Fact Sheet: Equipment Finance in the Oil & Gas Industry

EQUIPMENT FINANCE IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

Energy equipment represents 2.4% of equipment financing new business volume in the United States.

Source: 2023 Survey of Equipment Finance Activity.

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Equipment Financing Volume

According to the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association’s (ELFA) 2023 Survey of Equipment Finance Activity, in 2022:

- The mining/oil and gas extraction industries represented 1.1% of new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, unchanged from 2021.
- Mining/oil & gas extraction (including natural gas/fracking) equipment represented 0.2% of new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, down from 0.4% in 2021.
According to the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s 2022 Equipment Leasing & Finance Industry Horizon Report:

- Nearly 8 in 10 businesses (79%) that acquired equipment and software used at least one form of financing to do so (i.e., lease, secured loan or line of credit).
- Total public and private sector equipment and software investment expanded to $2.0 trillion in nominal terms. Approximately 57% of this investment was financed, yielding an industry size estimate of about $1.16 trillion.
- Of private sector equipment and software investment, 61.8% was financed.
- Leasing was the most common financing method (used by 26%), followed by secured loans (19%) and lines of credit (17%).

According to “What’s Hot, What’s Not: Equipment Market Forecast 2023,” based on a survey of ELFA members to measure industry perceptions of equipment types:

- Oil/gas/energy equipment ranked in 11th place in portfolio preference among equipment finance executives surveyed, up from 13th place the previous year.
- The ranking seems to reflect the current state of the oil and gas market in the U.S., with oil prices increasing from very low levels in 2020, a cause for optimism.
- Natural gas electric utility generation was 36% of total energy in 2021, and is forecast to decrease to 34% in 2022.

**Investment**

According to the Foundation-Keybridge Equipment & Software Investment Momentum Monitor:

- Investment in mining and oilfield machinery increased at an annualized rate of 5.1% in Q2 2023.
- In October 2023, investment in mining and oilfield machinery was up 10% year over year.
- Mining and oilfield machinery investment growth should remain steady through the end of Q1 2024.

**Equipment Market**

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis:

- In 2022, mining and oilfield machinery investment was $28.7 billion.

According to Dun & Bradstreet First Research:

- The U.S. oil and gas field equipment manufacturing industry includes about 630 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 at a 6.5% compound annual growth rate through 2026, reaching a value of about $380 billion.
- 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 2023:

- U.S. crude oil production is forecast to average 12.8 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2023, and average 13.1 million b/d in 2024, both annual records.
- U.S. production of natural gas is forecast to average about 104 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) through the end of 2024, compared with 103 Bcf/d in Q2 2023.

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