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

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report: October 22, 2018

Commission File Number 001-35345

PACIFIC DRILLING S.A.

**8-10, Avenue de la Gare
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(Address of principal executive offices)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

Yes No

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Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form, is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

On October 22, 2018, we issued a press release announcing the award of a contract for the *Pacific Bora*. A copy of that release is attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Also on October 22, 2018, we posted to our website our updated Fleet Status Report dated October 22, 2018. A copy of that report is attached to this report on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.2.

The press release and report shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, unless the Company specifically incorporates the information by reference in a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

By filing this report on Form 6-K and furnishing this information, the Company makes no admission as to the materiality of any information contained in this report. The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to publicly update or revise the information contained in this report, although the Company may do so from time to time as management believes is warranted.

Certain expectations and projections regarding the Company’s future performance referenced in the press release and the Fleet Status Report are forward-looking statements. These expectations and projections are based on currently available competitive, financial, and economic data and are subject to future events and uncertainties. In addition to the above cautionary statements, all forward-looking statements contained herein should be read in conjunction with the Company’s SEC filings, including the risk factors described therein, and other public announcements.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 6-K, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release Announcing Award of Contract
99.2	Fleet Status Report dated October 22, 2018

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Pacific Drilling S.A.
(Registrant)

Dated: October 22, 2018

By /s/ Lisa Manget Buchanan
Lisa Manget Buchanan
SVP, General Counsel & Secretary



News Release

Pacific Drilling Awarded Contract for the *Pacific Bora*

HOUSTON, October 22, 2018—Pacific Drilling S.A. (OTC: PACDQ) (“Pacific Drilling” or the “Company”) announced today that its deepwater drillship the *Pacific Bora* has been awarded a contract by Nigerian Agip Exploration Limited (a subsidiary of Eni SpA) for drilling operations in Nigeria. The term of the contract is for one firm well plus two additional option wells. The contract is expected to commence in mid to late November 2018 and firm contract backlog is estimated at \$9 million.

Pacific Drilling Chief Executive Officer Paul Reese commented: “On the heels of our previous announcement of new work for *Pacific Santa Ana* in Mauritania, we are pleased to have secured this contract for the *Bora* which reflects our substantial experience in Nigeria and our uninterrupted commitment to providing exceptional drilling services to our clients.”

Currently offshore Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, the *Pacific Bora* is a sixth generation deepwater, dynamically-positioned drillship capable of operating in water depths up to 10,000 feet and drilling wells more than 37,000 feet deep.

About Pacific Drilling

With its best-in-class drillships and highly experienced team, Pacific Drilling is committed to becoming the industry's preferred high-specification, deepwater drilling contractor. Pacific Drilling's fleet of seven drillships represents one of the youngest and most technologically advanced fleets in the world. Pacific Drilling has its principal offices in Luxembourg and Houston. For more information about Pacific Drilling, including our current Fleet Status, please visit our website at www.pacificdrilling.com.

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FLEET STATUS REPORT
OTC: PACDQ

 As of October 22, 2018
 Updates noted in bold

Rig Name	Delivery	Water Depth (ft)	Drilling Depth (ft)	Client	Location	Contract				
						Start	Term	Contractual Dayrate (US\$000's)	Average Contract Backlog Revenue Per Day (US\$000's)	Availability/ Expected Availability
<i>Pacific Bora</i>	2010	10,000	37,500	ENI	Ivory Coast	mid to late Nov-18	(1)	150	150	(1)
<i>Pacific Scirocco</i>	2011	12,000	40,000	—	Las Palmas	—	—	—	—	Immediate
<i>Pacific Mistral</i>	2011	12,000	37,500	—	Las Palmas	—	—	—	—	Immediate
<i>Pacific Santa Ana</i>	2011	12,000	40,000	(2)	Las Palmas	mid-2019	(2)	280	283	(2)
<i>Pacific Khamsin</i>	2013	12,000	40,000	—	Las Palmas	—	—	—	—	(3)
<i>Pacific Sharav</i>	2014	12,000	40,000	Chevron	USGoM	27-Aug-2014	5 years	551	604	Sep-19
<i>Pacific Meltem</i>	2014	12,000	40,000	—	Las Palmas	—	—	—	—	(4)

- (1) On October 15, 2018, the *Pacific Bora* entered into a contract with Nigerian AGIP Exploration Limited, a subsidiary of ENI, to operate in Nigeria for one firm well with two option wells (each well estimated at approximately 60 days of work).
- (2) The *Pacific Santa Ana* is currently idle in Las Palmas while actively seeking a contract for short-term work. On August 2, 2018, Petronas exercised its option to contract the *Pacific Santa Ana* for Phase II of the plug and abandonment project in Mauritania expected to commence in mid-2019 with an estimated 360 days of work.
- (3) The *Pacific Khamsin* has received a letter of award for drilling services in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for two years of work at a dayrate of \$160,000 expected to commence in early 2019.
- (4) The *Pacific Meltem* has received a letter of award from the same party as the *Pacific Khamsin* for drilling services in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico for two years of work at a dayrate of \$160,000 expected to commence in early 2019.

Period	Historical Actual				
	4Q2017	1Q2018	2Q2018	3Q2018	4Q2017 - 3Q2018 Average
Operating Fleet Rig Related Average Revenue Efficiency	99.6%	97.6%	98.7%	99.8%	98.8% (5)

(5) Including unpaid downtime related to integrated services on the *Pacific Santa Ana*, our average revenue efficiency was 97.8% for the period from 4Q2017 to 3Q2018.



