Schlumberger names Gould, Deaton Exec VPs. Andrew Gould was recently appointed Executive Vice President of Schlumberger Oilfield Services, and Chad Deaton, Executive Vice President Oilfield Services-Products. Both men are Schlumberger veterans of more than 20 years. Mr. Gould was previously Executive Vice President, Schlumberger Oilfield Services-Products. Earlier in his career, as President of Schlumberger Sedco Forex, Mr. Gould served as IADC Regional Vice President-Europe. Mr. Deaton most recently was Executive Vice President, Oilfield Services Solutions. Mr. Gould will be located in Paris and continue to report to Victor Grijalva, Vice Chairman, Schlumberger Limited. Mr. Deaton will be based in Houston and report to Mr. Gould. Also reporting to Mr. Gould will be Mohamed Awad, President, Oilfield Services-Middle East, based in Dubai; David Baillie, President, Oilfield Services-Asia, based in Jakarta; Maurice Dijols, President, Oilfield Services-North and South America, based in Sugar Land, Texas; Claus Kampmann, President, Oilfield Services-Europe/CIS and Africa, based in Paris; Peter Goode, Vice President and General Manager, Integrated Project Management (IPM), based in Houston.

Forrest appointed PennPoint GM. Joseph T Forrest will head up PennWell’s new electronic energy information service, PennPoint, as General Manager. Mr. Forrest, a petroleum consultant, will establish PennPoint headquarters in Houston and build a team to develop and refine the PennPoint database service for the use of petroleum exploration and production analysis professionals. One feature of the service is to be the availability of Dwights Well Production Data, obtained through a special licensing agreement.

Jacob named Grey Wolf Marketing VP. Edward S Jacob III has been named Vice President-Marketing of Grey Wolf Inc. Mr. Jacob, IADC Vice President-Land Division, is a 16-year veteran of the drilling industry and has worked in the oilfield service business for 25 years. He previously served as Executive Vice President of Bayard Drilling Technologies and also worked for Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Company.

Halliburton sells PathFinder to W-H Energy. The antitrust review of Halliburton’s merger with Dresser Industries Inc. concluded in an agreement with W-H Energy Services Inc. for the sale of Halliburton’s LWD and MWD business known as PathFinder. Completion, expected in March, is subject to approval by the Dept of Justice; terms of the sale were not disclosed. Halliburton will provide separate LWD services through its Sperry Sun business unit acquired in the merger with Dresser. Additionally Halliburton will continue to provide sonic LWD services using its existing technologies, which it will share with PathFinder. Houston-based W-H Energy Services plans for PathFinder to continue its operations in the US, North Sea and other international locations.

Weatherford Acquires West Coast Int’l. Weatherford International Inc. has acquired West Coast International, a major provider of pressure control and drilling tools in the Dutch and Danish markets. The $18-million purchase is intended to provide Weatherford with inventory and service capabilities to package additional work in and beyond the North Sea including West Africa and the Caspian region.

## Products

**Composite bridge plug. Baker Oil Tools** introduced its new QUIK Drill Composite Bridge Plug (CBP) system. Baker says the system’s success in its first field run on a Phillips Petroleum well proved it can provide operators with savings in completion and costs. Company literature cites the QUIK Drill CBP’s unique construction of a high-tech composite material rather than metal. The composite is said to allow quicker removal because it is easier to mill and the nonmetallic cuttings easily circulate back to surface. The CBPs can be installed by electric line or coiled tubing. 713-625-9351; www.bakerhughes.com.

**Design guide for floaters. Oilfield Publications Inc.** new release “Floating Structures: A Guide for the Design and Analysis” is in 2 hard-bound volumes, over 1,200 pages, and covers such topics as concept selection and basic design principles; the environment; loading; statistics and stability; dynamic response characteristics, and much more. $416 per copy, 10% off multiple copies. 888 W Sam Houston Pkwy S, Suite 280, Houston Texas 77042; 713-334-8970; fax, 713-334-8968; opline@aol.com; www.oilpubs.com.

**Automatic defibrillator.** Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the single leading cause of death worldwide. After only 10 minutes, more than 90% of SCA victims will die if they have not been defibrillated. CPR alone not being effective in restoring an effective heart rhythm. Hewlett Packard says its HP Heartstream ForeRunner Automatic External Defibrillator offers the ability to have a dramatic impact on the lives of SCA victims in the workplace, especially in inaccessible locales. The ForeRunner guides the user through the defibrillation process with verbal instructions, analyzing the heart rhythm, determining if a shock is indicated, and instructing the user to push the button to deliver the shock. The portable unit is reportedly easy to use and maintain. Prices range from $2,995 to $4,200 with optional accessories; Scott Steele, CEO, United States Search & Rescue, 3122 SE 19th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904; 941-549-8679; 800-263-3342; www.heartstream.com.