



### Parker announces contracts, joint venture

**PARKER DRILLING RECENTLY** announced two contracts for land rigs in New Zealand. The first contract is with **Swift Energy** for Parker's rig 252 for up to 16 wells. The rig is on location and drilling ahead. The second contract is with **Marabella Enterprises Limited** for two wells with Parker's rig 188. The contract has a one-well option.

Additionally, Parker announced a one-year contract extension with **BP** for four rigs in Colombia.

Additionally, Parker received a contract with **Pluspetrol** to drill, complete and test four wells in the Camisea gas field. The contract also contains options. Parker's rig 228 was mobilized from Houston to Peru in December.

Once in Peru the rig will be transported via barge to a helicopter staging area, where it will be packaged into 11,000 lb maximum loads and flown by helicopter

to the rig site. The first well is scheduled to spud in April. The rig includes a custom Parker-designed skidding system that allows the rig to move from well to well within two hours.

In Russia, the company signed a joint venture agreement with **Tyumen Oil Co** to provide contract drilling services though out Russia. The joint venture management team will focus on improving the safety, quality, cost-effectiveness and overall efficiency of Tyumen Oil's drilling.

The team will introduce internationally accepted oilfield practices to improve logistics and procurement procedures and enable upgrades to Tyumen Oil's drilling and workover rigs.

Parker will manage the drilling, which will commence with 5-10 Tyumen Oil rigs at the giant Samotlor oil field in Western Siberia. ■

### GlobalSantaFe meets safety requirements

**GLOBALSANTAFE RECEIVED** the full International Safety Management (ISM) certification for its shore-based facilities and the self-propelled offshore rigs.

The ISM certification is a requirement of the **International Maritime Organization's** Safety of Life at Sea regulation, which is soon to be mandatory for all self-propelled offshore drilling rigs operating under member-state flags.

The **American Bureau of Shipping** (ABS) audited GlobalSantaFe for compliance to the code.

The ISM certification requires each company operating self-propelled offshore drilling vessels more than 500 gross tons to demonstrate a safety management system to protect its crews, marine environments and the vessels.

GlobalSantaFe's six rigs that met the ISM code are the Glomar Explorer, Glomar C. R. Luigs, Glomar Jack Ryan, Glomar R. F. Bauer, Glomar Celtic Sea and Glomar Grand Banks. Each rig was awarded an ISM safety management certificate. ■

### Atwood receives contract

**ATWOOD OCEANICS'** semisubmersible Atwood Falcon received a contract to drill five wells plus options for five additional wells offshore Malaysia from **Sarawak Shell** and **Sabah Shell**. The rig was to mobilize to Malaysia immediately following its three-year contract with **Shell Philippines Exploration** in December 2001. The contract provides for a dayrate of \$73,300 for the five firm wells and approximately \$83,300 for the five option wells. ■

### Gorilla V contract dispute

**IN THE ONGOING** contract dispute with **Amoco**, **Rowan Companies** said it learned Dec 14 that Amoco (UK) Exploration Company filed an Application for Permission to Appeal the Judgment handed down by the English court on Nov 16, 2001. Amoco had paid to Rowan's subsidiary, British American Offshore Ltd the sums it was ordered to pay following the judgment of Nov 16, amounting to \$88.6 million. The English court is considering as a preliminary matter whether or not to grant Amoco permission to appeal.

"Notwithstanding the very clear finding by the English Court that Amoco's case 'fails on the facts at every point'," said **Robert C Bob Palmer**, Rowan Chairman and CEO, "BP and their attorneys have decided to prolong the agony." ■

### Deepwater record set

**TRANSOCEAN SEDCO FOREX** set another record for ultra-deepwater drilling with its Discoverer Spirit drillship. The rig spud an appraisal well in 9,727 ft of water in Alaminos Canyon Block 903 in the Gulf of Mexico for **Unocal Corp.**

The Discoverer Spirit installed and tested BOP equipment on Oct 27 and 28 on Unocal's Trident 2 well in Alaminos Canyon Block 903, surpassing the previous industry water depth record, also held by the Discoverer Spirit, for drilling in 9,687 ft of water. The previous record was set in May 2001 on the first Trident well in Alaminos Canyon Block 903.

The Discoverer Spirit utilizes Transocean Sedco Forex's proprietary dual activity drilling process. Along with Unocal's unique approach to low cost drilling, dual activity is designed to reduce by approximately 15% the time required to drill exploration wells and up to 40% for production wells.

Drilling activity time savings are achieved by performing drilling tasks in parallel steps instead of sequentially with conventional offshore drilling rigs. To date, the Discoverer Spirit has drilled five deepwater exploration wells in the Gulf of Mexico for Unocal, resulting in significant time savings. ■