

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

(Rule 14a – 101)

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

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**Parker Drilling Company**

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## **PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

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### **Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.



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## **Shareholder Meeting to be held on 04/21/09**

### **Proxy Materials Available**

- Notice and Proxy Statement
- Annual Report
- Proxy Card

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## Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 04/21/09  
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM CENTRAL  
For holders as of: 02/27/09

### Meeting Location:

Renaissance Houston Hotel  
6 Greenway Plaza East  
Houston, Texas 77046

## How To Vote



### Vote In Person

Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.



### Vote By Internet

To vote *now* by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Voting items

The Board of Directors Recommends a  
Vote FOR Items 1 and 2.

1. Election of directors - director nominees:

01) R. Rudolph Reinfrank

02) Robert W. Goldman

2. PROPOSAL TO RATIFY the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent registered public accounting firm  
for 2009.

IN THEIR DISCRETION, the Proxies are authorized to vote in their best judgment upon such other business as  
may properly come before the meeting.