

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (date of earliest event reported)

OCTOBER 29, 1998

Halliburton Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State or other  
jurisdiction  
of incorporation

Commission  
File Number

IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number

Delaware

1-3492

No. 75-2677995

3600 Lincoln Plaza  
500 North Akard Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201-3391  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code - 214/978-2600

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 5. Other Events

The registrant may, at its option, report under this item any events, with respect to which information is not otherwise called for by this form, that the registrant deems of importance to security holders.

On October 29, 1998 registrant issued a press release entitled Halliburton 1998 Third Quarter Earnings pertaining, among other things, to an announcement that registrant earned \$195 million (\$.44 per diluted share) in the 1998 third quarter, compared to \$218 million (\$.50 per diluted share) in the 1997 third quarter, before recognition of special charges. Financial results of both years have been restated to reflect completion of registrant's merger with Dresser Industries, Inc. on September 29, 1998. The merger was accounted for as a pooling of interests. Third quarter 1998 revenues were \$4,224 million, up one percent over the \$4,177 million of revenues generated in the year earlier period. The 1998 third quarter financial results include a pretax special charge of \$945 million (\$722 million after tax or \$1.64 per diluted share) to provide for consolidation, restructuring and merger related expenses.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

List below the financial statements, pro forma financial information and exhibits, if any, filed as part of this report.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 20 - Press release dated October 29, 1998.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Date: October 30, 1998

By: /s/ Lester L. Coleman

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Lester L. Coleman  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

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HALLIBURTON 1998 THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS

DALLAS, Texas -- Halliburton Company (NYSE:HAL) announces that the company earned \$195 million (\$.44 per diluted share) in the 1998 third quarter, compared to \$218 million (\$.50 per diluted share) in the 1997 third quarter, before recognition of special charges. Financial results of both years have been restated to reflect completion of the company's merger with Dresser Industries, Inc. on September 29, 1998. The merger was accounted for as a pooling of interests. Third quarter 1998 revenues were \$4,224 million, up one percent over the \$4,177 million of revenues generated in the year earlier period.

The 1998 third quarter financial results include a pretax special charge of \$945 million (\$722 million after tax or \$1.64 per diluted share) to provide for consolidation, restructuring and merger related expenses. Components of the pretax special charge include \$509 million of asset related writeoffs, writedowns and charges; \$205 million related to personnel reduction costs; \$121 million of facility consolidation charges; \$64 million of merger transaction costs; and \$46 million of other merger related costs. Including the special charge, Halliburton's net loss was \$527 million (\$1.20 per diluted share) in the 1998 third quarter.

The Energy Services Group business segment's 1998 third quarter revenues were \$2,163 million, a decline of three percent compared to the year earlier quarter. Adjusting for the de-consolidation of the Bredero-Shaw joint venture, revenues were flat. The worldwide rotary rig count declined by 21 percent in the 1998 third quarter,

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compared to a year ago. Lower crude oil and natural gas prices during 1998 have reduced customers' cash flows and influenced them to pull back on exploration, development and production spending during the third quarter. International revenues improved about five percent and represented 72 percent of the segment's revenues during the 1998 third quarter, while U.S. revenues in the quarter declined about 18 percent. U.S. activity was hampered by both weaker general market conditions and tropical storms in the Gulf of Mexico. Despite weaker market conditions, the Landmark Graphics Corporation data interpretation and management business and the upstream engineering and construction activities of Brown & Root Energy Services registered higher revenues for the quarter.

The Energy Services Group's 1998 third quarter operating income was \$263 million, off eight percent from the 1997 quarter. Operating margins were 12.1 percent in the 1998 third quarter, compared to 12.9 percent a year earlier.

The Engineering and Construction Group business segment's revenues totaled \$1,379 million in the 1998 third quarter, an increase of nine percent compared to last year's quarter. Operating income was \$54 million in the quarter, up two percent from the 1997 third quarter. The increase of revenues was due, in part, to procurement related activities which carried minimal profit margins.

