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30TH ANNUAL LAND-BASED DRILLING RIG SAFETY AWARDS

Calgary, Alberta — The 30th Annual CAODC Land-Based Drilling Rig Safety Awards banquet was held in Edmonton at the Delta Edmonton South on April 17, 2010. The event was well received with 480 attendees and 25 contractors participating.

1,516 awards were distributed — including Recordable-Free Period scrolls for drillers, rig managers and rigs, plus company awards. This is certainly a credit to personnel and contractors' dedication to safety.

Safety Leadership Awards were presented to drilling contractors who performed above their peer average based on their Total Recordable Incident Frequency (TRIF) for the year 2009. Joe Bruce, Chairman of the CAODC Board of Directors presented awards to:

Bonanza Drilling Inc.
Cedar Creek Drilling Ltd.
Horizon Drilling Inc.
Patterson-UTI Drilling Canada Limited
Big Sky Drilling Inc.
Nabors Drilling, A Division of Nabors Canada
Ironhand Drilling Inc.
Technicoil Corporation
Encore Coring and Drilling Inc.
Trinidad Drilling Ltd.
Chinook Drilling (a division of Total Energy Services Ltd.)

The **Chairman of the Board's Shield** — awarded to the land-based drilling contractor who achieved a better than average TRIF for the year 2009 and had the most improved safety performance over their 2008 TRIF — was presented to **Big Sky Drilling Inc.** The runner-up for the award was Ironhand Drilling Ltd.

The Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors is a trade association that represents the contract drilling and service rig industry across Canada. The membership in the Association is comprised of 45 drilling contractors, 3 Atlantic Division offshore contractors, 72 service rig contractors and 155 associate members.

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