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News Release

Weatherford Announces Concurrent Public Offerings of Ordinary Shares and Mandatory Exchangeable Subordinated Notes for an Expected Combined Amount of \$1.0 Billion

Baar, Switzerland, September 21, 2015 Weatherford International plc (NYSE: WFT) (the Company or Weatherford) announced today the launch of concurrent underwritten public offerings of ordinary shares of the Company (the Shares) and mandatorily exchangeable subordinated notes (the Notes) of Weatherford International Ltd., a Bermuda exempted company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (Weatherford Bermuda), for an expected combined amount of \$1.0 billion (the Combined Offering). The Company retains the flexibility to adjust the relative proportions of the Notes and Shares offered in the Combined Offering.

The Shares and the Notes will be offered pursuant to an effective registration statement (the Registration Statement) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Combined Offering to pre-fund potential acquisitions and for general corporate purposes. Pending such use, the Company expects that the borrowings under its revolving credit facility and commercial paper program will be temporarily reduced with the proceeds of the Combined Offering.

The Notes will have a maturity of three years, will be issued at 100% of the principal amount and will be mandatorily exchanged for ordinary shares of the Company (the Exchange Shares) at the maturity of the Notes unless earlier converted at the option of the holders or Weatherford Bermuda or upon certain specified events in accordance with the terms of the Notes. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company on an unsecured, subordinated basis. The interest rate, exchange rate and other terms of the Notes will be determined at the time of pricing of the Notes offering.

Under the terms of the Combined Offering, there will be a 60-day lock-up period for the Company on issuances or sales of ordinary shares of the Company and securities that give the holder the right to acquire ordinary shares of the Company. Weatherford Bermuda will apply to list the Notes on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Citigroup and Wells Fargo Securities will serve as joint bookrunners of the Combined Offering.

The offering of each of the Shares and the Notes are being made by means of a separate prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus as filed with the SEC. When available, copies of the preliminary prospectus supplements and accompanying base prospectus relating to each offering may be obtained free of charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov under the Company's name or from the underwriters of the offering as follows:

Citigroup

c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions

1155 Long Island Avenue

Edgewood, New York 11717

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Wells Fargo Securities

Attn: Equity Syndicate Dept.

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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 100 countries and has a network of approximately 1,350 locations, including manufacturing, service, research and development, and training facilities and employs approximately 44,000 people.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements as defined under federal law, including those related to the Company's potential securities offering. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, intend, plan, may, should, could, will, would, and will be, or similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Such statements are subject to significant risks, assumptions and uncertainties. Known material factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by such forward-looking statements are described in the prospectus as supplemented, which is a part of the Registration Statement, and the risk factors described in the

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Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and those risk factors set forth from time-to-time in other filings with the SEC. Weatherford undertakes no obligation to correct or update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except to the extent required under federal securities laws.

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