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#### 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): October 20, 2008

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-03492 (Commission File Number)

No. 75-2677995 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1401 McKinney, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77010 (Zip Code)

(713) 759-2600 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 20, 2008, registrant issued a press release entitled "Halliburton Announces Third Quarter earnings of \$0.76 Per Diluted Share Excluding Non-Recurring Items."

The text of the Press Release is as follows:

## HALLIBURTON ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS OF \$0.76 PER DILUTED SHARE EXCLUDING NON-RECURRING ITEMS

- Total revenues grew 24% over prior year led by Latin America growing 42%
  - Quarterly operating income exceeds \$1 billion for the first time
- Results include a \$0.04 per diluted share negative impact from hurricane disruptions
- Non-recurring items only include convertible debt redemption loss of \$693 million and acquisition charges for WellDynamics of \$15 million, both after tax

HOUSTON, Texas – Halliburton (NYSE:HAL) announced today that third quarter net income excluding non-recurring items was \$687 million, or \$0.76 per diluted share. Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico negatively impacted results by \$33 million net of tax, or \$0.04 per diluted share. This compares to net income for the third quarter of 2007 of \$727 million, or \$0.79 per diluted share. Third quarter 2007 results were favorably impacted by a \$133 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, income tax impact from the ability to recognize United States foreign tax credits that were previously assumed not to be fully utilizable.

Net loss for the third quarter of 2008 was \$21 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share. This included a non-tax deductible loss of \$693 million, or \$0.79 per diluted share, related to the portion of the 3.125% convertible senior notes premium settled in cash. In addition, a WellDynamics acquisition-related charge of \$15 million, after tax and minority interest, is reflected in the third quarter 2008 results.

Halliburton's consolidated revenue in the third quarter of 2008 was \$4.9 billion, up 24% from the third quarter of 2007. All product service lines contributed to this increase, driven by both increased international activity and higher demand in the United States. The hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico negatively impacted third quarter 2008 revenue by approximately \$74 million.

Consolidated operating income was \$1 billion in the third quarter of 2008 compared to \$910 million in the third quarter of 2007. Both segments contributed to the increase primarily driven by Latin America. The hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico negatively impacted third quarter 2008 operating income by approximately \$52 million.

"A very successful quarter from an operating standpoint for Halliburton has been overshadowed by a severe downturn in global stock markets," said Dave Lesar, chairman, president, and chief executive officer.

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"The North American market experienced revenue growth of 22% year-over-year, as unconventional activity throughout the United States and Canada accelerated. Natural gas prices have fallen from the levels seen during the early parts of the summer to levels in line with where they were a year ago but above levels seen in 2006. The announced reduction in some customers' capital spending will result in a decline in rig counts below those previously anticipated, but should bring gas storage levels into a more favorable long-term position, similar to the situation we experienced in the first half of 2007.

"Sequentially, revenue in North America grew 13% and operating income grew 12% as pricing stabilized and cost recoveries began to be realized.

"Internationally, while energy prices have declined from the levels experienced during the second and third quarters of 2008, current prices still support most projects underway. We are cognizant that a worldwide recession would have negative short-term implications for demand. However, we are and will remain focused on our customers' long-term technology and service requirements as underlying trends toward smaller and more complex accumulations and increasing depletion rates should drive long-term growth.

"Outside North America revenue grew 25% year-over-year, again exceeding our international target of 20%, from investments in infrastructure, technology, and people made in the past year. This robust growth was led by Latin America with year-over-year revenue growth of 42%. While Mexico remains the largest market in this region, growth of 70% in Brazil is indicative of the overall strength occurring throughout the region.

"In the Middle East/Asia region, revenue grew 19% and operating income increased 23%, as a number of markets in the Arabian Gulf and Southeast Asia experienced strong growth.

"Growth of approximately 50% across Northern Africa, along with above average growth in Saudi Arabia, has been the catalyst for the continued expansion of the franchise in the Eastern Hemisphere.

