



February 2011

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Upcoming Events and Activities

February 7 - NOGS Luncheon

*** At the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome ***
\$2.00 validated parking in hotel garage

Guest speaker Kadira Analisa Singh, of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Houston, will present "The Impact of Meterorites on Earth's History and its Implications for Hydrocarbon Production."

(See page 7 for Abstract and Biography)

Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome

Check with concierge or front desk for location Lunch served at 11:30am Admission:

with reservation	\$30.00
without reservation	\$35.00
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February 7-8 - HGS Applied Geoscience Mudrocks Conference

Houston. See announcement on page 31.

February 7-9 - AAPG Arctic Technology Conference

Houston. Info: www.arctictechnologyconference.org

February 16-18 - NAPE Exposition

Houston. Info: www.napeexpo.com. See announcement on page 33.

March 14 - NOGS Luncheon

Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome. Guest speaker Dr. Darrell Henry, Department of Geology & Geophysics at Louisiana State University, will present: "Tourmaline: Can it record geologic information like a DVD?"

March 19 - Super Science Saturday

Louisiana Childrens Museum. Volunteers needed. See announcement on page 8.



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from the President

2011 has started with an absolute bang! Many NOGS members are super busy and feeling overloaded and we are only one month into the New Year. Is it because the offshore drilling moratorium has been lifted? I don't think so! We in the industry recognize that the spinning up of our offshore drilling activity is going to be a slow and painful process. And it would sure be nice to know where and in what form that pain is coming. Drilling activities on land and inland waters are carrying on and even increasing. Offshore shelf drilling certainly has a better chance of springing back sooner than deepwater. I call on NOGS members to continue to be vocal and engaged politically and professionally to get the truth out and promote our very safe industry.

NOGS has a slew of unfilled committee chairs and inactive committees, inactive in part because the committee has no leader and quite possibly because we no longer need certain committees. Please take note of the existing "vacancies" below:

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NOGS members, I am "calling you out" to become more involved in your society, step up and indicate your interest in one of these areas of service, either as a committee member or a committee chair. If you want to know more about a particular committee such as what the work actually entails, we'd be happy to fill

you in. There is much more we could and should be doing. If you care to identify your interest or such an area to me, any board member or Annette Hudson, please go right ahead.

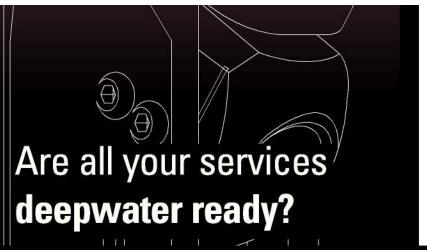
Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend the South-Central GSA 45th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, March 28 and 29, 2011. NOGS member Dr. Mark Kulp is chairing this meeting and is still soliciting sponsors, session chairs and volunteers. Read the announcement in the LOG.

Remember that HGS is putting on "The HGS Applied Geoscience Mudrocks Conference" to be held on February 7 - 8, 2011. Learn about reservoir characterization advances of multiple Gulf Coast shale target systems, including the Haynesville/Bossier. Develop your understanding of what other productive mudrock systems may occur within the US Gulf Region. Register early! This sold out in 2007, 2009, & 2010. The complete technical program is available for download on the NOGS website in the February events listing.

Many NOGS members are planning on attending AAPG 2011 ACE in Houston, April 10 - 13th. NOGS could use your help as a volunteer to spend a portion of your time in the NOGS booth. We will be selling and taking orders for our just completed NOGS Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana 2010. The more volunteers the less work for any us and your time would certainly assist the society.

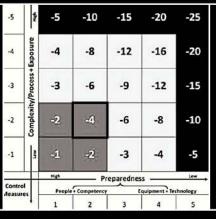
Don't forget to make your reservation(s) for the February 7th 2011 NOGS Luncheon Meeting. Dr. Kadira Singh will present "The Impact of Meteorites on Earth's History and its Implications for Hydrocarbon Production." Also our March 14th Luncheon Meeting with Dr. Darrell Henry of LSU speaking on "Tourmaline: Can it record geologic information like a DVD?" Read the announcements in the LOG.

