Jean P Cahuzac named president of Transocean

JEAN P CAHUZAC has been named president of Transocean Inc. He previously served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the company. Robert L Long will continue to serve as CEO and a director. Mr Cahuzac joined a predecessor company of Transocean in 1979 and has held various international technical and management positions in the oil and gas industry over the past 27 years.

Steven L. Newman has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer. He previously served as senior vice president of human resources and information process solutions.

David J Mullen has been named senior vice president of marketing and planning. He previously served as vice president of the company’s North and South America Unit.

Robert J Saltiel has been named senior vice president of Transocean’s North and South America Unit. He joined the company in 2003 and was previously senior vice president of marketing and planning.

Noble Drilling Services’ senior VP-business development named

NOBLE CORP announced that David W Williams will become senior vice president-business development of Noble Drilling Services. Most recently, Mr Williams was executive vice president of Diamond Offshore Drilling. He holds a business administration in marketing degree from Texas A&M University.

Weatherford acquires core management services company

WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL announced it has acquired OMNI Laboratories, a company specializing in complete core management services, including the retrieval, testing, analysis and preservation of core samples. According to Weatherford, OMNI has pioneered wellsite stabilization procedures for unconsolidated cores, set standards for analysis and evaluation of unconsolidated reservoirs, and developed secured client web access to core data for faster delivery of analysis results, intermediate and final reports. Another area of its expertise is offshore/deepwater core handling techniques, and it has one of the industry’s largest petrographic services groups as well as a rock mechanics laboratory based in Houston.

Sondex acquires LWD, wireline applications company Ultima Labs

SONDEX HAS announced the acquisition of Houston-based Ultima Labs for an initial consideration of $1.65 million and further contingent payments of up to $7.35 million based on future performance. Ultima Labs offers IP and products related to LWD and wireline applications. Their primary LWD product, to be commercialized soon, involves multiple resistivity measurements of rocks and their fluid contents to assess oil and gas production potential.

Grant Prideco buys Andergauge

GRANT PRIDECO has acquired Andergauge Drilling Systems, a provider of specialized downhole tools and related services. The company is based in Aberdeen and will now be included in Grant Prideco’s ReedHycalog drill bit segment.

Baker Hughes executive changes

BAKER HUGHES recently announced four changes to its executive leadership team. William P “Wil” Faubel has been appointed vice president, enterprise marketing for Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations. Paul S Butero has been appointed president of Baker Atlas, succeeding Mr Faubel. Gary G Rich has been appointed president of Hughes Christensen, succeeding Mr Butero.

Frank M “Mike” Davis has been appointed president of Baker Hughes Russia.

Pride names executive VP

PRIDE INTERNATIONAL announced it has named Rodney W Eads to the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer, where he will assume responsibility for the company’s worldwide offshore operations and Eastern Hemisphere land assets.

Mr Eads joins Pride from Diamond Offshore Drilling.

Varel opens Oklahoma City office

VAREL INTERNATIONAL has announced the opening of its new regional office for the Mid-Continent area of the US. The office, located in Oklahoma City, will provide sales and service functions for oil and gas customers operating in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. The office was opened in response to the company’s “incredible growth” in the region, according to William Burton, Varel’s vice president of sales and operations for Western Hemisphere-North.

Superior Energy Services names new international manager

SUPERIOR Energy Services has named Ashley Mark Lane as international manager. He will be based at Superior’s Broussard campus. Mr Lane has been with Superior for nearly 5 years, most recently as the international manager for Stabil Drill, a Superior company offering downhole tools.

David W Williams

Ashley Mark Lane

Rodney W Eads
Baker Oil Tools has introduced StimFORCE, the world’s first modular, mobile stimulation pumping system that provides the capabilities of a traditional, stimulation pumping vessel with skid units. The modular StimFORCE equipment package can be shipped and reconstructed on a platform supply vessel, barge or offshore rig to provide stimulation services in remote locations. The first StimFORCE system was recently shipped to Equatorial Guinea to provide frac pack and gravel pack pumping services on an extensive, multi-year deepwater sand control completion project.

According to Baker Oil Tools manager of fluid pumping services Rudy de Grood, StimFORCE was developed to enable, frac pack, acidizing and pressure stimulation treatments to support completions operations in remote land, swamp and offshore areas. The modular StimFORCE plant consists of a control room, field laboratory, storage containers, power packs, liquid additive system, hydration unit, two 45 bpm frac blenders, 6 frac pumps for 9,300-hp and two 300-ft flexible steel hoses. The system’s treatment range includes Sand Control frac pack completions up to 45 bpm at 12 ppa (pounds proppant added) and 50 bpm at 10 ppa, as well as low-rate open hole gravel pack operations requiring a pumping rate of 5 bpm at 0.5 ppa. Above-deck proppant storage consists of several compartments for storage of 200,000 lbs of proppant, with below-deck bulk transfer connections for multiple treatment capability.