



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

January 15, 2014

Via Email

Mr. Christopher T. Weber
Chief Financial Officer
Parker Drilling Company
5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100
Houston, Texas

**Re: Parker Drilling Company
Form 10-K for Year End December 31, 2012
Filed on March 1, 2013
Supplemental Response dated January 3, 2014
File No. 001-07573**

Dear Mr. Weber:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/H. Roger Schwall

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Assistant Director