



### Premium Drilling names CEO.

Premium Drilling has named **Robert W Rose** Chief Executive Officer. Mr Rose has more than 25 years experience in the offshore industry and was most recently Vice President-Worldwide Operations for **Noble Corp.** Premium Drilling is jointly owned by **Awilco Offshore ASA** and **Sinvest ASA** and is responsible for operating a fleet of eight ultra premium jackup rigs presently under construction in Singapore. Five of the rigs are scheduled for delivery in 2006.

### Pride names CEO. Pride International

elected **Louis A Raspino** President and CEO and a director of Pride. He replaced **Paul A Bragg**, who resigned his position with Pride to pursue other interests. Mr Raspino was Executive Vice President and CFO since joining Pride in December 2003. He previously held positions with **Grant Prideco**.

### Noble announces promotions. Mike

**Lamb** has been appointed Vice President and Treasurer for Noble Drilling. He joined Noble in December 1996 as Financial Reporting Analyst and has served in various accounting and treasury roles. In March, he was named Risk Manager and has been serving in that position for the past five months. **Mike Cadigan** was appointed Director of Risk for Noble. He joined Noble full time in the Canadian Division in January 1996 as the ESQ Advisor after having completed an internship for Noble in the UK Division in the summer of 1995. In April 2000 he was promoted to Manager of HSEQ for Noble at which time he relocated to the Corporate Office. **Kerric Peyton** was appointed Manager of HSEQ. He joined Noble in the Engineer Trainee program in September 1999, transferring into the HSEQ group in January 2001 as HSE Specialist. Prior to joining Noble, Kerric served for five years in the United States Navy.

**RockBit International announces sales appointments.** **Johnny Everett** is Vice President of Sales for North America. **Justin McMillan** was named Director of International Sales. **Wayne Bailey** was named Region Manager-Southern US. **Tim Brower** was named Region Manager - Northern US.

**Diamond Offshore Compliance Manager joins CPA board.** **Charlotte A H Tafaro**, **Diamond Offshore's** Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance Manager, was elected to the 2005-2006 Board of Directors for the Houston CPA Society.

### Atwood announces appointment.

Atwood Oceanics has appointed **James Gillenwater** Manager of Human Resources. ■

## PRODUCTS

**Waste injection services.** M-I SWACO established a subsurface waste injection assurance team comprising geomechanics and petroleum engineering specialists to provide premium integrated solid and liquid waste injection services for operators. Services include front end engineering and feasibility studies, project specific injection procedures, custom designed subsurface injection equipment, specifically trained subsurface engineers, monitoring and evaluation of ongoing operations. A key objective of the integrated group is mitigating risks and potential long-term liabilities associated with subsurface waste injection and disposal.

**Drilling Reporting Software.** **Infostat Systems Inc** announced the latest release of its RIMDrill drilling information and IADC daily reporting software that includes the option to measure various performance characteristics of the drilling process. The goal of adding these new performance monitoring features to RIMDrill is to integrate the data capture and data output features within

the RIMDrill interface. Data is output in graphical format that allows comparisons on a well by well basis for a single rig or between multiple rigs. Data can also be used to develop metrics for benchmarking of rig operational activities and provide support for continuous improvement programs.

**Even Rubber Thickness Stator.** A new even rubber thickness stator, the Moyno® ERT™ Power Section from **R&M Energy Systems** significantly improves the overall performance of power sections used in down-hole drilling applications, according to the company. The company's experience in stator engineering and manufacturing enabled it to develop stators with internal contours that are precision-machined, rather than hydraulically formed. Applying an even thickness of rubber to the stator contour and supporting each lobe with steel minimizes the rubber's degree of dimensional change during use due to temperature, chemical attack and loading. ■

## Obituary

**Floyd M "Steve" Stevenson**, 1962-63 President of the American

Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (now International Association of Drilling Contractors), passed away at his home in Colorado Springs on August 10, 2005 at the age



Floyd M Stevenson

of 94. He was born in Marshall, Okla April 15, 1911. He was employed by **Phillips Petroleum** in Borger, Texas, beginning in June 1933. In 1946 he formed **Signal Oilfield Service** operating cable tool rigs in Oklahoma and Kansas. He bought his first rotary drilling rig in 1953, forming **Signal Drilling Co.** Both Signal companies expanded and operated in the Rocky Mountain Region until their sale to **Petrolane** in 1978. He retired in 1982 and moved to Palm Desert, Calif. ■