

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

**BJ Services names manager.** BJ Services named **Hassan Farshbaf** Country Manager for Algeria with the Well Services Division-Europe & Africa Region. He will oversee all aspects of operational, financial and business development initiatives in Algeria on behalf of the division. Mr Farshbaf previously was Area Manager for Central Asia. **Gary Broiles** was appointed CIS area manager with the Well Services Division in the Middle East Region. He is primarily involved in managing operations in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan and is also responsible for developing new business relationships in Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Georgia and all states in the CIS.



Hassan Farshbaf

**GlobalSantaFe elects VP.** **Robert L Herrin Jr** was elected Vice President. Mr Herrin is responsible for the company's worldwide internal audit function. Also, **Alexander A Krezel**, already a vice president of the company, was elected Corporate Secretary.

**Rowan management changes.**

**Robert G Croyle** was named Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of Rowan Companies. He was previously Executive Vice President with responsibilities for the aviation and manufacturing divisions. **Daniel F McNease** was named President of Rowan Companies. Effective May 1, Mr McNease will also assume the title of Chief Operating Officer.



Robert G Croyle



Daniel F McNease

**Diamond Offshore promotion.** **Bodley P Thornton** was promoted to Vice President - Marketing for Diamond Offshore Drilling. He will be responsible for the company's marketing activities with domestic base customers other than those customers in Louisiana. Mr Thornton was previously Director of Sales in Contracts and Marketing and served as Vice President responsible for Diamond M Onshore, the land division previously owned by the company.



Bodley P Thornton

**Weatherford acquires optical firm.** **Weatherford International** acquired the remaining 60% of Norwegian-based **Optoplan**, a specialist company in the optical fiber and instrumentation and optical fiber Bragg grating technology.

**Enventure adds executives.** Enventure Global Technology appointed **Randy Merritt** to the position of Vice President of Commercialization and Marketing. He will be responsible for the business development and marketing departments. **Kevin Waddell** was appointed to the position of Vice President of Engineering. He will also serve as acting Vice President of Technology. Additionally, **Lance Cook** will step down as CEO of the company and return to Shell in the Deepwater Global Wells Group. He will remain as CEO until a replacement can be found.

**Weatherford also adds executives.** **Lev Ring** joined Weatherford International as Director of Solid Expandable Technology. He was most recently Vice President, Technology, and Chief Technology Officer at Enventure Global Technology. **Pat York**, also previously with Enventure, joined Weatherford as Sales and Marketing Vice President.

**LEWCO earns certification.** **LeTourneau Ellis Williams Company** (LEWCO) was recently certified as meeting the requirements for API's Quality Registrar (APIQR) and Spec Q1 Registration programs as well as ISO 9001:1994. LEWCO was certified for its design, manufacture, remanufacture, servicing and installation of mud pumps and other oilfield equipment. ■

## PRODUCTS

**Water-cooled AC drives.** **Oilfield-Electric-Marine** (O.E.M.) offers a water-cooling option with all AC drives, providing space-saving footprint widths as narrow as 14-in. on the 1,150 hp model. This particular drive is designed to meet requirements of offshore applications that require the efficiency of water-cooled systems.

**Schlumberger LWD tool.** The company's ProVISION magnetic resonance (MR) real-time reservoir steering tool delivers real-time producibility information needed for steering decisions to enhance well performance. Field tested under a wide variety of conditions worldwide, use of the tool includes 49 MR LWD runs for 13 different operators in 35 wells, with footage logged while drilling exceeding 100,000 ft. The tool does not require radioactive

sources and is fully compatible with existing technology. It can be placed anywhere in the BHA, including directly above the bit.

**Drilling fluid cooling.** **Alfa Laval** introduced its Puma drilling fluid cooling module for temperature control of drilling fluid. The system is a skid-mounted module that can normally be connected and ready for operation in less than 24 hours. It was designed to minimize weight and space requirements. The Puma consists of two plate heat exchangers and complete piping assembly including gauges and manually operated butterfly valves for the product and cooling water. The heat exchangers can be operated in parallel or in series depending upon the duties required. ■