"Year-over-year, revenue in the Europe/Africa/CIS region grew 21%, but operating income was essentially flat as revenue increases were offset by an unfavorable mix and increased operational costs in West Africa, along with contracts ending in the North Sea where we are in the process of redeploying assets and people to other areas of greater demand and profitability."

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## 2008 Third Quarter Results

Completion and Production (C&P) operating income in the third quarter of 2008 was \$660 million, an increase of \$64 million or 11% from the third quarter of 2007. Europe/Africa/CIS C&P operating income increased 15% with the most significant impact coming from increased production enhancement activity in Europe. WellDynamics also contributed to the increase. Middle East/Asia C&P operating income was flat with higher demand for production enhancement products and services balancing out declines in sales of completion tools and cementing services. North America C&P operating income increased 3%, primarily due to more favorable pricing and product mix for production enhancement services and higher demand for completion tools in the United States, partially offset by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. Latin America C&P operating income more than doubled from increased demand for completion tools in Brazil and higher vessel utilization in Mexico.

Drilling and Evaluation (D&E) operating income in the third quarter of 2008 was \$472 million, an increase of \$100 million or 27% over the third quarter of 2007. Europe/Africa/CIS D&E operating income decreased 14% as a result of declines in activity for Sperry Drilling Services in the North Sea during the third quarter. Middle East/Asia D&E operating income increased 42% over the third quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher drilling activity throughout the region, especially for Sperry Drilling Services. North America D&E operating income increased 55%, as a result of increased activity in all product service lines including improved performance of Baroid Fluid Services and increased drilling activity in the United States, partially offset by the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. Latin America D&E operating income increased 27%, with improved results from Landmark and increased Sperry Drilling Services and wireline services activity.

During the third quarter of 2008, Halliburton purchased 3.5 million shares of common stock at a cost of \$122 million. Approximately \$1.8 billion remains available under the company's share repurchase program. Since the inception of the program, Halliburton has purchased 92 million shares for a total cost of approximately \$3.2 billion.

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Technology and Significant Achievements

Halliburton made a number of advances in technology and growth.

- Halliburton acquired the assets of Pinnacle Technologies, Inc. from CARBO Ceramics Inc., including the Pinnacle brand. Pinnacle is a leading provider of microseismic fracture mapping services and tiltmeter mapping services, and it has monitored more than 12,000 hydraulic fracture treatments since its founding in 1992.
- Halliburton developed the WellLife® III cementing service, a comprehensive solution designed to increase the economic life of wells that incorporates three synergistic components: diagnostics tools, engineered cement systems, and a zonal isolation assurance tool. This service is an interventionless, react-and-respond solution designed to help address the industry-wide challenge of the loss of zonal isolation due to changes in the wellbore that can stress the cement sheath and lead to destabilization at any point during the life of the well.
- Halliburton WellDynamics introduced its HS interval control valve (HS-ICV), which is debris tolerant and designed for high pressure, deepwater environments characterized as severe operating conditions. Building on the company's 11 year track record as the leading provider of intelligent completion technology, the HS-ICV enables deployment of SmartWell® systems in more extreme environments.
- Halliburton opened a new research and development laboratory in Stavanger, Norway to continue delivering the next generation of innovative Swell Technology<sup>TM</sup> products. The expanded 8,000 square foot laboratory will triple the company's capacity to design, test, and qualify new swellable technology products.
- Sperry Drilling Services and TOTAL have signed a project development agreement to jointly develop an ultra high temperature measurement-while-drilling system capable of operating in temperatures of up to 450°F (230°C). The resulting system will enable TOTAL to effectively drill and exploit reserves in its Victoria field in the North Sea. The two companies will be utilizing innovative, industry-first technologies including a downhole refrigeration system, cold-plate technology, flasking, and phase change material -- all designed to function under the high shock and vibration encountered while drilling, to accomplish the goals of this 450°F project. The work may lead to an expanded suite of logging-while-drilling sensors capable of operating at these elevated temperatures.

