

PEOPLE & COMPANIES

Global names two vice presidents.

Global Industries appointed two new vice presidents. **J Michael Pearson** was named Senior Vice President-Strategic Planning with corporate oversight responsibilities for project performance on a worldwide basis.

William J Dore Jr was named Vice President-Investor Relations where he will oversee capital fund raising activities, communications to the investment community and company communications.

Patterson-UTI promotes four.

Patterson-UTI Energy named **Spencer Armour** Executive Vice President of Patterson-UTI. He will be responsible for corporate sales for all Patterson-UTI entities. **Ron Brazzel** was named President, **Bonsall Wilton** was named Vice President-Technology and **Mark Campbell** was named Vice President-Western Division of the company's AMBAR Lone Star Fluid Services subsidiary.

BJ Services appoints manager.

BJ Services appointed **Lindsay Link** as Country Manager-Norway for the Well Services Division-Europe & Africa Region. Link will be based in Stavanger and will have overall responsibility for the management of the division's Norwegian operations with special emphasis on providing the region with coiled tubing, pumping and related well services both onshore and offshore. He is also responsible for full oversight of all financial, business development and personnel activities.

Houston Marine Training names manager.

Steve Brunswick has joined **Houston Marine Training Services** as General Manager. He is responsible for directing product development, sales, marketing, training, delivery and operations for the New Orleans, LA-based company.

Crosby Group offers lifting training.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) adopted the API RP-2D recommendation for lifting in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico which states that if you attach or unattach a load you must have completed an approved program of both hands-on and classroom training. To help meet these requirements, the **Crosby Group** has conducted a series of 7-hour lifting seminars based on API RP-2D for riggers/operators at "no charge". Crosby is also updating its Train the Trainer program, a Power-Point-based basic 4-hour presentation. The sessions will be offered in New Iberia, LA, and Long Beach, CA. More information can be found at www.thecrosbygroup.com.

Tesco building 3 rigs.

Tesco Corp. is building three revolutionary drilling rigs using the company's proprietary Casing Drilling™ technology. Tesco will operate under an exclusive contract to Conoco for a two-year development drilling program in Conoco's

South Texas Lobo natural gas trend. The first rig is expected to be operational by 1 Sept with the two remaining rigs scheduled for delivery by 31 Dec, 2002. Casing Drilling technology reduces drilling costs and speeds well completion by using conventional casing instead of drill pipe to drill the well. Tesco says the technique is safer and eliminates time-consuming trips to change bits and set casing.

H Blume Johnson dies

H Blume Johnson, who had a 64-year career in the oil and gas industry, died in Shreveport, LA 25 January at the age of 88.



Mr Johnson began working as a roughneck in 1936. He held various positions in the refining industry until 1949 when he and J R Butler formed Butler-Johnson, Inc., a contract drilling company. Mr Johnson served as President and later Chairman until 1980 when the company was sold. In 1981 he became a partner in Johnson Minerals Co. until he retired in 2000. ■

PRODUCTS

No Sheen Oils. CITGO Petroleum Corp.'s new Aquamarine® Oils are specifically designed for both offshore and inland waterway operations.

The high-performance, anti-wear hydraulic lubricants will not leave a sheen, are non-toxic, inherently biodegradable and are easily recycled. The oils address regulatory compliance concerns by providing environmentally acceptable fluids manufactured from biodegradable, aromatic-free, food-grade white mineral oils.

The oils also provide a high level of protection against moisture and wear for a variety of applications including offshore drilling rigs and platforms, lifts and cranes, and diving devices.

Scale Prevention. Schlumberger Oilfield Services, in partnership with Clariant, introduced ScalePROP, a novel scale prevention service offering long-term protection from scale deposition.

The service is a single treatment that minimizes the need for a series of subsequent squeeze treatments by placing sufficient quantities of scale inhibitor deep into the formations. ScalePROP is deployed with hydraulic fracturing.

A core component of ScalePROP is a porous ceramic proppant that has been impregnated with scale inhibitor, which maintains conductivity of the pack, inhibits scale deposition and keeps the formation and tubulars free from common scale types. ■