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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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) February 15, 2006

**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-7573

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(Commission File Number)

73-0618660

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1401 Enclave Parkway, Suite 600, Houston, Texas

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77077

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(Zip Code)

(281) 406-2000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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### **Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2006, Parker Drilling Company (the “Registrant”) issued a press release announcing results of operations for the fourth quarter of 2005.

A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 15, 2006, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the formation of a joint venture in Saudi Arabia, the award of four drilling contracts to be performed by the joint venture company and the construction of four rigs to be utilized in performing the drilling contracts.

A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Report on Form 8-K. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Fourth Quarter Earnings press release dated February 15, 2006, issued by the Registrant.

99.2 Saudi Arabia Joint Venture press release dated February 15, 2006, 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: February 15, 2006

By: /s/ W. Kirk Brassfield

W. Kirk Brassfield  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**Parker Drilling Announces 41% Increase in Annual Revenues**  
**\* Eliminates Valuation Allowance**

Houston, Feb. 15, 2006 — Parker Drilling Company (NYSE: PKD) today reported 2005 fourth quarter revenues of \$149.6 million and net income of \$56.7 million or \$0.58 per diluted share, compared to 2004 fourth quarter revenues of \$109.8 million and a net loss of \$5.3 million or \$0.06 per share. Net income for the fourth quarter of 2005 includes \$44.6 million or \$0.45 per diluted share from non-routine items, \$44.9 million of which is a non-cash deferred tax benefit, related primarily to the elimination of the valuation allowance. (See detail below).

For the year 2005, Parker Drilling reported revenues of \$531.7 million and net income of \$98.9 million, or \$1.01 per diluted share. These revenues reflect a 41% increase while net income increased \$146.0 million over 2004. For the year 2004, Parker Drilling reported revenues of \$376.5 million and a net loss of \$47.1 million, or \$0.50 per share. Net income for 2005 includes non-routine items of \$0.56 per diluted share. The details of the non-routine items for the year and the quarter are available on Parker's website and can be viewed or downloaded by going to "Investor Relations" and then to "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures."

"We experienced one of our best years ever in 2005. Our operations not only contributed strong financial results, but also a record year for safety. We exceeded our debt reduction goal during the fourth quarter and with proceeds from our recent equity offering, we have taken steps to continue growing the company in 2006," said Robert L. Parker Jr., president and chief executive officer.

The average utilization of international land rigs for the fourth quarter of 2005 was 84 percent, significantly higher than the 65 percent reported for the fourth quarter of 2004. Current utilization is 83 percent for international land rigs. Average utilization for the Gulf of Mexico barge rigs for the fourth quarter of 2005 was 73 percent, compared to 79 percent reported for the fourth quarter of 2004. Current utilization is 74 percent for Gulf of Mexico barge rigs. Our deep drilling barge dayrates in the Gulf of Mexico averaged

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approximately \$11,600 per day higher in the fourth quarter of 2005 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2004.

Capital expenditures for the year 2005 totaled \$69.5 million. Total debt was \$380.0 million at December 31, 2005, a reduction of \$101.0 million from the previous year. The Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$78.2 million at year end compared to \$44.3 million at year end 2004.

The Company is positioned to show improved results from operations for 2006 and expects net income to range from \$0.30 to \$0.40 per diluted share. This range includes an estimated deferred tax expense of approximately \$0.25 per diluted share.

#### **Elimination of Valuation Allowance**

The 2005 results reflect a non-cash benefit from the elimination of the valuation allowance related to net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets in the United States. The valuation allowance was originally recorded in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as an offset to the Company's deferred tax assets, which consisted primarily of net operating loss carryforwards. GAAP required the Company to recognize a valuation allowance unless it was "more likely than not" that the Company could realize the benefit of the net operating loss carryforwards and deferred tax assets in future periods. Because the expected earnings performance should enable the Company to benefit from the net operating loss carryforwards, the valuation allowance is no longer required. In 2006 the Company will begin to report deferred income tax expense. While this will reduce reportable net income, the Company will receive the benefit from not having to pay any significant U.S. cash taxes until the net operating loss has been fully utilized.

Parker has scheduled a conference call at 9 a.m. CST (10 a.m. EST) Feb. 15, 2006 to discuss fourth quarter 2005 results. Those interested in participating in the call may dial in at (303) 205-0066. The conference call replay can be accessed from Feb. 15 through Feb. 22 by dialing (303) 590-3000, using the access code 11052446#. Alternatively, the call can be accessed live through the Company's website at <http://www.parkerdrilling.com> and will be archived on the site for 12 months.

