# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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 26, 2019

## SELECT ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-38066** (Commission File Number)

81-4561945 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

515 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77027

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(713) 235-9500 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On February 26, 2019, Select Energy Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth-quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2018. A copy of the Company's press release covering such announcement and certain other matters is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 26, 2019

THE INFORMATION FURNISHED UNDER ITEM 2.02 OF THIS CURRENT REPORT, INCLUDING EXHIBIT 99.1 ATTACHED HERETO, SHALL NOT BE DEEMED "FILED" FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 18 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, NOR SHALL IT BE DEEMED INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO ANY REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR OTHER FILING PURSUANT TO THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY STATED IN SUCH FILING.

### **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.

Dated: February 26, 2019

### SELECT ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Adam R. Law

Adam R. Law

Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate

Secretary

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated February 26, 2019

#### Select Energy Services Reports Fourth Quarter And Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Results And Operational Updates

Cash Flow from Operations of \$107.8 million generated in the fourth quarter of 2018, totaling \$232.4 million for fiscal year 2018

Initiated Northern Delaware basin fixed pipeline investment, repurchased 1.7 million shares during the fourth quarter for \$15.7 million, funded \$15.0 million of targeted acquisitions and reduced outstanding borrowings by \$20 million

HOUSTON, Feb. 26, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Select Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: WTTR) ("Select" or "the Company"), a leading provider of water management and chemical solutions to the North American unconventional oil and gas industry, today announced results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

Revenue for fiscal year 2018 was \$1,528.9 million as compared to \$692.5 million in fiscal year 2017. Revenue for the fourth quarter of 2018 was \$362.3 million as compared to \$397.0 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$304.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Net income for fiscal year 2018 was \$54.3 million as compared to a net loss of \$35.1 million in fiscal year 2017. Net loss for the fourth quarter of 2018 was \$18.1 million, driven in part by a number of non-recurring charges as detailed below, compared to net income of \$31.3 million in the third quarter of 2018 and a net loss of \$15.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Holli Ladhani, President and CEO, stated, "The team executed on our commitment to deliver strong cash flow and manage operations through the anticipated, but challenging, activity decline as the year ended. With over \$100 million of operating cash flow in the quarter, we were able to fund our capital program, pay for a small but strategic acquisition in New Mexico, execute a modest share repurchase initiative and reduce our borrowings. Additionally, we've commenced construction of a new pre-frac water delivery pipeline in the Northern Delaware Basin of New Mexico, which will expand our already substantial footprint in the region. This project is supported by a 5-year take-or-pay contract with a major international integrated oil company. With this investment, which we expect to fund with proceeds from the sale of portions of our Wellsite Services business, we have now committed over \$85 million to water infrastructure alone in the Northern Delaware Basin.

"The Northern Delaware Basin infrastructure project further exemplifies the strength of the Select team in developing long-term value-added solutions for our customers. We believe funding this system through the divestment of non-core operations provides an efficient opportunity to reallocate our capital towards higher margin, more stable cash flow streams. Also, the share repurchase exhibits the importance of returning capital to shareholders as an important part of our overall capital allocation strategy and we will continue to evaluate capital return opportunities during 2019.

"While the activity outlook for 2019 remains somewhat uncertain, we are confident the United States will remain the center of long-term global supply growth and the demand for water-related services will continue to grow. We are well positioned to support our customers in 2019 and expect to generate cash flow in excess of our 2018 levels. We will generate this free cash flow by remaining focused on developing our comprehensive water solutions strategy and managing our variable costs. Where appropriate, we will continue evaluating investments in infrastructure, as well as in technologies such as automation that support our operational efficiency initiatives, all while keeping a disciplined approach to capital allocation," concluded Ladhani.

Gross profit was \$34.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to \$59.4 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$26.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Total gross margin for Select was 9.5% in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to 15.0% in the third quarter of 2018 and 8.6% in the fourth quarter of 2017. Gross margin before depreciation and amortization ("D&A") for the fourth quarter of 2018 was 19.8% as compared to 23.0% for the third quarter of 2018 and 20.0% for the fourth quarter of 2017.

