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GULF ISLAND FABRICATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS

HOUSTON, TX - Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. (NASDAQ: GIFI) today reported a net loss of \$3.6 million (\$0.24 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$55.5 million for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016, compared to a net loss of \$14.7 million (\$1.01 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$55.0 million for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company reported net income of \$3.5 million (\$0.24 diluted earnings per share) on revenue of \$286.3 million compared to a net loss of \$25.4 million (\$1.75 diluted loss per share) on revenue of \$306.1 million, respectively.

The Company had a revenue backlog of \$133.0 million and a labor backlog of approximately 1.3 million hours at December 31, 2016, including commitments received through February 22, 2017, compared to a revenue backlog of \$181.2 million and a labor backlog of 1.6 million hours reported as of September 30, 2016. We expect to recognize revenue from our backlog of approximately \$130.4 million and \$2.6 million during the years 2017 and 2018, respectively.

	D	December 31, 2016	I	December 31, 2015
		(in thou	ısands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	51,167	\$	34,828
Total current assets		113,360		115,869
Property, plant and equipment, net		206,222		200,384
Total assets		322,408		316,923
Total current liabilities		35,348		37,901
Total debt		_		_
Total shareholders' equity	\$	263,032	\$	257,197

As of December 31, 2016, our balance sheet position remained stable with \$51.2 million in cash, no debt, and working capital of \$78.0 million. We will continue to monitor and maintain a conservative capital structure as we navigate through the current oil and gas downturn.

On February 23, 2017, our Board of Directors approved a recommendation of management to consolidate all of our fabrication operations in South Texas with our fabrication operations in Houma, Louisiana, and place our properties located in Aransas Pass and Ingleside, Texas, up for sale. These properties are currently underutilized and represent excess capacity within our fabrication division. We are working to wind down all fabrication activities at these locations and re-allocate remaining backlog and workforce to our Houma fabrication operations as necessary. We do not expect the sale of these properties to impact our ability to service our deepwater customers or operate our fabrication division.

The management of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. will hold a conference call on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. central time (10:00 a.m. eastern time) to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2016. The call is accessible by webcast (www.gulfisland.com) through CCBN and by dialing 1.888.264.8952. A digital rebroadcast of the call is available two hours after the call and ending March 3, 2017 by dialing 1.888.203.1112.

Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc. is a leading fabricator of complex steel structures and marine vessels used in energy extraction and production, petrochemical and industrial facilities, power generation and alternative energy projects and shipping and marine transportation operations. The Company also provides related installation, hookup, commissioning, repair and maintenance services with specialized crews and integrated project management capabilities. The Company is currently fabricating complex modules for the construction of a new petrochemical plant, completing newbuild construction of two technologically advanced offshore support and two multi-purpose service vessels and recently fabricated wind turbine pedestals for the first offshore wind power project in the United States. The Company also constructed one of the largest lift boats servicing the Gulf of Mexico ("GOM"), one of the deepest production jackets in the GOM and the first SPAR fabricated in the United States. The Company's customers include U.S. and, to a lesser extent, international energy producers, petrochemical, industrial, power and marine operators. Our corporate headquarters is located in Houston, Texas, with fabrication facilities located in Houma, Jennings and Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Aransas Pass and Ingleside, Texas.

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended						Twelve Months Ended				
	D	ecember 31,	D	ecember 31,	Se	eptember 30,	I	December 31,	Г	December 31,	
		2016		2015		2016		2016		2015	
Revenue	\$	55,461	\$	55,018	\$	65,384	\$	286,326	\$	306,120	
Cost of revenue		55,633		72,590		60,125		261,473		321,276	
Gross (loss) profit		(172)		(17,572)		5,259		24,853		(15,156)	
General and administrative expenses		5,037		4,439		5,086		19,670		16,256	
Asset impairment		_		602		_		_		7,202	
Operating (loss) income		(5,209)		(22,613)		173		5,183		(38,614)	
Other income (expense):											
Interest expense		(84)		(39)		(110)		(332)		(165)	
Interest income		4		5		12		24		26	
Other income (expense)		(358)		_		599		681		20	
		(438)		(34)		501		373		(119)	
(Loss) income before income taxes		(5,647)		(22,647)		674		5,556		(38,733)	
Income taxes		(2,092)		(7,980)		133		2,041		(13,369)	
Net (loss) income	\$	(3,555)	\$	(14,667)	\$	541	\$	3,515	\$	(25,364)	
Per share data:											
Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share - common shareholders	\$	(0.24)	\$	(1.01)	\$	0.04	\$	0.24	\$	(1.75)	
Cash dividend declared per common share	\$	0.01	\$	0.10	\$	0.01	\$	0.04	\$	0.40	