The Dresser Equipment Group business segment's revenues were \$681 million in the 1998 third quarter, about the same as a year earlier. Operating income increased by seven percent in the 1998 third quarter, compared to the 1997 quarter, while operating margins for the segment improved to 10.4 percent compared to the 1997 quarter's 9.7 percent. The segment's operating income and margin improvements were largely driven by stronger performance by the compression business, due primarily to cost reduction initiatives implemented in late 1997.

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Bill Bradford, chairman of the board of Halliburton, commented, "Completion of the merger with Dresser positions Halliburton as the premier company providing both oilfield and engineering and construction services to the upstream and downstream petroleum industry. The company is now uniquely positioned in the energy industry in providing customers the broadest suite of products, services and technologies."

Dick Cheney, Halliburton Company's chief executive officer, said, "While market conditions now challenge all petroleum industry participants, I am very optimistic about the outlook for Halliburton in the year ahead and the longer term. The completion of the merger with Dresser is most timely. The merger with Dresser is expected to be accretive to Halliburton's earnings per share. Action plans now being implemented should enable the company to achieve annualized pretax benefits of \$250 million by the end of the first year of combined operations. Also, the merger and restructuring will generate additional advantages by strengthening and improving Halliburton's balance sheet, technological base, product/service line offerings and integrated solutions capabilities which will mutually benefit both Halliburton and its customers. Our goal is to continue to build upon these strengths as we go forward."

Halliburton Company, founded in 1919, is the world's largest provider 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 Group, Engineering and Construction Group, and Dresser Equipment Group business segments. In 1997 Halliburton's consolidated revenues were \$16.3 billion and it conducted business with a workforce of approximately 100,000 in over 120 countries. The company's World Wide Web site can be accessed at <http://www.halliburton.com>.

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HALLIBURTON COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(UNAUDITED)

	Quarter Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Millions of dollars		except per share data	
Revenues				
Energy Services Group	\$ 2,163.4	\$ 2,220.8	\$ 6,828.9	\$ 6,080.7
Engineering and Construction Group	1,379.4	1,268.6	4,164.5	3,722.2
Dresser Equipment Group	681.2	687.6	2,070.6	1,978.5
Total revenues	<u>\$ 4,224.0</u>	<u>\$ 4,177.0</u>	<u>\$ 13,064.0</u>	<u>\$ 11,781.4</u>
Operating income				
Energy Services Group	\$ 262.7	\$ 287.0	\$ 850.1	\$ 705.4
Engineering and Construction Group	54.0	53.2	187.3	152.6
Dresser Equipment Group	71.0	66.6	187.1	148.0
Special charges	(945.1)	(18.3)	(945.1)	(18.3)
General corporate	(20.1)	(16.3)	(59.7)	(51.4)
Total operating income (loss)	<u>(577.5)</u>	<u>372.2</u>	<u>219.7</u>	<u>936.3</u>
Interest expense	(34.6)	(30.1)	(95.9)	(80.2)
Interest income	7.2	5.0	21.4	15.8
Foreign currency losses	(7.9)	(1.5)	(9.7)	(3.7)
Other nonoperating, net	3.3	(0.2)	2.7	0.4
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	(609.5)	345.4	138.2	868.6
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	96.6	(130.0)	(184.1)	(325.0)
Minority interest in net income of subsidiaries	(14.1)	(12.8)	(34.5)	(29.2)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (527.0)</u>	<u>\$ 202.6</u>	<u>\$ (80.4)</u>	<u>\$ 514.4</u>
Basic income (loss) per share	\$ (1.20)	\$ 0.47	\$ (0.18)	\$ 1.20
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$ (1.20)	\$ 0.47	\$ (0.18)	\$ 1.19
Basic average common shares outstanding	439.1	428.9	438.6	429.0
Diluted average common shares outstanding	439.1	433.5	438.6	432.9

Prior periods restated for the acquisition of Dresser Industries, Inc., which has been accounted for as a pooling of interests.