Gross profit for fiscal year 2018 was \$198.5 million as compared to \$57.8 million in fiscal year 2017, and gross margin was 13.0% in fiscal year 2018 as compared to 8.3% in fiscal year 2017. Gross margin before D&A for fiscal year 2018 was 21.5% as compared to 23.0% for fiscal year 2017.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$56.1 million or 15.5% of revenue in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to \$73.7 million or 18.6% of revenue in the third quarter of 2018 and \$43.9 million or 14.4% of revenue in the fourth quarter of 2017. Adjusted EBITDA for fiscal year 2018 was \$257.6 million as compared to \$117.3 million in fiscal year 2017. Please refer to the reconciliations of gross profit before D&A (a non-GAAP measure) to gross profit and of Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP measure) to net income at the end of this news release.

#### **Business Segment Information**

The Water Solutions segment generated revenues of \$247.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to revenues of \$281.4 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$217.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. This sequential decline in revenue was driven primarily by decreased well completions in the fourth quarter compared to the prior quarter, which impacted most areas of operations. Gross margin before D&A for Water Solutions was 22.7% in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to 25.9% in the third quarter of 2018 and 22.1% in the fourth quarter of 2017. Water Solutions gross margin before D&A was impacted by a \$2.1 million non-cash accrual related to a vacation policy change during the fourth quarter. This policy change was put in place as part of the Company's ongoing retention initiatives to allow for the carryover of unused vacation days into the following calendar year, and impacted other segments as well for a total charge of \$2.9 million across the company.

The Oilfield Chemicals segment, which operates through our subsidiary Rockwater Energy Solutions, generated revenues of \$67.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to \$64.0 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$41.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Gross margin before D&A for Oilfield Chemicals was 8.9% in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to 11.7% in the third quarter of 2018 and 11.0% in the fourth quarter of 2017. The segment continued to see strong demand for friction reducer product lines, including its new high-viscosity product, which helped drive an increase in revenues of 5% relative to the third quarter of 2018 despite slower completions activity in the fourth quarter of 2018. While management was pleased with revenue growth, the segment did see a decrease in the gross margin primarily related to increased raw material costs, including recently implemented tariffs, of \$1.4 million.

The Wellsite Services segment generated revenues of \$47.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to \$51.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$45.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Gross margin before D&A for Wellsite Services was 20.3% in the fourth quarter of 2018 as compared to 20.9% in the third quarter of 2018 and 18.2% in the fourth quarter of 2017. The segment saw sequential revenue declines of approximately 8% in the fourth quarter largely driven by declines in wellsite construction and sand and fluids hauling businesses. However, the segment held a steady margin profile led by the strength of Peak, Select's rentals business, which modestly increased revenue during the quarter and grew gross profit before D&A by 7%. Going forward, this segment will be significantly impacted by the expected divestitures of the Company's wellsite construction business as well as its Canadian water services business.

Select's consolidated Adjusted EBITDA during the quarter includes adjustments for certain non-recurring and non-cash items including \$22.3 million of impairments, made up of a \$17.9 million goodwill impairment within its Affirm and Oilfield Chemicals businesses, primarily driven by the decline in external market conditions at year-end, and \$4.4 million of asset impairments related to the Company's Canadian operations. Other adjustments included \$4.3 million of non-recurring costs resulting from sales tax audits for the prior years 2011 – 2017, including for acquired businesses such as Rockwater and Crescent, as well as the \$2.9 million non-cash, non-recurring charge related to the change in vacation policy, \$1.7 million of losses on asset sales, \$0.8 million of foreign currency impact and \$0.7 million of severance expense. Non-cash compensation expense accounted for an additional \$2.3 million adjustment, and other items produced a net impact of (\$0.2) million.

Select's consolidated and Segment results noted above for 2018 include full-quarter contributions from Rockwater Energy Solutions, which Select acquired in November 2017; as such, these results are only included for a portion of the fourth quarter of 2017 and therefore are not directly comparable.

