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The National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) is a trade association dedicated to the development of offshore energy for the continued growth and security of the United States. NOIA promotes environmentally safe development of the resources of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), representing business engaged in all aspects of OCS operations.

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OUTLOOK 2008 AND BEYOND

The 32nd Annual
Marine/Offshore
Industry Outlook
Conference

April 8, 2008

Inn at the Ballpark
Houston, Texas



About the Program...

There is nothing static about the offshore oil and gas industry. History has shown us that change is the norm for the industry. Keeping up with industry developments in the midst of constant change is often a difficult, yet essential task. The 32nd Annual Marine/Offshore Industry Outlook Conference is designed to assist industry observers, managers and leaders by providing a three-year forecast of developments, trends and critical issues facing the marine/offshore industry. The conference will highlight domestic and international issues that will impact business planning and organizing efforts in the upcoming years.

During the past ten years the marine/offshore industry has gone through a myriad of changes that have brought with them countless problems and constraints that spurred the need for innovative corporate and industry planning and organizing efforts. Our morning session will address legislative issues, developments in the Gulf of Mexico region and financial planning efforts of the offshore oil and gas industry.

A group of recognized marine/offshore industry leaders will discuss the outlook for the following specific industry segments: offshore service and offshore drilling. Areas of impact will include equipment utilization, regulatory policy, personnel and training, financial constraints and problems, and technological developments.

The luncheon program will focus on future exploration and development opportunities in the offshore oil and gas industry. The emphasis will be on identifying the offshore areas that will experience the most active development during the next two to three years. A brief review of current and proposed legislation impacting future exploration and development opportunities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) will also be given during the opening session of the conference.

Time will be provided for questions and answers after each session. Please use the space on the back of the registration form to submit your questions to speakers in advance. This gives the speakers the opportunity to review your question and develop a more comprehensive response.

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Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Inn at the Ballpark,
Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse

9:00 a.m. - Welcome and Introduction

Dewayne Hollin, Marine Business Management Specialist, Texas Sea Grant College Program; **Tom Fry**, President, National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

9:10 a.m. - Legislative Review of Oil and Gas Industry

Speaker: **Tom Fry**, President, NOIA

9:20 a.m. - *Major Developments and Energy Impacts in the Gulf of Mexico Region*

Speaker: **Lars Herbst**, Regional Director, U.S. Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico Region

Questions and Answers

10:00 a.m. - *Financial Overview of the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry*

Speaker: **Bret West**, Senior Vice President, Group Manager, Wells Fargo Energy Group

Questions and Answers

10:30 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - *2008-2010 Outlook for Major Segments of the International Offshore Industry*

Offshore Drilling Speaker: **Larry Dickerson**, President & COO, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.

Offshore Service Industry Speaker: **Bruce Gresham**, President & General Manager, Heerema Marine Contractors, U. S.

Questions and Answers

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Future Development Opportunities for the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry

Speaker: **Darrell Hollek**, Vice President, Gulf of Mexico Operations, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Registration

This one-half day conference will be held April 8 at the Inn at the Ballpark, 1520 Texas Avenue, Downtown Houston. A small block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at a rate of \$149. Make room reservations by calling (713) 228-1520 and asking for the Marine/Offshore Industry Outlook Conference rate.

Registration is limited. Registration is \$100 per person until March 31, 2008 and \$125 per person thereafter while space remains. Make checks payable to Texas A&M University. For further information contact **Dewayne Hollin**, conference coordinator, at (979) 845-3857.

Complete this registration form and return it as soon as possible with your check(s) to:

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