



## Halliburton Provides Operational Update

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HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 6, 2012-- As a result of the recent rapid expansion of oil and liquids-related activity in North America, Halliburton (NYSE: HAL) has experienced increased costs for guar gum, an agricultural commodity used as a blending additive to its fluids utilized in hydraulic fracturing. The price of guar gum has inflated more rapidly than previously expected due to concerns over the potential for shortages for the commodity later in 2012. As such, the costs have impacted the company's second quarter North America margins more than anticipated. As a result, the company now believes that its North America margins will be impacted 300 basis points more than its previous guidance of 200 to 250 basis points, for a total impact of 500-550 basis points lower than first quarter levels.

Though the company believes these increased costs are transitory once new supplies are available in early 2013, the company is seeking to mitigate these costs in the second half of the year through seeking relief from customers and increased usage of synthetic and other guar alternatives.

The company is scheduled to release second quarter earnings on Monday, July 23.

### ABOUT HALLIBURTON

Founded in 1919, Halliburton is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry. With nearly 70,000 employees in approximately 80 countries, the company serves the upstream oil and gas industry throughout the life cycle of the reservoir - from locating hydrocarbons and managing geological data, to drilling and formation evaluation, well construction and completion, and optimizing production through the life of the field. Visit the company's website at <http://www.halliburton.com>.

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