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Millions of dollars and shares except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30 June 30							
		Septem 2008		2007		2008		
Revenue:	•	2000	•	2007		2000		
Completion and Production	\$	2,664	\$	2,187	\$	2,437		
Drilling and Evaluation	Ψ	2,189	4	1,741	Ψ	2,050		
Total revenue	\$	4,853	\$	3,928	\$	4,487		
Operating income (loss):		,		,	·	,		
Completion and Production	\$	660	\$	596	\$	561		
Drilling and Evaluation		472		372		480		
Corporate and other		(81)		(58)		(92)		
Total operating income		1,051		910		949		
Interest expense		(35)		(39)		(39)		
Interest income		6		26		9		
Other, net		(697)(a	.)	(1)	(2)			
Income from continuing operations before income taxes								
and minority interest		325		896		917		
Provision for income taxes		(343)		(152)(b	)	(288)		
Minority interest in net income of subsidiaries		(3)		(18)		(6)		
Income (loss) from continuing operations		(21)		726		623		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net		_		1		(116)(c)		
Net income (loss)	\$	(21)	\$	727	\$	507		
Basic income (loss) per share:								
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.83	\$	0.72		
Loss from discontinued operations, net		_		_		(0.14)		
Net income (loss)	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.83	\$	0.58		
Diluted income (loss) per share:								
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.79	\$	0.68		
Loss from discontinued operations, net		_		_		(0.13)		
Net income (loss)	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.79	\$	0.55		
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding		876		880		869		
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		876		917		914		

- (a) Other, net in the third quarter of 2008 included a \$693 million, or \$0.79 per diluted share, non-tax deductible loss on the portion of the premium on convertible debt settled in cash.
- (b) Provision for income taxes in the third quarter of 2007 included a \$133 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, favorable income tax impact from the ability to recognize the benefit of foreign tax credits previously thought not to be fully utilizable.
- (c) Loss from discontinued operations, net, in the second quarter of 2008, included additional net of tax charges totaling \$117 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, related to adjustments of the indemnities and guarantees provided to KBR, Inc. upon separation.

See Footnote Table 1 for a list of significant items include	ed in operating income.
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#### HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Millions of dollars and shares except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended				
	September				
	2008		2007		
Revenue:					
Completion and Production \$	7,292	\$	6,097		
Drilling and Evaluation	6,077		4,988		
Total revenue \$	13,369	\$	11,085		
Operating income (loss):					
Completion and Production \$	1,750	\$	1,628		
Drilling and Evaluation	1,336	I	1,082		
Corporate and other	(239	)	(119)		
Total operating income	2,847		2,591		
Interest expense	(112	)	(118)		
Interest income	35		100		
Other, net	(700	)(a)	(6)		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes					
and minority interest	2,070	1	2,567		
Provision for income taxes	(869	)	(695)(c)		
Minority interest in net income of subsidiaries	(16	)	(22)		
Income from continuing operations	1,185		1,850		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net	(115	)(b)	959(d)		
Net income \$	1,070	\$	2,809		
Basic income per share:					
Income from continuing operations \$	1.36	\$	2.00		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net	(0.13	)	1.04		
Net income \$	1.23	\$	3.04		
Diluted income per share:					
Income from continuing operations \$	1.30	\$	1.93		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net	(0.12	)	0.99		
Net income \$	1.18	\$	2.92		
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	873		925		
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	909		961		

- (a) Other, net in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 included a \$693 million, or \$0.76 per diluted share, non-tax deductible loss on the portion of the premium on convertible debt settled in cash.
- (b) Loss from discontinued operations, net, in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, included additional net of tax charges totaling \$117 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, related to adjustments of the indemnities and guarantees provided to KBR, Inc. upon separation.
- (c) Provision for income taxes in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 included a \$133 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, favorable income tax impact from the ability to recognize the benefit of foreign tax credits previously thought not to be fully utilizable.

