



Wow, it is hard to believe that it is March already. I took the month of February off and it flew by! I have never had a chance to take a holiday like that before and I highly recommend it. As I have been out of town and out of touch, it is a short column this month. As of March 1st, I have started my new business venture and my announcement is below.

I am still looking for people that want to highlight their charity work outside the geophysical industry. As always, new job, birth, transfer and retirement announcements are most welcome and are free. Send your announcement to carmen.swalwell@shaw.ca or carmen_swalwell@yahoo.com You can also contact me at (403) 560-8431.

The 2007 joint CSEG/CSPG convention will soon be upon us. It would be interesting to have new graduate write about their experiences and impressions of this convention. So if you are a new graduate that has never attended a convention before please contact me. Your story will appear in this column in the September 2007 issue of the RECORDER. If you know someone that you think would be interested in writing this piece, please pass this request on!

ON THE MOVE...

Kevin Frankiw is pleased and excited to announce that he has moved to **Penn West Energy Trust** and will be working out of the Swan Hills group. Kevin thoroughly enjoyed his time at Kelman and wishes them all the best. Kevin can now be reached by e-mail at kevin.frankiw@pennwest.com or by phone directly at 777-3332.

Carmen Swalwell would like to announce that she has started a new company, **Swalwell Resource Consulting Inc.** (in bold), recruiting for the oil and gas industry, specializing in Geology and Geophysics. You can contact me at carmen.swalwell@shaw.ca or (403) 560-8431. I look forward to doing what I can to help people achieve their career goals. I would like to thank all my past clients; it has been a pleasure working with you. I hope to do so again in the future. I would also like to thank David Nordin for all his help. It is greatly appreciated.

Mike Burianyk has left Calgary, and Shell Canada, to take a position with **Shell International** at their research lab in Riswijk (The Hague) in The Netherlands. He'll be working in the Exploration R&D group doing research in potential fields (gravity and magnetism). Mike's email remains the same: michael.burianyk@shell.com

Paradigm Geophysical (Canada) Limited is pleased to announce 2 new members to our Marine Processing Team - **Valmore Ceilis** and **Hotma Siagian**. Valmore has his Masters Degree from the Colorado School of Mines and specializes in 3D depth imaging and seismic processing in structurally complex areas, both in Land and Marine. He brings over 15 years of experience working on projects around the globe. Hotma has over 22 years experience in geophysics, predominantly as a Senior geophysicist running large Marine and Land projects. Valmore can be reached at 403-571-1611 and

Hotma at 403-571-1589. These two individuals will be great additions to our expanding Reservoir Studies and Processing teams!

New start-up processing center, **Absolute Imaging Inc.**, is pleased to announce commencement of seismic data processing operations at their new location: L120, Mission Centre, 2303 - 4th Street SW, Calgary, T2S 2S7. **Absolute Imaging** began processing 2D and 3D seismic data January 2, 2007. **Gerry Schlosser** (gerry@absoluteimaging.ca), **Des Maguire** (des@absoluteimaging.ca) and **Gordon Dyck** (gord@absoluteimaging.ca) are looking forward to their new challenge and would like to let their clients, colleagues and friends know that they can be reached at (403) 245-3001 or fax (403) 245-3002.

Absolute Imaging Inc. is extremely pleased to announce that **Mike Gervais** has joined their organization. Mike brings 21 years of experience to the team and the company is excited to have him participate in the growth and prosperity of the newly founded business. Mike would like to let his friends and colleagues know that he can be reached at mike@absoluteimaging.ca or at (403) 245-3001.

HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN THE SEISMIC INDUSTRY...

Damien Thenin – Paradigm/Sales Manager Canada

I grew up in Paris, and started to get interested in geology while learning things about tectonics and volcanism. I originally intended to work in the food processing industry, as biology was my favorite school class. But after spending three years specializing in this area, I realized that I had more fun learning geology than biology. So I took a master's degree in petroleum geology at the Nancy School of Geology in France. During the 3 years spent in Nancy, I studied many aspects of geology. Not only petroleum geology, but also mining geology, geophysics, civil engineering, etc... This was a great opportunity to understand the different disciplines linked to the subsurface knowledge.

