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President's Letter

Dear Fellow AADE members,

I hope you all enjoyed Bill Rau's presentation on the successes and lessons learned on ChevronTexaco's Petroneus Extended Reach Drilling project. As we in the GOM are all planning and drilling more extended reach wells the sharing of technical information should benefit us all. ERD and HPHT drilling will be the subjects of our 1/2 day Technical Forum May 1st. Our Technical Committee is working hard to have a great line up of speakers so please mark the date down in your calendars and tell all that it will be free to all members paid by April 10th.

While you have your calendars out, remember that May 9th is our AADE Golf Tournament so please sign up if you not have already done so. As I mentioned at the March meeting, the monies from the Golf Tournament and Sporting Clay Tournament go towards supporting Nicholls State's 7/7 program as well as an endowed chair that we are jointly funding with Lafayette. Our Fin, Feather, or Fur will be on June 5th and the tickets will go on sale at our April 10th luncheon. Remember that April 10th is the second Thursday of the month instead of the first Thursday due to AADE National Technical Forum in Houston April 1st-April 3rd.

Our speaker at our April 10th luncheon will be our own 2nd VP, Mr. Leendert Ursem with Shell, who will be presenting learnings from the drilling phase of the world record Shell Na Kika development. This should be very well attended so please do make reservations early by calling Paula Hebert at 504-593-6876 or by emailing Paula at paula.hebert@halliburton.com no later than noon on Monday April 7th. The luncheons will remain at the Holiday Inn Superdome. We are working to ensure that no one gets placed on a waiting list but please don't delay making reservations.

Chase Hinson

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Monthly Meeting —April 10, 2003

The Drilling Phase of the World Record Na Kika Development Leendert-Jan Ursem of Shell”

Our April 10th luncheon will feature Mr. Leendert-Jan Ursem of Shell who will be presenting the drilling phase of the Na Kika development.

Na Kika is a Joint venture development between Operator Shell and Post Installation operator BP.

A brief introduction to the field will be given followed by a detailed overview of the successful 10 well Drilling Campaign.

This should be well attended so please make reservations early and no later than Monday April 7th by noon.

Biography: Leendert-Jan Ursem graduated at Delft University of Technology with a Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering. He has worked for Shell, both as a reservoir engineer and as a Well Engineer in New Zealand, Holland, Nigeria, Scotland and is currently working in New Orleans for Shell EP Company (SEPCO) as the Lead Drilling Engineer for the Ultra Deepwater Development Na Kika. In previous roles he held positions as Lead Drilling Supervisor Offshore, Senior Contracts Engineer, Team leader Deliver the Limit and Senior Well Engineer Operations.

Concurrently he is tasked to lead the Engineering effort on the newly expanded Real Time Operations Center in the Shell New Orleans office

Calendar of Events

April 1-3, 2003	AADE National Technical Conference & Exhibition Houston, Texas
April 10, 2003	Monthly Meeting
May 1	Technical Seminar: <i>Pushing The Envelope: Challenges Of Drilling Extended Reach And Deep Wells</i>
May 22, 2003	South Louisiana Petroleum Exploration Symposium, New Orleans Geological Society

Please contact Paula Hebert at 504-593-6876 or e-mail to paula.hebert@halliburton.com. The luncheon fees are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You can pay you \$15 membership fee at the same time you pay for lunch. Reservations must be made by Monday prior to each monthly luncheon. If you have made reservations and are unable to attend, please cancel with Paula Hebert.

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Frank Harrison

Thursday May 22, 2003
 hosted by
The New Orleans Geological Society
 New Orleans Marriott Hotel
 556 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

Early Registration Cost: \$125/person (\$150 after May 1)
 Price includes Wednesday night (May 21) icebreaker, Thursday lunch and refreshments
Attendance limited to first 300

Registration forms available at www.nogs.org or call (504)581-3982.
 For general information contact George Rhoads at (504)582-6873 or grhoads@chevronlouisiana.com



New Orleans Geological Society
SLOPES Registration Form

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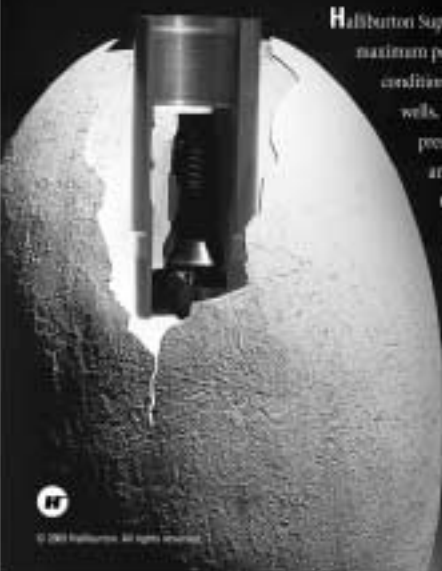
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- Includes:
- Daily continental breakfast and luncheon
 - **Two** cocktail hours (April 1 & 2)
 - One digital copy of the proceedings

Day Registration: \$195.00 per delegate

- Includes:
- Continental breakfast and luncheon
 - **One** cocktail hour
 - One digital copy of the proceedings

Day of Attendance: April 1 April 2 April 3

Early Registration: All paying delegates registering before **March 15, 2003** will be eligible for the **grand prize** drawing of \$500.00. Additional early registration drawings will be made during the conference. Delegates **do not** have to be present to win.

Location: **Radisson Hotel Astrodome**

8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, Texas 77054

Room reservations: (713) 748-3221 or (800) 627-6461

Payment: Make check payable to **AADE Houston Chapter** and mail to:

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GOM Rig Activity For Week 3-6-03

Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 129 (Change from previous week +1)

Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 34 (Change from previous week +3)

Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 95 (Change from previous week -2)

Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (83/110) = 75.5% of capacity.

Semis Contracted/Marketed (22/29) = 75.9% of capacity.

Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.

Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (25/56) = 44.6% of capacity.

Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (32/47) = 59.6% of capacity.

Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 3-6-03 Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	15
2	Shell	9
3	BP	8
4	LLOG	8
5	Anadarko	7
6	Exxon	6
7	ElPaso	5
8	KerrMcGee	5
9	Ocean Energy	4
10	Unocal	4
Total		71

Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	12
Shell	9
LLOG	8
W&T Offshore	3
Dominion	3
Century Exploracion	2
Energy Partners	1
Denbury Resources	1
Murphy	1
Linder	0
W.G. Hellis	0
Taylor Energy	0
Bass Enterprises	0
Key Production	0
NCX	0
Total	40



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**SOUTH LOUISIANA
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Price includes Wednesday night (May 21) icebreaker party,
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Topics to be covered will include, but not limited to:

Recent discoveries; Field studies; Miocene, Oligocene, and Tuscaloosa trend updates; Land and regulatory issues when conducting 3-D surveys; 3-D surveys from the contractor's prospective; Biostratigraphy and deep-water low-stand systems tract plays in South Louisiana; Gravity applications in South Louisiana exploration; Drilling technology/issues.

Registration available at www.nogs.org or call (504)561-8980.

For general information contact George Rhoads at (504)592-6873 or
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AADE Technical Symposium

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MAY 1, 2003 (1/2 Day)

- Focus On Extended Reach Wells
- Deep Water Field Development
- Shelf / Deepwater Sidetracks
- Focus On Deep Wells
- Shelf High Temperature/High Pressure Gas Wells

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