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Oilfield Services and Industrials Deep Dive 2021 | Q2 Report

Q2 | Overview

With soaring vaccination rates across Canada and the United States, Q2 saw a widespread lifting of pandemic related restrictions across both countries spurring the beginning of an economic recovery. Expectations are this momentum will continue throughout the summer months and pick-up steam both domestically and globally. On the crude front, OPEC+ finally came to an agreement this week, leading to a commodity sell-off with crude pricing under notable pressure to start the week. Under the new agreement OPEC+ members will increase production by 0.4 mbbls/d on a monthly basis until the prior COVID cuts have been phased out (anticipated to be complete by September 2022). Despite the sell-off, analysts expect commodity prices will continue to be strong given the backdrop of increasing demand and reductions in inventories. The good news for Canada is that the IEA is projecting Canadian production levels will increase to record highs in the second half of 2021. While activity levels for service companies are still somewhat muted, we anticipate as operators see sustained strong pricing and strong free cash flows, reinvestment in new wells will follow.





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As for oilfield and industrial M&A transactions during the quarter, Q2 2021 saw 98 disclosed transactions with either a Canadian target or buyer. Transaction volumes declined slightly from the previous quarter which saw 102 transactions. Of the 98 transactions this quarter, 8% were in the oilfield services sector versus 17% in the most recent comparable quarter, Q1 2021.

Overall transaction volumes have continued to recover in 2021 with a total of 200 transactions executed in the first half of the year in the oilfield services and industrial space. As we continue to see a supportive market, brought on by strong pricing and growth prospects, we anticipate continued optimism returning to the market and increasing levels of activity.

Transactions in the Quarter

Of the noted transactions in the quarter with either a Canadian buyer or target, 28% of the target companies were located in Western Canada with 63% of those targeted companies based in Alberta. Strategic purchasers were the most active buyers, participating in 73% of transactions while financial backed strategic purchasers accounted for 17% and private equity buyers made up the remaining 10%.

OFS transactions of note during the quarter include the purchase of Nabors Canadian Drilling assets by Ensign Energy Services. The transaction will bolster Ensign with the addition of 35 drilling rigs and related equipment. We were also happy to have advised on the sale of Stonewall Energy to Great North Wellhead and Frac. The transaction allowed our client, Stonewall, to monetize their investment in the business and partner with Great North for continued growth.



Commodity Pricing and Analyst Forecasts

Q1 2021 saw significant increases in pricing with WTI trading just shy of \$70/bbl. Unfortunately to begin Q2 2021, the momentum in pricing quickly faded with notable volatility brought on from large scale COVID infections across India, including the emergent of a new variant. While the market continues to try and digest the impact of the Delta variant, the macro backdrop of rising demand and marginal supply increases is front and center – leading to continued increases in pricing for the latter part of Q2 2021. The market is still digesting the recently announced OPEC+ agreement, under the new deal a 0.4 mbbl/day production increase will take place each month from August until the cuts are phased out which at this point is tentatively anticipated to occur by September 2022. Given the news, WTI, WCS, and Brent pricing saw a significant sell-off with pricing falling to \$66.35/bbl, \$58.51/bbl and \$68.05/bbl respectively. Longer-term we view the agreement as a positive as the longer term timeline provides clarity with OPEC's intentions on production going forward and should benefit North American producers in their own budgeting process.





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After AECO pricing ended Q1 2021 at \$2.50/MCF pricing has continued to improve throughout Q2, ending the period at \$4.38/MCF. This represented a 48% increase from the end of Q1 and was largely the result of a heat wave that rolled across the Pacific Northwest. These sweltering conditions caused an exceedingly high demand for energy and consequently natural gas, resulting in a further tightening of an already depleted supply in Western Canada. Given the constrained market, AECO prices remained strong especially in the latter half of the quarter.

Henry Hub pricing followed a very similar trend to AECO and, ironically, ended the quarter at the same price as AECO (\$4.38/MCF), representing an increase of 38% over the prior quarter. Average prices over the quarter were \$3.63/MCF vs. \$3.36/MCF in Q1 with the increase in pricing largely being driven by the exceedingly warm weather in June which caused strong demand across the U.S. coupled with high volumes of LNG exports.



Market Overview

Sequeira's OFS index tracks publicly listed Canadian Oilfield Service companies throughout the year. Investor sentiment for OFS companies represented by our index along with Canadian operators represented by the TSX Energy Index have increased notably with both up year over year by 107% and 94%, respectively. While any investor would be happy with that type of return, one look at our chart below and it becomes readily apparent the dichotomy that has formed between equities and WTI pricing, which has increased by 142% over the same year over year period.

If pricing continues to hold as strong as it's been of late, there may be an opportunity for greater upside within the sector.





