

# Contracts & Risk Conference set for 4 November

**THE IADC CONTRACTS** & Risk Management Conference 4 November at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside examines risks, performance indicators and contracts. Registration and coffee, sponsored by **Fulbright & Jaworski LLP**, begin at 8 am with welcoming remarks by **Mike Roth**, Chairman, IADC Contracts Committee, and Marketing Manager North American Region for **Transocean Inc.** The first presentation, *Indemnification Exasperation* by **Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP** begins at 8:45 am.

At 9:15 **Tommy Ebner**, President and CEO, **McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Texas Inc** moderates a panel discussion on *How to Differentiate Yourself as a Good Risk to Underwriters*. Panelists will include experts in liability and physical damages discussing how drilling contractors can present themselves as good risks to the underwriter. Topics include selling yourself and your compa-

ny; underwriters' expectations; traditional risk allocations; contracting practices and standardization; communication; reducing missed expectations; and working with your insurance broker despite market conditions.

A coffee break follows the panel with the second presentation, *Key Performance Indicators (KPI): Various Systems and How They're Used*, at 10:45. Topics will include:

- How do you Perform?
- Why do we choose you?
- Do operators have standards in place across the board?

Luncheon sponsored by **Fowler, Rodriguez & Chalos**, and **John L Wortham & Son**, begins at noon.

At 1:15 pm, **Cary Moomjian**, Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Sec-

retary for **ENSCO International**, will present *Contract Horror Files: Real World Examples of Horrible Contract Provisions*.

At 1:45 **Marvin C Moos**, Attorney at Law, **Ebanks, Smith & Carlson**, will present an overview of *Cleere vs Dominion: Lessons Learned from the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit's Decision*. This presentation will be followed by a coffee break.

At 3 pm, **John Buvens**, Vice President Legal for **Rowan Companies** will moderate *Consequential Damages*, presented by **Steve Roberts**, Partner, and **Ed Szczepanski**, Associate, **Fulbright & Jaworski LLP**.

The Operators' Market Outlook, moderated by Mr Roth, will follow at 3:45. Mr Roth will make closing remark at 5 pm at which time a welcoming reception sponsored by Locke, Liddell & Sapp will begin at 5:15. ■