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International E&P
shows the way forward**

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SHALETECH
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Illustrating our 2026 Forecast theme, Latshaw Drilling Rig 15, a 2,000-hp SCR unit, drills for Mewbourne Oil Company in Ellis County, Okla., in the far western Anadarko basin. As one can see in the picture, the rig has three pumps and four gen sets. It also has a high-torque top drive and the mast/sub has a racking/setback capacity of 33,300 ft of 5-in. or 30,500 ft of 5-1/2-in. drill pipe for extended reach laterals. Image: Latshaw Drilling Company.