



## IADC's accreditation department ISO certified

**IADC'S ACCREDITATION AND** Certification Department has received ISO 9001:2000 certification for Quality Management Systems, reaching a new milestone for drilling industry training excellence.

Det Norske Veritas issued the certificate on 30 March following a pre-assessment in February and an initial audit and a final technical re-view in March.



"We chose DNV to be our ISO registrar because of its long-standing reputation for quality within our industry," said **Steve Kropla**, IADC Director of Accreditation and Certification. "We feel their certification to this standard will help IADC demonstrate its own commitment to quality and continuous improvement, not only within our own organization but in concert with our accredited training providers."

IADC accredits training institutions around the globe that instruct drilling personnel in safety, well control and ballast control. Its range of programs include WellCAP, HSE and UBO RigPass, Ballast Control & Stability, and the recently launched Competence Assurance Accreditation Program.

For more information, contact IADC's Houston headquarters at ++ 1/713-292-1945 or its Eastern Hemispheres office at ++ 31/24-6752252.

## SAPC Golf Tournament to be held 14-15 December in Dubai

**THE 2006 SAPC** IADC Golf Tournament will be held on 14-15 December at Dubai's Emirates Golf Club on the Wadi and Majlis courses.

The annual IADC Southern Arabian Peninsula Chapter golfing event draws hundreds of players from not only the UAE but also across Europe, the US and Southeast Asia.

As in past years, a post-tournament gala dinner will be held at the club on the night of the 15th.

For more information, contact **Gordon McGeachy** of **First Safety Solutions** at 971/4-8811995.

## Houston Chapter puts offshore life on exhibit



The Life on a Rig exhibit, sponsored by the IADC Houston Chapter, depicts what it's like to work and live on an offshore rig through photos and other displays. The photo above illustrates the galley on a rig that serves meals 6 times a day. Below, the group of photos shows the types of activities available to rig workers when they are not working their 12-hour tour.

**THE LIFE ON** a Rig exhibit, sponsored and funded by the IADC Houston Chapter, was recently completed and has been receiving positive feedback from visitors, said **Lisa White**, Operations Director at the **Ocean Star** offshore rig and museum in Galveston, Texas.

The exhibit depicts the life of an offshore rig worker primarily through realistic photo-murals and portrays the type of work conducted on an offshore rig and dining in the galley. Recreational facilities such as exercise equipment, tel-



evisions, pool tables, ping pong tables and areas where a worker can read books or magazines in a quiet setting are depicted via photographs. The exhibit also includes a life-size model of a typical crew quarters with bunk beds and desk, with photographs to complete the characterization.

A video system, also funded by the IADC Houston Chapter, shows the 14-minute video "A

Glimpse of Life Offshore," which was filmed on **Transocean Inc's** drillship **Discoverer Enterprise**. ■