FLEET STATUS REPORT

OTC: PACDQ

As of October 22, 2018

DEFINITIONS & DISCLAIMERS

Dayrate Definition: The dayrates reflected in this Fleet Status Report are the operating dayrates charged to clients, which may include estimated contractual adjustments for changes in operating costs and/or reimbursable cost adjustments for ongoing expenses such as crew, catering, insurance and taxes. The dayrates, however, do not include certain types of non-recurring revenues such as lump sum mobilization payments, revenues earned during mobilizations, revenues associated with contract preparation and other non-recurring reimbursable items such as mobilizations and capital enhancements. Routine and non-routine downtime may reduce the actual revenues recognized during the contract term.

Backlog Definition: Includes firm commitments only, which are represented by signed drilling contracts. We calculate our contract backlog by multiplying the contractual dayrate by the number of days committed under the contracts (excluding options to extend), assuming full utilization, and also include mobilization fees, upgrade reimbursements and other revenue sources, such as the standby rate during upgrades, as stipulated in the applicable contracts. For a well-by-well contract, we calculate the contract backlog by estimating the expected number of remaining days to drill the firm wells committed.

From time to time, we are awarded letters of intent or receive letters of award for our drillships. Certain of those letters of intent and letters of award remain subject to negotiation and execution of definitive contracts and other customary conditions. No assurance can be given as to the terms of any such arrangement, such as the applicable duration or dayrate, until a definitive contract is entered into by the parties, if we are able to finalize a contract at all.

Revenue Efficiency Definition: Actual contractual dayrate revenue (excludes mobilization fees, upgrade reimbursements and other revenue sources) divided by the maximum amount of total contractual dayrate revenue that could have been earned during such period.

Forward Looking Statements: Certain statements and information contained in this Fleet Status Report, constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are generally identifiable by the use of words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “intend,” “our ability to,” “may,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “projected,” “should,” “will,” “would,” or other similar words, which are generally not historical in nature. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Our forward-looking statements express our current expectations or forecasts of possible future results or events, including our future financial and operational performance and cash balances; revenue efficiency levels; market outlook; forecasts of trends; future client contract opportunities; contract dayrates; our business strategies and plans and objectives of management; estimated duration of client contracts; backlog; expected capital expenditures; projected costs and savings; the potential impact of our Chapter 11 proceedings on our future operations and ability to finance our business; our ability to complete the restructuring transactions contemplated by our plan of reorganization; projected costs and expenses in connection with our plan of reorganization; and our ability to emerge from our Chapter 11 proceedings and continue as a going concern.

Although we believe that the assumptions and expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable and made in good faith, these statements are not guarantees, and actual future results may differ materially due to a variety of factors. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, and are based on a number of judgments and assumptions as of the date such statements are made about future events, many of which are beyond our control. Actual events and results may differ materially from those anticipated, estimated, projected or implied by us in such statements due to a variety of factors, including if one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove incorrect.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include: the global oil and gas market and its impact on demand for our services; the offshore drilling market, including reduced capital expenditures by our clients; changes in worldwide oil and gas supply and demand; rig availability and supply and demand for high-specification drillships and other drilling rigs competing with our fleet; costs related to stacking of rigs; our ability to enter into and negotiate favorable terms for new drilling contracts or extensions; our ability to successfully negotiate and consummate definitive contracts and satisfy other customary conditions with respect to letters of intent and letters of award that we receive for our drillships; our substantial level of indebtedness; possible cancellation, renegotiation, termination or suspension of drilling contracts as a result of mechanical difficulties, performance, market changes or other reasons; our ability to continue as a going concern in the long term; our ability to obtain Bankruptcy Court approval with respect to motions or other requests made to the Bankruptcy Court in our Chapter 11 proceedings, including maintaining strategic control as debtor-in-possession; our ability to confirm and consummate our plan of reorganization; the effects of our Chapter 11 proceedings on our operations and agreements, including our relationships with employees, regulatory authorities, clients, suppliers, banks and other financing sources, insurance companies and other third parties; the effects of our Chapter 11 proceedings on our Company and on the interests of various constituents, including holders of our common shares and debt instruments; Bankruptcy Court rulings in our Chapter 11 proceedings as well as the outcome of all other pending litigation and arbitration matters and the outcome of our Chapter 11 proceedings in general; the length of time that we will operate under Chapter 11 protection and the continued availability of operating capital during the pendency of the proceedings; risks associated with third-party motions in our Chapter 11 proceedings, which may interfere with our ability to confirm and consummate our plan of reorganization and restructuring generally; increased advisory costs to complete our plan of reorganization and our ability to execute our business and restructuring plan generally; the risk that our plan of reorganization may not be accepted or confirmed, in which case there can be no assurance that our Chapter 11 proceedings will continue rather than be converted to Chapter 7 liquidation cases or that any alternative plan of reorganization would be on terms as favorable to holders of claims and interests as the terms of our Plan; our ability to access adequate debtor-in-possession financing or use cash collateral; the potential adverse effects of our Chapter 11 proceedings on our liquidity, results of operations, or business prospects; increased administrative and legal costs related to our Chapter 11 proceedings and other litigation and the inherent risks involved in a bankruptcy process; the cost, availability and access to capital and financial markets, including the ability to secure new financing after emerging from our Chapter 11 proceedings; and the other risk factors described in our 2017 Annual Report on Form 20-F and our Current Reports on Form 6-K. These documents are available through our website at www.pacificdrilling.com or through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.