#### **Cash Flow and Balance Sheet**

Cash flow from operations for fiscal year 2018 was \$232.4 million, of which \$107.8 million was generated in the fourth quarter of 2018. Improvements in our working capital management supported the cash flow generated by the business. Capital expenditures for fiscal year 2018 were \$151.4 million, net of asset sales of \$14.0 million, of which \$51.2 million was spent in the fourth quarter of 2018. Cash flow from operations less net capital expenditures was \$81.0 million for fiscal 2018 and \$56.6 million during the fourth quarter.

Other cash uses, before debt repayment, during the fourth quarter included \$15.7 million to fund the repurchase of 1.7 million shares of our Class A common stock and \$15.0 million for acquisitions, including \$12.4 million for Pro Well Testing and Wireline, Inc. ("Pro Well"), a regional flowback and well testing operator in the Northern Delaware Basin, which expanded our flowback business into a new geography in New Mexico.

Total liquidity was \$221.9 million as of December 31, 2018, as compared to \$218.1 million as of September 30, 2018. Outstanding borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility totaled \$45.0 million as of December 31, 2018, compared to \$65.0 million as of September 30, 2018. As of December 31, 2018, the Company had approximately \$205.0 million of available borrowing capacity under its revolving credit facility, after giving effect to \$20.8 million of outstanding letters of credit. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$17.2 million at December 31, 2018 as compared to \$13.0 million at September 30, 2018.

#### **Conference Call**

Select has scheduled a conference call on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time / 9:00 a.m. Central time. Please dial 201-389-0872 and ask for the Select Energy Services call at least 10 minutes prior to the start time of the call, or listen to the call live over the Internet by logging on to the website at the address http://investors.selectenergyservices.com/events-and-presentations. A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available through March 6, 2019 and may be accessed by calling 201-612-7415 using passcode 13687413#. A webcast archive will also be available at the link above shortly after the call and will be accessible for approximately 90 days.

#### About Select Energy Services, Inc.

Select is a leading provider of water management and chemical solutions to the North American unconventional oil and gas industry. Select provides for the sourcing and transfer of water, both by permanent pipeline and temporary hose, prior to its use in the drilling and completion activities associated with hydraulic fracturing, as well as complementary water-related services that support oil and gas well completion and production activities, including containment, monitoring, treatment and recycling, flowback, hauling, and disposal. Select, under its Rockwater Energy Solutions subsidiary, develops and manufactures a full suite of specialty chemicals used in the well completion process and production chemicals used to enhance performance over the producing life of a well. Select currently provides services to exploration and production companies and oilfield service companies operating in all the major shale and producing basins in the United States and Western Canada. For more information, please visit Select's website, http://www.selectenergyservices.com.

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

All statements in this communication other than statements of historical facts are forward-looking statements which contain our current expectations about our future results. We have attempted to identify any forward-looking statements by using words such as "expect," "will," "estimate" and other similar expressions. Although we believe that the expectations reflected, and the assumptions or bases underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results, events or financial positions to differ materially from those included within or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could materially impact such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed or referenced in the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and in any subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K. Investors should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise, unless required by law.

Three Months Ended December 31

Year Ended December 31

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# SELECT ENERGY SERVICES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited) (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	<u></u>	ree Months En	ded Dec	led December 31,		Year Ended L		December 31,	
		2018 2017		2018			2017		
Revenue									
Water solutions	\$	247,520	\$	217,034	\$	1,060,154	\$	528,309	
Oilfield chemicals		67,369		41,586		259,791		41,586	
Wellsite services		47,429		45,617		208,985		122,596	
Total revenue		362,318		304,237		1,528,930		692,491	
Costs of revenue									
Water solutions		191,371		169,150		797,502		395,887	
Oilfield chemicals		61,397		37,024		233,454		37,024	
Wellsite services		37,785		37,303		168,955		100,155	
Depreciation and amortization		37,357		34,501		130,537		101,645	
Total costs of revenue		327,910		277,978		1,330,448		634,711	
Gross profit		34,408		26,259		198,482		57,780	
Operating expenses									
Selling, general and administrative		25,494		33,105		103,156		82,403	
Depreciation and amortization		844		492		3,176		1,804	
Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets		17,894		_		17,894		_	
Impairment of property and equipment		4,375		_		6,657		_	
Impairment of cost-method investment		_		_		2,000		_	
Lease abandonment costs		(217)		701		3,925		3,572	
Total operating expenses		48,390		34,298		136,808		87,779	
Income (loss) from operations		(13,982)		(8,039)		61,674		(29,999)	
Other income (expense)									

