

The way to ILTA

EXHIBITION PREVIEW There's a wealth of talent on show at this year's ILTA conference and tradeshow. The **Bulletin** focuses on some of the more newsworthy companies that will be exhibiting at the event

Alongside the keynotes and presentations at the 27th annual Independent Liquid Terminals Association (ILTA) conference in Houston, Texas this coming June 11-13, the operating tradeshow offers delegates and visitors alike all kinds of innovation. The following paragraphs flag up some of the highlights that readers of **HCB** can expect to enjoy at the event.

Vapour control

"This is the year of the retrofit for SYMEX Americas," says Bill Ball, the vapour recovery equipment manufacturer's vice-president and general manager. "We will retrofit three systems for the Hungarian Oil and Gas Company this summer with our DRYVac™ dry vapour recovery system. These retrofits will pay back the client's entire investment in less than two years, due to the increased recovery efficiency of this technology." Meanwhile, the unit it sent to China last year (**HCB** July 2006, page 37) is now being installed and will start up this summer. "It is China's first DRYVac™ System and everyone there is anxious to see it perform. We will monitor the operating conditions of this new unit remotely from the USA via the internet."

Ball will be on hand at ILTA to talk visitors through the company's DRYVac technology, which the company says is completely unaffected by ethanol or other 'anti-knock' additives such as methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) or tert-amyl methyl ester (TAME). He will be joined at ILTA by Kathleen Hammond, Symex Americas' chief executive and chief financial officer; Tim Hammond, the company's president; and the company's vice-president of operations.

And because prevention is at least as important as a cure in the world of tank emissions, Mesa Rubber Company will be at ILTA with its MesaWedge™ tank roof seals and Vapor Guard™ gauge pole covers. The company, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, says its products can "greatly reduce" vapours from hydrocarbons, ethanol, alcohols and aromatics.

Representing the vapour combustion contingent, Protego will showcase its newly designed filter element cage for its range of detonation and inline deflagration flame arresters. The unit is designed to cut down maintenance service times and has been tested over the period of a year at

one of the world's largest chemical companies, says Protego.

The company will also show the company's VD/SV pressure/vacuum relief valve, which features the company's 10 per cent overpressure technology. "To demonstrate the superior technology of our vents, we conducted a test in our research facility, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 21," says Protego. "The vents exceeded the test with less than 100 parts per million leak rates at 90 per cent of set pressure."

Terminal automation

Toptech Systems will demonstrate its entire suite of MultiLoad II Products and its new PETRONow platform at this year's ILTA tradeshow. It is the company's first ILTA outing as part of IDEX Corporation's Liquid Controls Group (LCG), which bought Toptech this past December. IDEX Corporation's LCG will occupy its own stand at the show, where it will show a full range of storage terminal equipment such as pumps and meters. Toptech will have some LCG products available for demonstration within its booth, where readers can expect to find Toptech president Jim Granger, sales and marketing department manager John Ardito, marketing manager Jim Xander, sales and account management manager John Meade and other sales staff.

One of the newest products on show at the Toptech stand will be the MultiLoad II EXL, which is designed for the European market and features a compact explosion-proof enclosure, colour LCD display, card reader and numeric keypad with alpha functionality. The company will also showcase its new PETRONow platform, which in addition to supporting the same data delivery and management tools as its predecessors, also offers an operating system based on Linux, a relational SQL database and 'no touch' deployment. The new platform is built around the TMS6 architecture and brings a new level of features, functionality and ease-of-use to the TDS suite of services, says Toptech.

Toptech says it is gaining experience in new markets in alternative fuels and recently won two contracts at facilities that load biodiesel; Metro Fuels in New York and Michigan company RKA Petroleum (see page 52). "The flexibility of Toptech TMS6 and more specifically MultiLoad



Everything for the terminal will be on show in Houston

II make these products well suited for facilities that are storing and loading these alternate fuels, says Xander.

Calibron Systems will introduce ILTA visitors to its new guise as Enraf Calibron, after its recent acquisition by Dutch company Enraf. Enraf Calibron boasts a five-booth-long stand, where it will show its Portable P15 Meter Prover, mounted on a Gooseneck trailer, flanked by information about the company's field services group and its proving software group at either end.

Enraf Calibron has already this year delivered six meter provers to the Rasgas project in Qatar, six meter provers to ONEOK in Oklahoma, with a further three to come; and is scheduled to deliver eight meter provers to EPCO before the end of August. "Based upon the first six months of 2007, Enraf Calibron will deliver more Meter Provers in 2007 than any year in the company's history," says Enraf Calibron sales manager Dick Mathers, who will be manning the stand with general manager Alex Ignatian. "This is the fourth consecutive year that the company's delivery record will be broken." Syncrotrak meter provers are proving particularly popular on offshore platforms, where a small footprint is desirable.

Enraf Fluid Technology, meanwhile, will show its full range of terminal automation products, including servo gauges, radar gauges, and