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Noble names Mark Jackson as board chairman

Noble Corp has appointed **Mark A Jackson** as board chairman. He will keep his current positions of president and CEO.

Mr Jackson joined Noble in September 2000 as senior vice president and chief financial officer. He was promoted to chief operating officer in March 2005, president in February 2006 and CEO in October 2006. **James C Day** retired after 30 years with Noble.



Mark Jackson

Noble also has named **David W Williams** as senior vice president and chief operating officer, a position previously held by Mr Jackson. Mr Williams joined Noble in 2006 as senior vice president - business development of **Noble Drilling Services**. In January 2007, he was named senior vice president - operations of Noble Drilling Services. Prior to joining Noble, he was executive vice president of **Diamond Offshore**.



David Williams

Oman Well Control School facility

Well Control School has opened a training facility in Muscat, Oman. It will offer instructor-led and e-learning with System 21 well control training.

Additionally, Well Control School has appointed **Jonathon Lemley** and **Bob Rooney** as account managers. Mr Lemley will be responsible for the Rocky Mountain area; Mr Rooney will oversee accounts in Houston and other target areas of Texas.

ENSCO names new chairman



Daniel Rabun

ENSCO International's board of directors has selected **Daniel W Rabun** to serve as chairman of the board, effective immediately, following the retirement of former chairman **Carl F Thorne**. Mr

Rabun also serves as ENSCO president and CEO.

VetcoGray to supply deepwater technology for Shell project

VetcoGray, a GE Oil & Gas business, is supplying its MS-700 system deepwater technology to **Shell** for the BC-10 project, recently named Parque das Conchas, in Brazil's Campos Basin.

The contract includes the supply of 12 MS-700 slimbore subsea wellhead

systems and seven 42-in. liners, with delivery beginning in July 2007. The systems will enable Shell to drill and complete wells in conjunction with its reduced bore riser and a surface BOP. This marks Shell's first use of a surface BOP system for deepwater in field development.

GustoMSC to design jackups for SeaJacks, supply jacking systems

GustoMSC will supply the basic design of two NG2500X jackups for **SeaJacks**. It also signed a contract with **Lamprell**, the yard that will build the units, for delivery of the associated rack and pinion jacking systems.

GustoMSC also entered an agreement with Singapore's **Jurong Shipyard** to deliver the rack & pinion jacking systems and a 550-ton fully revolving crane for a **Saudi Aramco** jackup, which was designed by GustoMSC in 2006.

Top Oilfield Engineering Services founder passes away

Terrence Stewart Midgley, founder of UAE-based **Top Oilfield Engineering Services**, has suddenly passed away in Dubai due to complications related to diabetes. He was 59.

Mr Midgley got his start in the industry as a rig mechanic with **KCA** in 1972. He joined **Santa Fe** in 1976 as a rig mechanic and eventually became warehouse superintendent. During his 14 years with Santa



Terry Midgley is remembered as a kind man with a big heart who lived his life in true color.

Fe, he was stationed in Kuwait during the Gulf War, and he was an active contributor to local support and rebuilding efforts.

After relocating to Dubai in 1992, he recognized the need for an oilfield repair facility and founded **Top Oilfield Engineering Services** in 1993. Mr Midgley is survived by

his wife, **Carol**; daughters **Amanda** and **Yvonne**; and grandsons **Brody** and **Colby**.

Axxis Drilling sells assets

Axxis Drilling of Broussard, La., has agreed to sell its assets to **Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust of Calgary, Canada**, for US\$139 million. This will include at least four land rigs and one inland barge.

Proserv makes acquisition

Proserv Offshore has acquired **Twachtman, Snyder & Byrd**, a provider of well abandonment and decommissioning services. Proserv expects the acquisition will enhance its global offshore expansions.

General manager at Southwestern

Texas-based **Southwestern Drilling Co** has named **Richard A Zartler**, who has more than 23 years of oilfield experience, as general manager.

Statoil's acting executive VPs

Tim Dodson and **Mads Grinrød** have been appointed acting executive vice presidents of **Statoil**, with responsibility for the E&P Norway business area and corporate staff function for HSE, respectively.