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*This release contains certain statements that may be deemed to be “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Acts. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects, projects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including the outlook for rig utilization and dayrates, general industry conditions including bidding activity, future operating results of the Company’s rigs and rental tools operations, capital expenditures, expansion and growth opportunities, asset sales and other such matters, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that its expectations stated in this release are based on reasonable assumptions, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. For a more detailed discussion of risk factors, please refer to the Company’s reports filed with the SEC, and in particular, the report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this release, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement.*

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**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL REVENUES</b>				
U.S. Drilling	\$ 36,162	\$ 25,303	\$ 128,252	\$ 88,512
International Drilling	87,985	64,608	308,572	220,846
Rental Tools	25,413	19,889	94,838	67,167
<b>TOTAL DRILLING AND RENTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>149,560</b>	<b>109,800</b>	<b>531,662</b>	<b>376,525</b>
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
U.S. Drilling	18,423	15,530	66,827	54,126
International Drilling	68,514	46,233	237,161	168,451
Rental Tools	10,723	8,154	38,211	28,037
Depreciation and Amortization	16,619	18,642	67,204	69,241
<b>TOTAL DRILLING AND RENTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,279</b>	<b>88,559</b>	<b>409,403</b>	<b>319,855</b>
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>35,281</b>	<b>21,241</b>	<b>122,259</b>	<b>56,670</b>
General and Administrative Expense	(8,011)	(5,455)	(27,830)	(23,413)
Gain on Disposition of Assets, Net	3,185	2,328	25,578	3,730
Provision for Reduction in Carrying Value of Certain Assets	(2,584)	(6,562)	(4,884)	(13,120)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>27,871</b>	<b>11,552</b>	<b>115,123</b>	<b>23,867</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE)</b>				
Interest Expense	(10,473)	(11,291)	(42,113)	(50,368)
Change in Fair Value of Derivative Positions	550	586	2,076	(794)
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	(1,613)	(24)	(8,241)	(8,753)
Other Income (Expense) — Net	1,285	31	3,383	492
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>(10,251)</b>	<b>(10,698)</b>	<b>(44,895)</b>	<b>(59,423)</b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>17,620</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>70,228</b>	<b>(35,556)</b>
<b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)</b>				
Current Tax Expense	5,825	3,001	16,328	15,009
Deferred Tax Benefit	(44,912)	—	(44,912)	—
<b>TOTAL INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)</b>	<b>(39,087)</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>(28,584)</b>	<b>15,009</b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>56,707</b>	<b>(2,147)</b>	<b>98,812</b>	<b>(50,565)</b>
Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes	—	(3,104)	71	3,482
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 56,707</b>	<b>\$ (5,251)</b>	<b>\$ 98,883</b>	<b>\$ (47,083)</b>
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE — BASIC</b>				
Income (Loss) From Continuing Operations	\$ 0.59	\$ (0.03)	\$ 1.03	\$ (0.54)
Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ 0.04
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 0.59	\$ (0.06)	\$ 1.03	\$ (0.50)
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE — DILUTED</b>				
Income (Loss) From Continuing Operations	\$ 0.58	\$ (0.03)	\$ 1.01	\$ (0.54)
Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes	\$ —	\$ (0.03)	\$ —	\$ 0.04
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 0.58	\$ (0.06)	\$ 1.01	\$ (0.50)
<b>AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>				
Basic	96,562,584	94,615,448	95,818,893	94,113,257
Diluted	98,617,411	94,615,448	97,615,741	94,113,257

**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets  
(Unaudited)

	<u>December 31, 2005</u>	<u>December 31, 2004</u>
ASSETS	(Dollars in Thousands)	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 60,176	\$ 44,267
Marketable Securities	18,000	—
Accounts and Notes Receivable, Net	104,681	99,315
Rig Materials and Supplies	18,179	19,206
Deferred Costs	4,223	13,546
Other Current Assets	76,076	9,818
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>281,335</u>	<u>186,152</u>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET</b>	355,397	382,824
<b>ASSETS HELD FOR SALE</b>	—	23,665
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Goodwill	107,606	107,606
Other Assets	59,252	26,343
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<u>166,858</u>	<u>133,949</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 803,590</u>	<u>\$ 726,590</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ —	\$ 24
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	151,100	87,329
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>151,100</u>	<u>87,353</u>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	380,015	481,039
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	12,646	9,281
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	259,829	148,917
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 803,590</u>	<u>\$ 726,590</u>
<b>Current Ratio</b>	1.86	2.13
<b>Total Long-Term Debt as a Percent of Capitalization</b>	59%	76%
<b>Book Value Per Common Share</b>	\$ 2.66	\$ 1.57