(d)	Income from discontinued operations, net, in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 included a \$933 million	on,
	or \$0.97 per diluted share, net gain on the separation of KBR, Inc.	

See Footnote Table 1 for a list of significant items included in operating income.

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Millions of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Se	eptember 30, 2008	D	ecember 31, 2007
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and investments in marketable securities	\$	973	\$	2,235
Receivables, net		3,858		3,093
Inventories, net		1,824		1,459
Other current assets		712		786
Total current assets		7,367		7,573
Property, plant, and equipment, net		4,438		3,630
Goodwill		1,004		790
Other assets		1,037		1,142
Total assets	\$	13,846	\$	13,135
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	964	\$	768
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		607		575
Other current liabilities		960		1,068
Total current liabilities		2,531		2,411
Long-term debt		2,588		2,627
Other liabilities		1,240		1,137
Total liabilities		6,359		6,175
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries		60		94
Shareholders' equity		7,427		6,866
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	13,846	\$	13,135

HALLIBURTON COMPANY Selected Cash Flow Information (Millions of dollars)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30 Nine Months Ended September 30

	2008	2007	2008	2007
Capital expenditures	\$ 468	\$ 382	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,064
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	\$ 193	\$ 146	\$ 535	\$ 417

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Revenue and Operating Income Comparison By Segment and Geographic Region (Millions of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Three Mo						
	September 30				June 30		
Revenue by geographic region:		2008		2007		2008	
Completion and Production:							
North America	\$	1,462	\$	1,227	\$	1,270	
Latin America		300		193		258	
Europe/Africa/CIS		554		439		545	
Middle East/Asia		348		328		364	
Total		2,664		2,187		2,437	
Drilling and Evaluation:							
North America		784		620		720	
Latin America		347		263		339	
Europe/Africa/CIS		578		493		571	
Middle East/Asia		480		365		420	
Total		2,189		1,741		2,050	
Total revenue by region:							
North America		2,246		1,847		1,990	
Latin America		647		456		597	
Europe/Africa/CIS		1,132		932		1,116	
Middle East/Asia		828		693		784	
Operating income by geographic region (excluding Corporate and other): Completion and Production:							
North America	\$	398	\$	387	\$	312	
Latin America		73		34		61	
Europe/Africa/CIS		106		92		107	
Middle East/Asia		83		83		81	
Total		660		596		561	
Drilling and Evaluation:							
North America		171		110		194	
Latin America		61		48		67	
Europe/Africa/CIS		99		115		110	
Middle East/Asia		141		99		109	
Total		472		372		480	
Total operating income by region:							
North America		569		497		506	
Latin America		134		82		128	
Europe/Africa/CIS		205		207		217	
Middle East/Asia		224		182		190	

See Footnote Table 1 and Footnote Table 2 for a list of significant items included in operating income.

