

SBOP Workshop features the latest of technology

THE 2004 IADC Surface BOP Workshop for Floating Drilling Operations, scheduled for 1 December 2004 at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, will feature industry experts who will present their experiences about the technology.

The workshop begins with registration at 7:30 am with welcoming remarks at 8:20 followed by the official rollout of the SBOP Guidelines (see July/August Drilling Contractor, p 24) by **Bill Hunter** with **Katy Drilling Company**.

The workshop's first session, *Surface BOP Drilling: Where We've Been and Where We're Going*, begins at 9 am and features a presentation by **Pat Ryan** with Unocal, *Update on UNOCAL's SX Program on DP Floaters*. A second operator is scheduled to present the lessons it learned regarding SBOP operations. A coffee break follows this first session at 10 am.

The second session at 10:15 am discusses Supporting Technologies and includes four presentations. *Fatigue Resistant Thread Connections* will be presented by **John Staudt**, **Hunting Tubular Systems**. **Matt Stahl** with **Stress Engineering** will discuss *Riser Recoil Systems* and **Phil Ward** with **Schlumberger Testing** will present *Well Testing*. The session's final presentation will be *Spread Spectrum Acoustics* by **Dave Adams** with **Nautronics**.

Lunch follows this session at 12:15. At 1:15 pm, **Graham Brander** with Shell will present *Why Surface BOP? Drivers for Operators*.

The afternoon's first session, *Expanding the Scope of Surface BOP & Complimentary Technologies*, begins at 1:45 pm and includes a presentation by **Hans Deul** with **Noble Drilling Services** on *Aluminum Alloy*

Risers. A coffee break begins at 2:15 which is followed by *HSE Considerations: Managing SBOP Operations to Ensure Technical and Operational Integrity* by **John Banks**, **Stena Drilling Ltd.**

The workshop's final session examines Future Directions beginning at 3 pm and includes a discussion on *SBOP Completions* by **Dave Mason** with Shell. Two additional presentations are scheduled for the session.

Closing remarks and adjournment of the workshop is at 4:30.

Thanks go to the workshop planning committee, which includes **Mark Childers**, **Atwood Oceanics**; **Archie Dudgeon**, **Transocean Inc**; **John Jackson**, **ChevronTexaco**; **Mike Killalea**, **IADC**; **John Kozicz**, **Transocean Inc**; **Steve Kropla**, **IADC**; **Tim Newman**, **Shell E&P Inc**; and **Mike Utt**, **UNOCAL** (retired). ■

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THE IADC CONTRACTS & Risk Management Conference, sponsored by **Fulbright & Jaworski**, begins at 8:30 am with opening remarks by **Mike Roth**, **Transocean**, and Chairman, IADC Contracts Committee. The first presentation begins at 8:45 by **Harold K Watson**, Partner, and **Berne C Kluber**, Associate, **Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP**, who will discuss Indemnification Exasperation.

At 9:15 **Tony Ebner**, President and CEO, **McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Texas Inc** will moderate a panel discussion concerning risk and underwriters. This will be followed by a presentation Key Performance Indicators moderated by **Kurt Hoffman**, Vice President Marketing for **Noble Drilling Services**.

Presentations following lunch include Contract Horror Files, Cleere vs Dominion: Lessons Learned from the

5th Circuit's Decision, and a presentation on Consequential Damages presented by **Steve Roberts**, Partner, and **Ed Szczepanski**, Associate, **Fulbright & Jaworski**. This will be followed by the Operator's Market Outlook that includes representatives from **ChevronTexaco**, **Anadarko** and **Kerr-McGee**.

Closing remarks will be followed by a reception sponsored by **Lock, Liddell & Sapp**. ■

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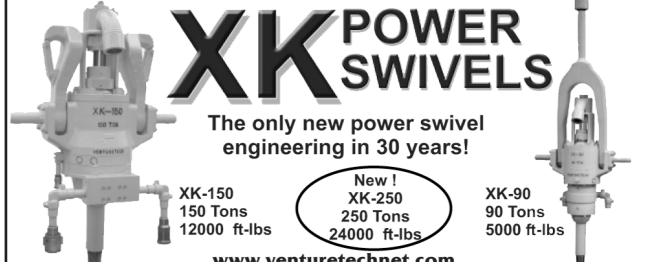
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