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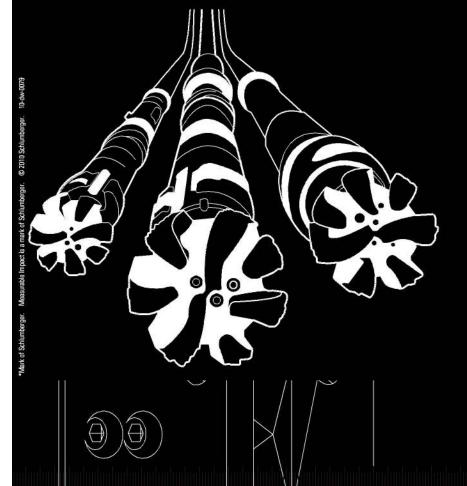
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February 7 NOGS Luncheon Presentation

At the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome

The Impact of Meteorites on Earth's History and its Implications for Hydrocarbon Production

presented by

Kadira Singh*

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston, Texas

ABSTRACT

To meet the world's growing energy demands, the need to explore for unconventional sources of oil and gas is becoming ever more popular. Each year, smaller new discoveries are made. Exploration within impact structures may prove to increase the number and size of hydrocarbon targets in the future, as they have shown to host many prolific oil and gas fields. Meteorite impacts are known to release a great deal of energy, which can result in more than 15 m of vertical ground motion. Sedimentological mechanisms associated with the latter include gravity driven transport (mass transport complexes), ballistic sedimentation and reworking by tsunamigenic currents. Consequently, an understanding of such impacts can prove to be a valuable source of hydrocarbons.

To date, 174 bollides have been reported to blemish the earth's surface. Seventeen confirmed impact structures occur in petroliferous areas of North America, nine of which are being exploited for commercial amounts of hydrocarbons. In the Ames impact feature, Oklahoma, 53 million barrels of oil are estimated to be recovered ultimately from the fractured carbonates and granite reservoir rock. The Cantarell field, the largest oil field in Mexico, produces from a thick carbonate breccia that is genetically related to the Chixulub meteorite impact event which occurred in Northern Yucatan. To date, this field has produced more than 6.5 billion barrels of oil along with 3 trillion cubic feet of gas.

The Jebel Hadid structure, Libya, is another prospective impact crater which houses a promising source rock, stored in the lower stratigraphic units of the crater. Migration pathways are provided by regional faults as well as impact generated conduits. From these examples, it is evident that the processes associated with bollide impacts favor the generation of all elements necessary for a successful petroleum system.

*Co-author: Lesli Wood

BIOGRAPHY



Kadira Analisa Singh pursued her Cambridge London A level examinations at Hillview College, Trinidad and Tobago. She later pursued her Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Geoscience, at the University of the West Indies, where she graduated in 2007 with honors. In the Spring of 2008, she entered the Jackson

School of Geosciences, of the University of Texas -Austin, to pursue a Master of Science degree in geological sciences. There, her thesis involved the study of the nature and

geometry of mass transport deposits worldwide. During her graduate degree studies she accepted summer internships with Occidental Petroleum and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. Kadira also served as a teaching assistant for Dr. Leon Long conducting laboratory sessions for an Introduction to Geology course. At the Bureau of Economic Geology, she worked as a research assistant to Dr. William Ambrose studying the impacts of meteors on the earth's surface and their implications for hydrocarbon accumulations.

