

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

**Noble promotes managers.** Noble Drilling Services Inc has announced the following management promotions: **Tim S Thomasson** to Vice President of Tax and Controller; **Steven A Manz** to Vice President of Strategic Planning; **Mark L Mey** to Vice President and Treasurer; **John T Rynd** to Vice President Investor Relations; and **Edward E Hare** to Vice President of Marketing. Also, **Noble Drilling International Ltd** promoted **Danny W Adkins** to Senior Vice President of Operations and **Alan R Hay** to Director of Administration and Contracts. And **Mark A Jackson** has joined **Noble Drilling Corp** as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

**Randy Smith expands staff.** Randy Smith Training Schools announced that **Sissy Grapes**, **Dennis Bullard** and **Davie E Cravy** have joined the company as instructors.

**Nabors assigns Bruce.** Nabors Offshore Corp recently announced that **Joseph Bruce** will serve as President, Gulf Coast Division in Harvey, La.

**Marine weather service now in US.** Nowcasting International Ltd has launched its Nowcasting Pro marine weather forecasting service in the US. **Technosphere Inc**, Houston, has been appointed representative for the Gulf of Mexico and energy related applications. A standard PC on a vessel provides the "nowcast" high-resolution weather data delivered on line for user-selected areas for 24-hour periods.

**Apache names drilling director.** Apache Corp named **Mike Harris** worldwide director of drilling in the company's E&P technology group. He previously was regional drilling manager for **BP Amoco** for the Gulf of Mexico and has drilling and completion experience in several global oil regions.

**New Oceaneering position filled.** **Robert P Morrison** has been appointed Senior Vice President Manufactur-

ing at **Oceaneering International Inc**, a new position. Mr Morrison will have responsibility for Oceaneering's worldwide Multiflex Business and for materials management and quality assurance for all the company's oilfield business related operations.



Alexander A Krezel



Michael R Dawson

**Global Marine names 2 VPs.** **Alexander A Krezel** and **Michael R Dawson** have been named Vice Presidents at **Global Marine Inc**. Mr Krezel was promoted to Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel; Mr Dawson was promoted to Vice President, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications.

**Arthur Andersen promotes.** The Energy Corporate Finance Group of **Arthur Andersen LLP** has announced the following promotions. **F T Chip Webster** is promoted to Partner; **R Seth Bullock** and **Jeffrey N Huddleston** are promoted to Senior Associate; and **Kenneth A Debow** is promoted to Associate.

**Exchange of assets set.** **Global Industries Ltd** and **Oceaneering International Inc** intend to exchange certain assets and share facilities in Asia and Australia. The plan calls for Global to transfer its ROVs and related equipment in Asia and Australia and its Triton XL-11 ROV in the Gulf of Mexico to Oceaneering in exchange for diving assets and related equipment in Asia, Australia, China, and the Middle East.

**FirstWave gets contract.** **Global Marine Drilling Co** has awarded the contract for final commissioning of drilling equipment and other miscellaneous completion work on the newbuild drillship **Glomar Jack Ryan** to **FirstWave/Newpark Shipbuilding**. The vessel arrived at FirstWave's Galveston facility in early September.

**E-business manager named.** **Parker Drilling Co** named **Patrick Seals** general manager of e-business with the responsibility to lead Parker's online business initiative. He previously was a US Division marketing manager. ■

## PRODUCTS

**New drilling fluid.** M-I LLC has introduced a new reversible invert emulsion reservoir drill-in fluid system engineered to deliver the high drilling performance of an oil-base drilling fluid, while providing the cleanup simplicity of a water-base system. During completion, a change in the pH of either the breaker solution or completion brine transforms the wettability of the filter cake from oil to water-wet.

**Centrifugal engine oil filters.** A line of new centrifugal filters is designed for all 18-liter and larger diesel engines. Introduced by **Fleetguard**, the new centrifugal filters reduce emissions, extend drain intervals and remove contaminants in lube oil. The **Centri-guard™** filtration system allows equip-

ment to operate in extended service environments with lower cost.

**Real time seismic data.** Q-Borehole\*, the newest component of **Schlumberger's Q\*** seismic acquisition and processing system, uses a versatile, field-configurable downhole tool with up to 20 multicomponent sensor shuttles that provide real time data at varying sample rates. Advanced software ensures the delivery of data in time to make drilling decisions.

**New hydraulic wrench.** The new Spin-Torq IL360 hydraulic wrench from **Fastorq Bolting Systems** rotates a nut at speeds to 6 rpm. It comes in sizes from 1 1/4 in. to 3 7/8 in. and torque capacities from 100 to 7,500 ft-lbs. ■