KCA DEUTAG announces drilling contracts

KCA DEUTAG was awarded an additional one-year contract, plus a further one-year extension, for rig T-72 in Libya valued at approximately $11.2 million over two years. Wintershall Libya, awarded the contract extension after the completion of the initial one-year contract in which several milestones were achieved. An upgrade of the equipment was carried out in a timely fashion and within budget during the rig move after drilling the initial well. This consisted of the installation of an independent electric-driven rotary table and upgrade to the shearing capabilities of the blow out preventers. KCA DEUTAG's mobilization and rig up enabled the initial spud seven days ahead of the target. Additionally, the rig operated throughout the entire year with a 99.74% uptime. The company was also awarded a three-year framework agreement by EMPG (ExxonMobil Production Germany) valued at up to $36 million. The contract is for land drilling services on two deep gas wells located in Northern Germany near Bremen and Hamburg. The first of these is Kneheim, which spud on 16 February. The second well was spud in early June.

Atwood drilling contracts

Atwood Oceanics said that Sarawak Shell has reinstated a contract to utilize the Atwood Falcon for two wells with options for three additional wells offshore Malaysia. The dayrate will vary depending upon the water depth: $83,300 for water depths exceeding 2,500 ft; $68,300 for water depths between 1,000-2,500 ft; and $53,000 for water depths less than 1,000 ft. The drilling program will begin around August 1.

Woodside Energy contracted the Atwood Eagle for two wells with an option for one additional well offshore Australia. The dayrate is $89,000 for all wells drilling in up to 600 m of water.

ConocoPhillips awarded a contract for the Atwood Beacon for a drilling program off Indonesia for three firm wells and options for four more wells. The contract calls for a dayrate of $90,000 for the three firm wells and $82,400 for any option wells plus a mobilization fee of $800,000.

Parker announces contracts

Parker Drilling was awarded a five-rig, 27-well contract for land drilling operations in southern Mexico. The contract is part of an integrated services contract awarded to Halliburton de Mexico by Pemex. The contract will include Parker rigs 121, 122, 165, 174 and 260 in the Samaria, Iride and Cunducaen fields in the state of Tabasco. The rigs were mobilized from locations in Bolivia and Colombia. Additionally, Parker was directly awarded a two-year contract for its barge rig 53 by Pemex for work in the Macuspana Basin in the inland waters of the state of Tabasco. The contracts are Parker's initial entry into the Mexican market.

KCA DEUTAG builds new land rig

KCA DEUTAG recently took delivery of its 3,000 hp rig T-79 in Dubai. The rig cost approximately $9.6 million. The rig also features a 1.6 million lb hook-load capacity and three 1,600 hp mud pumps. Features also include engine sound proofing, low engine emissions and zero discharge capability. The rig was constructed at Lamprell Energy Ltd’s Jebel Ali facility.