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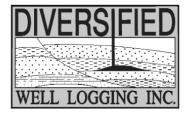
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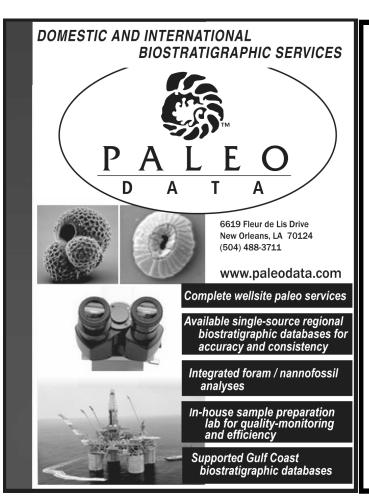


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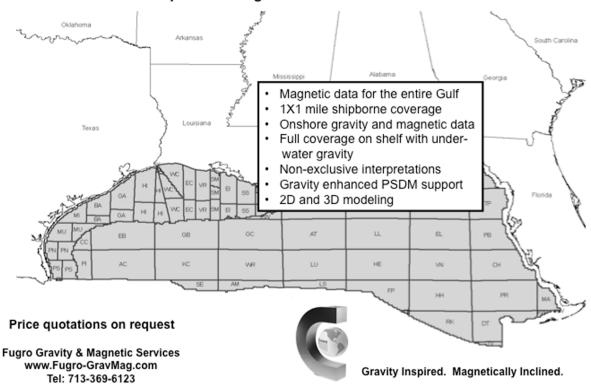
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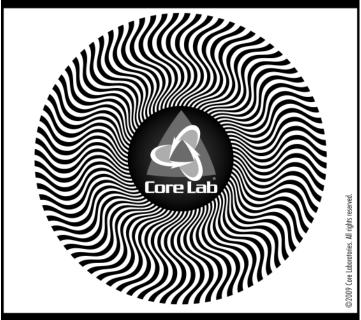


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November 28, 2010

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Thank you so much for your support, Mark Kulp

A Memorial

William C. "Bill" Ward 1933 -2011

William (Bill) C. Ward of Boerne Texas died early in the morning of January 8, 2011 after a stroke. He was born in Waco, Texas in 1933 to Bruce and Louise Ward and was the oldest of five. After attending Jefferson High School in San Antonio, he received his BS and MS in geology from the University of Texas at Austin and, after a nine year stint in the oil industry, returned to school to get his PhD at Rice University. He taught geology at the University of New Orleans for 25 years and did academic research in limestone and other sedimentary rocks of Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, Egypt, and the US Gulf Coast.



During his tenure on the Geology faculty at UNO, Bill participated in many NOGS events. He always played a role on GCAGS convention committees when NOGS hosted the meeting. Additionally, he was a

coauthor of several NOGS publications. These included "Geology of Greater New Orleans: Its Relationship to Land Subsidence and Flooding," published in 1980. He was the coauthor and a field trip leader for several convention-associated field trips to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. These activities spanned more than a decade, from 1974 through 1985, and are preserved in three guide books. These excursions provided a detailed examination of carbonate sedimentation and stratigraphy, the hydrogeology and the Quaternary geology of the area.

In 1995 he retired from UNO as an Emeritus Professor of Geology and with his wife, Kathy, returned to their native Central Texas, where he was an enthusiastic and well-loved volunteer teaching Texas Hill Country geology for several Master Naturalist chapters, as well as for the Cibolo Nature Center, the Gorge Preservation Society (Canyon Lake Gorge), and other groups. Bill also was very active in the Native Plant Society of Texas, wrote a column on native plants for the Boerne Star, and was an avid birder.

He and his wife, Kathy Agnew, enjoyed 53 years of marriage. Bill will be missed by his mother Louise (Momo) Ward, daughters Laura Good and Diane Sparkman, son Bruce Ward, sister Jeanne West and two brothers, Lee Allen Ward and Phil Ward, and grandchildren Will and Walker Good and Joshua, Dillon and Ashley Sparkman; son-in-laws, Jim Good and JM Sparkman; daughter-in-law, Abby Matteson; aunts Eugenia James and Miriam Warlick, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill will also be missed by all of his former students and colleagues.

Ed Picou Fran Wiseman

Note: Acknowledgement is made and appreciation expressed to Express-News, the source of much of the information in this memorial.

