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Concerned About a Slowdown? Try The International Markets.

Over the last two years, much of the focus in the oil and gas industry has been on the tremendous growth in the U.S. land shale fields, which have been the most prolific producers, and thus largest consumers of oilfield products and services. Domestic Exploration and Production companies (E&Ps), and those international oil companies (IOCs) that work in the shale fields, have been responsible for the majority of oil service companies' earnings, even as prices for those services fell sharply after the 2014 oil price decline. As these E&P companies began to change their strategies and move toward reining in capital expenditures and production growth in order to generate free cash flow, it appeared that oil service companies were destined for still further profit deterioration in the face of reduced E&P activity.

However, while substantially all attention was being paid to the shales, an interesting shift has been occurring in the industry. Activity in several international oil producing basins began to slowly but steadily increase, providing oil service companies with opportunities to grow and expand markets for their products and services.

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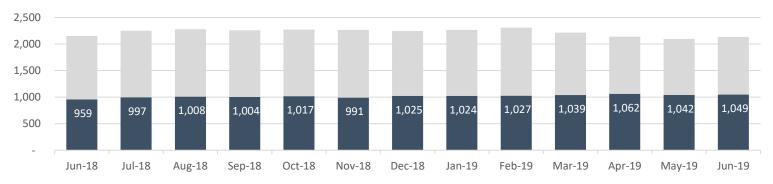
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▶ Oilfield Service Companies Finding Opportunities in International Markets

Recent commentary from oil service providers highlighted the shift towards international, showing a clear broad-based upward trend in both earnings and forecasts across multiple overseas geographic regions. This trend was evident in second quarter earnings reports, in which several oilfield service companies showed quarter/quarter international segment revenue increases of between approximately 7% and 18%, leading to projected earnings growth of 5% to 10% internationally over the next several quarters.

The upward momentum is underpinned by a steadily rising international rig count, which, as can be seen in the table below, increased by 9% between June 2018 and June 2019 and rose to 49% of rigs drilling worldwide compared to 45% in June 2018. During the same time period, the U.S. rig count fell 9% and U.S. rigs drilling fell to 51% of the worldwide rig count compared to 55% in June 2018.





Overview of International Market Opportunity

► International Landscape

While the end goal in exploring for oil and gas is the same worldwide, the process of producing and ultimately selling the product, as well as the operators who work in domestic or international areas, can vary enormously.

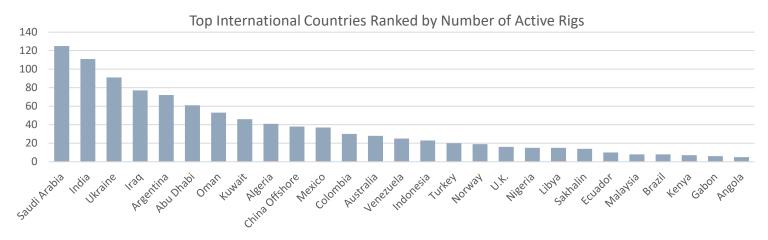
International activity is dominated by National Oil Companies (NOCs) and IOCs, while US activity, particularly on land, has traditionally been led by a variety of small to large U.S.-based E&P operators. International projects are generally larger, more complicated and thus longer cycle in nature than are those on the domestic side, so the planning and decision-making processes among the international players depend on very different projection methodologies.

► How Oil Price Volatility Impacted International Projects

Prior to mid-2014, when oil prices were in the \$90 to \$115 range, it was economically feasible for these large IOCs and National Oil Companies (NOCs) to sanction big, complex projects at profitable levels, as the breakeven cost for these projects generally fell into a range of around \$50 to \$60 a barrel for smaller exploration prospects, and \$70 to \$80 a barrel for larger ones. As oil prices dropped to \$53 by year-end 2014 and continued to fall into the mid-\$40 range over the next two years, many of these longer cycle, complex projects were either postponed indefinitely or canceled altogether.

The downturn was far more protracted than most oil companies expected, and the impact of far lower prices was a severe blow to many of these large operators' balance sheets. That environment led to what turned out to be a three-year period in which large IOCs and NOCs were forced to focus on restructuring their own balance sheets, scale back plans for future exploration and focus on reworking plans and reducing oil service costs on already producing oil fields in order to turn some measure of profit on current production.