**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Selected Financial Data  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		
	December 31,		September 30,
	2005	2004	2005
(Dollars in Thousands)			
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL REVENUES</b>			
U.S. Drilling	\$ 36,162	\$ 25,303	\$ 33,863
International Land Drilling	72,503	56,502	54,584
International Offshore Drilling	15,482	8,106	15,530
Rental Tools	25,413	19,889	23,928
<b>Total Drilling and Rental Revenues</b>	<b>149,560</b>	<b>109,800</b>	<b>127,905</b>
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
U.S. Drilling	18,423	15,530	15,178
International Land Drilling	55,315	40,727	39,734
International Offshore Drilling	13,199	5,506	13,413
Rental Tools	10,723	8,154	10,352
<b>Drilling and Rental Operating Expenses</b>	<b>97,660</b>	<b>69,917</b>	<b>78,677</b>
<b>DRILLING AND RENTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>			
U.S. Drilling	17,739	9,773	18,685
International Land Drilling	17,188	15,775	14,850
International Offshore Drilling	2,283	2,600	2,117
Rental Tools	14,690	11,735	13,576
Depreciation and Amortization	(16,619)	(18,642)	(16,563)
<b>Total Drilling and Rental Operating Income</b>	<b>35,281</b>	<b>21,241</b>	<b>32,665</b>
General and Administrative Expense	(8,011)	(5,455)	(6,443)
Provision for Reduction in Carrying Value of Certain Assets	(2,584)	(6,562)	(2,300)
Gain on Disposition of Assets, Net	3,185	2,328	5,943
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 27,871</b>	<b>\$ 11,552</b>	<b>\$ 29,865</b>

**Marketable Rig Count Summary**  
As of December 31, 2005

	<u>Total</u>
<b>U.S. Gulf of Mexico Barge Rigs</b>	
Workover	6
Intermediate	4
Deep	9
<b>Total U.S. Gulf of Mexico Barge Rigs</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>International Land Rigs</b>	
Asia Pacific	9
Mexico	7
CIS	8
<b>Total International Land Rigs</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>International Barge Rigs</b>	
Mexico	1
Nigeria	2
Caspian Sea	1
<b>Total International Barge Rigs</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total International Rigs</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Marketable Rigs</b>	<b>47</b>

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## **PARKER DRILLING ANNOUNCES JOINT VENTURE AND NEW CONTRACTS IN SAUDI ARABIA**

Houston, February 15, 2006 — Parker Drilling Company (NYSE: PKD) (“Parker”) and Abdullah Rasheed Al-Rushaid Company for Drilling Oil and Gas Limited (“Al-Rushaid”) announced today the formation of a joint venture company which will perform four drilling contracts, each with a term of three years with a one year option, awarded by Saudi Aramco. The joint venture, Al-Rushaid Parker Drilling LLC, is a Saudi Arabian limited liability company in which Parker and Al-Rushaid will each own a 50% interest. These contracts represent Parker’s first entry into the Saudi Arabian land drilling market.

Al-Rushaid Parker Drilling LLC, will utilize new build rigs to perform the contracts, with the first rig scheduled to arrive on location in Saudi Arabia in the third quarter of 2006, and the three remaining rigs to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2006. Al-Rushaid Parker Drilling LLC has obtained asset-based financing to fund a substantial portion of the acquisition costs of the four new land rigs, with the balance of the acquisition cost, estimated at \$20 million, funded equally by capital contributions of the joint venture partners.

“This project is in line with our stated objective of seeking new growth opportunities in targeted markets with acceptable rates of return,” said Robert L. Parker, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Parker Drilling. “Although the financial impact to Parker should be minimal during initial years of the project, this market offers excellent opportunities for sustained growth for many years to come.”

Abdullah Rasheed Al-Rushaid Company for Drilling Oil and Gas Limited is a subsidiary of Al-Rushaid Investment Company, which is a large well-diversified group with major operations in the oil and gas industry in Saudi Arabia.

Parker Drilling is a Houston-based, global energy company specializing in offshore drilling and workover services in the Gulf of Mexico and international land and offshore markets. Parker also owns Quail Tools, a provider of premium industry rental tools. Parker Drilling employs approximately 3,000 people worldwide and has 47 marketed rigs.

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