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Revenue and Operating Income Comparison By Segment and Geographic Region (Millions of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30							
Revenue by geographic region:		2008	200	)7				
Completion and Production:								
North America	\$	3,901	\$	3,449				
Latin America		801	·	551				
Europe/Africa/CIS		1,532		1,259				
Middle East/Asia		1,058		838				
Total		7,292		6,097				
Drilling and Evaluation:								
North America		2,197		1,816				
Latin America		952		757				
Europe/Africa/CIS		1,674		1,382				
Middle East/Asia		1,254		1,033				
Total		6,077		4,988				
Total revenue by region:								
North America		6,098		5,265				
Latin America		1,753		1,308				
Europe/Africa/CIS		3,206		2,641				
Middle East/Asia		2,312		1,871				
Operating income by geographic region (excluding Corporate and other):								
Completion and Production:	¢	1.027	ď	1.060				
North America	\$	1,027	\$	1,069				
Latin America		200 285		122 240				
Europe/Africa/CIS Middle East/Asia		283		240 197				
Total Drilling and Evaluation:		1,750		1,628				
Drilling and Evaluation: North America		539		390				
Latin America		169		129				
Europe/Africa/CIS		312		297				
Middle East/Asia		316		266				
Total		1,336		1,082				
Total operating income by region:		1,550		1,002				
North America		1,566		1,459				
Latin America		369		251				
Europe/Africa/CIS		597		537				
Middle East/Asia		554		463				
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See Footnote Table 1 and Footnote Table 2 for a list of significant items included in operating income.								
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## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Items Included in Operating Income (Millions of dollars except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2008			Three Months Ended September 30, 2007					Three Months Ended June 30, 2008			
	Operating Income	Aft	er Tax Share		Operating Income	Aft	er Tax Share		Operating Income	After Tax per Share		
Drilling and Evaluation:		•				•				•		
Charges for environmental												
matters	\$	- \$	_	- \$	(24)	\$	(0.02)	\$	_	\$ -		
Gain on sale of investments		_	_	-	_		_		25	0.02		
Corporate and other:												
Charges for environmental												
matters		_	_	-	(8)		_		_	_		
Patent settlement		_	_	-	_		_		(30)	(0.02)		
Acquisition-related adjustment	(2	2)	(0.02)		_		_		_	_		

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 Operating After Tax Income per Share				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Operating After T Income per Sha		
Completion and Production:							
Gain on sale of investment	\$	35	\$	0.02	\$ -	\$ -	
Drilling and Evaluation:							
Charges for environmental matters		_		_	(24)	(0.02)	
Impairment of oil and gas property		(23)		(0.02)	_	_	
Gain on sale of investments		25		0.02	_	_	
Corporate and other:							
Charges for environmental matters		_		_	(8)	_	
Gain on sale of investment		_		_	49	0.03	
Patent settlement		(30)		(0.02)	_	_	
Acquisition-related adjustment		(22)		(0.02)	_	_	

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## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Items Included in Operating Income by Geographic Region (Millions of dollars except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2008			Three Mon September		Three Months Ended June 30, 2008		
	Operating Income	After per Sl	Tax	Operating Income	After Tax per Share	Operating Income	After Tax per Share	
North America:		•			•		•	
Charges for environmental								
matters	\$	- \$	- 5	(24)	\$ (0.02)	\$	- \$ -	
Gain on sale of investments		_	_	_	_	- 25	0.02	
Corporate and other:								
Charges for environmental								
matters		_	_	(8)	-	_		
Patent settlement		_	_	_	-	- (30	(0.02)	
Acquisition-related adjustment	(22	)	(0.02)	_	_	_		

	 tember 3	s Ended 60, 2008 After Tax per Share	Nine Mont September Operating Income	
North America:				
Charges for environmental matters	\$ - \$	-	\$ (24)	\$ (0.02)
Gain on sale of investments	60	0.04	_	_
Middle East/Asia:				
Impairment of oil and gas property	(23)	(0.02)	_	_
Corporate and other:				
Charges for environmental matters	_	_	(8)	_
Gain on sale of investment	_	_	49	0.03
Patent settlement	(30)	(0.02)	_	_
Acquisition-related adjustment	(22)	(0.02)	_	_

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## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Reconciliation of As Reported Results to Adjusted Results
(Millions of dollars)
(Unaudited)

	M E Sep	Three Months Ended otember 0, 2008
As reported net loss	\$	(21)
Extinguishment of debt (a)		693
Acquisition-related adjustment for WellDynamics (a)		15
Adjusted net income	\$	687
As reported diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		876
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents (b)		27
Adjusted diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		903
As reported net loss per share (c)	\$	(0.02)
Adjusted net income per share (c)	\$	0.76

