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Cardinal Midstream Sells Assets To Atlas Pipeline

SAN ANTONIO—EnCap Flatrock Midstream has announced that Cardinal Midstream LLC has closed on the previously announced sale of most of its assets to Atlas Pipeline Partners LP.

According to EnCap Flatrock, the \$600 million transaction includes three cryogenic processing plants in Oklahoma's Woodford Shale, treating and compression facilities, 66 miles of gathering pipelines, and a natural gas treating business.

EnCap Flatrock also says that midstream portfolio company Caiman Energy II LLC has entered into an agreement with Dominion to form a \$1.5 billion joint venture that will provide midstream services to natural gas producers operating in the Utica Shale in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Caiman Energy and Dominion were on course to close the formation of Blue Racer Midstream LLC before 2013. EnCap Flatrock confirms it will support Blue Racer by contributing as much as \$285 million to Caiman Energy, in addition to contributions from other companies.

Dominion states it will contribute gathering and processing assets, including Dominion East Ohio's rich-gas gathering system and the Natrium Extraction Plant under construction in Marshall County, W.V.

For information, visit www.efmidstream.com. □

Dow Chemical Unit Offers Suspended Solids Filter

EDINA, M.N.—Dow Water & Process Solutions, a business unit of the Dow Chemical Co., has launched a product to handle demanding water environments. Dow Water says the TEQUATIC™ PLUS fine particle filter combines the power of continuously cleaning, cross-flow filtration with centrifugal separation. The device is designed specifically to handle a range of difficult-to-treat feed waters much more consistently and cost effectively than traditional technologies, Dow Water says.

According to Cedella Beazley, general manager of Clean Filtration Technologies, a wholly owned Dow Chemical subsidiary that produces the TEQUATIC Plus, the filter is a breakthrough in the

difficult-to-treat water space, reliably handling very high and highly variable total suspended solids.

John Patrin, CFT strategic marketing manager, says the TEQUATIC PLUS provides a cost-effective solution that includes the ability to filter water with high and variable solids with almost no maintenance, fouling or backwater cycles, and no need for cartridge filters.

Applications range from pretreatment for ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis, to filtering produced water for oil and gas, the company reports. The TEQUATIC™ PLUS is available in various flow rates with filter cutoffs from 10 to 55 microns.

For information, visit www.dowwaterandprocess.com. □

Latshaw Closes Purchase Of Keen Energy Services

TULSA—Latshaw Drilling Company LLC announces it has acquired Keen Energy Services LLC. Latshaw and Keen are drilling contractors with rigs operating in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas, predominantly in unconventional horizontal plays.

The combined company has a fleet of 41 rigs and 1,000 employees, making it the second-largest privately held drilling contractor in the United States, Latshaw reports. The company says all of the rigs are late-model diesel-electric units, with 32 units mounting top drives for horizontal drilling and seven being state-of-the-art AC rigs.

Latshaw points out it also acquired

Keen's transportation division of late-model heavy-haul trucks and cranes. The company says it now is the second-most active drilling contractor in the emerging Mississippian Lime play on the Oklahoma-Kansas border.

"We are extremely pleased to have acquired Keen, because it has a great workforce, rig fleet and trucking assets," says Latshaw President and owner Trent Latshaw. "The combination of the two companies will be a much more diversified rig fleet, enabling us to better serve both existing and future customers while providing our employees with advancement opportunities." □

PEOPLE

Aquatic Engineering & Construction Ltd. has appointed **Bill Smart** as business development manager, North America.

Before joining Aquatic, Smart served as the vice president of sales and service for Prime Source Packaging Ltd. He has held engineering and project management positions with Oceaneering Intervention Engineering, Oil States International Inc., Unigraphics Solutions Inc. and Global Compression Services. He has a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University. Smart is engineer-in-training certified and has completed Dale Carnegie sales training. □



**MALI
BRAUN**

Knowledge Reservoir has appointed **Mali Braun** to be its sales and business development representative in Canada. She will represent the company in the Canadian upstream oil and gas market and will be responsible for sales in both

technical resourcing and consulting.

Braun joins Knowledge Reservoir from geoLOGIC systems, where she was a partner and client relations specialist. □

Gravity gradiometry firm Bell Geospace has welcomed **Angelia Goza** as accounting and human resources coordinator. Goza brings three decades' accounting experience to her position, most recently as the financial accounting manager in the Houston area, and previously in several positions in Oklahoma. She has a B.S. in accounting and business administration from Southwest Baptist University. □