



August 28, 2009

**NOTICE TO PRIDE SHAREHOLDERS REGARDING
DISTRIBUTION OF SEAHAWK COMMON STOCK**

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION

On August 24, 2009, Pride International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Pride"), distributed (the "Distribution") 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Seahawk Drilling, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Seahawk"), to the holders of record of Pride common stock as of the close of business on August 14, 2009. In the Distribution, each Pride shareholder received 1/15 of a share of Seahawk common stock with respect to each share of Pride common stock held by such Pride shareholder. Pride shareholders did not surrender any stock or securities in Pride in connection with the Distribution.

The transfer agent did not deliver any fractional shares of Seahawk common stock in connection with the Distribution. Instead, the transfer agent aggregated all fractional shares and sold them on behalf of those Pride shareholders who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share. Pride expects that all fractional shares held in street name were aggregated and sold by brokers or other nominees according to their standard procedures.

This notice contains certain information as to the allocation, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, by Pride shareholders of their tax basis in their Pride common stock between their Pride common stock and the Seahawk common stock which they received in the Distribution.

This notice does not apply to Pride shareholders (i) who did not receive the Distribution of Seahawk common stock on August 24, 2009, (ii) who were not record holders of Pride common stock as of the close of business on August 14, 2009, (iii) who did not continuously hold their shares from the record date through the time of the Distribution, or (iv) who acquired blocks of Pride common stock at different times and prices.

CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR

The information contained in this notice does not constitute tax advice and is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (i) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any transaction or matter addressed herein. In addition, this information does not purport to be complete or to describe the consequences that may apply to particular categories of Pride shareholders.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the particular consequences of the Distribution to you, including the applicability and effect of all U.S. federal, state and local and foreign tax laws. We also urge you to read the Information Statement dated August 5, 2009 that was mailed to you, noting especially pages 41-44 under the heading “Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Spin-off.” You may access the Information Statement on Pride’s website at www.prideinternational.com by choosing the links “Investor Relations,” then “SEC Filings,” and by locating the document entitled “10-12B/A Amendment to a previously filed 10-12B” (filing date 08/06/09) in the “Quick Links” box. The Information Statement is Exhibit 99.1 to that document.

GENERAL GUIDANCE REGARDING TAX BASIS

As a consequence of the Distribution, you must allocate the tax basis in your shares of Pride common stock immediately before the Distribution among your shares of Pride common stock and your newly-received shares of Seahawk common stock (including any fractional share for which you received cash). The allocation of tax basis among shares of Pride common stock and the shares of Seahawk common stock that you received in the Distribution (including any fractional share for which you received cash) is based on their relative fair market values immediately after the Distribution.

You may use the following formula for determining your per share basis in your Pride common stock after the Distribution (your “PDE per Share Basis”):

$$\text{PDE per Share Basis} = \frac{x * 15 * y}{(15 * y) + z}$$

and the following formula for determining your per share basis in Seahawk common stock that you received in the Distribution (including any fractional share for which you received cash) (your “HAWK per Share Basis”):

$$\text{HAWK per Share Basis} = \frac{x * 15 * z}{(15 * y) + z}$$

in each case, where “x” equals your pre-Distribution per share basis in Pride common stock, “y” equals the per share fair market value of your Pride common stock immediately after the Distribution, and “z” equals the per share fair market value of your Seahawk common stock immediately after the Distribution.

U.S. federal income tax law does not specify how to determine these fair market values. Fair market value generally is the price at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the facts. For this purpose, the trading prices of Pride common stock on the New York Stock Exchange and of Seahawk common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market will be used, but it is uncertain which trading prices should be used for this purpose.

The following are two alternative methods for determining the fair market values of the Pride common stock and the Seahawk common stock, although other methods might be used. All trading prices are as reported in the NASDAQ website at nasdaq.com.

- The closing prices of Pride common stock and Seahawk common stock on August 25, 2009 (the first trading day after the Distribution): Pride — \$24.83; Seahawk — \$26.00.
- The average of the high and low trading prices of Pride common stock, and of Seahawk common stock trading on a “when issued” basis, on August 24, 2009 (the date of the Distribution): Pride — \$25.19; Seahawk — \$26.03.

EXAMPLE OF TAX BASIS ALLOCATION

The following example illustrates how to calculate your PDE per Share Basis and your HAWK per Share Basis. The example is based on the closing prices on the first trading day following the Distribution, but, as described above, other valuation methods might be used. The example is purely hypothetical and is provided solely for illustrative purposes and as a convenience to Pride shareholders and their tax advisors when establishing their specific tax position. Please remember that neither Pride nor Seahawk provides its shareholders with tax advice.

Assumed Facts:

Per share basis in pre-Distribution Pride shares (x):	\$20.00
Per share fair market value of Pride shares (y):	\$24.83
Per share fair market value of Seahawk shares (z):	\$26.00

Your PDE per Share Basis would be \$18.69, calculated as follows:

$$\text{PDE per Share Basis} = \frac{\$20.00 * 15 * \$24.83}{(15 * \$24.83) + \$26.00} = \$18.69$$

Your HAWK per Share Basis would be \$19.58, calculated as follows:

$$\text{HAWK per Share Basis} = \frac{\$20.00 * 15 * \$26.00}{(15 * \$24.83) + \$26.00} = \$19.58$$

In this example, 93.47% of your total basis in your Pride shares before the Distribution would be allocated to your Pride shares, and 6.53% of that basis would be allocated to your Seahawk shares (including any fractional share for which you received cash).

Finally, you would have taxable gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received for any fractional share of Seahawk common stock and your basis in the fractional share. You would determine your basis in a fractional share of Seahawk common stock by multiplying your HAWK per Share Basis by the fraction of a share of Seahawk common stock for which you received cash.