- (a) Management believes it is important to point out to investors that included in the net loss in the third quarter of 2008 is a \$693 million non-tax deductible loss on the portion of the premium on convertible debt settled in cash and a \$15 million loss related to the acquisition of WellDynamics. The adjustments remove the effect of the loss on the portion of the premium on convertible debt settled in cash and the loss related to the acquisition of WellDynamics.
- (b) In the third quarter of 2008, the basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding were the same because the effect of the common stock equivalents was antidilutive. The adjustment includes the dilutive effect of the common stock equivalents in "Adjusted diluted weighted average common shares outstanding" as the impact of the common stock equivalents is dilutive to "Adjusted net income."
- (c) As reported net loss per share is calculated as: "As reported net loss" divided by "As reported diluted weighted average common shares outstanding." Adjusted net income per share is calculated as: "Adjusted net income" divided by "Adjusted diluted weighted average common shares outstanding."

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Third Quarter 2008
Regional Overview
North America
In Canada's Montney shale play, Halliburton completed its 50th horizontal CobraMax® job. The CobraMax® process now averages less than eight hours per zone from cut to cut, an improvement from over 24 hours on earlier wells.
In Canada's Oil Sands, Sperry Drilling Services made its first Azimuthal Deep Resistivity (ADR®) Canadian run for a steam assisted gravitational drainage (SAGD) client. This enabled the operator to "see" where formation changes occurred azimuthally and map the top and bottom relative to the borehole. In the same formations, Sperry Drilling Services' Triple-Combo Azimuthal logging-while-drilling (LWD) service was also used to measure porosity and evaluate azimuthal density images for improved reservoir characterization and enhanced recovery.
In the Rockies, Halliburton has set its 900th Swellpacker® isolation system in horizontal Bakken wells in the Williston Basin. The use of this packer system has allowed operators to compartmentalize their wellbores for fracture completions resulting in improved production. Delta Stim® sleeves are also used with the Swellpacker® systems greatly reducing the time required to complete a well.
On a recent deepwater well drilled by British Petroleum (BP) in the Gulf of Mexico, several new records were set by Sperry Drilling Services with the 8" GeoTap® LWD formation pressure tester. These include deepest successful test taken at 29,898 feet (9,113 meters) measured depth/28,525 feet (8,694 meters) true vertical depth (TVD), highest hydrostatic pressure at 22,538 psi, and highest formation pressure at 22,008 psi. The BP drilling team used the GeoTap® testers to measure the formation pressure as they drilled to optimize mud weight for increased drilling efficiency. The drilling team reported between \$3 and \$6 million in savings due to the information provided with the GeoTap® testers.
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#### Latin America

Halliburton recently performed a specialized wireline conveyed formation fluid sampling in the deepwaters of Brazil. The Reservoir Description ToolTM was configured with two Oval-Pad modules and an MRILab® fluid identification module. This configuration allowed obtaining over 100 pre-test, formation-pressure measurements, retrieving five fluid samples from different depth intervals, and performing two mini drill-string-test evaluations.

Pluspetrol has achieved significant cycle time savings in well completions in Argentina using Halliburton's CobraMax® fracturing service, a patented process that optimizes key treatment parameters during multi-zone fracturing of wellbores to enhance recovery. In this case, a well was completed in five days while conventional methods in the same field average 17 days. The efficiency gain using this method provides our customers the ability to deliver more new producing wells in a year with the same rig fleet.

## Europe/Africa/CIS

Halliburton continued its improvement process in partnership with Salym Petroleum Development (SPD) in Western Siberia, Russia, where 3,000 meter wells have historically taken 30 days to drill. Working closely with SPD, a combination of Halliburton Cementing Services, Baroid Fluids Services, and Sperry Drilling Services have enabled the time to drill to drop below six days for the first time.

In Germany, Halliburton's Protech™ DRB centralizers were used to allow smooth running of liners to the bottom of a deep well with a long horizontal section of over 1,400 meters. This critical liner was successfully rotated during cementing operations, marking the first occasion the client was able to achieve this to provide effective zonal isolation.

