Noble promotes managers. Noble Drilling Services Inc has announced the following management promotions: Tim S Thomasson to Vice President of Tax and Controller; Steven A Manz to Vice President of Strategic Planning; Mark L Mey to Vice President and Treasurer; John T Rynd to Vice President Investor Relations; and Edward E Hare to Vice President of Marketing.

Also, Noble Drilling International Ltd promoted Danny W Adkins to Senior Vice President of Operations and Alan R Hay to Director of Administration and Contracts. And Mark A Jackson has joined Noble Drilling Corp as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Randy Smith expands staff. Randy Smith Training Schools announced that Sissy Grapes, Dennis Bullard and Davie E Cravy have joined the company as instructors.

Nabors assigns Bruce. Nabors Offshore Corp recently announced that Joseph Bruce will serve as President, Gulf Coast Division in Harvey, La.

Marine weather service now in US. Nowcasting International Ltd has launched its Nowcasting Pro marine weather forecasting service in the US. Technosphere Inc, Houston, has been appointed representative for the Gulf of Mexico and energy related applications. A standard PC on a vessel provides the “nowcast” high-resolution weather data delivered on line for user-selected areas for 24-hour periods.

Apache names drilling director. Apache Corp named Mike Harris worldwide director of drilling in the company’s E&P technology group. He previously was regional drilling manager for BP Amoco for the Gulf of Mexico and has drilling and completion experience in several global oil regions.

New Oceaneering position filled. Robert P Morrison has been appointed Senior Vice President Manufacturing at Oceaneering International Inc, a new position. Mr Morrison will have responsibility for Oceaneering’s worldwide Multiflex Business and for materials management and quality assurance for all the company’s oilfield business related operations.

Global Marine names 2 VPs. Alexander A Krezel and Michael R Dawson have been named Vice Presidents at Global Marine Inc. Mr Krezel was promoted to Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel; Mr Dawson was promoted to Vice President, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications.

Noble promotes managers. The Energy Corporate Finance Group of Arthur Andersen LLP has announced the following promotions. F T Chip Webster is promoted to Partner; R Seth Bullock and Jeffrey N Huddleston are promoted to Senior Associate; and Kenneth A Debow is promoted to Associate.

Exchange of assets set. Global Industries Ltd and Oceaneering International Inc intend to exchange certain assets and share facilities in Asia and Australia. The plan calls for Global to transfer its ROVs and related equipment in Asia and Australia and its Triton XL-11 ROV in the Gulf of Mexico to Oceaneering in exchange for diving assets and related equipment in Asia, Australia, China, and the Middle East.

FirstWave gets contract. Global Marine Drilling Co has awarded the contract for final commissioning of drilling equipment and other miscellaneous completion work on the newbuild drillship Glomar Jack Ryan to FirstWave/Newpark Shipbuilding. The vessel arrived at FirstWave’s Galveston facility in early September.

E-business manager named. Parker Drilling Co named Patrick Seals general manager of e-business with the responsibility to lead Parker’s online business initiative. He previously was a US Division marketing manager.

New drilling fluid. M-I LLC has introduced a new reversible invert emulsion reservoir drill-in fluid system engineered to deliver the high drilling performance of an oil-base drilling fluid, while providing the cleanup simplicity of a water-base system. During completion, a change in the pH of either the breaker solution or completion brine transforms the wettability of the filter cake from oil to water-wet.

Centrifugal engine oil filters. A line of new centrifugal filters is designed for all 18-liter and larger diesel engines. Introduced by Fleetguard, the new centrifugal filters reduce emissions, extend drain intervals and remove contaminants in lube oil. The Centriguard filtration system allows equipment to operate in extended service environments with lower cost.

Real time seismic data. Q-Borehole, the newest component of Schlumberger’s Q* seismic acquisition and processing system, uses a versatile, field configurable downhole tool with up to 20 multicomponent sensor shuttles that provide real time data at varying sample rates. Advanced software ensures the delivery of data in time to make drilling decisions.

New hydraulic wrench. The new Spintorq IL360 hydraulic wrench from Fasttorq Bolting Systems rotates a nut at speeds to 6 rpm. It comes in sizes from 1 1/4 in. to 3 3/8 in. and torque capacities from 100 to 7,500 ft-lbs.