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 Park er. 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 engineering 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 passing through higher doglegs in the wellbore.

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