PEOPLE & COMPANIES

David J Lesar

Lesar is named CEO. **David J Lesar** has been named Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of **Halliburton Company**. Lesar succeeds **Dick Cheney**, who accepted the invitation to be the Republican vice presidential candidate. Lesar has served Halliburton as President and Chief Operating Officer and in other senior management positions since joining the company in 1993.

Wiley is Baker Hughes CEO. **Michael E Wiley** has been named Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of **Baker Hughes Inc**. He previously was President and Chief Operating Officer of **Atlantic Richfield Co** until the completion of its sale to **BP Amoco** in May, 2000. Mr Wiley also served as President and CEO of **Vastar Resources Inc**.

Michael E Wiley

New Tech Rock Bit names two execs. **Ray Tune** has been appointed president of **New Tech Rock Bit Co** and **Jim Snider** has been appointed Executive Vice President. Mr Tune was instrumental in founding the company 15 years ago; Mr Snider has been with the company 14 years.

Global Marine promotes three. **Blake Simmons** has been promoted to President and Managing Director of **Global Marine UK Ltd** in Aberdeen. **Mark Monroe** was named Vice President of Sales and Contracts for **Global Marine Drilling Co** to succeed Simmons. **Aldert Van Nieuwkoop** was promoted to Vice President of Sales and Contracts for Global Marine UK Ltd.

Kerins is promoted to MD. **Kevin Kerins** has been promoted to Managing Director, Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) in **Oceaneering International Inc**'s Eastern Region. Mr Kerins will be responsible for Oceaneering's ROV business throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Randy Smith hires, promotes. **Randy Smith Training Schools** has added **Jeff D Prilliman** as an instructor of technical training and promoted **Ian Morrison** to Director of Business Development, Eastern Hemisphere. Mr. Prilliman previously was with **Schlumberger**.

New company formed by merger. **Offshore Data Services Inc**, Houston, and **Petrodata Ltd**, Aberdeen, have merged to form **OneOffshore Inc**. The new company will continue existing publications and services under the names of each company. OneOffshore will also offer additional consulting services, data and news products and e-commerce services.

New facility opens. **Stewart Tubular Products Inc** of Houston has opened a new office and warehouse facility in Houma, La. **Dwayne Chauvin**, a manufacturing sales representative with more than 20 years' experience in the oil and gas industry, will manage sales and operations at the new Houma facility.

Dwayne Chauvin

FirstWave gets new contracts. **FirstWave/Newpark Shipbuilding** was awarded contracts by **Marine Drilling Co** to repair the skirt and replace the mat on the Marine Rig 202 and to make minor repairs to Marine Rig 201. FirstWave also recently was awarded a contract by **Parker Drilling Offshore Corp** to make steel and piping repairs to the Parker 25 J.

Joint venture for rig refurbishment. A joint venture company has been formed by **Beacon Maritime Inc** and **Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corp** to focus on the refurbishment and upgrade of mobile offshore drilling units. Also, Beacon Maritime recently acquired a marine construction facility in Orange, Tex with 900 ft of water frontage and 22,500 ft of covered fabrication area. ■

PRODUCTS

New Hughes Christensen bit line. The new HydraBoss Xstream and XLX line of Tricone bits was recently introduced by **Hughes Christensen Co**. The HydraBoss Xstream line is designed to provide high penetration rates in formations conducive to bit and bottom hole balling. Xstream features a new nozzle configuration that cleans multiple rows of teeth and directly impacts the borehole bottom.

Stimulation vessel. **Halliburton Energy Services** recently unveiled its latest dynamically positioned stimulation vessel, Stim Star II. The vessel has large storage and pumping capacities and mixing equipment and can "gel on the fly." The vessel is equipped with a real time voice, video, and high speed data transmission system and an array of sophisticated safety equipment.

New synthetic muds. A new line of synthetic and synthetic blend drilling mud base fluids developed using a unique synthesized isoalkane technology has been introduced by **Petro-Canada**. The new line of mud base fluids is designed for use both onshore and offshore.

Two new thread compounds. **Bestolife** has introduced 2010 NM Ultra and 3010 Ultra, extensions of proven products that are formulated with enhanced low temperature application/adherence properties for the coldest weather conditions. The products can also be used in normal conditions. ■