



INTEQ Extends Drilling Performance Envelope with AutoTrak® X-treme® Rotary Steerable Service

HOUSTON - April 27, 2006 - INTEQ has launched the AutoTrak® X-treme® Rotary Closed Loop Drilling System (RCLS), which delivers precise wellbore placement at high drilling efficiency.

INTEQ has integrated its third-generation AutoTrak rotary steerable system with its X-treme motor technology, which generates 50% to 100% more power than conventional motors. As a result, the new AutoTrak X-treme system offers pinpoint well placement and exceptional hole quality capabilities of the AutoTrak system with high penetration rates associated with the X-treme motor.

“The introduction of AutoTrak systems nearly ten years ago enabled complex 3-D wells to be drilled precisely through the reservoir for increased hydrocarbon recovery and lower cost,” explained Martin Craighead, INTEQ President. “We expect the advantages of the AutoTrak X-treme system to have a similar impact by further extending field development options and improving drilling efficiencies.”

Available to drill hole sizes from 5-7/8" to 18-1/4", the AutoTrak X-treme system has been field tested in rigorous drilling environments. In more than 100 demanding well sections, AutoTrak X-treme system has increased drilling efficiency, extended the reach of lower- capacity drilling rigs and reduced costs associated with casing or drillstring wear. The system has reduced risk in re-entry applications to allow operators to extend field life through economical access to stranded reserves.

In the North Sea, the AutoTrak X-treme system is being used routinely to extend the reach of horizontal production wells several thousand feet past prior limits for enhanced recovery. The AutoTrak X-treme system is also being applied extensively in Saudi Arabia to drill extended multilateral wells faster and more precisely to achieve reduced cost, early production and higher hydrocarbon recovery. In offshore India, the system has improved drilling performance and reach capabilities on a challenging multilateral project.

INTEQ, a division of Baker Hughes, is a provider of advanced While-Drilling technologies and services. Major capabilities include directional drilling, Measurement-While-Drilling (MWD), Logging-While-Drilling (LWD) and well-site information management services.

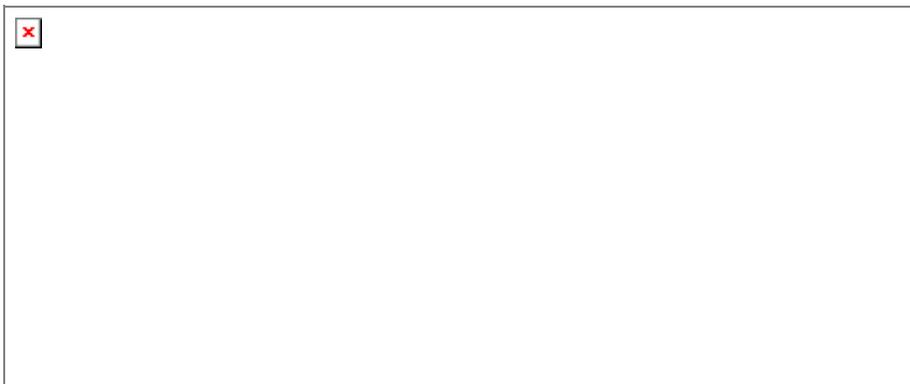
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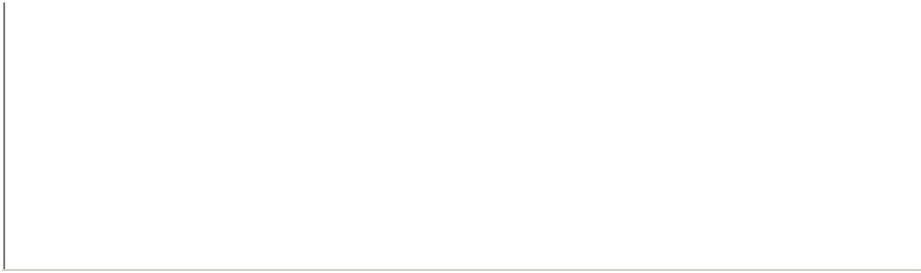
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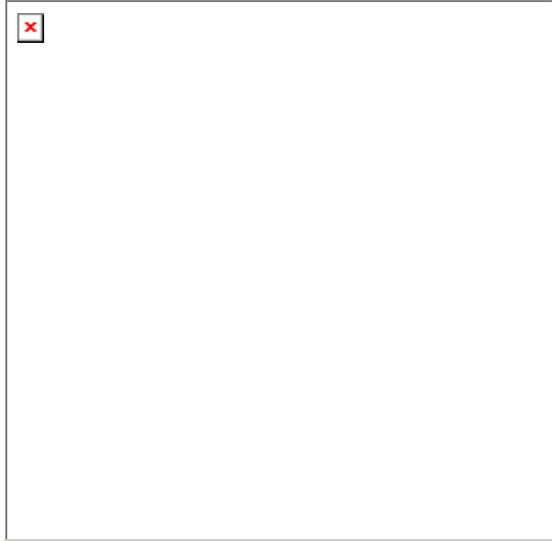
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AutoTrak X-treme services can be used to drill hole sizes from 5-7/8" to 18-1/4".



AutoTrak X-treme system's added power (50% to 100%) is made possible by a proprietary X-treme stator design.



In offshore India, the AutoTrak X-treme system is being used to improve drilling efficiency and extend the reach of wells in a challenging

limestone reservoir.