

PEOPLE & COMPANIES

Transocean management appointment. Transocean Inc named **Rob Saltiel**, Vice President, Marketing; **Todd Kulp**, Vice President, Treasurer; **Brenda Masters**, Vice President; Controller; **David Tonnel**, Assistant Controller; and **Ricardo Rosa**, Region Manager, Asia and Australia Region. Mr Saltiel was most recently Vice President of Corporate Marketing for **Nabors**. Mr Kulp joined Transocean in 2001 as Assistant Treasurer, Corporate Finance. Ms Masters joined the company in 1996 as Director of Accounting and was promoted to Assistant Controller six months later. Mr Rosa was the company's Vice President and Controller. He was Controller for **Sedco Forex**. Mr Tonnel joined Transocean in 1996 as a financial analyst and was District Controller for several regions before being promoted to Asia and Australia Region Finance Manager.

ENSCO names Senior Vice President and CFO. **James "Jay" W Swent** was named Senior Vice President and CFO for ENSCO. Mr Swent previously held financial executive positions at Memorex Corporation and Nortel Networks.

Tesco executive resigns. **Tesco Corporation** Executive Vice President and COO **Mark Fischer** resigned. The company expects to announce internal executive management appointments, however, in the interim Mr Fischer's duties will be assumed by **Robert M Tessari**, Tesco's President and CEO.

Groppe, Long & Littell adds analyst. **Thomas R (Russell) Wright** joined the Houston-based oil and gas analysts and forecasters as Senior Analyst. Mr Wright was most recently publisher of *World Oil* magazine.

Global Industries relocates. **Global Industries** relocated its Houston offices to Woodland Park Plaza, 11490 Westheimer, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77077.

Union Drilling names President. **Christopher D Strong**, previously Pittsburgh, PA-based Union Drilling's CFO, was named President, succeeding **W Henry Marmon**, who is resigning to pursue outside interests. Mr Marmon will continue as Vice Chairman of the company's board of directors. Also, **J Michael Poole** was promoted to Executive Vice President of Operations. He was previously Vice President of Business Development. **Dan E Steigerwald** was promoted to CFO from Controller and **Gary Impellicieri** was promoted to Controller from Assistant Controller.

RGIT Montrose appoints advisor. Training and consultancy services provider RGIT Montrose appointed **Dr John Wils** as an advisor to the executive team. Dr Wils was a senior executive of the UK Offshore Operators' Association with more than 30 years industry experience. He will be working with Group Managing Director Murray Strachan.

Varco/LEWCO alliance obtains more orders. Varco International was award-

ed an order from **ENSCO International** for three Varco VMP-2215 triplex mud pumps for the ENSCO 106 jackup under construction in Singapore. The pumps will be manufactured by **Le Tourneau Ellis Williams Company (LEWCO)**.

WZI announces new personnel.

WZI, which provides rig bid design specifications for operators, announced that **James E Armstrong** and **F J "Chuck" Allen** recently joined the company to launch **WZI Offshore LLC** in Houston. Mr Armstrong, a founder of **Sundowner Offshore Services**, is Executive Vice President. Mr Allen was Worldwide Drilling Manager for **Amoco International** from 1984 to 1987.



James E Armstrong



F J Allen

Grant Prideco has new threading capabilities. **Grant Prideco Tubular Technology and Services** is installing new large diameter premium pipe threading equipment at its Patterson Tubular Services facility in Channelview, Texas. The equipment will have the capacity to manufacture premium connections on casing as large as 20-in. OD. ■

PRODUCTS

Land-based drilling fluids. **BP** is offering two grades of drilling fluids for land-based drilling applications. **Amodrill 1410** fluids and a new grade, **Amodrill 1400**, are clear, odorless, mobile fluids that are more than 99% olefinic. They exhibit pour points as low as -29°F, flash points of 240°F and have demonstrated improved rates of penetration in onshore drilling operations, especially through hard rock formations. Both fluids offer reduced exposure to fugitive emissions of aromatic compounds relative to diesel and mineral oils; low volatility; lower odor than diesel oils; and rapid biodegradation in soil and co-compost piles.

Pipe handling tools. **Den-Con Tool** now has available the **FG3A Power Slip** system that will handle 20-in. to 2 3/8-in. pipe sizes suited for 49 1/2-in. and larger rotary tables with rated capacities to 750 tons or 500 tons. The **FG2A Power Slip System** will handle 14-in. to 2 3/8-in. pipe sizes and is suited for 37 1/2-in. rotary tables with rated capacity of 500 tons. The **FG6** with **PCD Pipe Centering Device** is for work over riser pipe or small casing sizes for use with or without umbilicals for pipe sizes of 8 5/8-in. to 4 1/2-in. **PCD** is hydraulically powered to center pipe prior to setting slips. The **SUCB Power Slip Systems** include casing bushings, conventional casing slips and power slip lifter. ■