A Lookback at 2010 Notable NOGS Activities & Other Events

- On March 16th NOGS member Art Johnson was presented the American Petroleum Institute-Delta Chapter's prestigious Meritorious Award in recognition of his outstanding volunteer efforts for so many organizations..
- NOGS hosted a very successful AAPG Convention April 11-14 with an attendance of 5,700. Of note was the larger than anticipated turnout for the special convention event billed as "An Evening with the Greatest Generation" at the National World War II Museum.
- On April 19 NOGS held its popular Golf Tournament at Tchefuncte Country Club with an almost sellout participation. Tim Klibert did a magnificent job organizing the tourney.
- The following day, April 20, changed our industry in many significant ways with the Deepwater Horizon blowout at BP's Macondo prospect in Mississippi Canyon 252. Shortly, a federal moratorium was imposed on all deep water drilling which was subsequently extended to shelf drilling, as well. The long-range impacts of this disaster will be played out over the next few years.
- The joint NOGS-SGS Spring Social was held at Zephyrs Field on May 14 where our home team played the Fresno Grizzlies. Although attendance was light, all had a good time
- On July 15 the Fourth Annual Flood Protection Symposium "Geologic Facts of Life for Flood Protection in Coastal Louisiana" was held in the Jefferson Parish Office Building in Gretna, La. The symposium was video taped and broadcast over the local Fox news channel.
- Regrettably, Eni Petroleum announced their relocation to Houston in June. Eni's
 geological staff had supported NOGS in many significant ways, including board officers
 and committee chairs. As a consequence of their departure, President David Reiter
 resigned and Vice President Rick Kear took the reins of the Society in September.
- On August 18-19 NOGS co-sponsored with SPE Delta and AADE the 14th Annual Deepwater Technical Symposium at the Hilton Riverside Hotel. Attendance was remarkably high. The topic of the Panel Discussion prior to the conclusion of the symposium focused on the Macondo blowout and oil spill.
- The annual Kick Off Party took a very different venue on September 13th. As an "experiment," it took the place of the regular monthly luncheon. Special activities at the luncheon/party were the presentation of NOGS Foundation Scholarships to university students and the introduction of NOGA officers.
- On December 10th the NOGA/NOGS Annual Christmas Party was held at the Metairie Country Club with approximately 85 attending. This festive event featured live music and a bountiful holiday buffet.
- Without a doubt, the most important event of the year happened in late December with the publication of the *Oil and Gas Fields of South Louisiana 2010*. After a full year of dedicated work by co-chairs Carlo Christina and Charley Corona and the Steering Committee, the publication on CD-ROM was delivered on December 29th, thus honoring the date in its title.

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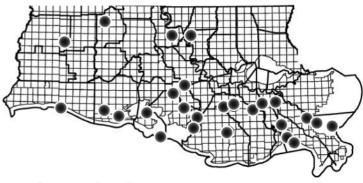
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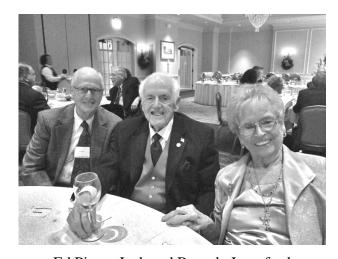
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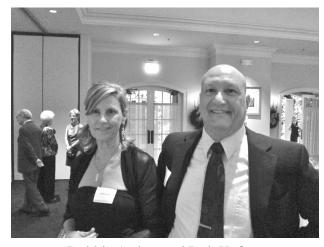
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Forty-four drilling permits have been issued since my last report, a significant increase since the previous total of 28. The most significant locations are as follows:

In Acadia Parish, **Midland Field,** Caza Operating has permitted the #1 Baker in Sec. 18, T10S-R1W. It will be drilled to **16,000'**, significantly deeper than previous wells in the field.

Pennington Operating Co. is drilling a Planulina test in **Oakley Field**, Assumption Parish. The #1 Clause is located in Sec. 79, T14S-R14E, approx. 5,000' east of production, and is drilling below 3,500'.