Our Team

Recent Transactions

Our team across all offices continue to be busy as we see optimism returning to the market and capital in need of being put to work. We're proud to announce four closings in the quarter as reflected by the following tombstones:



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Sequeira Oilfield Services Index – Sector Drilldown

As at June 30, 2021

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			Share	Dividend	Market	Enterprise		ттм	EBITDA	E	V/EBITDA		Price/	Net Debt,
Company	Ticker		Price	Yield	Сар	Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Margin	TTM	2021E	2022E	Book	2021E EBITDA
Drilling & Equipment				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x,
AKITA Drilling Ltd.	TSX:AKT.A	\$	1.38	-	56	134	93	9	9.5%	15.2x	8.2x	5.2x	0.4x	4.3
Cathedral Energy Services Ltd. CWC Energy Services Corp.	TSX:CET TSXV:CWC	\$ \$	0.49	-	31 81	51 110	33 59	(6)	NM 1.5%	NM NM	NM NM	4.8x NM	0.7x 0.5x	NN
Ensign Energy Services Inc.	TSX:ESI	\$	2.24	-	364	1,712	772	178	23.0%	9.6x	7.5x	5.8x	0.3x	6.0:
Essential Energy Services Ltd.	TSX:ESN	\$	0.42	-	60	64	85	2	2.6%	29.7x	8.1x	2.5x	0.5x	0.4
High Arctic Energy Services Inc	TSX:HWO	\$	1.60	-	78	66	69	5	7.8%	12.2x	7.9x	4.3x	0.5x	NN
McCoy Global Inc.	TSX:MCB	\$	0.90	-	25	25	35	0	0.7%	NM	27.7x	NM	0.7x	NN
Pason Systems Inc.	TSX:PSI	\$	8.93	2.2%	742	594	125	7	5.9%	NM	20.0x	6.9x	2.4x	NN
PHX Energy Services Corp.	TSX:PHX	\$	4.48	2.2%	226	240	203	21	10.4%	11.3x	9.0x	4.0x	1.7x	0.4
Precision Drilling Corporation	TSX:PD		51.66	-	687 202	1,860 419	793 325	187 37	23.6%	10.0x	7.6x	6.4x	0.5x	4.3
Total Energy Services Inc.	TSX:TOT TSX:WRG	\$	4.50 0.44	-	202 40	273	325	37	11.3% 20.7%	11.5x 14.8x	8.4x 13.8x	5.3x 7.7x	0.4x 0.2x	3.0: 12.8:
Western Energy Services Corp. Mean	132.0040	Ş	0.44		40	2/5	65	10	10.6%	14.8x	13.8x	5.3x	0.2x 0.7x	4.5
Median									9.5%	11.8x	8.3x	5.2x	0.5x	4.3
Production & Completion				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x,
Bri-Chem Corp.	TSX:BRY	\$	0.19	-	5	17	35	(3)	NM	NM	NM	NM	0.4x	NN
CES Energy Solutions Corp.	TSX:CEU	\$	1.93	-	491	811	799	31	3.8%	26.4x	15.3x	5.2x	1.1x	3.5
Computer Modelling Group Ltd.	TSX:CMG	\$	5.11	3.9%	410	402	67	27	40.1%	14.9x	11.9x	11.9x	9.4x	NN
Enerflex Ltd.	TSX:EFX	\$	8.39	1.0%	752	1,063	1,055	141	13.4%	7.5x	5.8x	5.3x	0.5x	1.7:
Source Energy Services Ltd.	TSX:SHLE	\$	1.78		24	217	235	7	3.0%	NM	16.8x	5.2x	1.0x	6.1
Wolverine Energy and Infrastructure Inc. Mean	TSXV:WEII	\$	0.37		38	164	141	7	4.7% 13.0%	24.8x 18.4x	9.1x 11.8x	9.0x 7.3x	0.6x 2.2x	6.3 4.4
Median									13.0% 4.7%	18.4x 19.8x	11.8x 11.9x	7.3x 5.3x	2.2x 0.8x	4.4
Oilfield & Facility Construction				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(Śmm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x,
Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	TSX:BDGI	\$	37.62	1.7%	1,310	1,425	530	71	13.3%	20.2x	14.3x	7.9x	4.3x	0.8
ClearStream Energy Services Inc.	TSX:CSM	\$	0.08	-	9	297	349	(1)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NN
Enterprise Group, Inc.	TSX:E	\$	0.27	-	13	25	14	5	35.6%	4.9x	5.2x	NM	0.4x	NN
Macro Enterprises Inc.	TSXV:MCR	\$	2.50	-	79	75	289	34	11.6%	2.2x	2.7x	2.2x	0.7x	NN
North American Construction Group Ltd.	NYSE:NOA	\$	18.81	-	530	942	470	148	31.5%	6.4x	5.9x	4.0x	0.0x	2.5
