greenhouse gases. Although the notice did not propose any specific, new regulatory requirements for greenhouse gases, it indicates that federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions could occur in the near future even if Congress does not adopt new legislation specifically addressing emissions of greenhouse gases. Although it is not possible at this time to predict how legislation or new regulations that may be adopted to address greenhouse gas emissions would impact our business, any such new federal, regional or state restrictions on emissions of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that may be imposed in areas in which we conduct business could result in increased compliance costs or additional operating restrictions on our customers, potentially making their products more expensive and reducing demand for them. Such an effect could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our services and our business.

Many foreign nations, including Canada, have agreed to limit emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, also known as the Kyoto Protocol. In December 2002, Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol requires Canada to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases to 6% below 1990 levels by 2012. The implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in Canada is expected to affect the operation of all industries in Canada, including the well service industry and its customers in the oil and natural gas industry. On April 26, 2007, the Government of Canada released its Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollution (the Action Plan) also known as ecoACTION, which includes the regulatory framework for air emissions. This Action Plan covers not only large industry, but regulates the fuel efficiency of vehicles and strengthens energy standards for a number of products. On March 10, 2008, the Government of Canada released details of the Action Plan's regulatory framework, which includes a requirement that all covered industrial sectors, including upstream oil and gas facilities meeting certain threshold requirements, reduce their emissions from 2006 levels by 18% by 2010. The Government of Canada is in the process of developing regulations to implement the Action Plan. As precise details of the implementation of the Action Plan have not yet been finalized, the exact effect on our operations in Canada cannot be determined at this time. It is possible that already stringent air emissions regulations applicable to our operations and the operations of our customers in Canada will be replaced with even stricter requirements prior to 2012. These requirements could increase our and our customers' cost of doing business, reduce the demand for the oil and gas our customers produce, and thus have an adverse effect on the demand for our products and services.

We are also subject to the requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and comparable state statutes that regulate the protection of the health and safety of workers. In addition, the OSHA hazard

communication standard requires that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced in operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local government authorities and the public. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with the OSHA requirements, including

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general industry standards, record keeping requirements, and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances.

Employees

As of December 31, 2008, we had 7,266 employees. Of our total employees, 6,564 were in the United States, 368 were in Canada, 244 were in Mexico and 90 were in Singapore and other locations in Southeast Asia. We are a party to certain collective bargaining agreements in Mexico. Other than these agreements in Mexico, we are not a party to any collective bargaining agreements, and we consider our relations with our employees to be satisfactory.

Website Access to Our Periodic SEC Reports

We periodically file or furnish documents to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other reports as required. These reports are linked to and available from our corporate website free of charge, as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such material, or furnish it to the SEC. Our primary internet address is:

<http://www.completeproduction.com>. Our website also includes certain corporate governance documentation such as our business ethics policy. As permitted by the SEC rules, we may occasionally provide important disclosures to investors by posting them in the investor relations section of our website. However, the information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report and should not be considered part of this report.

The information we file with the SEC may also be read and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. In addition, the SEC maintains a website at: **<http://www.sec.gov>** which contains reports, proxy and other documents regarding our company which are filed electronically with the SEC.

You can also obtain information about us at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) internet site (www.nyse.com). The NYSE requires the chief executive officer of each listed company to certify annually that he is not aware of any violation by the Company of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards as of the date of the certification, qualifying the certification to the extent necessary. Our chief executive officer submitted such an unqualified annual certification to the NYSE in 2008.

Forward-looking Statements

This Annual Report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws based on our current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about us and the oil and gas industry. The words believe, may, will, estimate, continue, anticipate, intend, plan, expect and similar expressions forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. All statements other than statements of current or historical fact contained in this Annual Report are forward-looking statements, and as such, these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may be outside of our control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated. For examples of those risks and uncertainties, see the cautionary statements contained in Item 1A. Risk Factors. See Item 1A. Risk Factors and Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview for a discussion of trends and factors affecting us and our industry. Also see Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 15 Segment Reporting for financial information about each of our business segments.

Although we believe that the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are based upon reasonable assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this document may not occur and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Important factors that may affect our expectations, estimates or projections include:

competition within our industry;

general economic and market conditions;

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a decline in or substantial volatility of oil and gas prices, and any related changes in expenditures by our customers;

the effects of future acquisitions on our business;

changes in customer requirements in markets or industries we serve;

our access to current or future financing arrangements;

our ability to replace or add workers at economic rates;

environmental and other governmental regulations; and

the effects of severe weather on our services centers or equipment.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this Annual Report may not occur, and therefore, our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Report. Unless otherwise required by law, we undertake no obligation and do not intend to update publicly any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future. These cautionary statements qualify all such forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

An investment in our common stock involves a degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, together with the other information contained in this Annual Report and other public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, before deciding to invest in our common stock. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently view as immaterial may also impair our business. If any of these risks develop into actual events, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be materially adversely affected, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business and Our Industry

Our business depends on the oil and gas industry and particularly on the level of activity for North American oil and gas. Our markets may be adversely affected by industry conditions that are beyond our control.