In **North Bayou Jack Field,** Avoyelles Parish, the Nelson Energy, #H-1 Deshotels, Sec. 20., T2S-R5E flowed 600 BOPD and 500 MCFG on 20/64" ck. through 640' of perforations in the Austin Chalk. As reported last month, the well was drilled to TD 18,748' in a 3,755' horizontal leg. Additional acidizing and testing to continue.

El Paso E&P Co. will drill the #1 BP-32 in **Fields Field**, Beauregard Parish, located in Sec. 32, T6S-R12W to a depth of 14,166'. It is located approximately 1 mile west of the recently completed #1 Hennican, completed flowing 4377 MCFG and 309 BOPD.

Beauregard Parish continues to attract drilling activity.

In **West Gordon Field,** Midwest Petroleum Co. has completed the #1-6 Forestar LWxRB, flowing 132 BOPD through perforations 12,560' to 14,280'. The well was drilled in Sec. 6, T7S-R9W to TD 14,584'.

Midwest has staked the #1-7 Forestar, a deep **18,000**' test, approximately 1 mile south of the #1-6 Forestar in **West Gordon Field**. It will be drilled in Sec. 7, T7S-R9W.

In **Bear Field**, Midwest has drilled the #1 Barrow-20, and is waiting on a completion rig. The well was drilled to TD 15,075' in Sec. 20, T6S-R9W.

Also in **Bear Field**, a new location has been staked by Midwest in Sec. 29, T6S-R9W. The #1 AKS Properties is permitted to a depth of 15,035'.

In **Coward's Gully Field**, Midwest Petroleum Co. has completed the #1 Unkel in the Wilcox flowing 100 BOPD through perforations 12,014' to 12,096' overall. It is located in Sec. 4, T7S-R11W. (*#241884)

In Calcasieu Parish, Mayne & Mertz has completed the #1 Drew Estate in **Pine Ridge Field**, flowing 667 BCPD and 3,004 MCFG. Completion is in the Hackberry, through perforations 11,097' to 11,102'. The well is located in Sec. 20, T10S-R11W. (*#241584)

South Manchester Field, in Calcasieu Parish, has a new location by Mayne & Mertz. The #1 Martone is located in Sec. 24, T10S-R7W, and is permitted to 13,300'.

My previous report of activity in **Cameron Meadows Field,** Cameron Parish, listed 4 wells permitted by Apollo Energy Co. All wells are located in Sec. 22, T14S-R13W. The #2 Dore was completed in the 5100' Sand flowing 3125 MCFG and 2 BCPD through perforations 5,058' to 5,090' (OA), and the #3 Dore was completed in the 1250' Sand flowing 75 BOPD through perforations 1,240' to 1,270' (OA). The #4 Dore is waiting on a completion rig, and the #5 and the #6 Dore are preparing locations.

In reviewing the production history of the field, I discovered that several very old wells have had remarkable recoveries of oil and gas. The #37 Cameron Meadows, drilled in the late 1970s, has produced more than 2,220,000 barrels of oil since 1977, when records were first recorded by the La. Dept. of Natural Resources. Most importantly, the well has produced more than **140,000** barrels of oil in the past 12 months; not bad for an old well. With the price of oil at \$90 per barrel, this well generated more than **\$12,600,000 during this 12 month period**.

Also in Cameron Parish, Sabine Lake Field, Forza Operating LLC, will drill the #2 SL 19067 to a depth of 13,500'.

Pine Prairie Field in Evangeline Parish has been very active in the past few months. Midstates Petroleum Co has recently completed the #2 Johnson in the Upper Wilcox Reservoir, flowing 225 BOPD and 375 MCFG, through perforations 12,014' to 12,120'. (OA) .(*#241999)

Also in **Pine Prairie Field**, Midstates Petroleum Co. completed the #3 Cromwell-27 in the Frio Sand, flowing 225 BOPD through perforations 5,210' to 5,236'. (* #241918)

Forest Oil Co. will drill its #1 SL 19743 in **Garden Island Field** in Plaquemines Parish. The well is permitted to 13,600' in Sec.2, T23S-R32E.

