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Highlights Compelling Strategic and Financial Rationale of

Pending Acquisition of Atwood Oceanics

Adds High-Specification Assets at Attractive, Below-Market Values

Provides Substantial Upside to Offshore Recovery

Maintains Financial Flexibility Through 2024

London, England, 14 August 2017 Enscopl (NYSE: ESV) (Enscopl or the company) today announced that it has filed an investor presentation with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) that provides an overview of the rationale for and benefits of its pending acquisition of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (NYSE: ATW). The presentation is also available on the Investors section of Enscopl's website at <http://www.enscoplc.com/investors/default.aspx>.

Key highlights of the pending transaction:

High-Quality Assets: Unique opportunity to add high-specification, complementary assets in scale that will significantly strengthen and renew Ensco's fleet

- Floater fleet renewal in scale is required for Ensco to remain competitive over time; Atwood's four best-in-class(1) ultra-deepwater drillships increase Ensco's exposure to this critical segment of the high-specification rig market.
- Atwood's ultra-deepwater semisubmersibles significantly enhance Ensco's fleet and add leading exposure to the Australian market where Ensco has not historically had a meaningful presence.
- Atwood's five premium jackups will facilitate fleet renewal and enable the rationalization of Ensco's older assets over time.

The Right Time: Recent marketing success and customer dialogue support timing to add high-specification assets while valuations remain attractive

- Contract awards and indicators of future customer demand have shown positive signs recently, and the company expects established offshore drillers with superior technology, high-specification assets and geographic reach to be best positioned to grow market share.

(1) Drillships capable of operating in at least 10,000' of water with dual 2.5 million lb. hookload derricks, dual 7 Ram blowout preventers and variable deck loads exceeding 22,000 tons

- On 11 July 2017, Ensco announced that it had been awarded three drillship contracts offshore West Africa, representing an aggregate three years of contracted term and more than six additional years of options.
- Additionally, Atwood recently announced that it had been awarded a drillship contract from Kosmos Energy offshore West Africa.

Compelling Value: Acquisition of high-specification assets at per-rig values materially below market enables Ensco to generate significant shareholder value accretion relative to stand-alone scenarios

- The company estimates the purchase price for Atwood's six floaters is approximately \$222 million per rig, including the acquisition premium, which is well below values for comparable assets that could not be acquired in similar scale.
- The transaction is expected to generate double-digit accretion in the current environment while also remaining significantly accretive in protracted recovery scenarios.
- Ensco participated in a competitive process, securing Atwood's high-specification assets with a disciplined proposal that was within 10% of a competing bid, demonstrating value in line with the market.
- The acquisition offers meaningful, achievable synergies that provide significant value to Ensco shareholders.
- Ensco previously announced targeted annual run-rate expense synergies of \$65 million beginning in 2019, and following initial integration planning, the company now expects to exceed these targets.
- 2018 expense synergies are projected to exceed \$45 million.
- Total synergies create more than \$400 million of present value at a 10% discount rate, with more than \$280 million expected to accrue to Ensco shareholders (or approximately 20% of Ensco's current share price).

Substantial Upside: Atwood's premium assets are expected to have a strong EBITDA growth profile in a market recovery, which would provide significant upside to Ensco's share price

- Based on assumptions outlined in the presentation, Atwood's six floaters could generate EBITDA of approximately \$100 million per year if contracted day rates were to average \$200,000 and approximately \$500 million per year if contracted day rates were to average \$400,000.
- Using an illustrative multiple of six times annual EBITDA generated from Atwood's floater fleet in a recovery scenario where contracted day rates average \$300,000 per rig, the implied value per pro forma Ensco share would exceed \$4.00 – more than 90% of Ensco's current share price.

Strong Liquidity: Ensco maintains financial flexibility and sufficient liquidity to cover debt maturities into 2024

- Following the anticipated repayment of Atwood's outstanding revolver balance and senior notes upon closing, Ensco will maintain a strong pro forma liquidity position, which was approximately \$3.3 billion as of 30 June 2017 and included a fully available \$2.25 billion revolving credit facility.
- With pro forma cash and short-term investments that exceed debt maturities prior to 2024, Ensco has sufficient liquidity runway to bridge the company to better market conditions.
- Ensco has consistently demonstrated prudent operational and financial management throughout the market downturn.