We depend on our customers' willingness to make operating and capital expenditures to explore for, develop and produce oil and gas in North America. If these expenditures decline, our business may suffer. Our customers' willingness to explore, develop and produce depends largely upon prevailing industry conditions that are influenced by numerous factors over which management has no control, such as:

the supply of and demand for oil and gas, including current natural gas storage capacity and usage;

the level of prices, and expectations about future prices, of oil and gas;

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

the expected rates of declining current production;

the discovery rates of new oil and gas reserves;

available pipeline and other transportation capacity;

weather conditions, including hurricanes that can affect oil and gas operations over a wide area;

domestic and worldwide economic conditions;

political instability in oil and gas producing countries;

technical advances affecting energy consumption;

the price and availability of alternative fuels;

the ability of oil and gas producers to raise equity capital and debt financing; and

merger and divestiture activity among oil and gas producers.

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The level of activity in the North American oil and gas exploration and production industry is volatile. Expected trends in oil and gas production activities may not continue and demand for the services provided by us may not reflect the level of activity in the industry. Natural gas prices have recently declined significantly from historical highs and rotary rig counts have declined sharply in the fourth quarter of 2008 and thus far in 2009. We currently expect lower commodity prices and drilling activity levels will negatively impact all three of our business segments in 2009. The expected material decline in oil and gas prices or North American activity levels could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. In addition, a decrease in the development rate of oil and gas reserves in our market areas may also have an adverse impact on our business, even in an environment of stronger oil and gas prices.

Because the oil and gas industry is cyclical, our operating results may fluctuate.

Oil and gas prices are volatile. Oil commodity prices reached historic highs in 2008 then declined substantially by year end. Henry Hub natural gas prices averaged \$8.89 per mcf in 2008, but exceeded \$12.00 per mcf in June of 2008, before falling below \$6.00 per mcf at year-end. The recent decline in oil and gas prices has and will result in a decrease in the expenditure levels of oil and gas companies and drilling contractors which in turn adversely affects us. We have experienced in the past, and may experience in the future, significant fluctuations in operating results as a result of the reactions of our customers to changes in oil and gas prices. We reported a loss from continuing operations in 2008 of \$80.6 million, which resulted from an impairment of goodwill of \$272.0 million. Our income from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$150.1 million and \$125.0 million, respectively.

Substantially all of the service and rental revenue we earn is based upon a charge for a relatively short period of time (an hour, a day, a week) for the actual period of time the service or rental is provided to our customer. By contracting services on a short-term basis, we are exposed to the risks of a rapid reduction in market price and utilization and volatility in our revenues. Product sales are recorded when the actual sale occurs, title or ownership passes to the customer and the product is shipped or delivered to the customer.

Many of our customers' activity levels, spending for our products and services and payment patterns may be impacted by the current deterioration in the credit markets.

Many of our customers finance their activities through cash flow from operations, the incurrence of debt or the issuance of equity. Recently, there has been a significant decline in the credit markets and the availability of credit. Additionally, many of our customers' equity values have substantially declined. The combination of a reduction of cash flow resulting from declines in commodity prices, a reduction in borrowing bases under reserve-based credit facilities and the lack of availability of debt or equity financing may result in a significant reduction in our customers' spending for our products and services. For example, a number of our customers have announced reduced capital expenditure budgets for 2009. This reduction in spending could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

In addition, while historically our customer base has not presented significant credit risks, the same factors that may lead to a reduction in our customers' spending also may increase our exposure to the risks of nonpayment and nonperformance by our customers. A significant reduction in our customers' liquidity may result in a decrease in their ability to pay or otherwise perform on their obligations to us. Any increase in the nonpayment of and nonperformance by our counterparties, either as a result of recent changes in financial and economic conditions or otherwise, could have an adverse impact on our operating results and could adversely affect our liquidity.

We participate in a capital intensive business. We may not be able to finance future growth of our operations or future acquisitions.

Historically, we have funded the growth of our operations and our acquisitions from bank debt, private placement of shares, our initial public offering in April 2006, a private placement of debt in December 2006, as well as cash generated by our business. In the future, we may not be able to continue to obtain sufficient bank debt at competitive rates or complete equity and other debt financings, particularly if the recent deterioration in the credit and capital markets persists for a significant period of time. If we do not generate sufficient cash from our business

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to fund operations, our growth could be limited unless we are able to obtain additional capital through equity or debt financings. Our inability to grow as planned may reduce our chances of maintaining and improving profitability.

