



McGrathNicol

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

22 September 2016

Hughes Drilling Limited (ASX: HDX)

Appointment of Voluntary Administrators

On 22 September 2016 Jason Preston, Shaun Fraser and Jamie Harris, all Partners of McGrathNicol were appointed Joint and Several Voluntary Administrators ("Administrators") of Hughes Drilling Limited and each of its controlled entities by a resolution of directors, with the exception of its US subsidiary, Reichdrill Inc. (together, the "Hughes Drilling Group").

A listing of all of the entities over which the Administrators are appointed is provided at Annexure A.

The Administrators intend to continue to operate all business units while they undertake an urgent financial and operational assessment of the business. The objective of the Administrators is to work closely with management, employees, suppliers and customers to quickly stabilise operations and to determine the appropriate strategy for the business.

A sale and recapitalisation campaign will be commenced immediately. Based on initial discussions with management, the Administrators are optimistic that recapitalisation proposals will emerge.

First statutory meeting of creditors

A first statutory meeting of creditors must be held within eight business days of the appointment of administrators. The purpose of the first meeting is to allow creditors to determine whether a committee of creditors should be appointed and to consider the appointment of an alternative administrator. Meeting notices setting out the time and location for the first meeting of creditors will be distributed to Hughes Drilling Group's creditors over coming days.

Contact details and further information

Information will continue to be uploaded to the McGrathNicol website (www.mcgrathnicol.com) and the Hughes Drilling Group website (www.hughesdrilling.com.au).

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Annexure A: Hughes Drilling Group – entities over which the Administrators are appointed

Company Name	ACN
Hughes Drilling Limited	124 279 750
Australian Gas Drilling Pty Ltd	139 242 890
EDMS Metals Pty Ltd	146 399 760
Every Day Mine Services Operations Pty Ltd	003 949 148
Express Hydraulics (Aust) Pty Ltd	155 845 864
G.O.S. Drilling Pty Ltd	068 520 794
HD JSW Pty Ltd	165 895 072
Hughes Drilling 1 Pty Ltd	011 007 702
Hughes Drilling 2 Pty Ltd	146 399 902
Hughes Drilling Corporate Pty Ltd	146 398 718
Hughes Equipment Hire Pty Ltd	146 398 923
Hyd-Elec Australia Pty Ltd	151 316 611
JSW Australia Pty Ltd	125 989 791
Reichdrill Australia Pty Ltd	162 841 287

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