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- Covering Operational and Financial Risks in Your Operating Agreement

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**8:20 Introductions**

**8:30 M&A Drivers in the Gulf of Mexico – A Buyer’s Market (.75 hr)**

The last four years of downturn have brought much needed capital discipline that made Gulf of Mexico projects competitive again. This session will look at the economic trends, including private equity mature investments needing to exit and forcing some assets to be marketed; smaller players looking for plug-in growth opportunity; mid-sized players harvesting cash flow for sizeable onshore and international investments; and majors looking to seize the opportunity to move mid to late-life assets out of their portfolios and invest in new development at a lower cost cycle.

- William Turner, Senior Research Analyst – Gulf of Mexico, Wood Mackenzie, Houston, Texas

**9:15 Production Handling Agreements / Comparing the Shelf to Deepwater (.75 hr)**

This presentation will explore a comparison of the model form Shelf PHA with the Deepwater PHA and will include a discussion of current topics and how they are or are not covered under the forms.

- Andrew M. Adams, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC, Houston, Texas

**10:00 Break >**

**10:30 Regulatory Enforcement and Investigations (.75 hr)**

- David Gerger, Gerger Khalil & Hennessy LLP, Houston, Texas
- Kristie Tice, Senior Counsel, Environmental & Safety Law Group, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Houston, Texas
11:15 Watch Your Assets: Litigation Risks Above and Below the Offshore Surface (.75 hr)
Operators and non-operating interest owners should know about recent judicial decisions, litigation risks, and trends that relate to oil and gas exploration, production, transportation, and other offshore operations. This presentation addresses some such decisions and risks involving decommissioning, operating agreements, production handling agreements, the False Claims Act, and other matters.

- Geoffrey L. Harrison, Susman Godfrey L.L.P., Houston, Texas

12:00 Hosted Luncheon >

12:45 Luncheon Presentation – New Offshore Technologies (0 hr)
The O&G industry has recently become very active in broad application of Digitalization as a lever for significant performance improvements in the areas of exploration, drilling, production, safety, and cost. This session will provide an overview and give examples of what “Digitalization” means in the industry context and discuss desired outcomes, challenges, and future direction.

- Marc Chevis, Process, Data and Systems Manager, Shell Exploration and Production Company, New Orleans, Louisiana

1:15 Break >

1:30 BSEE: Driving Safety Performance and Environmental Stewardship Improvements Beyond Regulation through Innovation and Collaboration (.75 hr)

- Scott A. Angelle, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Washington, D.C.

2:15 Offshore Regulatory Update (.75 hr)
The combination of the post-DWH world with the starkly different approaches to regulation of offshore E&P operations by the Obama and Trump administrations has produced intense debate and important regulatory changes in recent years. Well control, decommissioning, production safety systems, financial assurance, lease ownership, and the legal consequences of lease assignments are among the many areas that have been the focus of proposed and/or finalized regulatory reform. This presentation will highlight these changes and will also consider the impact of select recent decisions by the United States Supreme Court on Interior’s authority to enforce its regulations.

- Dana E. Dupre, Legal Counsel, Shell Oil Company, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Jonathan A. Hunter, Jones Walker LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana

3:00 Break >

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3:15 Stuck in the Middle (with Me). Negotiating Points for Agreements, Regulatory Update, and Emerging Issues in the Midstream Space. (.75 hr)

This presentation will focus on key provisions in offshore midstream agreements, BOEM and BSEE regulatory issues impacting pipelines and related infrastructure, and emerging issues such as U.S./Mexico cross-boundary midstream considerations and offshore Gulf of Mexico deepwater ports.

- Jana L. Grauberger, Liskow & Lewis, Houston, Texas

4:00 Are Today’s Key Operational and Financial Risks Covered by Your Offshore OA Form? (1 hr)

A panel discussion with key legal representatives of three major offshore operators on whether a number of “hot” operational and financial considerations including rig utilization, transportation, marketing and financial assurance are adequately addressed in today’s Offshore Operating Agreements.

Moderator: Alicia F. Castro, Locke Lord LLP, Houston, Texas

Panelists:
- Martin Detloff, Managing Counsel – Gulf of Mexico, BP Exploration & Production Inc., Houston, Texas
- J.T. Nesser, Managing Counsel, Deep Water – U.S. Gulf of Mexico, Shell Oil Company, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Bill Moore, Senior Advisor Commercial Negotiations US Gulf of Mexico, Equinor, Houston, Texas

5:00 Adjourn >
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