Beginning in 2017, oil prices began to stabilize in the \$50 to \$60 range, and the newly restructured and refocused companies were able to restart the planning process for new exploration projects which were becoming increasingly necessary for them to reverse field depletion that occurred during the recalibration years and set targets for future production.



▶ The Ripple Effect Through the Domestic Markets

During the same period, oil service companies were also forced to scale back—reducing workforces and attempting to respond to demands for services at far lower prices. International and domestic activity levels declined severely, and it wasn't until mid-2017 that they began to see a pick-up in activity led by U.S. land E&P companies. As the U.S. shale boom picked up steam and production from these fields began to flow faster and at far higher levels than anticipated, oil service earnings became far more leveraged to domestic activity than to international work. Because the service providers were forced to implement large layoffs and capital efficiency plans, they learned to work faster, more efficiently and at lower cost, providing targeted goods and processes that could anticipate the new demands of higher, quicker producing shale fields. For oil service providers that had both domestic and international operations, U.S. earnings began to consistently outpace those from international work.

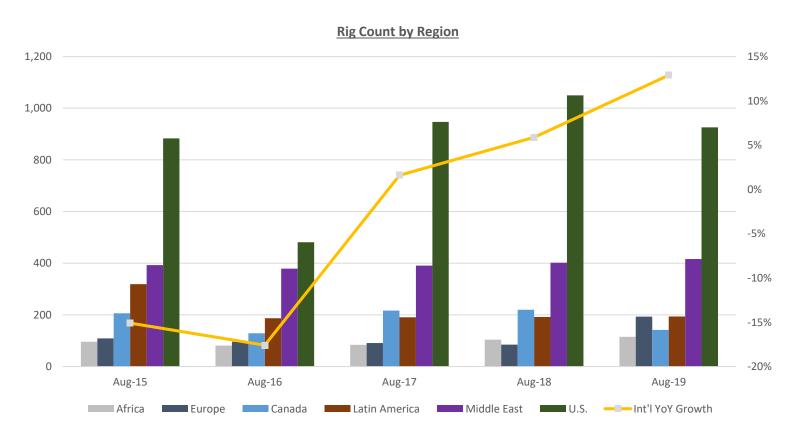


Conclusion

Meanwhile, IOC and NOC customers began to turn to oil service providers for help in planning new exploration and development projects based on profitability at \$30 to \$40 a barrel oil rather than the \$60 to \$80 range enjoyed prior to 2014. Oil service companies responded with new technologies and processes developed during the shale boom to bring fresh ideas and more cost and operational efficiencies to these customers.

▶ International Operators Leveraging U.S. Shale Playbook to Expand Globally

After rebalancing their portfolios and recalibrating their capital spending plans, a growth trend began to emerge in 2017 as international operators commenced approvals for new exploration and development plans. The number of Final Investment Decisions (FIDs) increased sharply in 2017, with a total of 20 FIDS approved. The number increased to 30 in 2018 and there are estimates that an additional 30+ FIDS may get approved in the back half of 2019. While it is true that there can be a long lead time between approval and the commencement of actual project drilling activity, the increase in the international rig count from 959 rigs in June 2018 to 1,049 in June 2019 clearly underscored a steady increase in activity, with large, long-cycle projects comprising a growing share of that activity. Those oil service companies that provide early cycle project work started to see higher international earnings early this year, and those involved in later phases of project cycles, are just beginning to see a ramp up in international earnings that are projected to continue to increase through the next several quarters.



Conclusion – International Markets Are Back, and Provide a Viable Market Alternative to Struggling U.S. Shale

While it has been easy to attach the fortunes of oil service companies to the U.S. land rig count cycle, it is not necessary to do so. The oil and gas industry has always been cyclical in nature, but it is important to recognize that there is not only one cycle, but many different ones that depend on a wide variety of geographic and economic factors. Many oil service companies are able to provide their products and services in many different drilling basins in the world, and are able to recognize and capitalize on opportunities to grow and profit from providing their services wherever they occur. It can, therefore, be equally profitable for investors in the sector to broaden their perspective and recognize those opportunities as they present themselves.