Lymac Operating is drilling a Tuscaloosa well in the **North Liverpool Field** in St. Helena Parish. The #1 Weyerhaeuser is drilling below 12,240' in Sec. 62, T1S-R5E.

A **St. Mary Parish 19,500'** wildcat will be drilled by Phoenix Exploration in Atchafalaya Bay. The #2 SL 20035 is drilling below 11,195'.

Clayton Williams Energy has drilled to 14,450' in its #1 SL 19720 wildcat in Eugene Island Block 10.

In **Bayou Hebert Field**, Vermilion Parish, Petroquest will drill the #1 Thibodeaux. The well will be drilled to 19,800'. Anadarko has a significant completion in the Austin Chalk in **South Burr Ferry Field** in Vernon Parish. The GARS #1, Sec.18, T1S-R10W was drilled to TD 19,260' in a horizontal hole (TVD 13,349') and flowed 7,000 MCFG and 500 BOPD from perforations 13,445' to 18,727'. South Burr Ferry Field was discovered in 1996 and has produced 1,200,000 barrels of oil and 6.4 billion cubic feet gas. (*#241814)

OFFSHORE

GOM SHELF ACTIVITIES - Al Baker

In the past sixty days (from November 11, 2010 to January 11, 2011), there have been three new well drilling permits granted on the Gulf of Mexico shelf. The fortunate companies include Apache, Castex and W&T Offshore. They received drilling approvals for wells on Matagorda Island Block 623, High Island Block 176 and Main Pass Block 180, respectively.

According to the BakerHughes Rig Counts, as of January 7th there were 25 active rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, down 17 rigs (or 40%) from a year ago. In a January 3, 2011 Wall Street Journal article entitled "New Scrutiny Slams Near-Shore Exploration" by Daniel Gilbert, the author notes that of the 83 shallow-water rigs in the Gulf, only 29 were leased as of December 20th. This compares to 39 leased rigs on April 20th, the date of the BP Macondo blowout. The article goes on to state that many of the currently leased rigs are working at discounted day-rates, such that the rig owners are losing millions of dollars each month in revenue and in costs to maintain idle rigs. Among the hardest hit are two Houston-based companies, Hercules Offshore, Inc. and Seahawk Drilling Inc., which own a combined 68% of the shallow-water drilling fleet.

On December 1st, Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, announced a revised OCS Leasing Program. In essence, the lease sales in the Central (March) and Western (August) Gulf of Mexico under the current 2007-2012 leasing program are being delayed until late 2011 or early 2012 in order to allow sufficient time for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) to complete its environmental analyses of these regions. This is not good news to companies who regularly participate in offshore lease sales. The BOEMRE is also reviewing the Alaska OCS and the Mid and South Atlantic OCS areas for the 2012-2017 leasing program.

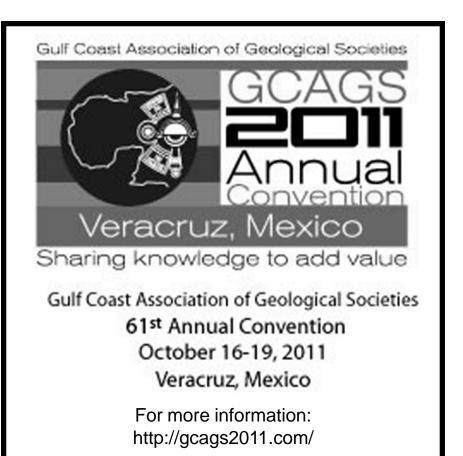
In the shallow water, deep gas and ultra-deep gas exploration activities continue for McMoRan at Lafitte (Eugene Island Block 223), Blackbeard East (South Timbalier Block 144) and the Davy Jones offset well (South Marsh Island Block 234). In November, McMoRan announced production test results on the previously reported 105 net feet of hydrocarbon-bearing sands found in the Blueberry Hill #9 ST-1 well. The well flowed at a rate as high as 22 MMCF/D and 1,250 BC/D on a 22/64" choke with 13,090 psi flowing tubing pressure. At the end of the test period, the rate was 16 MMCF/D and 838

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BC/D on a 23/64" choke with 7,750 psi flowing tubing pressure. The well has been shut-in pending the evaluation of the flow test results to assess the decrease in flowing tubing pressure.

