Fact Sheet: Equipment Finance in the Oil & Gas Industry

Equipment Financing Volume
The Equipment Leasing and Finance Association’s (ELFA) 2018 Survey of Equipment Finance Activity reports that in 2017:

- The mining/oil, gas extraction and pipeline industries represented 1.5% of new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, up from 1.4% in 2016.
- Mining/oil & gas extraction (including natural gas/fracking) equipment represented 0.2% of new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, unchanged from 2016.
The Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s *U.S. Equipment Finance Market Study: 2016-2017* reported that in 2015:

- 78% of respondents in a survey of businesses used at least one form of financing when acquiring equipment.
- This is an increase from 72% of respondents from the 2012 Foundation market study, and represents an increase in the overall propensity to finance.
- 68% of the total value of equipment and software acquired was financed, a significant increase from the previous estimate of 55% forecast in the 2012 Foundation market study.

According to the “*What’s Hot, What’s Not 2018*” Equipment Leasing Trends Report authored by Carl Chrappa of The Alta Group LLC, based on a survey of ELFA members to measure industry perceptions of equipment types:

- Oil/gas/energy equipment ranked 10th in portfolio preference among equipment finance executives surveyed, up from 14th place last year.
- The ranking seems to reflect a bit of a turn due to slow improvement in the price of oil and rising output.
- This has greatly affected the values of oil/gas production and exploration equipment, and operating cash flows.

**Investment**

According to the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s *Q3 2018 Equipment Leasing & Finance U.S. Economic Outlook*:

- Investment in mining and oilfield machinery decreased at a 36% annualized rate in Q1 2018, and in July 2018 was up 6.9% year over year.
- Mining and oilfield machinery investment growth may strengthen through the second half of 2018.

**Equipment Market**

According to *First Research*:

- The U.S. oil and gas field equipment manufacturing industry includes about 600 companies with combined annual revenue of about $13 billion.
- About 20% of U.S. production of oil and gas field equipment is exported.
- The global oil and gas field equipment and services market is forecast to grow about 6% per year between 2015 and 2020.
- Leading demand drivers include deepwater drilling, production from shale gas reserves in the U.S. and China, and increased drilling and exploration activities in the Middle East and Africa.

**Industry Outlook**

According to U.S. Energy Information Administration’s *Short-Term Energy Outlook* from August 2018:

- U.S. crude oil production is forecast to average 10.7 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2018, up from 9.4 million b/d in 2017, and average 11.7 million b/d in 2019.
- U.S. dry natural gas production is forecast to average 81.1 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2018, a 7.5 Bcf/d increase from the 2017 level.
Natural gas production in 2019 is forecast to increase to 84.1 Bcf/d in 2019.

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