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International Association of Drilling Contractors Presents 2008 Exemplary Service Award to Pierre Gie

TOTAL executive recognized for drilling contribution

Houston, 2 July 2008 – The International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) has presented Pierre Gie of TOTAL with a 2008 Exemplary Service Award for his outstanding contribution to the advancements in the drilling industry. The prestigious award was presented at the World Drilling Conference and Exhibition held in Berlin, Germany on 11 June 2008.

Pierre Gie is global rig coordinator and coordinator for service companies in drilling for TOTAL. He earned an MS degree from Ecole Centrale de Lille and a petroleum engineering degree from Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Pétrole et des Moteurs in France. He also holds an MS in economics from the Lille University. Gie has served in drilling positions within TOTAL in Algeria, Indonesia, Italy, Norway and Scotland. He also has served for several years on the IADC World Drilling program committee.

According to Dr. Lee Hunt, IADC president, "IADC is pleased to present Pierre with a 2008 Exemplary Service Award. His continuing support, industry insight and leadership have made a distinct impact on IADC efforts worldwide"

For the past 20 years IADC has recognized leaders who have made a difference in the drilling industry. The IADC Exemplary Service Award was designed to acknowledge those individuals that have made significant contributions to the industry over an extended period of time.

About IADC:

Founded in 1940, IADC strives to secure responsible standards, practices and regulations that provide for safe, efficient and environmentally sound drilling operations worldwide. To achieve its objectives, the Association holds a variety of meetings and conferences on technology, well control, contracts, taxation, management and other topics of interest to the global drilling and producing industry. Through its volunteers and professional staff, IADC also interacts closely with regulatory agencies and legislators worldwide on issues affecting the drilling industry. The Association is also a leader in developing new standards for industry training, notably through its Well Control Accreditation Program (WellCAP) and its rig-floor orientation program, RIG PASS. IADC is also a major publisher and distributor of reference manuals, forms and other publications for the global drilling industry. The Association communicates with the industry, government and the public through its newsletters and official magazine *Drilling Contractor*

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