

## **SEMINAR SLATED TO CLARIFY POST-MACONDO RULES FOR DRILLING INDUSTRY**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

WEST Marketing Press Release – February 7, 2011 – WEST Engineering Services, Brookshire, Texas – WEST Engineering Services today announced a key industry seminar focused on advancing safe deepwater drilling operations in light of regulations and restrictions influenced by the Macondo disaster and public/government/industry response.

The oil and gas industry is still reeling from the dramatic and far-reaching effects of the Macondo disaster. The U.S. government has implemented new rules that it hopes will transform the safety of drilling operations in the United States.

There is a lot of confusion and anxiety as to how to interpret these new regulations, and timely release of drilling permits is an ongoing impediment. The U.S. offshore industry has a clear need for trusted resources to interpret the rules and regulations in a way that can be understood to facilitate approval of drilling permits and, more importantly, safe and efficient drilling campaigns.

This seminar will provide participants with a comprehensive review and interpretation of the rules and certifications required for compliance, along with examples of what can be approved under current regulations.

John Hofmeister will be the keynote speaker for this inaugural event, and will set the stage with his views on how deepwater drilling after Macondo will influence U.S. energy policy. He is the former president of the Shell Oil Company as well as the founder and CEO of the non-profit organization Citizens for Affordable Energy. King & Spalding will also provide a headline presentation clarifying Macondo's influence on new regulations and legislation.

WEST Engineering Services is the primary underwriter of the seminar, to be held on April 5-6, 2011, in Houston, Texas. More information and a sign-up form can be found at **[www.drillingagain.com](http://www.drillingagain.com)**.

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