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3 firms get IADC N Sea Chapt endorsements

At an Offshore Europe lunch hosted by the North Sea Chapter of IADC, 3 companies were presented with North Sea Chapter Certificates of Endorsement for their Safety Leadership Training Programs. **Ken Fischer**, IADC Vice President-Operations, presented the certificates to **Ricky Corrins**, **Santa Fe Drilling Co (North Sea) Ltd**; **Edd Chernouski**, **Stena Drilling Ltd**; and **Roger Rushton**, **Scottish Training Consultants**. These are the first companies to receive the endorsement.

The "Step Change in Safety" initiative earlier identified safety leadership training (SLT) as fundamental to improving safety.

As custodians of the syllabus, IADC North Sea Chapter compiled a package to encourage companies to set up SLT courses for endorsement.

An applicant's program must follow 10 key elements, including communication, organizational culture, motivation and attitudes. Each company's application is reviewed by a panel of peers who assess the quality of each company's SLT syllabus.

"It is hoped that these will be the first of many companies who wish to include Safety Leadership Training as part of their company training programs," said **Bob Mankin**, **Maersk Contractors**, North Sea Chapter Chairman.

"IADC NSC intends to work with all successful applicants to keep the syllabus alive and current."



Certificates of Endorsement were presented to (l-r) **Ricky Corrins**, **Santa Fe**; **Edd Chernouski**, **Stena Drilling**; and **Roger Rushton**, **Scottish Training Consultants** by IADC's **Ken Fischer**, second from left. **Bob Mankin**, IADC North Sea Chapter Chairman is at right.

Those wishing to apply should contact **Dennis Krahn**, IADC Director-European Offshore Affairs at Wood International Centre, Craigshaw Drive, West Tullos, Aberdeen, AB12 3AG or email: dennis.krahn@iadc.org.

Noble now full owner of the Julie Robertson

Noble Drilling Corp has acquired 100% ownership interest in the Noble Julie Robertson, a **Baker Marine** European class independent leg cantilever jackup.

The Company acquired a 50% interest in the rig in January 2000 through a joint venture with **Lime Rock Partners**. The purchase price for the remaining 50% interest was \$20 million.

Under the joint venture, Noble managed the upgrade, marketing and operation of the rig. The major upgrade of the unit in 2000 included a third mud pump, solids control and mud system upgrade and spud can modifications.

The rig is currently under contract to **Talisman Energy (UK) Ltd** in the UK sector of the North Sea.

Atwood rig gets contract

Burullus Gas Company, a joint operating company formed by the **Egyptian General Petroleum Corp**, **BG International Ltd** and **Edison International SpA** has awarded the **Atwood Oceanics Inc** rig, **Atwood Hunter**, a contract to drill 11 wells (plus options) in the Egyptian territorial waters of the Mediterranean.

The **Atwood Hunter** recently underwent a \$50 million water depth upgrade and refurbishment at a shipyard in Mobile, Ala. In October, it was scheduled to be loaded onto a heavy lift vessel to begin a 30-day trip to Egypt.

The drilling program is expected to take 280-340 days to complete, with day rates for the first 3 wells ranging from \$100,000-110,000 and a day rate of \$90,000 for the remaining 8 wells.

Day given Pinnacle Award

James C Day, Chairman and CEO, **Noble Drilling Corp**, received the Pinnacle Award at the Ocean Star Gala and Pioneer Induction Ceremony, held recently by the Offshore Energy Center.

The award was introduced for the first time last year and is designed to honor today's leaders of the offshore industry who have made significant contributions in moving the standards of the industry forward.

Industry Pioneers and Pioneering Technologies were also cited during the Ceremony and inducted into the 2001 Hall of Fame.

Santa Fe upgrades 2 rigs

Major upgrades of two rigs in **Santa Fe International's** Southeast Asia fleet have been completed in Singapore.

At **Jurong Shipyard**, Rig 134 received a new helideck, a new crane, a state of the art cascading mud processing system and new 60-man lifeboats. It is the third upgrade of the unit since 1997.

Santa Fe's **Parameswara** was in the **Keppel FELS** shipyard to be outfitted with a third mud pump, power swivel, two new 60-man lifeboats and a new 1.3 million lb bottleneck derrick complete with heat shielding.

It also received extensive spud can repair and cantilever strengthening.