

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

### Grant Prideco names Huff new CEO.

**Curtis W Huff** has been elected President and CEO of **Grant Prideco** and appointed to the company's board of directors. Mr Huff was formerly Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel of **Weatherford International Inc.** He replaces



Curtis W Huff

**John C Coble** who announced his retirement from Grant Prideco after serving as President since 1995. Mr Coble was the company's CEO since it became public in April, 2000.

### Balmoral names sales/marketing VP.

**Balmoral Group International** has appointed **Gerry L Meeks** as Vice President Sales and Marketing. Mr Meeks will be responsible for the sales and business development of both Balmoral's buoyancy and marine/mooring-related equipment. Mr Meeks recently ran his own oilfield equipment trading company and formerly served as Vice President International Business Development with **Wood Group Pressure Control**.



Gerry L Meeks

**Delmar adds capacity.** **Delmar Systems Inc** has expanded its shore base capability to include the largest lifting-capacity crane at Port Fourchon, La. The 360-ton crane offers loading support for various Gulf of Mexico operations. Delmar also has completed the expansion and stabilization of 140,000 sq ft for storage yard to further enhance the capability of Port Fourchon to support deepwater projects.

**H&P, Cameron sign agreement.** The Cameron Division of **Cooper Cameron Corp** reached an exclusive services contract with **H&P International Drilling Co** for the repair and maintenance of all H&P-owned Cameron equipment.



George Dotson, President, H&P International Drilling Co (I) and Dalton Thomas, President, Cameron Division.

The agreement is part of Cameron's CAMSERV Aftermarket Services Program. It specifies that all repair, remanufacture and maintenance of all Cameron equipment will be performed exclusively in CAMSERV Service Centers using Cameron-approved procedures and replacement parts and trained technicians.

## PRODUCTS

**New AC Vector Motor.** **OEM Inc's** new AC Vector Motor is rated at 1,050 hp continuous at 800 rpm and constant horsepower to 1,200 rpm. Maximum continuous speed is 2,300 rpm. The motor allows more flexibility and much higher torque ratings than the conventional DC machine.

**Skiddable CTD tower.** **BJ Services Co** has completed a dedicated coiled tubing drilling tower for **Phillips Petroleum Co Norway**. It incorporates 2 separate skidding systems—one for the main structure and one for the injector. The new design will operate on virtually any platform, can handle extraordinarily large equipment, and is capable of performing limited pipe handling of jointed tubulars.

**Dril-Quip selected for project.** **Enterprise Oil** and its partners **Petrobras** and **Odebrecht** have selected **Dril-Quip Inc** to supply subsea wellheads, subsea trees and services for the Bijupira-Salema development project offshore Brazil. Dril-Quip will supply 16 subsea wellhead systems and 16 subsea production trees beginning in July. Dril-Quip plans additional expansion of its Brazilian operations and facilities to better serve this project and other customers in Brazil.

**Stewart & Stevenson names Sperry.** **Wade F Sperry** has been named to the position of Senior Vice President-Power Products Division at **Stewart & Stevenson Services Inc.** He will be responsible for the Company's largest division, which is focused on the application, sales, and aftermarket support for a broad range of products manufactured by Stewart & Stevenson and other manufacturers.

**Bestolife signs agreement.** **Bestolife Corp** and **Bardahl Lubricantes Argentina SA** have signed an agreement under which Bardahl Lubricantes will manufacture and distribute Bestolife thread compounds in South America. Bardahl Lubricantes Argentina has supplied the automotive and industrial market for over 45 years; Bestolife Corporation has been manufacturing thread compound products for more than 70 years. ■

**Solid state H2S detector.** **Detcon Inc** is producing a solid state (MOS) semiconductor sensor for monitoring and detecting hydrogen sulfide. The TP series sensors can function as both detectors and on-line analyzers of H2S content from 0-20 ppm to 0-10,000 ppm.

**Polymer fluids introduced.** **Hanse-land BV**, Groningen, Netherlands, has introduced Emfloc cost-effective high-performance polymers for use in drill-in fluid systems. The systems have been developed for drilling in pay zones, especially in horizontal holes. Emfloc SXT is a viscosifier with shear thinning properties for higher temperatures; Emfloc CR is a viscosifier and fluid loss additive with a very high CaCl2 tolerance. ■