SBOP Workshop features the latest of technology

THE 2004 IADC Surface BOP Workshop for Floating Drilling Operations, scheduled for 1 December 2004 at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, will feature industry experts who will present their experiences about the technology.

The workshop begins with registration at 7:30 am with welcoming remarks at 8:20 followed by the official rollout of the SBOP Guidelines (see July/August Drilling Contractor, p 24) by Bill Hunter with Katy Drilling Company.

The workshop’s first session, Surface BOP Drilling: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Going, begins at 9 am and features a presentation by Pat Ryan with Unocal, Update on UNOCAL’s SX Program on DP Floaters. A second operator is scheduled to present the lessons it learned regarding SBOP operations. A coffee break follows this first session at 10 am.

The second session at 10:15 am discusses Supporting Technologies and includes four presentations. Fatigue Resistant Thread Connections will be presented by John Staudt, Hunting Tubular Systems. Matt Stahl with Stress Engineering will discuss Riser Recoil Systems and Phil Ward with Schlumberger Testing will present Well Testing. The session’s final presentation will be Spread Spectrum Acoustics by Dave Adams with Nautronics.

Lunch follows this session at 12:15. At 1:15 pm, Graham Brander with Shell will present Why Surface BOP? Drivers for Operators.

The afternoon’s first session, Expanding the Scope of Surface BOP & Complimentary Technologies, begins at 1:45 pm and includes a presentation by Hans Deul with Noble Drilling Services on Aluminum Alloy Risers. A coffee break begins at 2:15 which is followed by HSE Considerations: Managing SBOP Operations to Ensure Technical and Operational Integrity by John Banks, Stena Drilling Ltd.

The workshop’s final session examines Future Directions beginning at 3 pm and includes a discussion on SBOP Completions by Dave Mason with Shell. Two additional presentations are scheduled for the session.

Closing remarks and adjournment of the workshop is at 4:30.

Thanks go to the workshop planning committee, which includes Mark Childers, Atwood Oceanics; Archie Dudgeon, Transocean Inc; John Jackson, ChevronTexaco; Mike Killalea, IADC; John Kozicz, Transocean Inc; Steve Kropla, IADC; Tim Newman, Shell E&P Inc; and Mike Ut, UNOCAL (retired).

Contracts & Risk Conference in Houston 4 Nov

THE IADC CONTRACTS & Risk Management Conference, sponsored by Fulbright & Jaworski, begins at 8:30 am with opening remarks by Mike Roth, Transocean, and Chairman, IADC Contracts Committee. The first presentation begins at 8:45 by Harold K Watson, Partner, and Berne C Kluber, Associate, Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP, who will discuss Indemnification Exasperation.

At 9:15 Tony Ebner, President and CEO, McGriff, Seibels & Williams of Texas Inc will moderate a panel discussion concerning risk and underwriters. This will be followed by a presentation Key Performance Indicators moderated by Kurt Hoffman, Vice President Marketing for Noble Drilling Services.

Presentations following lunch include Contract Horror Files, Cleere vs Dominion: Lessons Learned from the 5th Circuit’s Decision, and a presentation on Consequential Damages presented by Steve Roberts, Partner, and Ed Szczepanski, Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski. This will be followed by the Operator’s Market Outlook that includes representatives from ChevronTexaco, Anadarko and Kerr-McGee.

Closing remarks will be followed by a reception sponsored by Lock, Liddell & Sapp.

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