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Platform to Advance Drilling Technologies for a Sustainable Future

Bangkok, Thailand (July 2, 2018) –The **IADC/SPE Asia Pacific Drilling Technology (APDT) Conference and Exhibition**, proudly hosted by **PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP)**, is set to explore ways to ensure continued excellence in the oil and gas drilling sector. The conference is taking place from 27 – 29 August 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand, and will bring together operators, suppliers, contractors, and service companies to discuss, evaluate, and share ideas to advance drilling operations, promote solutions to common problems, and improve overall efficiency and profitability.

Somporn Vongvuthipornchai, Conference Chair and Chief Executive Officer, PTTEP, remarked, “Evolving challenges in the oil and gas industry such as oil price volatility and digital disruption, the industry requires new approaches in applying business models and technologies to achieve cost and operational efficiencies. This conference will explore the challenges, successes, and strategies to create a fit-for-purpose set of tools, systems, models, technologies, and capabilities that will reshape the industry for a smart and sustainable future.”

Aptly themed, “**Reshaping for a Smart and Sustainable Future**”, this leading industry conference will feature five stimulating plenary and panel sessions delivered by key industry leaders and experts, and over 90 technical paper presentations in its comprehensive technical and ePoster sessions. Topics to be discussed include the future for drilling rigs, enhancing business partnerships, and technologies to increase efficiency and improve recovery.

Industry leaders and experts speaking at the event include Darcy Spady, 2018 President of the **Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)** and Managing Director, Broadview Energy Asset Management; Terry Bonno, Division Vice President Offshore, **International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC)** and Senior Vice President, Industry and Community Relations, Transocean; Brad Middleton, Managing Director, **Chevron Asia South Ltd.**; Marcus Chew, CEO, **Energy Drilling**; Chayong Borisuitsawat, Acting Executive Vice President, Operations Support Group, **PTTEP**; Raphael Siri, Senior Vice President - Drilling Business and Group Performance, **Sapura Energy** and many more.

“Together with the conference, a technical exhibition will showcase the latest industry advancements, as well as provide a vibrant platform for knowledge transfer and networking for industry professionals to share experiences, make new connections, and conduct business,” added Somporn Vongvuthipornchai.

Sponsoring and exhibiting organisations include **PTTEP; Chevron; Mubadala Petroleum; Blade Energy Partners; Coastal Energy; Energy Drilling; MOECO; Grant Prideco; Palang Sophon; PV Drilling; Sapura Drilling Asia Sdn Bhd; Air Drilling Associates (ADA); Cabot Specialty Fluids Ltd, Drillmec SPA; Expro Group Malaysia Sdn Bhd; Gaia Earth Technologies Limited; GEOLOG; Impact Selector Limited; OPS Group of Companies; R&D Solutions Pty Ltd; Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc.; Regional Marine & Engineering Services Pte Ltd; Scientific Drilling International; Silverwell Energy DMCC; Southwest Oilfield Products Pte Ltd; Tracerco Asia Sdn Bhd** and more.

This year’s edition marks its twelfth collaboration of the event for the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). More information on the conference can be found at www.spe.org/go/18APDT.

About the Conference

The IADC/SPE Asia Pacific Drilling Technology Conference and Exhibition is the region's leading drilling event, providing the opportunity for operators, suppliers, contractors, and service company professionals to meet, discuss, evaluate, and share ideas to advance drilling operations, promote solutions to common problems, and improve overall efficiency and profitability.

The previous edition held in Bangkok took place at the Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, attended by 1,635 industry professionals from 37 countries.

About SPE

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a not-for-profit professional association whose more than 158,000 members in 143 countries are engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. SPE is a key resource for technical knowledge providing publications, events, training courses, and online resources at www.spe.org.

About IADC

Since 1940, the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) has exclusively represented the worldwide oil and gas drilling industry. IADC's mission is to catalyse improved performance for the drilling industry by enhancing operational integrity and championing better regulation to facilitate safer, cleaner and more efficient drilling operations worldwide. For more information, visit the IADC website at www.iadc.org.

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