

PEOPLE & COMPANIES



Marcelo Guiscardo

Guiscardo named president. Pride International has named **Marcelo D. Guiscardo** President of **San Antonio (SESASA)** and Vice President E&P Services for **Pride International**.

FirstWave in Alliance. FirstWave and A&P Group UK have formed a strategic alliance to provide a global network dedicated to marine repair. Both companies will integrate marketing and share project management expertise for the delivery of repair and conversion services for clients in the North Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

Global Marine promotes Morrow. **Thomas J. Morrow** has been promoted to President of **Challenger Minerals Inc**, the oil and gas subsidiary of **Global Marine Inc**. Mr Morrow previously served as Vice President and General Manager of CMI.

Parker appoints Gass. Parker Drilling Co has appointed **John Gass** to the new position of Vice President Corporate Business Development. Mr Gass will be responsible for finding and developing new business opportunities for Parker, including joint ventures, rig purchases, strategic alliances and acquisitions.



John Gass

Schlumberger acquires OSI. Schlumberger Oilfield Services has acquired Houston-based **Operational Services Inc (OSI)**, a supplier of oilfield operational management services. OSI will work with other Schlumberger reservoir optimization services to deliver a systematic approach to field management.

Weatherford acquires product line. Weatherford International Inc has acquired the sand screen product lines
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of **Oiltools International**, including patents, associated trademarks, manufacturing assets, and inventory.

Harris named to new post. **David Harris** has been appointed Business Development Manager for The Americas Region for **BJ Tubular Services**. Mr Harris oversees business development in North and South America, with an emphasis on long-term business relationships in South America.



Drew Michel



Nicholas A. Alvarado

Global Industries names two VPs **Nicholas A Alvarado** is now vice president of Worldwide Business Development for Global Industries, and **Drew Michel** is now vice president of Deep-water development. ■

Earle C Hellums, former IADC president, dies

Earle C Hellums, long-time member of IADC and active in a wide range of petroleum industry affairs, died 25 May, 2000 in Houston.

Mr Hellums was president of the Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (the predecessor of IADC) in 1965 and an active member during his long association with IADC.



Earle C Hellums—1909-2000

He was also an active member of the American Petroleum Institute as well as the Pioneer Oil Producers Society.

He had been a member of the Petroleum Club of Houston since its beginning. Mr Hellums was president of **Gracey-Hellums Corp** which was later merged into **Atlantic-Pacific Marine Co**.

He was also instrumental in developing the IADC Daily Drilling Report that is now a standard used worldwide by drilling contractors. ■

PRODUCTS

Fill and circulate system. **BJ Tubular Services**, Aberdeen, has introduced the Fill and Circulate System to provide fast, effective fill-up of a casing string while running. The tool is simple to install for a wide range of casing sizes and can reduce operating costs. Crew involvement during the operation is reduced and the need for pumps, hoses, and related equipment is eliminated. 44 1224 249 678; enquires.tubular@bjsservices.co.uk.

System to track tubular goods. **Sooner Inc** has launched www.soonerpipe.com, the first e-commerce solution for ordering and tracking oil country tubular goods. Customers can place orders through the system and obtain the status of the order at any time. Customers

can also use the system to request price quotes from five other tubular distributors and select other tubular logistics services. 1221 Lamar St, Houston, Texas; 1/713 759 1200; www.soonerpipe.com.

New offshore power module. **Caterpillar's** new high displacement version of the 3516B power module delivers up to 13% more power and a 7% improvement in weight-to-power ratio. The power module can be used as prime rig power on SCR electric drilling rigs. With a rating of 2,150 hp at 1,200 rpm for SCR service, deeper class jackups and non-propulsion semi-submersibles can be powered by five 3516B HDs. Engine Products Division, PO Box 610, Mossville, IL 61552. ■