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Halliburton and U.S. Silica Break Record for Moving Largest Sand Unit Train in North America

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HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 13, 2016-- Halliburton Company (NYSE: HAL) and U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: SLCA) announced today the companies have moved a record breaking unit train carrying nearly 19,000 tons of U.S. Silica White® frac sand from Ottawa, Ill., to Elmendorf, Texas. The train, the largest frac sand unit of its kind shipped to date in North America, arrived today via the BNSF railroad. Unit trains reduce transit time from mine to transload facility.

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“Utilizing sand unit trains enables Halliburton to respond to customers’ needs on a shorter timeline and deliver cost efficient sand on location to drive the lowest cost per BOE,” said Richard Gonzalez, vice president of Production Enhancement for Halliburton. “Our extensive infrastructure along with a great working relationship with U.S. Silica highlights our strength in collaborating and engineering solutions to maximize asset value for customers.”

“Unit train delivery, leveraging our combined logistical assets, is the most efficient and cost effective way to deliver high volumes of sand in the time constraints required,” said Don Weinheimer, senior vice president and president of Oil and Gas for U.S. Silica. “Unit train capability is increasingly critical to our customers success as sand demand per well continues to ramp up.”

The unit train, which originated at U.S. Silica's largest plant in Ottawa, Ill., took five days to build and was loaded with 30/50 and 40/70 U.S. Silica White® frac sand. It was received at the Halliburton Elmendorf South Texas Sand Plant, which can handle two 115 car unit trains simultaneously and can hold 40,000 tons in its eight silos. The facility is located within the Alamo Junction Rail Park in Elmendorf, about seven miles from the company’s South Texas Operations Center in southern Bexar County.

About Halliburton

Founded in 1919, Halliburton is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry. With over 50,000 employees representing 140 nationalities, and operations in approximately 70 countries, the company serves the upstream oil and gas industry throughout the lifecycle of the reservoir – from locating hydrocarbons and managing geological data, to drilling and formation evaluation, well construction, completion and production optimization. Visit the company’s website at www.halliburton.com. Connect with Halliburton on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

About U.S. Silica

U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc., a member of the Russell 2000, is a leading producer of commercial silica used in the oil and gas industry, and in a wide range of industrial applications. Over its 116-year history, U.S. Silica has developed core competencies in mining, processing, logistics and materials science that enable it to produce and cost-effectively deliver over 260 products to customers across our end markets. The Company currently operates nine industrial sand production plants and nine oil and gas sand production plants. The Company is headquartered in Frederick, Maryland and also has offices located in Chicago, Illinois, and Houston, Texas.

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