Recent Oilfield Service Transactions

Announced Date	Target Name	Buyer Name	Target Business Description
8/27/2019	All Alaska Operations of BP p.l.c. and BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc.	Hilcorp Alaska LLC	BP p.l.c. engages in the energy business worldwide. It operates through three segments: Upstream, Downstream, and Rosneft. The sale will include BP's entire upstream and midstream business in Alaska.
8/22/2019	Nova Terra Well Solutions LLC	Stonehenge Growth Capital, LLC	Nova Terra Well Solutions LLC, an oil and gas service provider, engages in plugging abandoned oil and natural gas wells.
8/16/2019	All Assets of RTI Energy Systems Inc.	Hunting PLC	RTI Energy Systems, Inc. designs, fabricates, and supplies riser systems for the offshore oil and gas industry. It specializes in oil and gas systems engineering and manufacturing services.
8/14/2019	Total Operations and Production Services, LLC	Black Bay Energy Capital, LLC	Total Operations and Production Services, LLC, also known as TOPS, designs, installs, and provides electric and gas driven compression system services.
8/6/2019	Midflow Services, LLC	Profire Energy, Inc.	Midflow Services, LLC manufactures and provides products and services for oil and gas production, processing, and transportation.
8/5/2019	Main Assets of Rock Solid Images	PGS ASA (OB:PGS)	Main Assets of Rock Solid Images comprises geographical information providing services for oil and energy sector.
8/1/2019	Water Infrastructure Assets of Overflow Energy LLC	Bison Oilfield Services LLC	Overflow Energy, LLC operates saltwater disposal facilities and wells. Water Infrastructure Assets of Overflow Energy LLC comprises saltwater disposal wells.
7/31/2019	Treeline Well Services Limited Partnership	Hillcore Group	Treeline Well Services Limited Partnership constructs and supplies service rigs to the oil and gas industry in Western Canada.
7/25/2019	UL Water Midstream, LLC.	Genesis Park LP; Post Oak Energy Capital, LP; EIV Capital, LLC	UL Water Midstream, LLC. provides water midstream services to oil and gas producers.
7/23/2019	Drilling Rigs Service Line of Superior Energy Services, Inc.		Drilling Rigs Service Line of Superior Energy Services, Inc. comprises 12 land based drilling rigs and related equipment.
7/8/2019	Aria Rose Oilfield Solutions LLC	Mustang Extreme Environmental Services LLC	Aria Rose Oilfield Solutions LLC provides custom built solutions for their customers to increase the life of wells.
7/2/2019	Hy-Bon Engineering Company, Inc.	Cimarron Energy, Inc.	Hy-Bon Engineering Company, Inc. engages in the design and fabrication of customized compressor packages for handling low pressure gas streams worldwide.
7/1/2019	Bullet Energy Services, LLC	777 Holdings, LLC	Bullet Energy Services, LLC provides salt water disposal, rig work, and commercial transportation energy services to oil and gas exploration firms operating in southern Oklahoma and northern Texas.
6/17/2019	C&J Energy Services, Inc.	Keane Group, Inc.	C&J Energy Services, Inc. provides well construction, well completion, well support, and other complementary oilfield services and technologies to oil and gas exploration and production companies throughout the continental United States.
6/12/2019	Quick Connectors, Inc./ Enerserv, Inc.	Innovex Downhole Solutions, Inc.	Quick Connectors, Inc./ Enerserv, Inc. represents the combined operations of Enerserv, Inc. Enerserv, Inc. manufactures wellhead systems, hangers, adapters, flanges, tubing heads, and spools.
6/7/2019	Bronco Manufacturing, LLC	Mhwirth Inc.	Bronco Manufacturing, LLC designs, manufactures, and supplies replacement parts for oil and gas drilling rigs worldwide.
6/5/2019	B & J Wholesale, LLC	TRCW, LLC	B & J Wholesale, LLC supplies oilfield equipment.