Interest expense, net	(1,49	6)	(4,744)		(5,311)	(6,629)
Foreign currency gain (loss), net	(80	'	281		(1,292)	281
Other income, net	(2,16	7)	(2,973)		932	369
Income (loss) before tax expense	(18,44	5)	(15,475)		56,003	 (35,978)
Income tax (expense) benefit	32	3	525		(1,704)	851
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(18,12	2)	(14,950)	·	54,299	(35,127)
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax		<u>.                                    </u>				 
Net income (loss)	(18,12	2)	(14,950)	<u> </u>	54,299	(35,127)
Less: net loss attributable to Predecessor	-	_	_		_	_
Less: net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	4,62	2	5,298		(17,787)	 18,311
Net income (loss) attributable to Select Energy Services, Inc.	\$ (13,50	0) \$	(9,652)	\$	36,512	\$ (16,816)
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Class A—Basic	79,320,49	<u>1_</u>	49,316,923	7	2,403,318	 24,612,853
Class A-1—Basic	-					 7,233,973
Class A-2—Basic			4,463,506		1,604,575	 1,106,605
Class B—Basic	26,633,13	1	39,675,033	3	1,986,438	38,768,156
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Class A—Diluted	79,320,49	1	49,316,923	7	2,642,147	 24,612,853
Class A-1—Diluted	-					 7,233,973
Class A-2—Diluted	1,604,57	5	4,463,506		1,604,575	 1,106,605
Class B—Diluted	31,986,43	8	39,675,033	3	1,986,438	38,768,156
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:						
Class A—Basic	\$ (0.1	7) \$	(0.18)	\$	0.49	\$ (0.51)
Class A-1—Basic	\$ -	- \$	_	\$		\$ (0.51)
Class A-2—Basic	\$ -	- \$	(0.18)	\$	0.49	\$ (0.51)
Class B—Basic	\$ -	\$		\$		\$ 
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:						
Class A—Diluted	\$ (0.1	7) \$	(0.18)	\$	0.49	\$ (0.51)
Class A-1—Diluted	\$ -	_ \$		\$		\$ (0.51)
Class A-2—Diluted	\$ -	\$	(0.18)	\$	0.49	\$ (0.51)
Class B—Diluted	\$ -	\$		\$		\$ 

# SELECT ENERGY SERVICES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited) (in thousands, except share data)

	As of December 31,			31,
		2018		2017
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	17,237	\$	2,774
Accounts receivable trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,329 and \$2,979, respectively		341,711		373,633
Accounts receivable, related parties		1,119		7,669
Inventories		44,992		44,598
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		27,093		17,842
Total current assets		432,152		446,516
Property and equipment		1,114,378		1,034,995
Accumulated depreciation		(611,530)		(560,886)
Property and equipment, net		502,848		474,109
Goodwill		273,801		273,421
Other intangible assets, net		148,377		156,066
Other assets		3,427		6,256
Total assets	\$	1,360,605	\$	1,356,368
Liabilities and Equity				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	53,847	\$	52,579
Accrued accounts payable		62,536		45,857
Accounts payable and accrued expenses, related parties		5,056		2,772
Accrued salaries and benefits		22,113		21,324
Accrued insurance		14,849		12,510
Sales tax payable		5,820		12,931
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		14,560		35,255
Current portion of capital lease obligations		938		1,965
Total current liabilities		179,719		185,193
Accrued lease obligations		16,752		18,979

