



Weatherford completes scale offshore rig replica in record time
Artist uses more than 50,000 bricks and contest winners are announced

HOUSTON, May 7, 2008 – Today Weatherford International Ltd. (NYSE: WFT) completed its first scale offshore rig replica at the annual Offshore Technology Conference. The event was commemorated with a champagne toast in booth #3317. It was the culmination of a unique three-day construction project that took place on the exhibit floor featuring the talent of nationally renowned brick artist, Nathan Sawaya. The artist came to the conference with a general idea of how many bricks he would use for the project because he pre-planned the sculpture before his arrival to the conference. However, the total number of bricks he would use to finish the job could not be tallied until the end.

As more than 50,000 plastic interlocking bricks clicked into place since Monday, May 5, visitors and passersby were invited to estimate the number of individual bricks the “brickitect” would use in completing the rig. By the time the last estimate was received, more than 300 people had submitted their guess for a chance to win a special gift set of bricks and an autographed copy of Nathan Sawaya’s book, “The Art of the Brick.”

Momentum for the estimation contest was fueled by the sheer number of bricks found near the construction site, and in the end the final count of 50,183 bricks was announced. Prizes for the three closest estimates were awarded to: Wenxia Zhang, staff reservoir engineer for Shell Exploration and Production; Bartek Mika of Chevron; and Susan Webb, human resources manager for FMC Technologies.

“This project provided a fun, engaging way for Weatherford to make a statement about a very important concept—building,” said Christine McGee, Vice President Marketing for Weatherford International. “For Weatherford this encompasses everything from building better recovery and wells to better engineers and stronger industry relationships. We’re proud of our reputation as one of the largest global leaders in delivering drilling and production solutions, and we will continue to build upon the reputation we’ve worked so hard to earn.”

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