

## PEOPLE & COMPANIES

**Parker names HR director.** Parker Drilling named **George H Gentry III** as Director of Human Resources. Mr Gentry will manage all human resource functions including staffing, benefits and compensation and compliance. Mr Gentry previously managed human resource functions at Marine Drilling, Input/Output and Tenneco Energy.

**Halliburton names new president.** **John Gibson** has been appointed president of Halliburton Energy Services. He succeeds **Jody Powers** who retired from the company. Mr Gibson held numerous management positions with Halliburton's Landmark Graphics business unit including most recently as president and CEO.

**Cooper Cameron names president.** **John D Carne** was named President of Cooper Cameron Valves division, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company's oilfield, pipeline and Orbit brand valve businesses. Mr Carne replaces **A John Chapman** who plans to retire later this year.

**AMFELS building jackup.** AMFELS Inc in Brownsville, Texas, Keppel Corp.'s US unit, is building a MOD V "B" class jackup for **Perforadora Central** of Mexico with delivery scheduled for the first quarter of 2004. The contract is worth \$83 million. The rig will be rated to drill in up to 375 ft of water and will be fitted with Keppel's proprietary jacking and fixation systems. The rig incorporates features to improve productivity, enhance safety and provide added independence from supply lines and environmental conditions. This is the fourth MOD V "B" design jackup ordered from Keppel in the past two years. Other rigs include **Chiles Discovery**, recently delivered in Singapore, and the **Chiles Galileo** under construction in Brownsville due for delivery this year. The third jackup, the **Atwood Beacon**, is under construction in Singapore and is expected to be delivered in June 2003.

**Transocean subscribes to Riginisight.** **Transocean Sedco Forex** signed a one-year charter subscription to **One-Offshore's Riginisight** system, a web-based platform designed for operators and drilling contractors to increase asset efficiency and utilization in the global offshore mobile rig market. The license provides controlled access to market intelligence and online planning and collaboration tools. The Riginisight system is designed to help improve supply and demand transparency in the primary contracting market place. Riginisight also facilitates a secondary market of contracting rig time between oil companies.

**ITS Drilling Services distributor.** **Rig-Components LLC** of Houston has been appointed the exclusive distributor for **ITS Drilling Services** products in the US, Canada and South America. ITS Drilling Services traditional products include trash compactors, liquid recovery, rig vacuum and variable pressure washers.

**Drilling fluids.** **PureDrill** is an advanced line of synthetic and synthetic blend drilling fluids using the patented HT purity process combined with hydroisomerization to produce clear, colorless fluids with unique molecular compositions. The fluids deliver improved performance and low temperature fluidity. The process also results in fluids that are odorless, readily biodegradable and non-toxic to humans, marine and wildlife. **PureDrill IA-35** is designed primarily for use in offshore drilling fluids where regulations require the use of environmentally friendly synthetic products.

**Multi-functional intercom systems.** **Federal Signal Integrated Systems Group** introduced **Echo**, a line of digital intercom and communications systems

**Offshore Energy Center names directors.** The **Offshore Energy Center** recently named new officers. Among them is **Robert D Campbell**, President of Noble Drilling Corporation, who was named Vice Chairman/Operations for OEC. **Ken R**



Robert D Campbell



Ken R LeSuer

**LeSuer**, retired Vice Chairman of Halliburton, was named Vice Chairman/Exhibits. Mr LeSuer was the inaugural Vice President of IADC's Drilling Services Division.

**Keppel names directors.** Keppel Corporation Ltd named **Tony Chew Leong-Chee** and **Dr Lee Tsao Yuan** to its board. Both were directors of Keppel Capital Holdings before it was sold. Mr Chew is Executive Chairman of Asia Resource Corp Pte. Dr Lee is Executive Director with the Skills Development Centre Pte Ltd in Singapore.

### Don L Adams dies

Don L Adams died 24 February at the age of 72. Mr Adams retired from Halliburton Energy Services in 1999 following a 47-year career with the company. He remained as a consultant during the following year. Mr Adams was a member of IADC and NOMADS.

## PRODUCTS

designed to provide offshore drilling operations with a single system that provides intercom, public address, general alarm, paging and rig-wide telecommunications functions. **Echo** systems can be configured to provide the same level of safety, coverage, redundancy and reliability achieved through the use of multiple systems.

**Decanter centrifuge.** **Alfa Laval** launched the **Lynx 40** decanter centrifuge specially designed for drill solids removal. The **Lynx 40** features a slender cylindrical/conical bowl with a relatively large length/diameter ratio with a screw conveyor that permits continuous removal of separated solids. Typical bowl speeds are between 1,000 and 4,000 rpm with a G force designed from 300 to 3,200 G. ■