Baker Hughes Announces April 2009 Rig Counts

HOUSTON, May 7, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Baker Hughes Incorporated (NYSE: BHI) announced today that the international rig count for April 2009 was 986, down 26 from the 1,012 counted in March 2009, and down 88 from the 1,074 counted in April 2008. The international offshore rig count for April 2009 was 273, down 8 from the 281 counted in March 2009 and down 24 from the 297 counted in April 2008.

The US rig count for April 2009 was 995, down 110 from the 1,105 counted in March 2009 and down 834 from the 1,829 counted in April 2008. The Canadian rig count for April 2009 was 74, down 122 from the 196 counted in March 2009 and down 32 from the 106 counted in April 2008.

The worldwide rig count for April 2009 was 2,055, down 258 from the 2,313 counted in March 2009 and down 1,004 from the 3,009 counted in April 2008.

April 2009 Rotary Rig Counts

	April 2009				March 2009			April 2008		
	Land	OS	Total	Var.	Land	OS	Total	Land	OS	Total
Europe	30	56	86	(9)	36	59	95	46	47	93
Middle East	223	30	253	(9)	232	30	262	244	35	279
Africa	50	12	62	1	48	13	61	55	18	73
Latin America	278	71	349	(9)	284	74	358	294	86	380
Asia Pacific	132	104	236	0	131	105	236	138	111	249
International	713	273	986	(26)	731	281	1012	777	297	1074
United States	947	48	995	(110)	1060	45	1105	1765	64	1829
Canada	73	1	74	(122)	195	1	196	105	1	106
North America	1020	49	1069	(232)	1255	46	1301	1870	65	1935
Worldwide	1733	322	2055	(258)	1986	327	2313	2647	362	3009

About the Baker Hughes Rig Counts

The Baker Hughes Rotary Rig Counts are counts of the number of drilling rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas in the United States, Canada and international markets. Baker Hughes has issued the rotary rig counts as a service to the petroleum industry since 1944, when Hughes Tool Company began weekly counts of US and Canadian drilling activity. Hughes initiated the monthly international rig count in 1975.

North American rig count data is scheduled to be released at noon central time on the last working day of each week. The international rig count is scheduled to be released on the 5th working day of the month. Additional detailed information on the Baker Hughes rig counts is available from our website at http://www.bakerhughes.com/investor/rig.

Baker Hughes provides reservoir consulting, drilling, formation evaluation, completion and production products and services to the worldwide oil and gas industry.

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