Top Oilfield Engineering Services founder passes away

Terrence Stewart Midgley, founder of UAE-based Top Oilfield Engineering Services, has suddenly passed away in Dubai due to complications related to diabetes. He was 59.

Mr Midgley got his start in the industry as a rig mechanic with KCA in 1972. He joined Santa Fe in 1976 as a rig mechanic and eventually became warehouse superintendent. During his 14 years with Santa Fe, he was stationed in Kuwait during the Gulf War, and he was an active contributor to local support and rebuilding efforts.

After relocating to Dubai in 1992, he recognized the need for an oilfield repair facility and founded Top Oilfield Engineering Services in 1993. Mr Midgley is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters Amanda and Yvonne; and grandsons Brody and Colby.

Oman Well Control School facility

Well Control School has opened a training facility in Muscat, Oman. It will offer instructor-led and e-learning with System 21 well control training.

Additionally, Well Control School has appointed Jonathon Lemley and Bob Rooney as account managers. Mr Lemley will be responsible for the Rocky Mountain area; Mr Rooney will oversee accounts in Houston and other target areas of Texas.

ENSCO names new chairman

ENSCO International’s board of directors has selected Daniel W Rabun to serve as chairman of the board, effective immediately, following the retirement of former chairman Carl F Thorne. Mr Rabun also serves as ENSCO president and CEO.

Axxis Drilling sells assets

Axxis Drilling of Broussard, La., has agreed to sell its assets to Trinidad Energy Services Income Trust of Calgary, Canada, for US$139 million. This will include at least four land rigs and one inland barge.

Proserv makes acquisition

Proserv Offshore has acquired Twachtman, Snyder & Byrd, a provider of well abandonment and decommissioning services. Proserv expects the acquisition will enhance its global offshore expansions.

General manager at Southwestern

Texas-based Southwestern Drilling Co has named Richard A Zartler, who has more than 23 years of oilfield experience, as general manager.

Statoil’s acting executive VPs

Tim Dodson and Mads Grinroed have been appointed acting executive vice presidents of Statoil, with responsibility for the E&P Norway business area and corporate staff function for HSE, respectively.
Ambar completes new center
Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services, a subsidiary of Patterson-UTI Energy, has completed a 21,800-sq ft distribution and operations complex in Tyler, Texas. It consists of a warehouse for drilling/completion fluid material storage and an office facility housing operations, distribution, sales and a fluid-testing laboratory.

Sondex plans expansion
Sondex is planning a facility in Aberdeen that will comprise 1,350 sq m of offices, manufacturing and test facilities, as well as 3,100 sq m of yard area.

Additionally, Sondex has named Dominique Legrand as director of group manufacturing. He will be based in Hampshire, UK, and his responsibilities will include overseeing the company’s manufacturing strategy.

Texas environmental award recognizes Atlas Copco
Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions recently won the Texas Environmental Excellence Award, one of 12 winners statewide. It was presented by Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The award was given for Atlas Copco’s environmental leadership in reducing pollution, saving energy and promoting environmental stewardship in its manufacturing process.

Schlumberger acquires V.I.P.S.
Schlumberger has acquired V.I.P.S., a UK-based reservoir geomechanics software and consulting company. Its office in Bracknell, UK, now becomes the Schlumberger Reservoir Geomechanics Center of Excellence under the direction of V.I.P.S. founder Nick Koutsabeloulis.

Nabors’ new VP HSE
Keith W Stratton has been promoted to vice president - health, safety and environment for Nabors International. He will be responsible for global operations outside North America.

Expro announces unified mission
Following the acquisition last year of PowerWell Services, Expro has announced a new brand identity and unifying mission. Well flow management is now Expro’s single mission. It summarizes its focus on providing services and products that measure, improve, control and process flow from oil and gas wells. Expro will focus on five key marketing areas: well testing and commissioning; production systems; wireline intervention; connectors and measurements; and drilling chokes.

M-I SWACO opens Bangkok center
M-I SWACO has opened a facility in Bangkok, Thailand, that will offer training in fluids and Environmental Solutions. It houses three classrooms, a fluids laboratory and equipment training for the company’s Environmental Solutions offering. The center also will conduct courses in solids control, cuttings re-injection, cutting drying and the M-I SWACO CleanCut automated pneumatic cuttings collection and transport system.

InterMoor names VP
InterMoor has named Don Hardin as vice president of projects and engineering. With more than 25 years of experience, he will be responsible for worldwide management and oversight of InterMoor’s major projects and engineering.

Baker Hughes signs license deal
Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids has signed an exclusive license agreement with JLC Technologies for produced water management and other fluid treatment applications for the oil and gas industry. Baker Hughes will market and manage services applying JLC Technology’s filtration system, expanding the capabilities of its Fluids Environmental Services line.

Newhire at Tejas Tubular
Tejas Tubular Products has hired Earl Warren to assist in marketing Tejas Tubular’s premium API drill pipe. With more than 35 years of experience, he will oversee existing customers and pursue new business opportunities for Tejas Tubular throughout North America.

Varel opens Rocky Mountain office
Varel International is opening a Rocky Mountain regional office, based in Denver, Colo. Jim Dahlem will serve as regional sales manager for Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Montana.

DWS International offers 100,000-lb winch
DWS International has added a 100,000-lb winch to its line of recovery winches. The Model S100 is hydraulically driven, and a multi-disc wet brake holds the load in the event of hydraulic pressure loss. It also features a four-stage planetary gear set and self-lubricating bushings.