

Halliburton Updates Settlement Progress

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HOUSTON, Sept. 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Halliburton (NYSE: HAL) announced today that, it has encountered some delays in connection with the planned asbestos and silica settlement, but is nearing agreement on the trust distribution procedure, the plan of reorganization and the disclosure statement incorporating and describing the procedures and plan. Upon agreement, the disclosure statement will be printed and mailed shortly thereafter.

Remaining conditions to a Chapter 11 filing include completion of definitive financing arrangements, approval of the plan of reorganization by at least 75% of known present asbestos claimants and Halliburton board approval. As previously announced, as a result of an increase in the estimated number of current asbestos claims, the cash required to fund the settlement may modestly exceed \$2.775 billion. If it does, the company would need to decide whether to propose to adjust the settlement matrices to reduce the overall amounts, or increase the amounts it would be willing to pay to resolve its asbestos and silica liabilities.

If all remaining conditions are timely satisfied, the company anticipates being in position to make the pre-packaged Chapter 11 filing of DII Industries and Kellogg Brown & Root and some of their subsidiaries with United States operations in October.

Halliburton has completed and signed commitment letters for financing facilities relating to the proposed settlement and Chapter 11 filing. Halliburton launched the syndication of the financing facilities in August, led by co-lead arrangers Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and expects definitive financing arrangements to be in place prior to any Chapter 11 filing.

Halliburton, founded in 1919, is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the petroleum and energy industries. The company serves its customers with a broad range of products and services through its Energy Services and Engineering and Construction Groups. The company's World Wide Web site can be accessed at www.halliburton.com.

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