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At the opening of the Saudi Aramco Contractor Training Center, from left, are Mohammed A Misfer, Abdallah S Jum'ah, Zuhair Al-Hussain, and Adnan Gabris.

New Saudi training center opens

WITH COOPERATION FROM the IADC Northern Arabian Gulf Chapter, Saudi Aramco recently opened its landmark Contractor Training Center in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia. The facility was championed by Aramco President/CEO Abdallah S Jum'ah, with strong support from IADC Northern Arabian Gulf Chapter Chairman Khulgan Al-Barry. It is expected that more than 1,200 Saudis will be

trained for jobs in drilling and workover operations during the next four years. In addition to English language and job skills training, all contractor personnel will receive safety orientation training accredited under IADC's RIG PASS program. The state-of-the-art training facility features a complete training rig and well. Future plans include providing WellCAP accredited well control training.

North Sea Chapt reviews helideck operations guide

IADC'S NORTH SEA Chapter is reviewing the draft document "Guidelines for the Management and Auditing of Offshore Helideck Operations" recently issued by the UK Offshore Operators Association. Also, a task group under the auspices of the API's Subcommittee on Offshore Structures recently circulated for comment a draft revision of its "Recommended Practice for Planning, Design and Constructing Helidecks". Proposed changes include adopting two levels of design criteria addressing hostile and non-hostile operating environments. Alan Spackman will consolidate IADC member comments on the API draft for presentation to API.

IADC Contracts Seminar coming 10 Oct in Houston

The IADC Contracts and Risk Management Seminar will be held 10 Oct at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel. CLE credits will be available. Conference highlights will include Arbitration vs Courts, E-commerce for drilling services, an operator's view of risk allocation, and Contract Termination Clauses in Long Term Contracts.

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