

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

**Nicklos Drilling Co reborn!** Nicklos Drilling Co recently changed its name from Nicklos-Bouldin Drilling Co and relocated to downtown Houston. The new address is 700 Louisiana, Suite 4670; Houston, Texas 77002; 713-224-5959; fax, 713-224-5993. **Jim Nicklos** will continue to serve as President of the company.

**First Wave/Newpark wins contracts.** First Wave/Newpark won several contracts recently. First, **EEX Corp** contracted the firm to repair and maintain the semisubmersible unit Enserch Garden Banks. The rig was scheduled for arrival at the company's East Pelican Island facility in Galveston in mid-August. In addition, the company recently completed offsite modifications to increase riser storage deck capacity on **Global Marine Drilling's** Glomar Arctic I while drilling operations progressed. First-Wave/Newpark also won a contract to fabricate, assemble and install new mat sections on **Rio Grande Supply's** jackup Phoenix VI. Finally, First Wave/Newpark announced that **Diamond Offshore Drilling** had awarded it a contract to complete upgrades to the drillship **Ocean Clipper**.

**Cat offers finance package.** **Caterpillar** is offering a financing package on repower purchases for drilling and workover rigs. New orders must be received by 15 Oct, 1999. Cat is also offering deferred payment and decelerated payment structures for contractors. In other Cat news, the company announced that it would supply 6 diesel Cat 3616 engines to power 3 of **Sedco Forex's** newbuild Sedco Express ultra-deepwater semis.

**Dawson joins Global Marine.** **Michael R Dawson** has joined **Global Marine** as Director of Investor Relations. Mr Dawson succeeds **David A Herasimchuck**, who retired in June after many years of service.

**Bob Wagner joins Arthur Andersen.** **Robert D Wagner Jr** brings his 25 years of oil and gas finance experience to the Global Energy Corporate Finance Group of **Arthur Andersen**. Mr Wagner was most recently a Partner of **M2Capital Partners** and Managing Director of **Bankers Trust**.

**Schlumberger weds Camco, Anadrill.** The management of the Drilling & Service Engineering, Manufacturing and Operations of **Camco Drilling Group** has been integrated into **Anadrill**, **Schlumberger** announced, to ensure special focus on the new Power-Drive steerable rotary drilling system.



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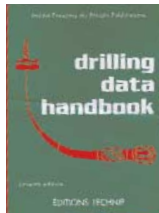
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**Tech Power expands facility.** Tech Power Controls Co is building a new manufacturing facility adjacent to its headquarters in southwest Houston, doubling its total manufacturing assembly area.

**Anderson added to RSTS team.** Greg Anderson has joined **Randy Smith Training Schools** as Operations Manager. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of RSTS around the world.

## PRODUCTS

**IADC has new drilling handbook.** The 7th edition of **Éditions Technip's** concise "Drilling Data Handbook" is now available through **IADC Publications**. This fully revised industry bestseller is the first complete drilling handbook in both metric and US units. Updates include changes to API specs, equipment advances, extended-reach drilling, coiled tubing and more. 552 pages. Call 1/281-578-7171, ext 215 (fax, 1/281-578-0589; publications@iadc.org).



**Drilling Toolbox CD-ROM.** Technical Toolboxes will soon issue Version 2.0 of this drilling software. The current version was developed in cooperation with **Mobil**. Version 2.0 is said to include enhancements for casing design, well planning, AFE management and several other areas. 1/713-630-0505; fax, 713-630-0560; www.toolboxes.com.

**Compact portable simulator.** **CS Inc's** UltraLight simulator, Model DPWS-22UL, weighs in at about 40 lbs and travels in a standard flight carry-on bag for easy transport, the company says. The simulator includes drilling and workover, surface and subsea BOP, line up manifolds, tree and BOP with interactive displays of rig equipment. 4208 Balloon Park Rd, NE, Albuquerque,

**Benton appointed Marine Drilling VP.** **Bobby E Benton** has joined **Marine Drilling Companies** as Vice President of Marketing and Sales. He will be responsible for worldwide sales and marketing strategies. He was previously Vice President of International Operations for **Diamond Offshore Drilling**.

**Friede Goldman, Halter Marine merge.** **Friede Goldman International** and **Halter Marine Group** have signed a "merger of equals" agreement. The combined company, **Friede Goldman Halter Inc**, will be headquartered in Gulfport, Miss. Officers include **J L Holloway**, Chairman/CEO, and **John Dane III**, Vice Chairman, President/COO.

**Global Marine, RSTS FOCUS on safety.** **Global Marine's** commitment to safety continues with a 3-day course specifically developed with **Randy Smith Training Schools**. The Safety FOCUS (Field Observation Continuously Upgrading Safety) Training course will be offered to the industry after completion by **Global's** personnel.

**Fischer joins Tesco as COO.** **Mark Fischer** recently joined **Tesco Corp** as COO bringing more than 24 years of international experience in the oil and gas service industry. Mr Fischer is responsible for management of all the company's operating divisions and subsidiaries. ■

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**MWD.** Aberdeen-based **Geolink (UK) Ltd** now offers their new Ultra-Lite 2 7/8-in. OD MWD system. The new system is designed, the company says, to provide efficient cable-free steering and logging for both jointed pipe and coiled tubing; reentry drilling from existing wellbores without the need to cut and pull 4 1/2-in. casings; and considerable savings in rig time and repairs. The new system is compatible with existing Orienteer equipment. 44/1224 7722222; fax, 44/1224 7723333; sales@geolink.co.uk; www.geolink.co.uk.

**Magnum gate valve.** **Worldwide Oil-field Machine Inc (WOM)** reports that its Magnum 3 1/16-in. subsea gate valve has met and exceeded the requirements of Spec API 17D ("Specification for Subsea Wellhead and Christmas Tree Equipment"). WOM says its patented gate valve passed the full criteria and cycle testing at 8,203 ft (2,500 m), 10,000 ft, and 11,000 ft, and performed an additional 4,500 cycle test. The valves are available in sizes 1 13/16 in. through 7 3/8 in. with working pressures from 2,000 to 20,000 psi and operating temperatures in the -50° through 450° F range. 11809 Canemont, Houston, Texas 77035; 713/729-9200; fax, 713/729-7321; www.womusa.com. ■