

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

### O'Brien named Weatherford VP.

Michael S O'Brien was recently named VP-US Operations for Weatherford International Inc's Drilling and Intervention Services Division. Mr O'Brien had served the company as VP-Tubular Running Services. Mr O'Brien has more than 22 years of oil-field service and has worked for Weatherford since 1984.



Dockwise's Mighty Servant 1 set a new record in transporting the 32,767-ton semisubmersible Petrobras 36.

**Dockwise sets record.** Dockwise's heavy-transport vessel Mighty Servant 1 recently set a new record for tonnage shipped, the company reported. The ship delivered the 32,767-ton semisubmersible production unit Petrobras 36 from Sept-Îles, Canada, to Rio de Janeiro. To load the semi, the Mighty Servant 1 had to submerge to 25 m aft (12-m hull plus 13-m water above the deck).

**Heagney named to museum board.** Dennis Heagney, Executive Vice President of Transocean Sedco Forex and 1996 IADC Chairman, has been named Vice Chairman-Operations for the Board of the Offshore Energy Center. Ken LeSuer, IADC Vice President-Drilling Services Division, was reelected Vice Chairman of OEC's Educational Outreach program.

**Universal, Sodexo merge.** Universal Services and Sodexo Alliance have merged to form Universal Sodexo. The new company intends to develop new capabilities to support all services on remote sites worldwide. Kirby B McDonald, Chairman/CEO of Universal, will become President/CEO of the new company. Pierre Belton, Chairman of Sodexo, will be the new firm's chairman.

**Kott joins Tesco board.** 1989 IADC Chairman Gary Kott, who retired after 20

years with Global Marine Inc, including serving as President of Global Marine Drilling Co and Senior Vice President/CFO for the parent company, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Tesco Corp. Mr Kott is now an independent business consultant based in Houston.

### Artus named Whiting President/CEO.

D Sherwin Artus has been elected President/CEO of Whiting Petroleum Cop. Mr Artus will succeed David A Frawley, who is retiring after 6 1/2 years as President/CEO of the Denver-based producer. James T Brown succeeds Mr Artus as Vice President-Operations.

**Bill Jennings retires.** Bill Jennings, Vice President-Western Hemisphere Operations for Noble Drilling Corp, is retiring after 11 years of service. Mr Jennings, who has served in numerous IADC posts over the years, will be succeeded at Noble by William C "Kurt" Hoffman. In other Noble

news, Glen D Hale has been promoted to President of Triton engineering Services. In addition, Jimmy L Puckett has been named Division Manager of the Gulf Coast Marine Operations, succeeding Kenneth N Delaney, who is retiring after 34 years with Noble Drilling. In addition, Leo W Segerius has been appointed Vice President of Business Development for Latin America. He will be succeeded as Division Manager of Brazil by Bernie G Wolford. William C "Charlie" Yester has been named Division Manager of the Middle East region.

**Rigs ordered from IRI.** IRI International Corp recently announced that it had secured orders for workover and drilling rigs and sundry equipment in excess of \$40 million. The equipment is slated for delivery in 2000. Final destinations include Russia for 10 sidetracking drilling rigs and equipment, Kuwait for 3 workover and 2 shallow drilling rigs and Austria for one shallow drilling rig.

## PRODUCTS

**Jet-Lube marks 50 years.** Jet-Lube is marking its 50th anniversary by re-packaging its traditional black pails to bright orange. The company offers more than 10 specialty compounds to address a wide range of downhole conditions and drilling environments. In addition to drilling compounds, the company offers OCTG storage compounds, valve sealant, lubricants and other high-performance compounds. 4849 Homestead Rd; Houston, Texas 77028; 1/713



Jet-Lube sports a bright orange look to mark its 50th.

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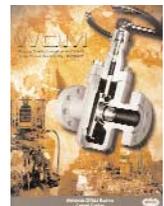
**Energy statistics.** GRI recently published the 2000 edition of its "GRI Baseline Projection of US Energy Supply and Demand to 2015". The 2-volume, 800-page data book (GRI-00/0002.1 and GRI-00/0002.2) features annual historical data for 1995-97 and a summary of the 2000 baseline projection at 5-year intervals from 1998-2015. The book covers natural gas, petroleum, coal, electricity, nuclear and renewables. Projections

cover energy prices; pipeline data; supplies of natural gas, liquids and oil; energy; demand summary; and electricity. 1/703 526 7831; pholtber@gri.org.

**Logging tool.** Schlumberger's new High Resolution Laterolog Array (HRLA) tool is said to use new array focusing technology to provide 5 resistivity measurements to determine uninvaded formation resistivity. The tool, which Schlumberger says has successfully completed field testing, uses an array of segmented bucking electrodes and multi-frequency operation to acquire 6 simultaneous measurements with increasing depths of investigation. www.connect.slb.com

### Flow-control equipment.

Worldwide Oilfield Machine has issued a new 24-page catalog of its flow-control equipment, including features, sizes, pressure rating and options. The new catalog also addresses WOM's custom design, valve repair, steel forging and casting capabilities. 11809 Canemont; Houston, Texas 77035 USA; www.womusa.com.



Catalog describes WOM's equipment.