



**Noble names COO.** Noble Corporation named Mark A Jackson Senior Vice President and COO. He served as the company's Senior Vice President and CFO from Sept 2001 and assumed additional responsibility for the company's western hemisphere operations in January 2004.

**Keppel announces management changes.** Keppel Corporation promoted Choo Chiau Beng and Teo Soon Hoe to Senior Executive Directors. Both were previously Executive Directors. Mr Choo Chiau Beng is Chairman and CEO of Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd, Chairman of Singapore Petroleum Company Ltd and Chairman of Singapore Refining Company. Mr Teo Soon Hoe is the Group Finance Director of the company. He is also Chairman of Keppel Telecommunications & Transportation, among other entities.



Choo Chiau Beng



Teo Soon Hoe

**Hercules Offshore management.** Hercules Offshore, formed with the purchase of jackup rigs from Parker Drilling, is a privately-owned company formed in August 2004. Randall D "Randy" Stillely is President and CEO, joining the company in October 2004. He was previously President and CEO of Seitel Inc and was President of the Oilfield Services Division of Weatherford International as well as holding numerous executive positions at Halliburton. Steven A Manz is the company's CFO. He was previously Managing Director of Noble Technology Services, a division of Noble Corporation. He also served as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Director of Accounting and Investor Relations at Noble.

**Management changes at Knowledge Systems.** Kevin Brady was named Vice President-Marketing for the company. He will be responsible for the company's marketing efforts to expand its global presence, customer base and product mix. He was previously publisher of *World Oil* and was Corporate Marketing Manager for Precision Drilling in Calgary.

**KCA DEUTAG opens Russian head office.** The company is opening a regional head office in Tyumen, Western Siberia, to manage and support the company's onshore drilling operations in Russia. About 400 people will be employed in the office, the majority of whom will work on the company's rigs. The office and yard are scheduled to be operational in the third quarter 2005.

## PRODUCTS

**Lubrication Monitoring Technology.** Sharjah-based Top Oilfield Engineering Services LLC released its new Dynalarm Monitoring System that uses microprocessor technology to monitor wear on lubricated surfaces in engines and other machines and monitors viscosity changes in the lubricant. The system can be designed for installation on any make and model of engine. The monitor can detect a failure in 1 of 16 connecting rod bearings at any operating temperature or rpm, according to the company. Dynalarm, an engine lubricant flow path monitoring system, determines how much oil is flowing in the engine or machine and computes what the oil pressure should be while monitoring the temperature. If the lubricant viscosity changes or wear increases, the computed value will change. With a change of only 1-2%, an operator can be alerted or the machine shut down.

**High performance mud pump.** American Block Manufacturing will introduce its high performance 1,600 hp mud pump at the Offshore Technology

**QCI Marine Offshore announces management changes.** QCI Marine Offshore promoted Ed Garner to Vice President of Operations. He will oversee the company's operations in the US, Mexico, West Africa and South America. He previously held the positions of project manager, senior project manager and construction manager. Also, David Griffin was recently hired to manage the electrical and mechanical group at QCI.

**Varel donates drill bit.** Varel International donated a drill bit valued at \$40,000 to the Wiess Energy Hall in Houston, a permanent exhibit within the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The bicenter bit will be displayed at the museum's grand re-opening May 6.

**International Rig Equipment formed.** The Houston-based company was formed by Kevin and Kyle Stogner, who bring experience and expertise to the equipment, supply and rig service company. The brothers intend to build alliances and provide customer service, qualities they say are inherited from their father, Huey Stogner. ■

Conference. The pump features a welded steel frame with balanced forged alloy gear crankshaft. The pump has triple redundant lubrication with forged alloy gear set. Different size mud pumps will be introduced in the future, according to the company.

**Racking board pipe handling system.** Iron Derrickman, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is introducing a racking board pipe handling system designed to fit into existing double and triple drilling rig masts with little or no modifications. The equipment will take the place of a derrickman working on the racking board during drilling and tripping operations. The system will vertically lift and rack triple stands of drill pipe up to 5 1/2-in, 5 1/2-in heavy weight pipe and triple stands of drill collars up to 6 1/4-in. The system attaches to or is built as part of the racking board. It lifts a stand of pipe from below the tool joint, moves it through the rotating gate and automatically racks the pipe in the board. The system is operated from the rig floor via a portable remote control. ■