

PEOPLE & COMPANIES

Industry mourns Bill Kent



William D Kent

THE DRILLING INDUSTRY mourns William D Kent, who died Tuesday, 1 Dec, in Houston at the age of 76. Mr Kent, former CEO of **Reading & Bates Corp.**, served in 1984 as President of **IADC**, the position now called Chairman. Bill Kent was born in Wisconsin on 6 Jan, 1922, and attended the Wisconsin Institute of Technology, now the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He graduated from the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, now the University of Missouri-Rolla, in 1943 with a BS in mining engineering. A veteran of World War II, Mr Kent served on the Battleship USS California and earned 4 Battle Stars in the Pacific Theater. His entire career was in the offshore drilling industry, starting with the Salt Dome Production Co in 1946 and including 24 years with

Reading & Bates. Following retirement from that firm in 1984, he founded **W D Kent & Co.**, an offshore rig brokerage firm. He was an active director of many corporations and organizations, including **IADC**, **Camco**, **Petroleum Club of Houston**, **Reading & Bates**, **M-Bank**, **National Ocean Industries Association** and **European Tubulars**. He is survived by his wife of 53 years **Eileen**, 2 daughters, 6 sons and 24 grandchildren. ■

PRODUCTS

Total Premium Pipe Package.

Collaborative efforts between **ICO** and **Grant Prideco's** divisions **Tubular Corporation of America** and **Atlas Bradford** have produced a total package of premium casing and premium threaded connections with 3rd party inspections called **PremiumPipePAK**, which the companies say brings "one stop purchase" benefits not previously available in the industry. The package includes both API and TCA proprietary High Performance critical service casing for deep, high-pressure wells, even with H2S; Atlas Bradford's patented line of premium threaded connections; and inspections by ICO, such as their **PipeImage** Electro magnetic inspection, **ICO Scan** full length ultrasonic inspection and in-line SEA after threading. Tony Endieveri, 11490 Westheimer, Ste 1000, Houston, Texas 77077; 281-721-4200; 281-721-4203; www.ico-inc.com

PC Software Tools. Technical

Toolboxes Inc (TTI), in concert with **Mobil Oil Corp.**, has converted, enhanced and integrated some of Mobil's existing drilling software applications for use in a PC Windows environment. TTI then added a 3D WellPath Planning module, the **Halliburton** Red Book cementing tables and drill pipe databases and called it the **Drilling Toolbox**. TTI literature says that the **Drilling Toolbox** contains 12 functional modules, including 8 drilling engineering calculation modules. Joseph Summa, 3801 Kirby Dr, Ste 340, Houston, Texas 77098; 713-630-0505; fax, 713-630-0560; www.ttoolboxes.com.

36-in. composite rigging sheave.

Wireline Technologies recently introduced its new 36-in. composite rigging sheave, which the company says was designed for both offshore use and deep well operations. Company literature says the 36-in. nylon composite wheel is more economical, durable and safe than standard wheels. It is said to reduce line wear and stress, increase cable life by 4 1/2 times; and have strength equal to metal wheels. Its wheel design is said to eliminate many injuries caused by spoked wheels. The 36-in. composite sheaves are described as completely corrosion resistant. **Wireline Technologies**, 580 North 700 West, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054; 800-743-2831; fax, 801-294-9877

Drill-stem design, inspection.

The second edition of "Standard DS-1 Drill Stem Design and Inspection" is now available through **T H Hill Associates** in CD-ROM format. This edition has been expanded to include extended reach drill stem design methodology, fitness for purpose, inspection procedures for specialty tools, drill stem failure prevention, includes design worksheets in Excel format, and is said to be easy to use, with many interactive features. Single-copy price is \$250. **Standard DS-1**, developed to provide a consistent, broad-based, industry-wide inspection standard for used drill pipe and other components, is co-sponsored by 37 oil and gas operators, drilling contractors and rental companies through the **Drilling Engineering Association** as DEA project #74. 713/934-9215 ext 205. ■



Charles A Hinton Jr



Robert D Campbell

Hinton forms new firm. Veteran E&P executive **Charles A Hinton Jr**, who served as **IADC** Chairman in 1993, has formed **Hinton Energy Advisors LLC** to assist oil-field firms in a broad range of services. These include facilitating acquisitions, mergers and divestitures; brokering deals; confidential asset searches; contract analysis, negotiation, mediation and arbitration; oilfield equipment leasing and financing; internal management review and staffing analysis; joint-venture auditing; strategic posturing and alliances; integration of service disciplines; market research and analysis; investigation of fraudulent activities. Mr Hinton has worked for 20 years in exploration, drilling and production, both in the US and Latin America.

Richards named Grey Wolf Chair.

Thomas P Richards, President/CEO of **Grey Wolf**, has been elected the firm's Chairman. Mr Richards replaces **Ivar Siem**, who remains a director.

PDO makes 1,000th horizontal hole.

Petroleum Development Oman recently celebrated its 1,000th horizontal well. The **Basma 8**, the landmark hole, became on 3 Aug, 1998, the 1,000th drilled and completed. All 1,000 wells were drilled with the help of **Baker Hughes Inteq** directional drilling or MWD services. This is believed to be the first time a single operator has drilled 1,000 horizontal wells in one country with the help of the same service firm. PDO initially conducted short-radius horizontal well trials in the mid-1980s. In 1991, PDO and Baker Hughes collaborated on their first medium-radius horizontal well and have since drilled more than 1.8 MM m of horizontal hole. Drilling contractors involved have included **Sea and Land**, **Fortress**, **Essar**, **OD&E**, **Moog NDSC** and **Deutag**.

Campbell joins Noble as President.

Robert D Campbell has been named President of **Noble Drilling**. Mr Campbell, who has been associated with Noble since 1977, holds a BS degree in chemical engineering and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the **University of Texas at Austin**.

Boer named Dockwise General

Manager. **Rob Boer** has been named as General Manager for **Dockwise NV**. **Mr Boer** is a 14-year Dockwise veteran and spent 10 years with **Weismuller** prior to the **Weismuller-Dock Express** merger to form Dockwise. Mr Boer, based in Belgium, oversees all Dockwise commercial and engineering departments. ■