PEOPLE & COMPANIES

Rowan's new management lineup. Rowan Companies announced the following management changes effective 1 Aug, and which anticipate the retirement of Chairman and CEO Bob Palmer, scheduled for 1 May 2003. At that time, Rowan says it plans to name Daniel F McNease the new CEO. In the announced changes, Mr McNease was promoted to President and COO; he was previously Executive Vice President. Also, Robert G Croyle was named Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer. He was formerly Executive Vice President. Mr Palmer has agreed to stand for re-election for a three-year Board term in April 2003. In addition to their corporate responsibilities, the company’s aviation division will report to Mr Croyle and the drilling and manufacturing divisions will report to Mr McNease.

GlobalSantaFe management changes. GlobalSantaFe Corp’s Board of Directors elected Nial D Morgan Vice President of Tax, Anil B Shah Vice President of Strategic Planning, and John L Truschinger Vice President of Information Services and Technology. Each had begun their career with Santa Fe Drilling. GlobalSantaFe also announced that Seals McCarty, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration elected to take early retirement. Effective immediately, CFO Matt Ralls will report directly to President and CEO C Stedman Garber Jr. Mr McCarty’s position will not be filled.

Transocean names Cauthen VP. Gregory L Cauthen was promoted to Senior Vice President and CFO. He previously served as Vice President, CFO and Treasurer. He joined Transocean in 2001 as Vice President, Finance and Treasurer.

BJ Services management changes. Trey Whichard was promoted to Vice President and CFO of BJ Services, replacing Mike McShane who resigned to be come CEO of Grant Prideco. Iain Anderson was named operations manager for BJ Completions Assembly Services. Doug Bell was appointed area manager-Asia Pacific for BJ Tubular Services.

Grant Prideco elects new CEO. Michael McShane was elected Grant Prideco’s President and CEO and joined the company’s Board of Directors.

New umbilical plant. Kvaerner Oilfield Products (KOP) will build a new steel umbilical manufacturing facility in the Middle Bay Port facility outside Mobile, Alabama. The plant will be operational by the end of March 2003. The equipment is designed to also accommodate manufacturing of the company’s integrated production umbilical, a new product that combines the normal functions of an umbilical with that of a production or injection pipeline.

Man B&W Diesel forms new division. MAN B&W Diesel formed an Offshore Oil and Gas Division to focus on placement of diesel, crude and dual fueled engine driven products in petroleum and exploration and production applications. The company will take its products to the marketplace through US based OEM fabricators who service the drilling and power generation and pumping businesses. Steve Birdsell, Senior Sales Manager, and Ken Abel, Offshore Sales Manager of the company’s Houston office, will direct the program.

Enventure names Teers COO. Michael L Teers was named Chief Operating Officer for Enventure Global Technology: He will coordinate activities between the company’s operations, business development, supply chain and technology groups. Mr Teers was previously a consultant to the firm.

PRODUCTS

Kato introduces generators. Kato Engineering introduced a line of packaged generators for commercial and industrial applications. Designed for use as a standby, prime or portable power source, the generators will work with almost any prime mover. Standard designs in the new packaged line range from 200kW to 2,500 kW, three-phase, in 4-pole, 1,800 rpm machines in four-frame diameters, and from 200 kW to 1,750 kW, three-phase, in 6-pole, 1,200 rpm machines in three-frame diameters. All standard 50 Hz and 60 Hz three-phase voltages are available up to 400 V at 50 Hz and 480 V at 60 Hz. Additionally, 3,300 V at 50 Hz and 4,160 V at 60 Hz are standard.

Explosion proof lights. Papailas Inc provides explosion proof lights that provide lighting and viewing through a single port for use in hazardous (classified) locations. The fixture castings have heavy walls to withstand internal explosions. They will also contain and extinguish the flames of burning gases before they ignite the surrounding atmosphere.

Inflatable packer. TAM International’s new Inflatable Packer Intervention System suns, sets and releases on standard slick line. A preset timer with down hole memory sets the packer assembly with wellbore fluids or carried inflation fluids. The system can be used for temporary or permanent plug backs or to re-complete an upper zone. Scab liner assemblies with blank, screened or artificial lift are also available in sizes 2 1/8-in. OD and larger.