

PEOPLE, COMPANIES & PRODUCTS

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. ♠



David W Williams

Superior Energy Services names new international manager



Ashley Mark Lane

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 down-hole tools. ♠

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 4 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



Rodney W Eads

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. ♠

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 evalua-

tion 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. ♠

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Ultrerra names Bob Iversen as president, CEO

ULTRERRA DRILLING TECHNOLOGIES, a manufacturer of specialized oilfield drill bits and measurement-while-drilling (MWD) tools, has named Bob Iversen as its president and CEO. He replaces **Robert Harrison**, who has stepped down for personal reasons. Most recently, Mr Iversen was president of INRG, a Houston-based consultancy that provides management, investment, sales and HR services to the oil and gas industry. ☯

Dominion E&P names GOM operations VP

DOMINION E&P HAS appointed **Richard L "Rick" Fowler** vice president and general manager of Gulf of Mexico operations. The region includes Dominion E&P's deepwater, continental shelf and Louisiana assets. According to Dominion E&P president and CEO **Duane Radtke**, Mr Fowler has "spearheaded some of our most complex partnerships, including the Devils Tower, Independence Hub and Thunder Hawk projects." ☯

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GasPerm 1000 service improves production in unconventional gas

HALLIBURTON'S Production Optimization Division has added GasPerm 1000 to its suite of stimulation products. The GasPerm 1000 service helps improve production from unconventional reservoirs such as tight gas, shales and coalbed methane. Based on a newly developed microemulsion surfactant, the service helps remove water drawn into the formation during the fracturing process. Removing the water can improve permeability to gas at the fracture face and help increase gas production. ☯

Scales management brochure

MI PRODUCTION CHEMICALS, a division of MI SWACO, is offering a brochure describing technologies and techniques of its scale management system. It discusses scale-inhibiting chemistries and deployment techniques, including continuous scale-inhibitor injection via gas-lift systems, pre-emptive squeezing of reservoirs using non-aqueous base scale inhibitors and end-capped scale inhibitors. ☯

Riser series by Balmoral

Balmoral Offshore Engineering has created a specialized riser series, Durafloat, comprising an advanced composites high-impact protective skin and residual integrity system. Benefits include rugged performance through the composite integral shell, enhanced safety provided by the Residual Integrity System, durability from the high-performance syntactic foam body, comprehensive flexing ability and strength at critical stress points. ☯



The world's first modular, mobile fracture treatment pumping system has been deployed to Equatorial Guinea to provide frac pack and gravel pack pumping services.

Baker Oil Tools offers modular, mobile stimulation pumping system to support remote operations

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 deep-water sand control completion project.

According to Baker Oil Tools manager-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-hhp 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. ☯