Other long-term liabilities	8,361	13,827
Long-term debt	45,000	75,000
Total liabilities	249,832	292,999
Commitments and contingencies Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value; 350,000,000 shares authorized and 78,956,555 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018; 350,000,000 shares authorized and 59,182,176 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 Class A-2 common stock, \$0.01 par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of December 31, 2018; 40,000,000	790	592
shares authorized, 6,731,845 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 Class B common stock, \$0.01 par value; 150,000,000 shares authorized and 26,026,843 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018; 150,000,000 shares authorized and 40,331,989 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017	260	67 404 —
Additional paid-in capital	813,595	673,141
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	18,653	(17,859)
Accumulated other comprehensive (deficit) income	(368)	302
Total stockholders' equity	832,930	656,647
Noncontrolling interests	277,843	406,722
Total equity	1,110,773	1,063,369
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,360,605	\$ 1,356,368

Year Ended December 31,

# SELECT ENERGY SERVICES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (in thousands)

	rear Ended L		,
	 2018		2017
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income (loss)	\$ 54,299	\$	(35,127)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization	133,713		103,449
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(3,803)		(2,726)
Gain realized on previously held interest in Rockwater	_		(1,210)
Bad debt expense	2,210		1,542
Amortization of debt issuance costs	688		4,031
Inventory write-down	442		_
Equity-based compensation	10,371		7,691
Impairment of goodwill	17,894		_
Impairment of property and equipment	6,657		_
Impairment of cost-method investment	2,000		_
Other operating items, net	1,287		(353)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Accounts receivable	36,537		(100,485)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(9,115)		(2,177)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(20,771)		22,466
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	 232,409		(2,899)
Cash flows from investing activities	 202, 100	-	(2,000)
Acquisitions, net of cash received <sup>(1)</sup>	(16,999)		(65,488)
Purchase of property and equipment	(165,360)		(98,722)
Proceeds received from sale of property and equipment	13,998		7,479
Net cash used in investing activities			
Ç	 (168,361)		(156,731)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from 144A Offering, net of underwriter fees and expenses	-		400.000
Proceeds from revolving line of credit and issuance of long-term debt	60,000		109,000
Payments on long-term debt	(90,000)		(111,000)
Payments of capital lease obligations	(1,881)		_
Payment of debt issuance costs	_		(3,442)
Proceeds from initial public offering	_		140,070
Proceeds from share issuance	762		_
Payments incurred for initial public offering	_		(11,566)
Purchase of noncontrolling interests	_		_
Distributions to noncontrolling interests, net	(506)		(368)
Repurchase of common stock	(16,562)		(297)
Member contributions (distributions)	_		_
Contingent consideration	 (1,106)		
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	 (49,293)		122,397
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	 (292)		(34)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14,463		(37,267)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	 2,774		40,041
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 17,237	\$	2,774
Supplemental cash flow disclosure:	 _		_
Cash paid for interest	\$ 5,243	\$	1,999
	\$ (550)	\$	(54)

\$ 17.910 \$ 11.137

(1) Includes \$12.4 million to acquire Pro Well, \$2.6 million to acquire pipeline gathering assets and \$2.0 million to acquire water rights.

#### **Comparison of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, gross profit before depreciation and amortization (D&A) and gross margin before D&A are not financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. We define EBITDA as net income, plus interest expense, taxes and depreciation & amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA plus/(minus) loss/(income) from discontinued operations, plus any impairment charges or asset write-offs pursuant to GAAP, plus/(minus) non-cash losses/(gains) on the sale of assets or subsidiaries, non-recurring compensation expense, non-cash compensation expense, and non-recurring or unusual expenses or charges, including severance expenses, transaction costs, or facilities-related exit and disposal-related expenditures, plus/(minus) foreign currency losses/(gains) and plus any inventory write-downs. We define gross profit before D&A as revenue less cost of revenue, excluding cost of sales D&A expense. We define gross margin before D&A as gross profit before D&A divided by revenue. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, gross profit before D&A and gross margin before D&A are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures that we believe provide useful information to external users of our financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies because it allows them to compare our operating performance on a consistent basis across periods by removing the effects of our capital structure (such as varying levels of interest expense), asset base (such as depreciation and amortization) and non-recurring items outside the control of our management team. We present EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, gross profit before D&A and gross margin before D&A because we believe they provide useful information regarding the factors and trends affecting our business in addition to measures calculated under GAAP.

