

Scandrill expanding its land rig fleet with several new rigs for delivery in 2006

SCANDRILL INC RECENTLY took delivery of its 15th rig, and the company is planning on adding two additional rigs by mid-2006. The latest rig, Scan Texas, was assembled at the company's yard in Tyler, Texas, with a new mast and derrick from **Pyramid Manufacturing**, and a new SCR system. Other rig components were refurbished by Scandrill, including drawworks and mud pumps.

Thirteen of the company's rigs are working in east Texas, with two operating in Louisiana. The rig was named for the 27-year marriage between Scandrill and the "rich history of Texas drilling," said **Ruth Fairrington**, sponsor of the Scan Texas at the christening.

The 1,500 hp rig can drill to 20,000 ft. It is not considered a "high-tech" rig in that it doesn't have all of the latest bells and whistles such as an enclosed and climate



At the Scan Texas christening ceremony held in early September are, from left, Martin Mosvold, President of Scandrill, Paul Mosvold, Vice President, HS&E, Ruth Fairrington, Scan Texas sponsor and daughter of Martin Mosvold, and Marty DuBroc, Senior Vice President of Scandrill.

controlled driller's cabin with the most innovative computer gadgets, readouts and joy stick controls, nor does the rig feature the automatic pipe handling equipment found on some of the latest land rigs by other contractors.

What Scandrill was trying to produce was a typical workhorse rig that would earn the same premium dayrates that high tech rigs earn but that could be built at a significant reduction in cost compared with a rig with all of the latest technology. The company has succeeded in that respect.

In fact, the Scan Texas didn't have an iron roughneck installed at the time it was christened in early September and mobilized to its first contract. However, a **National Oilwell Varco (NOV)** iron roughneck will be installed on the rig when it is delivered this December.

The rig also features an **MD TOTCO EDR** Drilling Recorder that records depth, mud pump pressure, ROP, etc.

The rig's first contract was in Leon County for **Sulphur River**. The rig next

goes to **XTO Energy** in the same area following its initial drilling contract.

GROWING RIG FLEET

Scandrill is planning on building at least two more land rigs with delivery tentatively scheduled for mid-2006. These will be 1,000 hp units rated to drill to 15,000 ft. Both will be assembled at the Tyler yard.

With a lot of rigs being built and ready for work during the next 12 months, the question of crewing the assets always crops up. Scandrill, however, says it has so far experienced no problems finding new hands for its rigs.

"We promote from within and then hire and train our lower level workers in the field with guidance from the experienced crew members," said , Scandrill's Rig Superintendent in Tyler.

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "we are already hiring and training workers to crew the two rigs we anticipate building in 2006."



The Scan Texas is the latest addition to Scandrill's Texas and Louisiana rig fleet. While the rig doesn't feature many of the bells and whistles found on many new rigs, it is considered a workhorse of a rig in demand by many operators.