Valuation and Corporate Finance Services for the Oilfield Services Industry
Mercer Capital provides Oilfield Services companies with business valuation and financial advisory services related to corporate disputes, litigated matters, shareholder transactions, and financial reporting requirements.

**Services Provided**

- Fairness Opinions
- M&A Representation, Transaction Advisory, and Consulting
- Buy-Sell Agreement Valuation and Consulting
- Financial Reporting Valuation (Purchase Price Allocation and Impairment Testing)
- Strategic Planning and Consulting
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution Consulting/Testimony
- Tax Compliance Valuations
- ESOP Valuations

Mercer Capital’s Energy industry group publishes research on the industry via its weekly *Energy Valuation Insights* and special topic whitepapers.

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**Market Segments**

- Casing & Tubing Services
- Coatings
- Coiled Tubing
- Directional Drilling
- Drilling & Completion Fluids
- Downhole Drilling Tools
- Fishing Services
- Fluid Systems
- Geophysical Equipment & Services
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Inspection Services
- Offshore Supply Services
- Rental Services
- Specialty Chemicals
- Subsea Equipment
- Testing Services
- Tubular Goods
- Unit Manufacturing
- Waste Disposal Services
- Water Services
- Wireline services
There Are Two Types of Experts

**Industry**
- Regularly follow the industry
- Understand industry concepts and terminology
- Write/speak about industry trends
- Transaction experience
- Regularly provide advisory services
- See the market as typical buyers and sellers of interests in Oilfield Services companies

**Valuation**
- Appropriate training and professional designations
- Understand valuation standards and concepts
- See the market as hypothetical buyers and sellers
- Regularly value minority interests
- Advise on buy-sell agreements
- Defend work in litigated matters
- Handle recurring valuation work for clients
We Are Industry Specialists

We are a valuation firm that is organized according to industry specialization.

Our energy team has extensive specialty oil & gas background, experience and training.

We value Oilfield Services companies for a variety of purposes, including M&A, equity compensation, dispute resolution, portfolio valuations, and other financial statement reporting.

We also have experience valuing Oilfield Services companies of all sizes from single location service providers, to worldwide services/equipment providers.

We write and speak regularly on industry topics through multiple respected industry channels including Forbes.com & Hart Energy.

We Are Valuation Specialists

We regularly provide valuations and other third-party opinions for a variety of purposes.

We also speak, write and train other professionals within the valuation, accounting, and legal communities.

Since our founding in 1982, Mercer Capital has provided expert valuation opinions to over 15,000 clients throughout the U.S. and on six continents.

We have had our opinions upheld by numerous court jurisdictions and regulatory bodies such as the IRS & PCAOB.

We are active in leadership roles throughout the valuation profession.
Valuation Approaches

**Asset-Based Approach**

Often not a reliable indication of value for OFS companies.

Although many OFS businesses are asset-intensive, they have significant value beyond their net asset value.

**Income Approach**

Discounted cash flow analysis to develop a range of value based upon a subject company’s projections.

Also considers the probability of different exit scenarios (IPO, sale to strategic or financial buyer).

**Market Approach**

Pricing metrics based upon public companies, M&A transactions (public and private), and capital raises by comparable companies.
Reconciling Indicated Values

It would be unusual for the indicated values from the various income and market methods to align perfectly.

Value indications from the market approach can be fairly volatile, since the market for OFS companies is tied to the performance of the market in general. Because valuation for fair market value purposes is more of a descriptive exercise than a prescriptive one, this is a perspective we consider.

In our experience, though, investors in private companies think longer term. The more enduring indications of value from income approaches, such as DCF models, are often more representative of the actual behavior of buyers and sellers of interests in OFS companies.

Nonetheless, using multiple valuation approaches serves to generate tests of reasonableness against which the different indications can be evaluated.

Note: We often do not consider the asset approach to be relevant to the valuation of particular OFS companies. However, the balance sheet can be important in situations where there are excess or non-operating assets or contingent liabilities that need to be considered apart from the value of the firm’s ongoing operations.
Representative Recent Experience

Financial Reporting
- Appraisal of an oilfield equipment manufacturing business for financial reporting purposes

Transaction Advisory
- Worked with the shareholders of an oilfield testing service provider in evaluation of unsolicited purchase offers
- Advised the acquirer of a $1.4 billion oilfield services provider regarding the value of >25 facilities

Tax Reporting
- Appraisal of incentive units of oilfield waste management services company for financial reporting and Federal tax purposes

Corporate Planning
- Appraisal of an international oilfield equipment manufacturer for corporate planning purposes

Corporate Planning
- Advised a publicly traded acquirer of a $200 million ROV service provider servicing offshore construction, & maintenance needs

Financial Reporting
- Advised a publicly traded provider of services & equipment for complex deepwater applications on the value of intellectual property

Financial Reporting
- Completed transaction-related appraisal services for $250 million acquisition of a leading directional drilling services company
Industry & Professional Leadership

Mercer Capital's *Energy Valuation Insights* is a weekly blog covering valuation issues in the Energy Industry

Bryce Erickson is a Contributing Editor to Forbes.com writing about oil & gas valuation and economic issues

Our opinions have been reviewed and accepted by:
- State and Federal Courts
- PCAOB and Big 4 Audit Firms
- Internal Revenue Service

Experience in nearly every domestic oil & gas basin and have international experience across the globe including Europe, Middle East & South America

Our Energy Team members have been sought for commentary and insight by various publications

Trusted by:
- Clients
- Boards of Directors
- Legal Community
- Accounting Firms
- Wealth Management Firms

Speak frequently on oil & gas issues to industry and professional service audiences

Teachers and trainers for CLE and CPE approved courses
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