



TAM International has opened a new global manufacturing facility in Houston, with 126,000 sq ft of manufacturing space and 17,000 sq ft of office space. The facility will provide TAM with capacity for manufacturing large, swellable and inflatable packers, up to 45 ft long and 30 in. in diameter. It will be possible to run three shifts with 24-hour manufacturing operations. The previous manufacturing facility will become the new TAM Technology Center. In 2013, TAM also opened offices in Midland, Texas; Erbil, Iraq; and Dubai, UAE.

Hoover Container Solutions, a subsidiary of **Hoover Group**, has acquired **Dolphin Energy Equipment**, a provider of cargo and waste management rental equipment, and related consumables, in the GOM region. Headquartered in New Iberia, La.,

with a distribution and service center in Port Fourchon, La., Dolphin's assets include a fleet of cargo-carrying units certified to DNV and API standards. The combined company will supply chemical, cargo and waste management tanks, baskets, containers, and related accessories and services.

Petrobras has awarded **Prysmian Group** a new contract, worth up to \$260 million for umbilical products for offshore oil and gas extraction. The award refers to a frame agreement for 360 km of umbilicals, most of it to be used in pre-salt fields, in 16 different cross-sections and related ancillaries, with a 50% minimum purchasing commitment and call-off orders, to be placed within a two-year period.

Siemens AG has formed a \$1-billion JV with **John Wood Group**, to expand gas-turbine service offerings in the U.S., as both companies aim to boost profitability. Aberdeen-based Wood Group will have a 51% stake in the venture, which comprises its maintenance

and power solutions businesses, and Siemens's TurboCare gas- and steam-turbine design, repair and manufacturing unit. The deal, which the companies predict to be completed in the first-quarter 2014, includes a \$70-million payment to the Wood Group by the JV for its 49% stake in **Wood Group Pratt and Whitney**, the turbine spare parts and technical support provider.

Templar Energy and its wholly-owned operating subsidiary, **Le Norman Operating**, and its JV partner, **Le Norman Fund I**, have entered into a definitive agreement to buy oil and gas assets in the Texas Panhandle from **Forest Oil Corporation** for \$1 billion. Upon completion of the transaction, the company and Le Norman Fund I are expected to produce in excess of 20,000 net boed, with an estimated proved reserve base of 145 million net boe.

Vallourec now produces welded stainless steel tubes, to be fitted into umbilicals, for the offshore

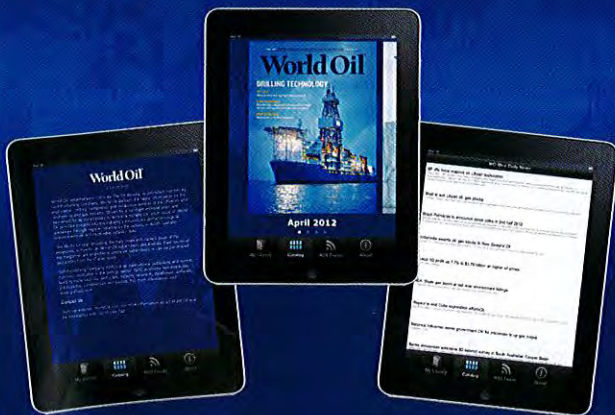
market. The umbilical tubes will be produced at the new Vallourec Umbilicals plant in Venarey-Les Laumes (Côte-d'Or, France). With **Total** as technical sponsor, this new product widens Vallourec's offerings for offshore operations.

Scott Safety, a manufacturer of respiratory, personal protective equipment and safety devices, has opened a new service and training facility in Houston to support its flame and gas detection customers. Located in East Belt Industrial Park, the facility will provide flame, fixed and portable gas detection partners and end users with technical and service support.

The **American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)** has named **Port Fourchon** as the 2013 winner of the AAPA Information Technology Award for Port Operations and Management Systems. Port Fourchon's GLPC-C4 project was chosen for its creativity, cost-effectiveness and transferability of technology to the port industry.

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