



George S Dotson to retire from H&P
Helmerich & Payne announced the retirement of **George S Dotson**, effective 1 March. H&P also announced that following Mr Dotson's retirement, **John**



George S Dotson

Lindsay will become Executive Vice President, US and International Operations, and **Alan Orr** will become Executive Vice President, Engineering and Development.

Mr Dotson began his career at H&P in 1970. He was named

President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co, H&P Inc's subsidiary, in 1977. In 1990, he was elected to the company's board of directors. Upon his retirement, Mr Dotson will provide advisory services to the company for at least a year and continue to serve as Director of the Company until his current term



John Lindsay

expires in March 2007.

Mr Lindsay joined H&P in 1987 as a drilling engineer and has served in many positions, including division manager of US Land Operations. He was appointed to his current position of Vice President, US Land Operations, for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co, in 1997.

Mr Orr joined the company in 1975 as a roughneck. He has held various supervisory positions in



Alan Orr

both domestic and international operations. In 1992, he was appointed to his current position as Vice President and Chief Engineer for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. ■

New VP of Engineering and Research for the PDC Business Unit at Varel

Varel International appointed **Graham Mensa-Wilmot** as its new Vice President of Engineering and Research for the PDC Business Unit. Mr Mensa-Wilmot will manage all activities related to engineering, design and application of fixed cutter products for Varel's PDC bits.

He is joining Varel with 16 years of PDC drill bit experience. He is an active IADC

member and has authored or contributed to 29 technical papers and issued 19 patents. "Graham brings the common sense of an experienced driller and the intellectual intensity of a scientist," said **Mike Reese**, Vice President-PDC Business Unit. ■



Graham
Mensa-Wilmot

GlobalSantaFe appoints new Vice President, Tax

GlobalSantaFe has appointed **Myrtle Penelton** as Vice President, Tax. Ms Penelton is succeeding **Nial Moran**, who is retiring after 40 years with the company.

Ms Penelton most recently served as Tax Director at GlobalSantaFe. She joined Global Marine Inc as Senior Tax Analyst in 1986 and has held a variety of positions regarding domestic and international tax compliance and planning. She also currently serves as IADC's Chairman of the Tax Subcommittee.

Ms Penelton is a Certified Public Accountant and holds an accounting degree from Mississippi State University. ■



Myrtle Penelton

AlMansoori appoints General Manager, Wireline Services

Abu Dhabi-based AlMansoori Specialized Engineering (MSE) has appointed **Ahmad Jaber** as General Manager, Wireline Services. Mr Jaber

was previously the General Manager of Camco Petroleum Services in Libya and has worked with Schlumberger in the Far East, Middle East and North Africa. Mr Jaber holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Bucharest Polytechnic University in Romania.



Ahmad Jaber

New VP-Noble Technology named

Noble announces that **Kevin D Roche**, General Manager-Noble Drilling Canada Ltd, has taken on the added responsibilities of Vice President-Noble Technology. Mr Roche will now be responsible for the company's worldwide technology efforts. He has been with Noble since 1994 and holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Schlumberger relocates US corporate office

Schlumberger will relocate its US corporate office from New York to Houston in the second half of 2006.

"Our focus on growth in oilfield services will be enhanced by a closer proximity of our corporate office to key engineering and operational facilities," said Chairman and CEO **Andrew Gould**.

"We look forward to consolidating our presence in the community that was instrumental in our development." The company will still maintain corporate offices in Paris and The Hague.

A new era at Ulterra

RockBit International has announced a major rebranding campaign under the name **Ulterra Drilling Technologies**. The name represents the company's expectations for exceeding client needs and providing superior product, sales and service. "Rebranding under this vibrant new name reflects the strides we taking to establish the company as the strongest, fastest and most efficient option for the oil and gas industry," said **Bob Harrison**, CEO of Ulterra. ■

PRODUCTS

Katrina relief big at Shell, Motiva

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, **Shell Oil Company** and **Motiva Enterprises LLC** donated more than \$3 million to the **American Red Cross** and **United Way** Katrina disaster relief funds and matched employee and retiree donations for up to \$1 million more. Shell and Motiva also donated computers and IT expertise for installation and programming to serve Houston-area shelters. Gasoline and other fuel also were donated to New Orleans police and other officials, and \$100,000 in gas cards were provided to help survivors return home.

Shell and Motiva employees, retirees and family members also joined in relief efforts, donating more than 21,000 hours to community organizations. Volunteer tasks included assisting with transitioning evacuees from buses to shelters, picking up trash at the Houston Astrodome, writing Red Cross checks to evacuees, sorting and packing donations, and setting up Shell-donated computers at the Astrodome to register evacuees.

