



FAQs – As of November 12, 2017

1. What is Chapter 11?

Chapter 11 is the section of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code that allows companies to implement balance sheet restructuring transactions.

A Chapter 11 filing is a legal process enabling companies such as ours to reduce debt, while continuing to operate in the ordinary course.

Many companies have utilized Chapter 11 to restructure their debt and have gone on to grow and prosper, including Vantage Drilling, Tidewater, General Motors, and both United Airlines and American Airlines.

2. What does the balance sheet restructuring mean for customers?

Pacific Drilling will continue to provide customers with safe, reliable, and efficient offshore drilling operations.

Pacific Drilling will have adequate liquidity during this process to ensure that we are able to purchase supplies, maintain our assets, and pay our employees.

3. What does this mean for employees?

Our employees are one of our greatest assets. They are critical to our continuing ability to deliver safe, reliable, and efficient operations. We do not expect changes in our workforce as a result of our bankruptcy filing.

This announcement and the upcoming Court-supervised process should have very little impact on the day-to-day responsibilities and activities of most employees.

Furthermore, we do not expect this announcement to have any impact on employee salary or benefits, including health insurance, 401(k) or international savings plans, vacation time or employer-provided life insurance. We have filed motions to request Court authority to continue our ongoing, ordinary course operations, including payroll and employee benefits, and it is customary for the Court to grant that request promptly.

Further, we expect to file a motion approximately one month from now to request approval from the Court to pay and continue to operate other ordinary incentive compensation programs such as annual bonus payments.

4. What does the balance sheet restructuring mean for vendors?

We are required to pay all post-petition obligations and have significant cash balance available to pay our vendors for all goods and services provided after the filing.

5. What will this mean for shareholders?

It is too early to tell. However, if secured and unsecured creditors do not receive a full recovery, it is possible that equity will be cancelled. This is not uncommon in a Chapter 11.

6. Can I still buy or sell shares?

While the Company moves through the Court-supervised process, Pacific Drilling shares may continue to be traded over the counter in the Pink Sheets or on the OTCBB, but we cannot assure you this will be the case.

7. Should I sell my stock?

We cannot offer investment advice. Please contact your personal financial advisor and/or tax advisor.

8. Will Pacific Drilling continue to file public reports, like earnings releases, SEC filings, etc.?

We plan to continue to file quarterly and annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, Pacific Drilling expects to be required to file certain documents at the direction of the Court under the Chapter 11 process.

9. What is next?

As we continue through the restructuring process, you can find the most up to date information on the website at <http://www.pacificdrilling.com/restructuring>.

10. How long will the Chapter 11 process take?

It is too early to say how long this process will last.

11. Who do I talk to for more information?

It is our intent to keep you informed throughout this process. We have a section of our website dedicated to restructuring news and contact details at <http://www.pacificdrilling.com/restructuring>.