Executive changes at ENSCO. Effective 1 February, Cary A Moomjian Jr joins the company as Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary. Cary is the Chairman of the 2002 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference, and the Chairman of Drilling Contractor Publications Inc, the IADC subsidiary that publishes Drilling Contractor and the Annual IADC Membership Directory. Previously, Mr Moomjian served at Santa Fe International Corp, attaining the position of Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. ENSCO International also formed a new Office of the President and COO. Effective 1 Jan, three senior vice presidents, William S Chadwick, Jr. (formerly Vice President administration), C Christopher Gaut (formerly Senior Vice president Finance) and P Jeff Saile (formerly Vice President Operations) were appointed to the office. Carl F Thorne, who previously held the position of President, will remain Chairman and CEO. Richard F Wilson, formerly Senior Vice President and COO, will become Executive Vice President and function primarily as a senior advisor to the CEO.

Schlumberger Vice Chairman retires. The Vice Chairman of Schlumberger Ltd, Victor Grijalva, retired effective the end of 2001 following a 37 year career with the company. He joined Schlumberger as a senior development engineer in Houston in 1964. After numerous field assignments around the world and after serving as vice president of personnel for Schlumberger Ltd in 1984, Mr Grijalva became president of Wireline and Testing for the company’s North American operations in 1985. He was named executive vice president of Schlumberger Wireline and Testing and Anadrrill in 1989 and executive vice president of Oilfield Services in 1993. He was named vice chairman of Schlumberger Ltd in 1998.

Sales manager named at Newpark. Guy Mirro was named Houston Sales Manager for Newpark Environmental Services. Mr Mirro will be responsible for promoting the company’s exploration and production waste, NORM and industrial waste services to energy and industrial industries. He has more than 20 years experience in the environmental, regulatory and energy services sector.

Expro appoints cased hole director. Expro International Group appointed Bob Will as Business Stream Director responsible for the strategic development of the group’s Cased Hole Services for the upstream industry. Mr Will joined Expro in 1997 and has over 20 years of service company experience. He is based in Aberdeen.

Smedvig asa CEO resigns. Christian Bull Eriksson resigned earlier this year. The company’s board appointed the Managing Director of Smedvig’s subsidiary Smedvig Offshore, Kjell E Jacobsen, as acting CEO.

Transocean management changes. W Dennis Heagney will retire as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in June 2002 following 33 years of service to the company. He joined The Offshore Company, a predecessor of Transocean Sedco Forex, in 1969 and worked in a variety of operating and marketing positions. Robert L. Long was appointed President of the company. Mr Long will assume the role of COO upon Mr Heagney’s retirement. Mr Long joined the company in 1975 and held numerous operational and financial roles including Division Engineer, Division Manager of the North Sea and Egypt and his most recent position of Executive Vice President and CFO Financial Officer.

New president at ABB Offshore. Bruce Crager was name president of the company. Mr Crager has more than 26 years experience in the oil and gas industry, most recently as Senior Vice President for Oceaneering International with direct responsibility for all mobile offshore production systems activities.

ROP enhancer. Halliburton Energy Services, through its Baroid Drilling Fluids products service line, introduced its proprietary XLR-RATE product specifically formulated to enhance the rate of penetration while drilling with water-based fluids in medium to hard shales in both onshore and offshore operations. The product increases the ability to slide the bottomhole assembly while drilling directionally with water-based fluids. It also lowers torque and drag, providing increased weight on bit. XLR-RATE can be used in sweep form of continuously added directly to the active fluid system.

Elearning course. NexT, the Network of Excellence in Training, recently launched its newest computer-based training series, Petroleum Economics Interactive (PEI), an 8-hour eLearning series. The learning modules include cash flow basics, revenue, expenditure, fiscal systems, risk analysis and investment analysis. A simulated board of directors meeting requires the student to apply concepts learned throughout the series to make the correct recommendation to the board. PEI is available for deployment on company networks or on CDs.