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Parker Drilling Company

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 9, 2017**

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Parker Drilling Company Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders



Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Time: 9:00 A.M. (Central Daylight Time)
Place: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston - Greenway Plaza, 6 E, Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to take action on the following proposals:

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the following.

1. Election of Class III Directors:
 - 01 Robert L. Parker, Jr.
 - 02 Gary G. Rich
2. To approve, by non-binding vote, executive compensation.
3. Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for 2017.
4. "ONE" year on the proposal regarding the frequency of the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers.