Drilling Onshore America examines current issues

ATTENDEES AT THE 2004 IADC Drilling Onshore America Conference & Exhibition are sure to leave the conference armed with information and perspectives that will provide them with the knowledge to perform their respective jobs a little better.

Leading drilling executives, operators and analysts will make presentations on safety, training, new API standards and outlooks on future activity.

The conference, scheduled for 18 May in Houston, begins with registration and exhibit viewing at 7 am with coffee service sponsored by Halliburton Energy Services.

The Drillers Breakfast sponsored by Grant Prideco begins at 8 am, moderated by David Russell, Vice President-Land for Rowan Companies.

In this breakfast, two seasoned drilling contractor executives, Larry Pinkston, President of Unit Corporation, and Wm Stacy Locke, President and CEO of Pioneer Drilling, will share their perspectives on the outlook for the land drilling industry and the challenges it faces in today's market.

A coffee break sponsored by Pason Systems USA Corporation follows the breakfast and at 9:45 Richard Tapio, Area Director of the Lubbock/El Paso Area Office of OSHA, presents OSHA's Enhanced Emphasis Program: What Does It Mean to the Contractor?

This is followed by a session not to be missed that will try to answer a nagging question, Is There a Disconnect Between Current High Commodity Prices and Lackluster Drilling Activity?

The session is moderated by Allen Parks, Partner, Parks Paton Hoepfl & Brown. Analysts from three companies, Doug Terreson with Morgan Stanley, Larry Benedetto with Howard Weil and Jeff Robertson with Lehman Brothers, will address the issue and discuss what operators are telling them about the business.

Luncheon and exhibit viewing follow that informative session at 11:30.

The afternoon begins with Ernie Nelson, Vice President Contracts for Nabors Drilling USA LP presenting Contracts Update: Learn the Important Changes Made to the IADC Model Land Contracts.

At 1:30 Bill Hedrick, Vice President, HSE & Regulatory Affairs for Rowan Companies, will discuss how changes and new API standards could impact inspection and maintenance of drilling rig in his presentation, Mast & Derrick Sub-Structure Inspection.

Harry Olds, Corporate HSE Director for CAZA Drilling, will present Achieving Effective Safety Orientation Training. IADC’s RIG PASS program is the cornerstone of CAZA’s successful safety orientation initiative.

Learn how this industry-developed program has helped a safety-focused land contractor achieve solid results.

Following a coffee break at 2:30 sponsored by Hydril Company, the Operators Panel begins at 3 pm, moderated by Scott Gordon, Division Vice President, Land, IADC and Vice President & Gulf Coast Division Manager for Unit Drilling Company.

Three leading US operators share their plans and thoughts on future activity both from a general market perspective and that of their own companies.

On the panel are Matt Reid, Operations Manager for Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation; Duane Radtke, President & CEO of Dominion E&P; and a third panelist to be named.

The conference ends at 4:30 with closing remarks by Mr Gordon.

The conference Planning Committee is to be congratulated for another outstanding lineup of topics and presenters.

The Committee includes Larry Burnett, Grey Wolf Drilling; Tanner Davis, Nabors Drilling USA; Scott Gordon, Unit Drilling Company; Clyde Hebert, Helmerich & Payne IDC; David Russell, Rowan Companies; Ken Fischer, IADC; and Joe Hurt, IADC.

Be sure to visit the Drilling Onshore America Conference exhibitors.

Conference exhibitors include Aberdeen Drilling Schools and Well Control Centre; Arneo Technology Trust Ltd; Center for Work Rehabilitation; Derrick Equipment Company; ElectroWave USA; IADC Publications; LeTourneau Ellis Williams Company; Tesco Corporation; Tuboscope; and Wayne Enterprises.

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