



## **IDENTEC SOLUTIONS Technology Utilized to Safeguards Lives**

***Lustenau (AT), Kristiansand (NO), July 4, 2008 - IDENTEC SOLUTIONS award winning tracking technology has been selected to proactively protect employee lives with one of the world's leading energy suppliers.***

As the third largest integrated energy company in the US and the fifth largest refiner in the world, ConocoPhillips required a system for its platforms within the Ekofisk Complex, on the Norwegian Continental Shelf, that would be both unfailing and effective during any possible emergency situation. Due to the complex nature of ConocoPhillips offshore work environments, selecting a system that protected valuable lives while at same time meeting the exceptionally stringent certification criteria necessary proved challenging. It was further essential that employees were assured that their privacy would not be compromised or in conflict with the Privacy Act.

"Today we are using the technology as an aid to locate offshore personnel on Ekofisk in the event of an emergency or during training." States Emil Anderson, ConocoPhillips project IT manager in the spring issue of Offshore.no when discussing IDENTEC SOLUTIONS' WATCHER**SYSTEM** solution. "It should also be noted that several other operators in the North Sea will soon be installing this system."

IDENTEC SOLUTIONS WATCHER**SERIES** technology offers a complete solution for tracking personnel in environments where access to real time employee information during an emergency situation is vital. Designed specifically for remote and isolated locations, IDENTEC SOLUTIONS technology plays an instrumental role in employee safety, with most unions and personnel embracing the significantly enhanced safety efforts.

All IDENTEC SOLUTIONS WATCHER**SERIES** technology has been rigorously tested and received the necessary ATEX Certification. Due to the possible volatile environmental nature of mining and offshore environments, obtaining certification required a meticulous and intensive testing process prior to releasing the technology.

"The ConocoPhillips contract emphasizes IDENTEC SOLUTIONS' position as a leading provider of complete RFID solutions within the oil, gas and mining industries," states Gerhard Schedler, CEO & President, IDENTEC SOLUTIONS. "Our WATCHER**SERIES** technology is further evidence of IDENTEC SOLUTIONS commitment to delivering solutions that set the standard and stand at the forefront of our industry."

How it works:

All employees are provided with an active RFID tag which they carry similarly to an ID tag. A map of the facility and a real-time headcount is available for reference in the event of an emergency. In addition,

readers are installed at all mustering stations, allowing point coordinators real-time access and overview of any missing personnel.

The result of the IDENTEC SOLUTIONS installation is enhanced operational efficiency, when dealing with employee safety and security. ConocoPhillips now has a real-time headcount of all their employees, efficient and safe entry and exit at all points, and significant time reduction when accounting for employees. Additionally strict regulations dictate the regular practise of evacuation drills on all offshore platforms which can be a time consuming and cumbersome effort. The IDENTEC SOLUTIONS WATCHERS**SERIES** system offers real-time information so that the safe evacuation of personnel can be quickly verified during evacuation training.

### **About IDENTEC SOLUTIONS**

IDENTEC SOLUTIONS is the global leader in active wireless tracking solutions.

A commitment to developing ground breaking, industry specific tracking solutions featuring proprietary patented technology has placed IDENTEC SOLUTIONS in the international forefront as a technology provider for innovation and as a complete solution provider in the automotive, oil, gas and mining industries.

Utilized by the worlds leading organizations and system integrators, IDENTEC SOLUTIONS award winning technology portfolio offers robust, highly effective tracking solutions that manage critical process and optimize supply chain flow. Privately held since 1999, IDENTEC SOLUTIONS has provided asset management solutions and support to a variety of organizations, including an impressive roster of Fortune 500 clients such as Volkswagen, Audi, Deutsche Post and General Electric. Headquartered in Lustenau, Austria, the company's North American headquarters are located in Dallas, Texas, with customer service centers in Hong Kong, Germany, Australia and Norway. For more information please visit [www.identecsolutions.com](http://www.identecsolutions.com).

### **About ConocoPhillips**

ConocoPhillips is the fifth-largest refiner and the sixth-largest reserves holder of nongovernment-controlled companies and known worldwide for its technological expertise in reservoir management and exploration, 3-D Seismic technology, high-grade petroleum coke upgrading and sulphur removal. With operations in nearly 40 countries and 32, 800 employees, ConocoPhillips is committed to contributing to social, economic and environmental improvements in all the communities in which it operates. The company is currently funding numerous environmental, social, health and education programs around the world. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, the company has assets of \$183 billion. ConocoPhillips stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "COP."

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