

## **News Release**

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## **Conrad Industries Announces 2017 Results and Backlog**

Morgan City, Louisiana (March 28, 2018) - Conrad Industries, Inc. (OTC Pink: CNRD) today announced its fourth quarter and twelve months 2017 results and backlog.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2017, Conrad had net loss of \$3.4 million and loss per diluted share of \$0.67 compared to net loss of \$836,000 and loss per diluted share of \$0.15 during the fourth quarter of 2016. The Company had net loss of \$2.1 million and loss per diluted share of \$0.42 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 compared to net loss of \$1.7 million and loss per diluted share of \$0.33 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016. Results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 reflect a \$1.3 million income tax benefit, primarily attributable to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which resulted in a certain one-time revaluation of tax-related assets liabilities to reflect their value at a lower corporate tax The Company's financial reports available are www.otcmarkets.com.

New business added during the first quarter of 2018 includes the signing of contracts totaling \$35.2 million which brings our estimated current backlog to approximately \$107.0 million, compared to \$111.3 million at December 31, 2017, \$216.5 million at December 31, 2016, and \$211.8 million at December 31, 2015. New contracts added during the first quarter of 2018 include four 30,000 bbl. tank barges, two LPG tank barges, four spud barges, three 24,000 bbl. Adiponitrile barges and two anchor barges.

Johnny Conrad, President and CEO stated, "Our 2017 and 2016 operating results were affected by losses of \$11.9 million and \$13.2 million, respectively, on the LNG bunker barge. Despite the losses we have incurred on the construction of the LNG

barge, we believe that we have developed the resources to establish ourselves as a leader in LNG marine-related construction in North America. During 2017 our new construction segment continued to be adversely affected by a soft market for energy transportation, increased pricing pressure, and low demand for large barge project orders, while our repair and conversion segment continued to be impacted by low oil prices and depressed Gulf of Mexico activity. These factors had a negative impact on our operating results in 2017, and they may continue to impact our operations during 2018."

Mr. Conrad concluded, "Although we expect 2018 to be another challenging year, we are optimistic about the long-term prospects of our business. We have met these types of challenges in the past, and we remain confident that with our talented and dedicated employees, strong balance sheet and diversified customer base we can effectively respond to changing market conditions."

Conrad Industries, Inc., established in 1948 and headquartered in Morgan City, Louisiana, designs, builds and overhauls tugboats, ferries, liftboats, barges, offshore supply vessels and other steel and aluminum products for both the commercial and government markets. The company provides both repair and new construction services at its five shipyards located in southern Louisiana and Texas.

Cautionary statement: This press release contains forwardlooking statements, which are all statements other than those of historical facts, and reflect our expectations as of the date of this press release about future events. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including our reliance on cyclical industries, ability to perform contracts at costs consistent with estimated costs utilized in bidding, and ability to replenish our backlog and compete in changing These and other risks are discussed in more detail in markets. Annual Report and subsequent reports available www.otcmarkets.com. Should one or more of these risks materialize, achievement of anticipated results may differ materially from those anticipated. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements, other than through our regular quarterly and annual reports.