After several internships in the mining and the oil industry, plus some research work done with Pr. Mallet's team (gOcad Consortium), I decided to move to Dubai to join Earth Decision Sciences as a consultant in 2003. My job was to provide support, training and consultancy to GOCAD users throughout the Middle East. This was a very fun time, with a lot of travels, where I had the opportunity to meet many great people. I spent most of my time in Saudi Arabia. On a professional side it was an opportunity to work with integrated asset teams, from interpretation to flow simulation. And on a personal side, a great chance to discover a very nice culture (very different from what was shown on TV at that time). It is during that time that I started to work more and more on the geophysical side, as we integrated seismic data into reservoir modeling studies.

In 2005 I was transferred to Calgary with Earth Decision, in order to provide consultancy in reservoir modeling. And after only few months, I was in charge of the Canadian operations of Earth Decision, dealing with both the services & sales activities. This is when I started to get more involved in the seismic side of the industry, by providing solution for seismic

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"We are pleased to acquire such a valuable interpreted dataset that will combine with our other rich datasets to aid geoscientists striving to better understand subsurface geology and generate prospects," said Mark Rose, senior vice president of the U.S. Energy Business Unit for IHS. "This acquisition is one of several recent acquisitions of companies or assets intended specifically to increase the value we deliver to our customers by deepening our U.S. content offering and enhancing the decision-support tools our customers use to analyze that information."

"We had numerous suitors seeking to buy GDS, but we chose IHS because of its longstanding reputation for providing quality data, and for being good stewards of vital E&P information," said Joe Haynes, CEO of GDS. "IHS and GDS have a long history of collaboration, and IHS was the only company we felt we could entrust with our data and customers. We began building these interpreted data assets more than 20 years ago — so it was very important to us that they continue to be improved and maintained, and our customers be supported. Since many of our customers are also IHS customers, we knew it would be a fairly smooth transition, and for our customers not familiar with IHS, we felt strongly that they would benefit from the additional support resources and complimentary products that IHS provides."

CGGVeritas

CGGVeritas announced today its participation in the launch of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau's 3rd Licence Round.

Petroguin, the National Oil Company, is concessionaire for Guinea-Bissau and has retained CGGVeritas and First Exchange Corporation to manage data packages and distribute all technical and legal information related to the round.


The round will run from now until April 30, 2007 and covers key acreage, both onshore and offshore Guinea-Bissau.



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interpretation and visualization, and advanced velocity workflows. But that was not the end of the reservoir modeling for me! I truly believe the industry will benefit more and more from integrated studies with multidisciplinary teams: geophysicists, geologists and reservoir engineers contributing together to build more realistic reservoir models, for example in the heavy oil.

In 2006 Paradigm acquired Earth Decision. Thanks to its seismic processing and software portfolio, the concept of integrated services became even more obvious. It is now time for me to learn more science and technology linked with the seismic industry! 

Commenting on the round, Jim Gulland, CGGVeritas Business Development Manager, EAME Data Library, stated, "This is an important chance for the industry to participate in the exploration of this key region. The potential of the acreage in the round is clearly highlighted by the data package being offered. The seismic, the well correlation studies and the geologic interpretation give unrivalled insight into these under-explored structures."

New opportunities for exploring open acreage are scarce and this round brings a welcome spotlight onto Guinea-Bissau's potential.

Richard Morgan, CGGVeritas Geological Services Manager, commented that, "Maastrichtian and Albian sands offer shelf-based opportunities in closures associated with salt diapirism. Modern salt imaging techniques could bring new life to this under-exploited play; the petroleum system is there, the reservoirs are there, the traps are yet to be found. On the shelf edge and slope, Cretaceous reefs offer further potential particularly where faulting, that defines the shelf margin, provides an additional trap-forming mechanism."

Access to the full details of the licensing round, downloadable maps and the itinerary for data rooms and roadshows are available at the following link: <http://www.cggveritas.com/default.aspx?cid=15-59-263> and www.petroguin.com 