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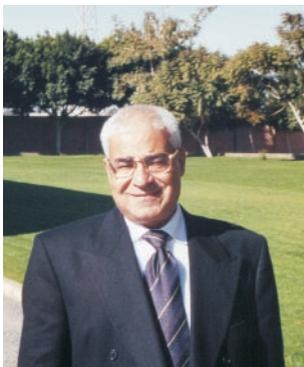
N Africa IADC Chapter is formed

A NEW CHAPTER of IADC has been formed to serve North Africa.

Mohamed Said, Chairman of **Egyptian Drilling Company**, has been elected Chairman of IADC's newest chapter—the IADC North Africa Chapter, formed during January in Cairo.

The new Chapter will serve as a forum for land and offshore contractors, service companies and producers operating throughout North Africa. **Bill Sannan**, **Santa Fe**, was named Vice Chairman. **Mark Nystrom**, of **Transocean Sedco Forex**, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The formation of the new chapter comes at



Mohamed Said
Chairman, North Africa Chapter

a particularly busy time in the region. In Egypt alone, some 47 land and offshore drilling and workover units were working during January. Rig types run the gamut from small land workover units to the ultra-sophisticated drillship **West Navion**.

The founders set forth four main goals for the chapter:

- Improve industry stature and increase the value and efficiency of services rendered to producing companies by drilling contractors;
- Enhance industry relations with various government agencies and the public;

- Promote safety, training and the protection of the environment;

- Improve manpower management.

The chapter plans to hold at least 4 meetings per year.

Mr Said is a seasoned driller. Following graduation from **Cairo University** in 1969, he joined **Egypt General Petroleum Company**. He has worked at EDC since the company was formed in the late '70s as a joint venture between **EGPC** and **Maersk**.

In those early years, he jokes, "I did whatever it took to keep the rigs running, from providing welding machines to tomatoes for the crews." After 5 years, Mr Said was named Operations Manager for the drilling company. He became Chairman in 1996.

EDC was launched with just two rigs—one land unit and one platform rig. Today, it boasts 15 land rigs, 4 land workover units, and 4 jackups. In addition, Mr Said said,

EDC will add 3 new land rigs to its fleet by the end of 2001. It will also expand its existing grounds to encompass 45,000 sq m and is constructing a \$2 million training facility.

The formation of the North Africa Chapter brings the total number of active IADC chapters to 17 worldwide. ■

Alaskan accident rate falls to a new low of 0.45

THE ALASKAN DRILLING industry continues to set new standards for safety performance, new statistics compiled by the IADC Alaska Chapter reveal. Accident frequency on Alaskan drilling and workover rigs for 2000 fell to a new low of 0.45 LTA/200,000 manhours.

This represents a solid decline from the 1999 figure of 0.50 LTA/200,000 manhours.

In comparison, IADC statistics for accident frequency worldwide stand at 0.74 LTA/200,000 manhours for 1999, the latest full year for which statistics are available. Drilling industry accident frequency trends have trended sharply downward for several years.

The 0.74 figure, for example, represents a 54% decrease from the value in 1995.

The latest drilling safety statistics for Alaska were released at the 17th Annual Safety Awards Banquet, held 27 Jan in Anchorage. Some 300 people attended, marking it as one of the largest events among IADC's network of chapters. Attendees hailed from **BP Exploration (Alaska)**, **Phillips Alaska**, **Doyon Drilling**, **Nabors Alaska**, **Nordic**

Caldista, **Schlumberger**, and other firms.

The keynote speaker, **F X O'Keefe**, Business Unit Leader, Alaska Exploration for BP Exploration (Alaska), praised the industry's focus on safe and environmentally sound operations. Mr O'Keefe reiterated BP's commitment to the highest standards for HSE performance in Alaska. **Mike Killalea**, IADC Vice President-Member Services, who spoke at the meeting, said that safety was a central focus of IADC initiatives. He noted that accident incidence, as measured by IADC, declined at an average rate of 13.5% from 1995 to 1999. "That, my friends, is a true step change in safety," Mr Killalea said.

A number of drilling rigs were specially recognized for their consistently outstanding safety performance. Each Alaskan rig that has operated for at least 365 days without an LTA was awarded a special plaque, as were the operators that had contracted the unit.

The rigs so recognized, the number of days they have operated without experiencing a lost-time accident and their customers, are:

Nabors Alaska Drilling

- Rig 3S: 2,300 days (Producers: Phillips, BP)
- Rig 4ES: 2,020 days (Producer: BP)
- Rig 160: 1,913 days (Producer: Forrest)
- Rig 22E: 1,044 days (Producer: BP)
- Rig 33E: 823 days (Producer: BP)
- Rig 9ES: 750 days (Producer: BP)
- CDR-1: 618 days (Producers: Phillips, BP)
- Rig 7ES: 474 days (Producer: BP)

Doyon Drilling Inc

- Rig 19: 1,217 days (Producer: Phillips)
- Rig 141: 704 days (Producers: Phillips, BP)

Schlumberger

- CT Unit 4: 2,371 days (Producers: Phillips; BP)
- CT Unit 7: 1,519 days (Producer: BP)

Nordic Calista Services

- Rig 1: 656 days (Producer: BP)
- Rig 3: 419 days (Producer: Phillips) ■