Backlog (in thousands)

	December	r 31, 2016	Septemb	er 30, 2016	June 30, 2016			
<u>Segment</u>	\$'s	Labor hours	\$'s	Labor hours		\$'s	Labor hours	
Fabrication	\$ 65,444	707	\$ 84,940	841	\$	41,126	431	
Shipyards	59,771	457	78,886	582		93,912	629	
Services	7,757	101	17,386	163		22,540	209	
Intersegment Eliminations	_	_	_	_		(41)		
Total Backlog	\$ 132,972	1,265	\$ 181,212	1,586	\$	157,537	1,269	

Results of Operations by Operating Segments (in thousands, except percentages)

Fabrication Division	Three Mor Decem	 	Twelve Months Ended December 31,					
	2016	2015		2016		2015		
Revenue	\$ 18,247	\$ 14,145	\$	88,683	\$	151,576		
Gross profit (loss)	643	(23,486)		5,061		(37,541)		
Gross profit percentage	3.5%	(166.0)%		5.7%		(24.8)%		
General and administrative expenses	1,621	2,267		6,100		9,293		
Asset impairment	_	602		_		7,202		
Operating loss	(978)	(26,355)		(1,039)		(54,036)		

Shipyards Division	Three Mor Decem	 	Twelve Mo Decem	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenue	\$ 22,949	\$ 12,424	\$ 109,502	\$ 59,601
Gross (loss) profit	(2,008)	2,643	7,587	8,665
Gross profit percentage	(8.7)%	21.3%	6.9%	14.5%
General and administrative expenses	1,875	449	7,750	1,692
Operating (loss) income	(3,883)	2,194	(163)	6,973

Services Division	Three Mo Decen		Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
	2016		2015	2016		2015	
Revenue	\$ 15,235	\$	29,444	\$ 91,414	\$	100,431	
Gross profit	1,193		3,277	12,205		13,726	
Gross profit percentage	7.8%		11.1%	13.4%		13.7%	
General and administrative							
expenses	1,518		1,170	5,637		4,178	
Operating (loss) income	(325)		2,107	6,568		9,548	

GULF ISLAND FABRICATION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

Twelve Months Ended December 31,

		2016		2015
		(in tho	usands)	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income (loss)	\$	3,515	Φ	(25,364)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating	Ф	3,313	Ф	(23,304)
activities:		25 110		26 204
Depreciation Amortization of deferred revenue		25,448		26,204
		(5,223)		7 202
Asset impairment Allowance for doubtful accounts		493		7,202 448
(Gain) loss on sale of asset		(757)		(14.061)
Deferred income taxes		1,409		(14,061)
Stock-based compensation expense		3,125		2,707
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				2.1 - 10
Contracts receivable, net		28,067		31,740
Contracts in progress		(13,984)		14,167
Advance billings on contracts		(3,197)		(11,685
Accounts payable		(12,757)		(26,668
Prepaid expenses and other assets		230		1,092
Inventory		6,501		931
Accrued contract losses		(9,108)		8,678
Deferred revenue		(11,656)		_
Deferred compensation		305		_
Accrued expenses		2,003		(5,381
Current income taxes		(63)		615
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	14,351	\$	10,615
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Cash received in acquisition		3,035		
Capital expenditures, net		(6,795)		(6,018
Proceeds from the sale of equipment		6,458		11
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		2,698		(6,007
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Payment of financing costs		(122)		_
Payments of dividends on common stock		(588)		(5,865
Net cash used in financing activities		(710)		(5,865
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		16,339		(1,257
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		34,828		36,085
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	51,167	\$	34,828
Supplemental cash flow information:	<u> </u>	01,107	-	2.,020
Interest paid	\$	332	\$	165
Income taxes paid (refunds received), net	\$	377	<u>\$</u>	(152
Schedule of noncash financing activiti		311	Ψ	(132
Reclassification of property, plant and equipment to assets held for sale	\$		\$	4,805
Reclassification of assets to held for sale to inventory	\$		\$	3,727
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