

DRILLING CONTRACTOR

PEOPLE & COMPANIES

Grey Wolf promotes Ed Jacob. Grey Wolf Inc recently promoted Edward S Jacob III to Senior Vice President-Market-



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ing. Prior to joining Grey Wolf in January 1999, Mr Jacob served as Executive Vice President of Bayard Drilling Technologies. He joined Bayard in December 1996 as Vice President-Operations. Before joining Bayard, he had served in various operational and marketing positions with Helmerich & Payne IDC.

Santa Fe Int'l promotes managers. Seals M McCarty will be promoted from Vice President and Controller to Senior Vice President/CFO of Santa Fe Int'l, following the retirement of Donald G Barber. Mr McCarty joined Santa Fe in 1985. Tom Seeliger will be promoted from Vice President and Regional Manager for North Sea operations to Senior Vice President-Operations Manager. Mr Seeliger's promotion will follow the retirement of Gordon W McCullough. Mr Seeliger joined Santa Fe 34 years ago and has worked in various management positions around the world. Roger DeFreitas will be promoted to Vice President and Regional Manager for North Sea operations. Steven J Gangelhoff will be promoted to Vice President while retaining his current position as Regional Manager for Southeast Asia operations. James E Oliver, currently Vice President-Treasurer since 1993, will assume the additional position of Controller.

Halliburton wins Pemex job. Halliburton de Mexico recently won a 1-year, \$18 million contract from Pemex to provide stimulation services with the new vessel mv Cape Hawke effective 1 Jan.

Parker promotes Goodson. Parker Drilling Co promoted Don Goodson to Vice President/General Manager of International Operations. Mr Goodson is a 23-year Parker veteran. In other Parker news, Shelby Frink, Vice President-Operations Support, recently retired after 43 years of service with the company. He began his career with Parker in 1956 as a roughneck and worked through the ranks through several international field and management positions.

National-Oilwell buys Skytop Brewster. National-Oilwell recently acquired the

assets of Skytop Brewster Co out of bankruptcy for \$2 million cash. National-Oilwell says the acquisition will allow it to compete more effectively in the lower horsepower, mobile rig market.

Weatherford names Senior VPs. Weatherford Int'l recently appointed Mark Hopmann and Gary Warren Senior Vice Presidents. Mr Hopmann was previously Division Vice President of Weatherford's Completion Systems and is now the Division's President. Mr Warren, with 27 years of industry experience, joined Weatherford when it merged with Petco in 1992.

Randy Smith revamps management. Randy Smith Training Schools has reorganized its management: Randy Smith will be Chairman/CEO; Greg Anderson, President/COO; Erik Guidry, CFO; Gary Nance, Vice President-Technical Training and Development; Tome Hayes, Vice President-Management/Safety Training.



Alasdair Buchanan



Tim Musso

FirstWave/Newpark wins Pride work. FirstWave/Newpark Shipbuilding recently won a contract from Pride Offshore to repair and maintain the jackup Pride Colorado.

Musso new Cajun Tubular VP. Joseph Noel, President of Cajun Tubular Services, recently announced the promotion of Tim Musso to Vice President of Sales and Marketing. A native of Houma, La, Mr Musso has more than 18 years experience in sales and operations in tubular make-up and pipe testing.

Buchanan heads BJ Europe-Africa. Alasdair Buchanan was recently named Region Manager for BJ Services' Well Service Division in the Europe-Africa Region. He previously served for 3 years as Region Manager for Well Services in Asia Pacific and altogether has 19 years experience in the oilfield service business. ■

PRODUCTS

Shale-inhibitive fluid. M-I LLC recently published a 6-page brochure on its SILDRIL silicate-base drilling-fluid system. SILDRIL was designed to provide optimum shale inhibition and environmental compliance. The 4-color brochure examines a system that the company says has consistently recorded high ROPs in the most reactive shale environments. The result in an average cost



Shale inhibitive fluid

per foot significantly lower than traditional inhibitive water-base systems, M-I says. PO Box 42842; Houston, Texas 77242-2842 USA; 1/713 739 0222; fax, 1/713 308 9695.

Composite rigging sheave. Wireline Technologies recently introduced a "sealed bearing" composite rigging sheave for the oil-service industry. The new sealed sheaves, the company says, will include the same features as older WTI sheaves, the only difference being the



Rigging sheave

bearing system and the color of the cover. The bearing system features an aluminum bearing hub completely sealing the bearings from outside elements or intrusion. 580 North 700 West; North Salt Lake, Utah 84054 USA; 1/800 743 2831; fax, 1/801 294 9877.

Automated drilling systems. Wildcat Services offers multi-parameter automated drilling systems to control pump pressure (within ± 25 psi) and weight on bit (within ± 250 lb), the company says. The system can reportedly sustain potential instantaneous drilling rates up to 500 ft/hour, depending on the limits of the braking system, air supply, and other rig features. Wildcat also offers an ROP limiter that allows the pace of feed off to be preset. 1/281 463 6322 or toll free at 1 877 463 6322; wildcatservices@msn.com; www.wildcatservices.com.

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