Net income is the GAAP measure most directly comparable to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. Gross profit is the GAAP measure most directly comparable to gross profit before D&A. Our non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Each of these non-GAAP financial measures has important limitations as an analytical tool due to exclusion of some but not all items that affect the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. You should not consider EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA or gross profit before D&A in isolation or as substitutes for an analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and gross profit before D&A may be defined differently by other companies in our industry, our definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility. For further discussion, please see "Item 6. Selected Financial Data" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31. 2017.

The following tables present a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to our net income (loss), which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure for the periods presented:

	Three months ended,							Twelve months ended,				
	December 31, 2018				er 31, 2017 December 31, audited)		er 31, 2018	Decemb	per 31, 2017			
					(in t	housands)						
Net income (loss)	\$	(18,122)	\$	31,267	\$	(14,950)	\$	54,299	\$	(35,127)		
Interest expense		1,496		1,322		4,744		5,311		6,629		
Income tax expense (benefit)		(323)		1,415		(525)		1,704		(851)		
Depreciation and amortization		38,201		32,837		34,993		133,713		103,449		
EBITDA		21,252	<u></u>	66,841	,	24,262		195,027		74,100		
Impairment of goodwill		17,894		· <u> </u>		_		17,894		_		
Impairment of property and equipment		4,375		_		_		6,657		_		
Impairment of cost-method investment		· <u> </u>		_		_		2,000		_		
Lease abandonment costs		(217)		1,045		701		3,925		3,572		
Non-recurring severance expenses		725		495		4,039		1,220		4,161		
Non-recurring transaction costs		(11)		2,645		4,717		7,809		10,179		
Non-cash compensation expenses		2,341		2,565		5,910		10,371		7,691		
Non-cash (gain) loss on sale of assets or subsidiaries Non-recurring phantom equity and		1,696		315		965		3,775		1,740		
IPO-related compensation		_		_		_		_		12,537		
Foreign currency (gain) loss		800		(248)		(281)		1,292		(281)		
Inventory write-downs  Non-recurring change in vacation		12		36		_		442		_		
policy		2,894		_		_		2,894		_		
Other non-recurring charges		4,313				3,563		4,313		3,563		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	56,074	\$	73,694	\$	43,876	\$	257,619	\$	117,262		

The following tables present a reconciliation of gross profit before D&A to total gross profit, which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, and a calculation of gross margin before D&A for the periods presented:

	Three months ended,							Twelve months ended,				
	December 31, 2018		September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017		December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017			
					•	(unaudited)						
					(in th	ousands)						
Gross profit by segment												
Water solutions	\$	26,454	\$	49,423	\$	21,451	\$	166,566	\$	50,366		
Oilfield chemicals		3,329		5,398		2,522		15,841		2,522		
Wellsite services		4,625		4,576		2,286		16,075		4,892		
As reported gross profit		34,408		59,397		26,259		198,482		57,780		
Plus depreciation and amortization												
Water solutions		29,695		23,548		26,433		96,086		82,056		
Oilfield chemicals		2,643		2,115		2,040		10,496		2,040		
Wellsite services		5,019		6,190		6,028		23,955		17,549		

Total Depreciation and amortization	n 37,357		37,357 31,853		 34,501		130,537		101,645
Gross profit before D&A	\$	71,765	\$	91,250	\$ 60,760	\$	329,019	\$	159,425
Gross Profit before D&A by segment									
Water solutions		56,149		72,971	47,884		262,652		132,422
Oilfield chemicals		5,972		7,513	4,562		26,337		4,562
Wellsite services		9,644		10,766	 8,314		40,030		22,441
Total gross profit before D&A	\$	71,765	\$	91,250	\$ 60,760	\$	329,019	\$	159,425
Gross Margin before D&A by segment									
Water solutions		22.7%		25.9%	22.1%		24.8%		25.1%
Oilfield chemicals		8.9%		11.7%	11.0%		10.1%		11.0%
Wellsite services		20.3%		20.9%	 18.2%		19.2%	-	18.3%
Total gross margin before D&A		19.8%		23.0%	 20.0%		21.5%		23.0%

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