Well Control School relocates

Well Control School, a subsidiary of **RPC Inc.**, has relocated its corporate headquarters from Harvey, La., to Houston. WCS will continue to conduct training classes via traveling schools in the New Orleans area but has moved the administrative functions to the Houston office.

Draka opens centers in Scotland and Singapore

Draka Marine, Oil & Gas International has opened new wire and cable distribution centers in Aberdeen, Scotland, and Jurong Town, Singapore, to serve the offshore and ship repair industry. "Time and dependability are of utmost importance in the oil business," said **Bob Springs**, Division President of Draka Marine, Oil & Gas. "We're ensuring that we not only offer the best-in-class products but that we also provide localized support, knowledge and service." The Aberdeen and Singapore facilities will be managed by **Jim Mann** and **Peter Yang**, respectively. Draka also has a distribution center in Houston and sells through distributors in all major offshore markets. ■

Schlumberger introduces Scanner family

Schlumberger has introduced its Scanner family of wireline measurements that delivers more simultaneous three-dimensional radial measurements at multiple depths of investigation to help drillers fully characterize the subsurface environment and to better understand reservoirs. The Sonic Scanner makes a radial measurement with typical depths of investigation equal to up to 3 times the borehole diameter, in addition to axial and azimuthal measurements.

The Rt Scanner provides direct measurements to evaluate the vertical and horizontal resistivity around the wellbore, as well as the dip and azimuth of the forma-

tion, in 3D. From these measurements, a reservoir model can be built from the enhanced hydrocarbon and water saturation estimations in laminated, anisotropic or faulted formations.

The MR Scanner provides nuclear magnetic resonance measurements to help resolve petrophysical challenges, including unknown or varying salinities, low-resistivity or low-contrast pay zones and thin beds. This is made possible using a single pass with multiple depths of investigation. MR Scanner provides detailed formation evaluation of the near-wellbore region, fluid identification and in situ hydrocarbon characterization. ■

Weatherford optical sensing solutions achieves milestones

Weatherford International's optical sensors have passed the million mark for cumulative hours of run-time. More than a million feet of installed optical cable now support pressure/temperature, single and multiphase flowmeter, distributed temperature system (DTS) and seismic sensors. Additionally, a record 100 optical pressure/temperature sensors installed in more than 90 wells demonstrates the acceptance of optical technology.

The all-glass sensor consists of a single component, which eliminates the typical failure mechanisms present in other sensing technologies.

UBD simulator introduced

CS Inc is introducing a portable simulator with an advanced well model to train personnel for underbalanced drilling operations. The Model UBD-22UL simulator consists of two consoles, interactive UBD displays and an instructor's station. Equipment simulation includes rotating BOP, emergency shutdown, remotely controlled choke, 4-phase separator, supervisor displays of all UBD parameters, nitrogen injection control and backpressure adjustment of gas flow. The well model includes circulation of compressible fluid, the use of parasite or concentric strings, connection behavior and potential failures.

The simulator specifications follow IADC's standards for underbalanced drilling simulators. The first Model UBD-22UL will be delivered to RigTrain in Aberdeen, Scotland. The CS Full Size Drilling Simulator at RigTrain also will be

upgraded for underbalanced operations.

TIW installs XPAK Expandable Drill Down Liner Hanger system

TIW Corp has successfully completed its downhole installation of the XPAK Expandable Drill Down Liner Hanger system. The 3,200-plus feet of 5 1/2-in. 17ppf liner was drilled in +/- 945 feet and set inside of 7 5/8-in. 33.7ppf casing. The XPAK Expandable Drill Down Liner Hanger, along with the liner, was rotated before and during the cementing operations, then set hydraulically using a multi-stage setting tool. The liner top was then pressure-tested to the operator's requirements.

This is TIW's fourth product in the expandable line.

EZ Hull process delivers lost-circulation material to well site, into mud pits

EZ Hull, LLC has introduced the EZ Hull Process, a safe and efficient means of delivering lost-circulation materials to the well site and into the mud pits. It pneumatically delivers bulk lost-circulation material into the active drilling mud system. Each EZ Hull system includes 25 hp 240/480 dual voltage electric motor; E-Z Hull, LLC blower; UL, NEMA rated Combination Starter-Disconnect switch; twist-lock power connection or connector facilitating "power accessibility" to the blower; 10-in. suction hose and 8-in. discharge hose sized to each operation as determined by the distance between bulk lost-circulation material trailer and the mud pits; steel, welded frame; blower stand; copper grounding rod; bulk lost-circulation material trailer. ■