On January 5, 2011, Entek announced an offshore Texas, shelf discovery in Galveston Block A-133. The well was operated by Peregrine Oil and Gas who had farmed in a 50% working interest from Entek. According to the press release, the well found approximately 200 feet of net gas pay and is presently being temporarily abandoned while awaiting tie-in to nearby production facilities. The anticipated initial production date is late 2nd quarter 2011, and an initial production rate of 10 to 20 MMCF/D is expected. The prospect reserve ranges from 2 BCF (3P) to 18 BCF (prospective resource).







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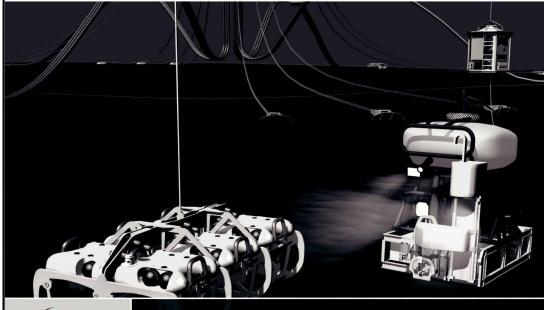
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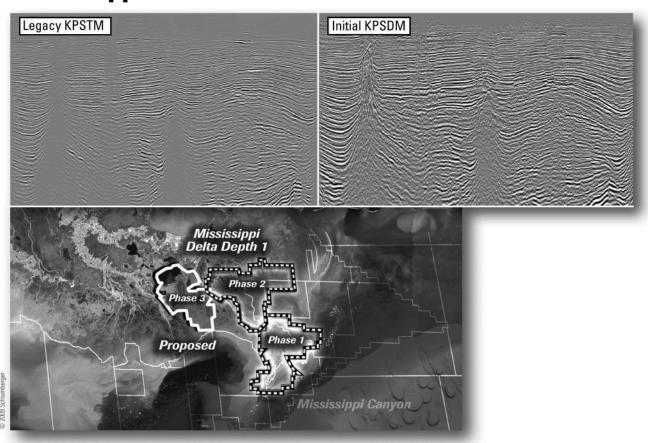
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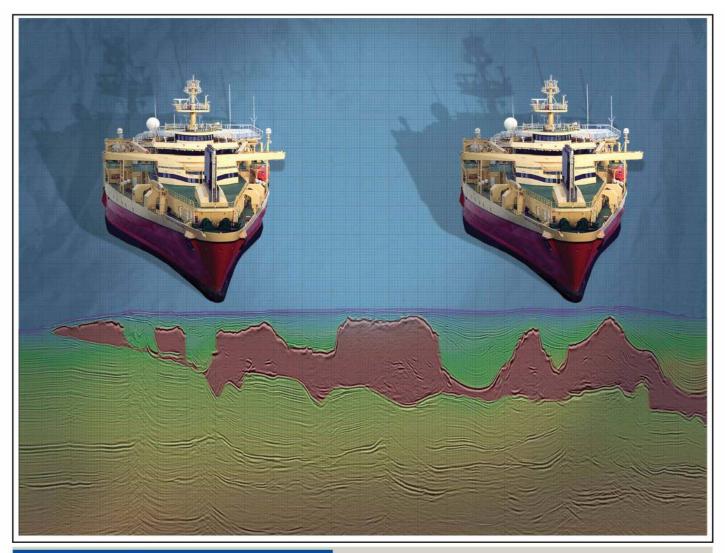
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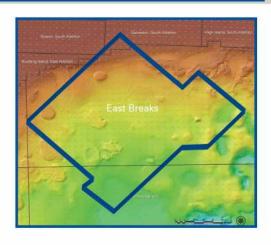
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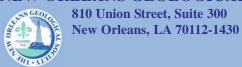


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