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WEST Marketing Press Release – March 19, 2010 – WEST Engineering Services, Brookshire, Texas – WEST Engineering Services today announced that it is now certified as Authorized IBM Business Partner.

WEST Engineering, a global leader in drilling equipment engineering and services, has joined forces with IBM Global Services to provide technical consulting and project acceleration disciplines, to further enhance IBM's best-in-class leadership in Offshore MRO (Maximo) systems and to co-develop initiatives on reliability-centered maintenance for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation deepwater drilling rigs.

Given the mandates of ISM and stricter compliance requirements for today's rig operators, WEST has worked with IBM to develop a holistic, single-solution approach for efficiently managing all facets of operations and compliance to ISO standards.

This joint IBM/WEST approach aims to establish a technology framework that can immediately handle the demands of today's rig environment while providing the service-oriented framework and open systems necessary to support future advances in device integration that will offer enhanced reliability analysis.

WEST is a Brookshire, Texas-based company with global operations supporting the world's leading oil and gas exploration organizations engineering and technical services. For questions or more information you can contact:

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