



## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

**Pride announces changes.** Pride International announced that **Imran (Ron) Toufeeq** was named the company's Vice president of Engineering & Technical Services. He was previously employed by R&B Falcon, ultimately serving as Senior Vice President of Operations. He most recently served in an advisory capacity to other companies in the drilling industry. Additionally, **Mario Kricorian** was named Vice President of Latin American Operations. **John Talbot** was named Vice President of Marketing.

**ENSCO makes appointment.** ENSCO International appointed **Charles A Miller** as Vice President Human Resources and Security. He was most recently Senior Vice President Human Resources and Corporate Services for Hunt oil Company from 1989 to 2002.

**Senior management change at Parker.** Parker's Senior Vice President and COO **Robert Nash** is resigning from the company. Mr Nash will serve as a consultant to the company upon his departure on June 30. He joined the company in 2001 as Senior Vice President and COO.

**Friede & Goldman names Vice President.** **Robert W Fogal** joined Friede & Goldman as Vice President-Marketing & Business Development of the engi-

neering company. He is a third generation shipbuilder and brings more than 40 years of oil and gas industry experience in international sales and operations to the company.

**Katch Kan announces rig deals.** **Katch Kan Limited** announced two agreements with **Nabors Drilling International** and **Nabors Canada** to supply their rig fleets with Katch Kan

## Obituary

Mr Yu-Shiu Miao, founder and chairman of SST Energy Corporation, died March 30 in Taipei. SST Energy is a Colorado-registered and Wyoming-based drilling contractor that was established in 1989 with two rigs. The company grew to become a major Rocky Mountain region driller with 12 rigs and a work force of more than 300 people. ■

**Tong Handle Guards (THG).** The guards protect the rig crews' hands during normal tong operation. They are extremely durable and install in minutes. Their light weight allows for easy retrofitting in the field. ■

## PRODUCTS

**Short radius sidetracks.** **Baker Oil Tools** introduced its PathMASTER Whipstock System, delivering the one-trip and retrievable features of the WindowMaster Whipstock with a shorter whipstock ramp and full gauge mills for more efficient short-radius casing exits. The system can start, mill and ream a window exit without requiring a change in bottom hole assembly, resulting in a full gauge window in one milling trip. The PathMASTER System has a quicker kickoff with a higher build rate for short radius drilling applications. The shorter whipstock combines with a milling assembly consisting of only a window mill and watermelon mill to form a significantly shorter window exit BHA capable of

passing through higher doglegs in the wellbore.

**New well control system.** **Schlumberger** introduced the SenTREE HP (High Performance) that enables the well testing and completion of exploration, appraisal and development sub-sea wells in challenging environments. The SenTREE HP has a 6 3/8-in. bore and a working pressure rating of 15,000 psi. To complement the system, the existing field-proven Commander telemetry in-riser controls will be upgraded to match the operating envelope to provide a 15 second response time to shut in the well and disconnect the landing string regardless of water depth. ■

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