Trading Statistics

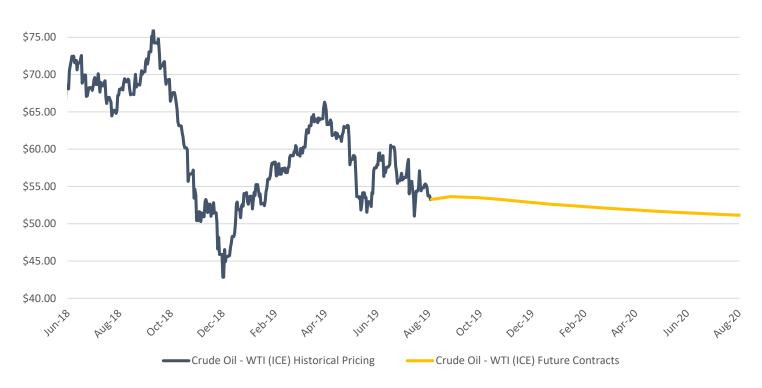
		Stock Price	% of 52-	Week	Market	Enterprise	LTM	LTM	Enterprise	Value /
Ticker	Company Name	9/11/2019	High	Low	Сар	Value	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM Revenue	LTM EBITD
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NYSE: BAS	Basic Energy Services, Inc.	\$2.07	17.0%	170.7%	\$48	\$354	\$864	\$44	0.4x	8.1
NYSE: CJ	C&J Energy Services, Inc.	10.77	46.4%	126.0%	691	600	2,070	194	0.3x	3.1
NYSE: WHD	Cactus, Inc.	29.72	72.5%	122.7%	1,376	1,445	618	230	2.3x	6.3
NYSE: KEG	Key Energy Services, Inc.	1.44	10.4%	149.7%	27	246	474	8	0.5x	29.5
Nasdaq: TUSK	Mammoth Energy Services	3.52	11.5%	113.8%	166	302	1,106	325	0.3x	0.9
Nasdaq: NCSM	NCS Multistage Holdings	2.49	14.7%	159.6%	114	147	205	15	0.7x	9.9
NYSE: PUMP	ProPetro Holding Corp.	10.17	40.1%	113.3%	1,049	1,168	1,935	473	0.6x	2.5
NYSE: WTTR	Select Energy Services, Inc.	8.29	63.9%	137.0%	682	1,032	1,446	210	0.7x	4.9
NYSE: SOI	Solaris Oilfield Infrastructure	13.96	72.3%	133.0%	440	549	233	139	2.4x	4.0
NYSE: SPN	Superior Energy Services	0.38	3.4%	541.7%	54	1,211	2,016	311	0.6x	3.9
	Min	\$0.38	3.4%	113.3%	\$27	\$147	\$205	\$8	0.3x	0.9
	Median	\$5.90	28.6%	135.0%	\$303	\$574	\$985	\$202	0.6x	4.4
	Mean	\$8.28	35.2%	176.7%	\$465	\$705	\$1,097	\$195	0.9x	7.3
	Max	\$29.72	72.5%	541.7%	\$1,376	\$1,445	\$2,070	\$473	2.4x	29.5
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NYSE: BHGE	Baker Hughes, a GE company	\$23.33	67.7%	116.1%	\$12,450	\$34,684	\$23,538	\$2,847	1.5x	12.2
NYSE: HAL	Halliburton Company	19.99	47.0%	117.8%	17,545	27,821	23,775	3,877	1.2x	7.2
NYSE: NOV	National Oilwell Varco, Inc.	24.12	51.7%	133.6%	9,161	11,411	8,624	431	1.3x	26.5
NYSE: SLB	Schlumberger Limited	37.85	59.5%	122.0%	51,807	66,956	32,833	6,623	2.0x	10.3
	Min	\$19.99	47.0%	116.1%	\$9,161	\$11,411	\$8,624	\$431	1.2x	7.2
	Median	\$23.72	55.6%	119.9%	\$14,997	\$31,252	\$23,657	\$3,362	1.4x	11.1
	Mean	\$26.32	56.4%	122.4%	\$22,741	\$35,218	\$22,193	\$3,445	1.5x	14.0
	Max	\$37.85	67.7%	133.6%	\$51,807	\$66,956	\$32,833	\$6,623	2.0x	26.5
Other Publics										
NYSE: APY	Apergy Corporation	28.70	62.2%	120.6%	2,270	2,892	1,235	308	2.3x	9.4
NYSE: CLB	Core Laboratories N.V.	45.89	37.6%	125.3%	2,016	2,375	694	122	3.4x	19.5
NASDAQ: ERII	Energy Recovery, Inc.	10.37	86.1%	168.1%	559	477	83	18	5.8x	26.7
NYSE: NE	Noble Corporation plc	\$1.97	26.5%	199.0%	\$488	\$4,607	\$1,105	\$373	4.2x	12.3
NYSE: OII	Oceaneering International	14.82	52.1%	138.0%	1,489	2,116	2,004	149	1.1x	14.2
NYSE: OIS	Oil States International, Inc.	15.27	44.1%	130.2%	948	1,282	1,064	96	1.2x	13.3
NYSE: FTI	TechnipFMC plc	25.19	76.5%	138.4%	11,480	11,770	12,814	1,506	0.9x	7.8
	Min	\$1.97	26.5%	120.6%	\$488	\$477	\$83	\$18	0.9x	7.8
	Median	\$15.27	52.1%	138.0%	\$1,489	\$2,375	\$1,105	\$149	2.3x	13.3
	Mean	\$20.32	55.0%	145.7%	\$2,750	\$3,646	\$2,714	\$367	2.7x	14.7
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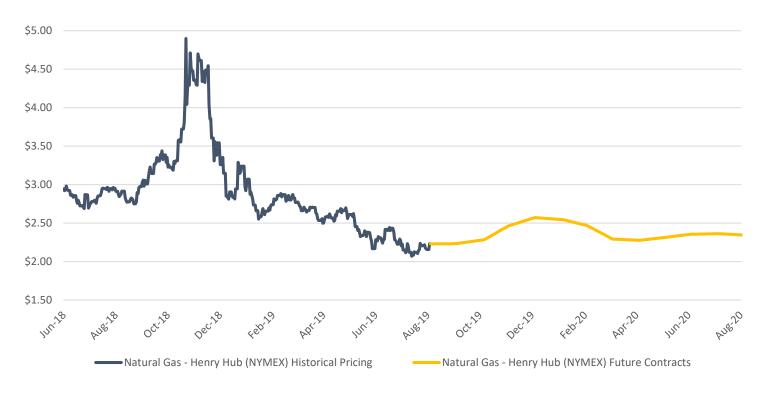
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Commodity Prices

