

UNITED STATES
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): March 10, 2015

PARKER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

73-0618660
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77046

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(281) 406-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Address if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 10, 2015, the Board of Directors of Parker Drilling Company (the “Company”) elected Zaki Selim as a Class I member of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”), with a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2015. In addition, the Board appointed Mr. Selim as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Selim and any other persons pursuant to which he was elected as a director.

Mr. Selim, age 58, serves as a senior advisor with First Reserve, a private equity investment firm focused on global energy and infrastructure investments, a position he has held since 2013. Also in 2013 Mr. Selim was elected the non-executive Chairman of the board of directors of Glasspoint, Inc., a manufacturer of solar steam generators for use in the oil and gas industry. In 2012 Mr. Selim joined the board of directors of Total Safety U.S., Inc., a privately-held industrial safety service provider. From 2010 to 2012 Mr. Selim served as Chief Executive Officer of PetroPro, an energy consulting business based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. From 1983 until 2010 Mr. Selim held progressive management positions within Schlumberger Limited, retiring as the Area President for Oilfield Services - Middle East/Asia. Mr. Selim holds a Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering degree from Cairo University, Egypt.

As a former senior executive with a leading oilfield service provider, the Board believes Mr. Selim brings significant operational and business experience to the Company. The Board also believes that Mr. Selim’s years of experience working in the Middle East brings significant expertise in a region where the Company’s operations are expanding.

Upon his appointment, Mr. Selim was granted 9,836 restricted stock units pursuant to the Company’s 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan as Amended and Restated, all of which will vest on the one-year anniversary date of the award. Mr. Selim will be entitled to the same annual compensation as the registrant’s other non-employee directors who also serve on the Audit Committee. See the information under “Director Compensation” on page 19 of the registrant’s proxy statement dated March 21, 2014, for additional information.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Selim to the Board of Directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99 Press release dated March 11, 2015, issued by the Registrant

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.

Parker Drilling Company

Date: March 11, 2015

By: /s/ Christopher T. Weber

Christopher T. Weber

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



PARKER DRILLING ELECTS MR. ZAKI SELIM TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Houston, TX, March 11, 2015 - Parker Drilling (NYSE: PKD), an international provider of contract drilling and drilling-related services and rental tools to the energy industry, announced the election of Mr. Zaki Selim to the Company's board of directors. An oil and gas industry veteran, Mr. Selim brings extensive international operations experience in oilfield services to the Company. With the addition of Mr. Selim, the board's total membership is now ten. He will serve on the board's audit committee.

Mr. Selim, age 58, retired after a 29-year career with Schlumberger, a global provider of technology, integrated project management, and information solutions to customers working in the oil and gas industry worldwide. Prior to his retirement in 2010, he served for four years as president of oilfield services for Schlumberger's Middle East & Asia operations. In this role, Mr. Selim oversaw every aspect of the region's business development, marketing, and operational execution activities. Since retiring, Mr. Selim has been involved in oil and gas investment and consulting advisory services.

A member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Mr. Selim holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Cairo University's Faculty of Engineering and attended the management program at Harvard Business School. He serves on the board of Total Safety, a privately held global provider of integrated industrial safety services, and as the non-executive chairman of GlassPoint, a privately held manufacturer of solar steam generators for the oil and gas industry.

"Zaki brings years of international operations experience to Parker, particularly in the Middle East, an expanding market where we believe we have significant opportunities for growth," said Gary G. Rich, chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "Zaki understands the complex drilling challenges our customers face, and his expertise aligns with our mission to help our customers safely manage costs and mitigate risks. We look forward to Zaki's contributions as we work to deliver innovative, reliable and efficient performance to our stakeholders."

Company Description:

Parker Drilling (NYSE: PKD) provides contract drilling and drilling-related services and rental tools to the energy industry. The Company's drilling services business serves operators in the inland waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico utilizing Parker Drilling's barge rig fleet and in select international markets and harsh-environment regions utilizing Parker Drilling-owned and customer-owned equipment. The Company's rental tools business supplies premium equipment and well services to operators on land and offshore in the U.S. and international markets. More information about Parker Drilling can be found on the Company's website at www.parkerdrilling.com.

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