

PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/
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Voting items 00000518503 R2.09.05.010 The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following: 1. Election of Directors Nominees 01 Robert E. McKee III 02 George J. Donnelly 03 Gary R. King The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s): 2 Approve 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan. 3 Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for 2010. NOTE: IN THEIR DISCRETION, the Proxies are authorized to vote in their best judgment upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.