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ADES Completes Acquisition of Operations from Weatherford in Algeria

(London & Dubai, 27 February 2019) ADES International Holding PLC ("ADES" or the "Group"), a leading oil & gas drilling and production services provider in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), is pleased to announce that it has completed the acquisition of four contracted onshore rigs from Weatherford International plc ("Weatherford") in Algeria.

The transaction forms part of the previously signed definitive agreement with a subsidiary of Weatherford to acquire thirty-one onshore drilling rigs for a total consideration of US\$ 287.5 million across Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Southern Iraq.

Transaction Highlights

- Four rigs acquired for a total consideration of US\$ 40 million and the remaining two rigs will be acquired after relocation within Algeria for a total consideration of US\$ 20 million, financed through a combination of cash and secured debt instruments.
- The completion of the last two remaining rigs is expected within four weeks.
- Management is working to secure new contracts and extensions for the newly acquired rigs, which it expects will add new backlog before year-end.
- The transaction includes Weatherford's associated assets in Algeria, management systems and circa 350 employees and contract personnel.

Dr. Mohamed Farouk, Chief Executive of ADES, said: "We have now effectively completed the Weatherford acquisition, which is transformational for the group, significantly increasing our size, visibility and exposure to the onshore oil and gas market. We are also particularly delighted to be deepening our presence in Algeria and further underpin our revenue expectations for 2019."

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About ADES International Holding

ADES International Holding extends oil and gas drilling and production services through its subsidiaries and is a leading service provider in the Middle East and Africa, offering onshore and offshore contract drilling as well as workover and production services. Its over 4,000 employees serve clients including major national oil companies ("NOCs") such as Saudi Aramco, Kuwait Oil Company and Sonatrach as well as joint ventures of NOCs with global majors including BP and Eni. While maintaining a superior health, safety and environmental record, the Group currently has a fleet of thirty onshore drilling rigs, thirteen jack-up offshore drilling rigs, a jack-up barge, and a mobile offshore production unit ("MOPU"), which includes a floating storage and offloading unit. For more information, visit investors.adihgroup.com

About Weatherford

Weatherford is one of the largest multinational oilfield service companies providing innovative solutions, technology and services to the oil and gas industry. The Company operates in over 80 countries and has a network of approximately 700 locations, including manufacturing, service, research and development, and training facilities and employs approximately 26,500 people. For more information, visit www.weatherford.com and connect with Weatherford on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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