Our indebtedness could restrict our operations and make us more vulnerable to adverse economic conditions.

As of December 31, 2008, our long-term debt, including current maturities, was \$847.7 million. Our level of indebtedness may adversely affect operations and limit our growth, and we may have difficulty making debt service payments on our indebtedness as such payments become due. Our level of indebtedness may affect our operations in several ways, including the following:

our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

the covenants that are contained in the agreements that govern our indebtedness limit our ability to borrow funds, dispose of assets, pay dividends and make certain investments;

any failure to comply with the financial or other covenants of our debt could result in an event of default, which could result in some or all of our indebtedness becoming immediately due and payable; and

our level of debt may impair our ability to obtain additional financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other general corporate purposes.

Impairment of Long-term Assets

We evaluate our long-term assets including property, plant and equipment, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. In performing this assessment, we project future cash flows on a discounted basis for goodwill, and on an undiscounted basis for other long-term assets, and compare these cash flows to the carrying amount of the related net assets. The cash flow projections are based on our current operating plan, estimates and judgmental assessments. We perform this assessment of potential impairment at least annually, but also whenever facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the net assets may not be recoverable due to various external or internal factors, termed a triggering event. We have recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$272.0 million and \$13.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. If we determine that our estimates of future cash flows were inaccurate or our actual results for 2009 are materially different than expected, we could record additional impairment charges at interim periods during 2009 or in future years, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

There is potential for excess capacity in our industry.

Because oil and gas prices and drilling activity were recently at historically high levels, oilfield service companies have been acquiring new equipment to meet their customers' increasing demand for services. This could result in an increased competitive environment for oilfield service companies, which could lead to lower prices and utilization for our services and could adversely affect our business.

Our executive officers and certain key personnel are critical to our business and these officers and key personnel may not remain with us in the future.

Our future success depends upon the continued service of our executive officers and other key personnel. If we lose the services of one or more of our executive officers or key employees, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

Our operating history may not be sufficient for investors to evaluate our business and prospects.

We are a company with a short combined operating history. This may make it more difficult for investors to evaluate our business and prospects and to forecast our future operating results. Our historical combined financial statements are based on the separate businesses of IPS, CES and IEM for the periods prior to the Combination. As a result, the historical and pro forma information may not give you an accurate indication of what our actual results would have been if the Combination had been completed at the beginning of the periods presented or of what our

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future results of operations are likely to be. Our future results will depend on our ability to efficiently manage our combined operations and execute our business strategy.

Our inability to control the inherent risks of acquiring and integrating businesses could adversely affect our operations.

Acquisitions have been, and our management believes acquisitions will continue to be, a key element of our business strategy. We may not be able to identify and acquire acceptable acquisition candidates on favorable terms in the future. We may be required to incur substantial indebtedness to finance future acquisitions and also may issue equity securities in connection with such acquisitions. We may not be able to secure additional indebtedness to fund acquisitions. If we are able to obtain financing, such additional debt service requirements may impose a significant burden on our results of operations and financial condition. The issuance of additional equity securities could result in significant dilution to stockholders. Acquisitions may not perform as expected when the acquisition was made and may be dilutive to our overall operating results. Additional risks we will face include:

- retaining and attracting key employees;
- retaining and attracting new customers;
- increased administrative burden;
- developing our sales and marketing capabilities;
- managing our growth effectively;
- integrating operations;
- operating a new line of business; and
- increased logistical problems common to large, expansive operations.

If we fail to manage these risks successfully, our business could be harmed.

Our customer base is concentrated within the oil and gas production industry and loss of a significant customer could cause our revenue to decline substantially.

Our top five customers accounted for approximately 28%, 27% and 23% of our revenue for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Although no single customer accounted for more than 10% of our revenue during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, our top ten customers represented approximately 45%, 42% and 37% of our revenue for the years then ended. It is likely that we will continue to derive a significant portion of our revenue from a relatively small number of customers in the future. If a major customer decided not to continue to use our services, revenue would decline and our operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

Our business depends upon our ability to obtain key raw materials and specialized equipment from suppliers.

Should our current suppliers be unable to provide the necessary raw materials (proppant, cement, explosives) or finished products (such as workover rigs or fluid-handling equipment) or otherwise fail to deliver the products timely and in the quantities required, any resulting delays in the provision of services could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. During 2008, our industry faced sporadic

proppant shortages associated with pressure pumping operations requiring work stoppages which adversely impacted the operating results of several competitors.

We may be unable to employ a sufficient number of skilled and qual