Shawcor Ltd.	TSX:SCL	\$	5.91	-	416	727	1,139	39	3.4%	18.7x	28.2x	5.6x	0.6x	6.8
Mean Median									19.1% 13.3%	10.5x 6.4x	11.3x	4.9x	1.2x 0.6x	3.4: 2.5:
				(%)	(6)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	6.4x (x)	5.9x (x)	4.8x (x)	0.6x (x)	
Pressure Pumping Calfrac Well Services Ltd.	TSX:CEW	\$	4.05	(%)	(\$mm) 152	(\$/////) 501	(\$1111) 641	(9)	(%) NM	(×) NM	NM	3.6x	0.4x	(×) 19.0:
STEP Energy Services Ltd.	TSX:STEP		1.79	-	122	337	311	(9)	NM	NM	NM	3.7x	0.4x	6.3
Trican Well Service Ltd.	TSX:TCW	\$	2.67	-	682	670	353	37	10.4%	18.3x	27.6x	5.8x	1.4x	NN
Mean									10.4%	18.3x	27.6x	4.4x	0.8x	12.6
Median									10.4%	18.3x	27.6x	3.7x	0.6x	12.6
Transportation & Logistics				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x,
Gibson Energy Inc.	TSX:GEI TSX:MTL		23.75 13.36	5.9% 3.6%	3,479 1,291	5,025 1,775	5,089 1,137	350 208	6.9% 18.3%	14.3x 8.5x	13.3x 8.6x	10.0x 6.8x	5.2x 1.4x	3.4
Mullen Group Ltd. Mean	TSX:IVITE	Ş	13.30	3.0%	1,291	1,775	1,137	208	18.5%	8.5x 11.4x	10.9x	8.4x	1.4x 3.3x	2.2
Median									12.6%	11.4x	10.9x	8.4x	3.3x	2.8
Environmental & Geophysical				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(Śmm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(×,
Pulse Seismic Inc.	TSX:PSD	\$	1.99	-	107	127	14	10	68.7%	13.3x	17.9x	8.2x	4.2x	2.9
Secure Energy Services Inc.	TSX:SES	\$	4.21	0.7%	676	1,112	1,879	76	4.0%	14.7x	13.0x	4.2x	1.0x	3.1
Vertex Resource Group Ltd.	TSXV:VTX	\$	0.39	-	36	132	131	18	14.0%	7.2x	6.6x	4.7x	0.7x	3.9:
Mean									28.9%	11.8x	12.5x	5.7x	2.0x	3.3
Median									14.0%	13.3x	13.0x	4.7x	1.0x	3.1:
Camps & Catering				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(×)	(x)	(x,
Black Diamond Group Limited	TSX:BDI	\$	4.00	-	236 315	446 700	201 650	32 106	16.1%	13.8x	15.3x	6.8x	1.1x	4.9
Civeo Corporation Dexterra Group Inc.	NYSE:CVEO TSX:DXT	\$ \$	22.05 6.85	- 4.4%	446	556	566	106	16.3% 12.3%	6.6x 8.0x	5.9x 8.6x	5.5x 6.7x	0.8x	2.4:
Mean		Ļ	0.00	-7.470			500	,,,	16.2%	10.2x	10.6x	6.1x	1.3x 1.0x	3.7:
Median									16.2%	10.2x	10.6x	6.1x	1.0x	3.7:
Large Cap NYSE Oilfield Majors				(%)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x,
Schlumberger Limited	NYSE:SLB		39.66	1.6%	55,455	72,927	26,879	4,948	18.4%	14.7x	13.6x	10.4x	3.6x	3.2
Halliburton Company	NYSE:HAL		28.64	0.8%	25,485	35,611	16,175	1,737	10.7%	20.5x	17.1x	8.9x	4.0x	3.4
NOV Inc.	NYSE:NOV	-	18.98	-	7,415	8,665	6,863	(259)	NM	NM	NM	13.6x	1.2x	2.7
TechnipFMC plc	NYSE:FTI		11.21	1.4%	5,053	6,854	16,478	1,462	8.9%	4.7x	4.9x	8.3x	1.1x	1.3
Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Nabors Industries Ltd.	NYSE:HP NYSE:NBR		40.43 141.54	3.1%	4,362 1,146	4,282 4,861	1,344 2,360	65 624	4.9% 26.4%	NM 7.8x	9.0x 6.8x	13.4x 6.8x	1.1x 0.8x	NN 4.5:
Madors Industries Ltd. Mean	INT SELINBR	\$	141.34		1,140	4,001	2,300	024	13.9%	7.8x 11.9x	6.8x 10.3x	6.8X 10.2x	0.8x 2.0x	4.5
Median									13.9%	11.3x 11.3x	9.0x	9.7x	1.2x	3.0
Mean - All Subsectors							_	_	15.3%	13.0x	12.3x	6.6x	1.5x	4.3:
Median - All Subsectors									11.3%	12.8x	10.5x	5.8x	0.8x	3.2
Mean - All Subsectors Excluding Oilfield Majors									15.5%	13.2x	12.7x	5.7x	1.4x	4.6
Median - All Subsectors Excluding Oilfield Majors									11.4%	12.8x	11.9x	5.4x	0.7x	3.3