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Ambar completes new center

Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services, a subsidiary of **Patterson-UTI Energy**, has completed a 21,800-sq ft distribution and operations complex in Tyler, Texas. It consists of a warehouse for drilling/completion fluid material storage and an office facility housing operations, distribution, sales and a fluid-testing laboratory.

Sondex plans expansion

Sondex is planning a facility in Aberdeen that will comprise 1,350 sq m of offices, manufacturing and test facilities, as well as 3,100 sq m of yard area.

Additionally, **Sondex** has named **Dominique Legrand** as director of group manufacturing. He will be based in Hampshire, UK, and his responsibilities will include overseeing the company's manufacturing strategy.

Texas environmental award recognizes Atlas Copco

Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions recently won the Texas Environmental Excellence Award, one of 12 winners statewide. It was presented by Texas Gov. **Rick Perry** and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The award was given for Atlas Copco's environmental leadership in reducing pollution, saving energy and promoting environmental stewardship in its manufacturing process.

Schlumberger acquires V.I.P.S.

Schlumberger has acquired **V.I.P.S.**, a UK-based reservoir geomechanics software and consulting company. Its office in Bracknell, UK, now becomes the Schlumberger Reservoir Geomechanics Center of Excellence under the direction of V.I.P.S. founder **Nick Koutsabeloulis**.



Keith Stratton

Nabors' new VP HSE

Keith W Stratton has been promoted to vice president - health, safety and environment for **Nabors International**. He will be responsible for global operations outside North America.

Expro announces unified mission

Following the acquisition last year of **PowerWell Services**, **Expro** has announced a new brand identity and unifying mission. Well flow management is now Expro's single mission. It summarizes its focus on providing services and products that measure, improve, control and process flow from oil and gas wells. Expro will focus on five key marketing areas: well testing and commissioning; production systems; wireline intervention; connectors and measurements; and drill-chokes.

M-I SWACO opens Bangkok center

M-I SWACO has opened a facility in Bangkok, Thailand, that will offer training in fluids and Environmental Solutions. It houses three classrooms, a fluids laboratory and equipment training for the company's Environmental Solutions offer-

ing. The center also will conduct courses in solids control, cuttings re-injection, cutting drying and the M-I SWACO CleanCut automated pneumatic cuttings collection and transport system.

InterMoor names VP

InterMoor has named **Don Hardin** as vice president of projects and engineering. With more than 25 years of experience, he will be responsible for worldwide management and oversight of InterMoor's major projects and engineering.

Baker Hughes signs license deal

Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids has signed an exclusive license agreement with **JLC Technologies** for produced water management and other fluid treatment applications for the oil and gas industry. Baker Hughes will market and manage services applying JLC Technology's filtration system, expanding the capabilities of its Fluids Environmental Services line.

Newhire at Tejas Tubular

Tejas Tubular Products has hired **Earl Warren** to assist in marketing Tejas Tubular' premium API drill pipe. With more than 35 years of experience, he will oversee existing customers and pursue new business opportunities for Tejas Tubular throughout North America.

Varel opens Rocky Mountain office

Varel International is opening a Rocky Mountain regional office, based in Denver, Colo. **Jim Dahlem** will serve as regional sales manager for Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Montana.

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**Moyno pump system brochure available from R&M Energy**

R&M Energy Systems has published a brochure featuring Moyno Down-Hole Progressing Cavity Pump Systems used in coalbed methane

applications. It was initially applied in a CB well in the early 1980s; since then, more than 3,000 units have been installed.

Two-speed in-line planetary drive

Darwin Industries of Coffeyville, Kan., has developed a two-speed in-line planetary drive capable of shifting while in

motion, with an integral spring-actuated pressure-released brake option. Input speed is rated at 5,000 rpm. Maximum power limit and torque rating is 200 hp and 1,100 lb-ft, respectively.

DWS International offers 100,000-lb winch

DWS International has added a 100,000-lb winch to its line of recovery winches. The Model 8100 is hydraulically driven, and a multi-disc wet brake holds the load in the event of hydraulic pressure loss. It also features a four-stage planetary gear set and self-lubricating bushings.