In Equatorial Guinea, an operator conducting exploration drilling desired 30 downhole reservoir fluid samples in a single run. Halliburton's tubing-conveyed cased hole Armada® sampling system was deployed and delivered 29 of 30 samples, an exceptional recovery. The single-phase Armada sampling system allows operators to obtain representative samples, crucial in gaining a comprehensive understanding of key reservoir attributes as well as an assessment of the asset's net present value.

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Expedite® and SandWedge® technologies have been successfully used in the greater Khalda area in the Western Desert region of Egypt. Apache Corporation commented, "Using improvements in fracture stimulation technology, we have turned a marginally economic play into a potentially significant oil accumulation".

The newest Halliburton Real Time Operation Center (RTOC) built by Landmark for Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) of Nigeria was commissioned in Port Harcourt in July 2008. SPDC's use of Sperry Drilling Services INSITE Anywhere® and Landmark Engineer's Data ModelTM technologies enables remote monitoring of its drilling operations in a collaborative environment with the asset team with the aim of improving safety, reducing cost, and ensuring timely, accurate decisions.

#### Middle East/Asia

Halliburton successfully completed two GeoTap® Formation pressure testing operations for ADCO in Abu Dhabi, where reservoir pressures were uncertain due to possible communication with a high pressure lower interval. Combined with other downhole drilling information, drilling parameters were adjusted resulting in an improved ROP, saving three rig days and reducing fluids costs while drilling the 3,000 foot horizontal section.

Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) signed a five year, open-access agreement with Halliburton. This agreement encompasses access to all Landmark brand software technologies and incorporates a service-level agreement governing support to the geosciences and engineering user community of KOC. The agreement is a culmination of the effort of both companies to avail the KOC user community unlimited access to next generation software and make it available on the desktop of every geoscientist and engineer to help develop some of the most complex reservoirs in the world.

In the remote arid desert of the Cooper Basin of Australia, Halliburton's CobraMax® service was employed on a well with six target zones and four marginal zones. Working closely together with the operator on the project economics, a program was designed allowing the customer to fracture three out of four marginal zones, for a total of nine on a single well.

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In Australia, Halliburton successfully trialed the next generation of Subsea Release cementing plugset (SSR II<sup>TM</sup>) resulting in a drill out completed within 17 minutes, compared to an average drill out of 1.5 hours to 2 hours using conventional systems.

Sperry Drilling Services' delivered two notable multilateral installations in the Asia Pacific region. A FlexRite® Level 5 junction was installed for Apache in its Van Gogh development in the north west Shelf of Australia, a worldwide first for Apache and the first time a junction of this kind had been installed anywhere outside Norway. The installation was completed with no associated downtime. The world's first 7" MachRite® multilateral installation was landed at a record depth of 3,695 meters creating a TAML level 3 junction with the ability to convert to level 5 functionality for STOS in New Zealand.

In Indonesia, Kodeco recently deployed EquiFlow<sup>TM</sup> ICD (Inflow Control Device) and Swellpacker® isolation systems on three wells with varying open hole horizontal sections of between 2,000 feet to 3,000 feet, with early results indicating increased production and reduced water cut.

In Brunei, a selection of Halliburton's drilling and completion technologies, including the first open hole and "up hill" reverse port gravel pack, were successfully utilized to enable the operator to economically drill into offshore reservoirs from a land location without sacrificing the preferred completion method and deliver favorable production targets, using a "fishhook" wellbore configuration.

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Founded in 1919, Halliburton is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry. With more than 55,000 employees in approximately 70 countries, the company serves the upstream oil and gas industry throughout the lifecycle of the reservoir – from locating hydrocarbons and managing geological data, to drilling and formation evaluation, well construction and completion, and optimizing production through the life of the field. Visit the company's World Wide Web site at www.halliburton.com.

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## **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.

## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Date: October 21, 2008 By: /s/ Bruce A. Metzinger

Bruce A. Metzinger Assistant Secretary