

BAKER HUGHES INC
Form 425
April 08, 2015

**Filing pursuant to Rule 425 under the
Securities Act of 1933, as amended
Deemed filed under Rule 14a-12 under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Filer: Halliburton Company
Subject Company: Baker Hughes Incorporated
Commission File No.: 001-09397**

On April 7, 2015, Halliburton Company issued the following press release.

Press Release

3000 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E. Houston, TX. 77032
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Halliburton to Separately Market for Sale its Drill Bits, Directional Drilling
and LWD/MWD Businesses in Connection with
Pending Baker Hughes Acquisition**

HOUSTON April 7, 2015 Halliburton Company (NYSE: HAL) today announced it will separately market for sale the company's Fixed Cutter and Roller Cone Drill Bits, Directional Drilling and Logging-While-Drilling (LWD)/Measurement-While-Drilling (MWD) businesses. The final sale of these businesses will not be completed until we have reached acceptable terms and conditions negotiated by Halliburton, the approval of Halliburton's Board of Directors and final approvals of the Baker Hughes acquisition by competition authorities.

Thanks to employees' hard work, these businesses represent strong products and services in the oilfield services industry, and we believe the value inherent in these businesses will be recognized by prospective buyers, said Dave Lesar, chairman and chief executive officer of Halliburton. Although we would prefer to retain these assets, we will be required to divest some of our overlapping businesses to obtain competition authorities' approvals as anticipated when we announced the Halliburton-Baker Hughes transaction. We are excited about the many benefits of our pending acquisition of Baker Hughes, which was recently approved by the stockholders of both companies, and look forward to creating a bellwether global oilfield services company for the benefit of our stockholders, customers, employees and other stakeholders.

Halliburton will operate as one company, including the businesses held for sale, until the sale of the identified businesses is complete, and the company remains focused on providing the same safe, reliable, cost-effective service to its customers. Halliburton expects to complete the sale of the businesses in the same timeframe as the closing of the pending Baker Hughes acquisition late in the second half of 2015.

About Halliburton

Founded in 1919, Halliburton is one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry. With more than 75,000 employees, representing 140 nationalities in over 80 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 website at www.halliburton.com. Connect with Halliburton on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Oilpro](#) and [YouTube](#)

###

CONTACTS

For Investors:

Kelly Youngblood
Investor Relations
Investors@Halliburton.com
281-871-2688

Safe Harbor

For Media:

Emily Mir
Public Relations
PR@Halliburton.com
281-871-2601

The statements in this communication that are not historical statements, including statements regarding Halliburton's ability to negotiate acceptable terms and conditions in connection with the divestitures, the approval of the divestitures by Halliburton's Board of Directors, the approvals from competition authorities of the overall acquisition of Baker Hughes, and expectations regarding the timing of the divestitures and the closing of the acquisition of Baker Hughes, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the timing to consummate the proposed transaction; the conditions to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied or the closing of the proposed transaction otherwise does not occur; the risk a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the diversion of management time on transaction-related issues; the ultimate timing, outcome and results of integrating the operations of Halliburton and Baker Hughes and the ultimate outcome of Halliburton's operating efficiencies applied to Baker Hughes' products and services; the effects of the business combination of Halliburton and Baker Hughes, including the combined company's future financial condition, results of operations, strategy and plans; expected synergies and other benefits from the proposed transaction and the ability of Halliburton to realize such synergies and other benefits; results of litigation, settlements, and investigations; and other risks and uncertainties described in Halliburton's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, recent Current Reports on Form 8-K, and other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. These filings also discuss some of the important risk factors identified that may affect Halliburton's business, results of operations, and financial condition. Halliburton undertakes no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

Additional Information

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. This communication relates to a proposed business combination between Halliburton and Baker Hughes. In connection with this proposed business combination, Halliburton has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a registration statement on Form S-4, including Amendments No. 1 and 2 thereto, and a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus of Halliburton and Baker Hughes and other documents related to the proposed transaction. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on February 17, 2015 and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus has been mailed to stockholders of Halliburton and Baker Hughes. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF HALLIBURTON AND BAKER HUGHES ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT MAY BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC by Halliburton and/or Baker Hughes through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Halliburton are available free of charge on Halliburton's internet website at <http://www.halliburton.com> or by contacting Halliburton's Investor Relations Department by email at investors@Halliburton.com or by phone at +1-281-871-2688. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Baker Hughes are available free of charge on Baker Hughes' internet website at <http://www.bakerhughes.com> or by contacting Baker Hughes' Investor Relations Department by email at trey.clark@bakerhughes.com or alondra.oteyza@bakerhughes.com or by phone at +1-713-439-8039 or +1-713-439-8822.

Participants in Solicitation

Halliburton, Baker Hughes, their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Halliburton is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on February 24, 2015, and its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 7, 2015. Information about the directors and executive officers of Baker Hughes is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2015, and its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 27, 2015. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.