> WTI Oil \$/bbl



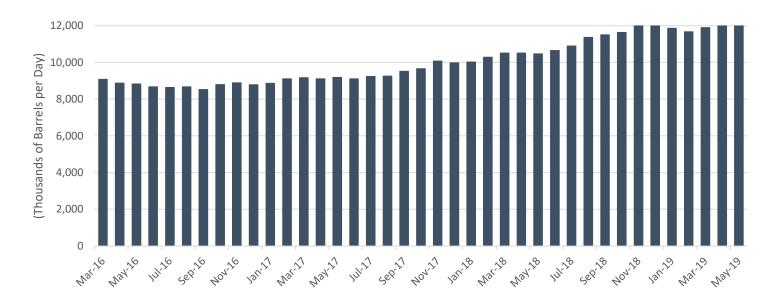
Natural Gas \$/MBtu





Production Data

U.S Crude Oil Production

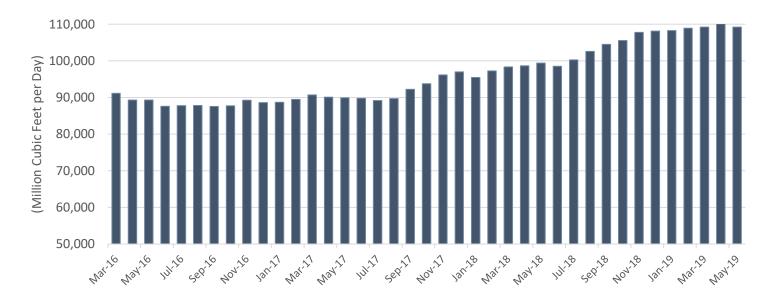


 Change From

 Prior Month
 Prior Year

 -0.2%
 15.8%

U.S Natural Gas Production



Million Cubic Feet per Day (May)