In summary, this compelling transaction enables Ensco to meaningfully renew its fleet with high-quality assets at attractive values. Furthermore, this opportunity to generate significant shareholder value with substantial upside can be achieved while maintaining financial flexibility through 2024 and beyond.

As previously announced, on 30 May 2017, Ensco and Atwood entered into a definitive merger agreement under which Ensco will acquire Atwood in an all-stock transaction that was unanimously approved by each company's board of directors. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Atwood shareholders will receive 1.60 shares of Ensco for each share of Atwood common stock for a total value of \$10.72 per Atwood share based on Ensco's closing share price of \$6.70 on 26 May 2017. Upon close of the transaction, Ensco and Atwood shareholders will own approximately 69% and 31%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of Ensco plc. There are no financing conditions for this transaction. The company anticipates closing the transaction in the first week of October 2017.

About Ensco

Ensco plc (NYSE: ESV) brings energy to the world as a global provider of offshore drilling services to the petroleum industry. For 30 years, the company has focused on operating safely and going beyond customer expectations. Ensco is ranked first in total customer satisfaction in the latest independent survey by EnergyPoint Research - the seventh consecutive year that Ensco has earned this distinction. Operating one of the newest ultra-deepwater rig fleets and a leading premium jackup fleet, Ensco has a major presence in the most strategic offshore basins across six continents. Ensco plc is an English limited company (England No. 7023598) with its corporate headquarters located at 6 Chesterfield Gardens, London W1J 5BQ. To learn more, visit our website at www.enscoplc.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included in this press release regarding the proposed transaction, benefits, expected synergies and other expense savings and operational and administrative efficiencies, opportunities, timing, expense and effects of the transaction, financial performance, accretion to discounted cash flows, revenue growth, future dividend levels, credit ratings or other attributes of Ensco following the completion of the transaction and other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements (including within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended). Forward-looking statements include words or phrases such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, project, could, may, might, should, will and similar words. These statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, actions by regulatory authorities, rating agencies or other third parties, actions by the respective companies' security holders, costs and difficulties related to integration of Atwood, delays, costs and difficulties related to the transaction, market conditions, and Ensco's financial results and performance following the completion of the transaction, satisfaction of closing conditions, ability to repay debt and timing thereof, availability and terms of any financing and other factors detailed in the risk factors section and elsewhere in Ensco's and Atwood's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2016, respectively, and their respective other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), which are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize (or the other consequences of such a development worsen), or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those forecasted or expected. All information in this release is as of today. Except as required by law, both Ensco and Atwood disclaim any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important Additional Information Regarding the Transaction

In connection with the proposed transaction, Ensco has filed a registration statement on Form S-4, including a joint proxy statement/prospectus of Ensco and Atwood, with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF ENSCO AND ATWOOD ARE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION, THE PARTIES TO THE TRANSACTION AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSACTION. A definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to security holders of Ensco and Atwood in connection with the Ensco and Atwood shareholder meetings. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other relevant documents filed by Ensco and Atwood with the SEC from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Security holders and other interested parties will also be able to obtain, without charge, a copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents (when available) by directing a request by mail or telephone to either Investor Relations, Ensco plc, 5847 San Felipe, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77057, telephone 713-430-4607, or Investor Relations, Atwood Oceanics, Inc., 15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77094, telephone 281-749-7840. Copies of the documents filed by Ensco with the SEC will be available free of charge on Ensco's website at www.enscoplc.com under the tab Investors. Copies of the documents filed by Atwood with the SEC will be available free of charge on Atwood's website at www.atwd.com under the tab Investor Relations. Security holders may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed with the SEC at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street N.E., Room 1580, Washington D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at (800) 732-0330 or visit the SEC's website for further information on its public reference room.

Participants in the Solicitation

Ensco and Atwood and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from their respective security holders with respect to the transaction. Information about these persons is set forth in Ensco's proxy statement relating to its 2017 General Meeting of Shareholders and Atwood's proxy statement relating to its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, as filed with the SEC on 31 March 2017 and 9 January 2017, respectively, and subsequent statements of changes in beneficial ownership on file with the SEC. Security holders and investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such persons, which

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may be different than those of the respective companies' security holders generally, by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents regarding the transaction, which will be filed with the SEC.

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