Current Prior Month Prior Year

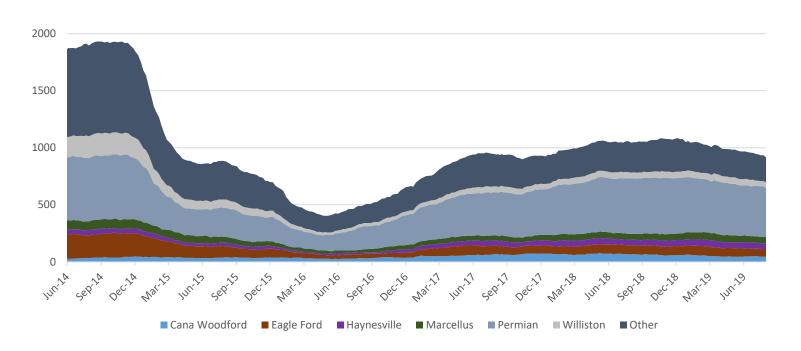
Natural Gas 109,234 110,108 99,411

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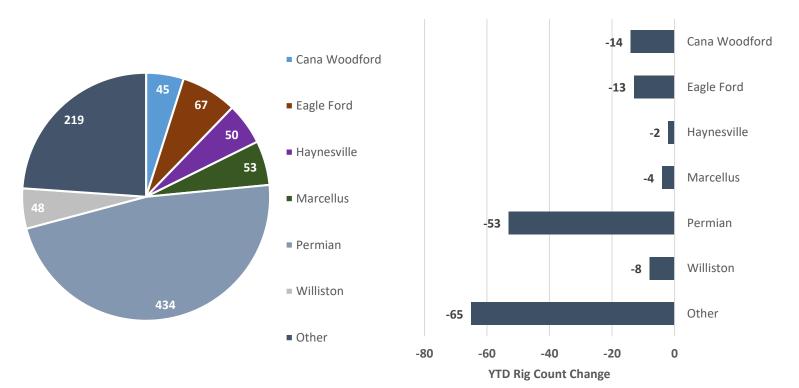
Rig Counts by Basin

U.S Rig Count by Basin Analysis



U.S Rig Count by Basin - 8/30/19

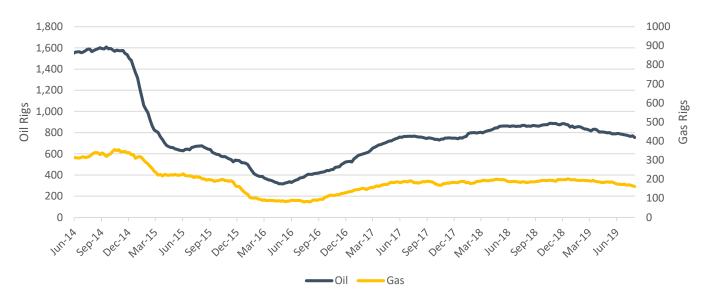
U.S Rig Count by Basin: YTD Change





Rig Counts (continued)

> U.S Oil vs. Natural Gas Rig Count

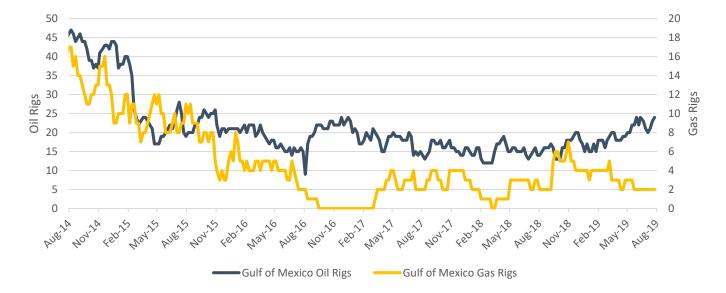


	Rig Counts (Aug)			
	Current	Prior Month	Prior Year	
Oil	754	776	860	
Natural Gas	162	169	182	

Prior Month	Prior Year		
(2.8%)	(12.3%)		
(4.1%)	(11.0%)		

Change from

Gulf of Mexico: Oil Rig vs. Natural Gas Rig



	Rig Counts (Aug)			
	Current	Prior Month	Prior Year	
Oil	24	21	14	
Natural Gas	2	2	2	

Change from			
Prior Month	Prior Year		
14.3%	71.4%		
0.0%	0.0%		

