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*Note on our name: HWCG LLC is the full and correct name for our consortium. HWCG is no longer an acronym. References to “Helix Well Containment Group” reflect outdated coverage.

HWCG LLC Media Kit

HWCG LLC* is a consortium of deepwater operators and non-operators in the Gulf of Mexico who have come together with the common goal of expanding capabilities to quickly and comprehensively respond to a deepwater blowout to protect people, property and the environment.

The HWCG Deepwater Incident Response Model

Equipment and Capabilities:

- 2 dual ram capping stacks – 13 5/8” 10,000 psi and 18 3/4” 15,000 psi
- Capture and process capacity of 130,000 bpd and 220 MMCFD
- Fully operable in water depths up to 10,000 ft.
- Dispersant injection & monitoring equipment
- Dedicated joint command center at PetroSkills Conference Center in Katy, TX

What Sets Us Apart

- All members contribute to a robust Mutual Aid program, creating a shared pool of assets, personnel, and technical resources for use during an incident
- HWCG maintains relationships with specific core contractors and facilitates contracts with other service companies as needed to provide additional expertise, assistance, equipment and standardization for a deepwater response
- HWCG has agreements in place to access response equipment that is working or immediately available to work in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico ensuring they are consistently maintained and ready to mobilize with an experienced crew
- Modular design philosophy enables efficient capacity and capability upgrades to meet real-time member needs
- Due to our comprehensive approach, BSEE granted an HWCG member the first permit to resume deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in 2011

Our Membership

Our membership reflects a diverse group of global offshore operators and nonoperators, representing about over half of oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico.

- Beacon Offshore Energy, LLC
- ENI US Operating Company Inc.
- EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC
- Fieldwood Energy
- Kosmos Energy
- LLOG Exploration Company, LLC
- Marubeni Oil & Gas (USA) LLC
- Murphy Exploration & Production Co (USA)
- Petrobas USA, Inc.
- Red Willow Offshore, LLC
- Repsol Services Company
- Ridgewood Energy WCG Member, LLC
- Talos ERT, LLC
- Talos Petroleum, LLC
- TOTAL E&P USA, INC.
- Walter Oil & Gas Corporation
- W&T Offshore, Inc.

Our Leadership

Craig T. Castille

Managing Director

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Craig T. Castille is the Managing Director of HWCG LLC. While employed as the Director of Drilling for Stone Energy Corporation, a member of HWCG, he served on the HWCG Board since inception and as Chairman of the HWCG Board and Steering Committee since 2015.

Craig has over 30 years of experience in offshore rig operations involving drilling, completions, well testing and abandonments on platform rigs, jack ups and floaters. Having gained both international and diverse experience since graduating in petroleum engineering from the University of Louisiana in 1985, his experience includes; Oil & Gas Exploration, Exploitation and Development, Subsea Operations, Offshore Mining, Logistics & Construction at a Copper & Gold Mine and work for industry advocacy groups such as The Offshore Operators Committee and American Association of Drilling Engineers. As OOC's Drilling Technical Subcommittee Chairman, he served on the Hurricane Recovery Task Force helping to implement risk reduction methods for moored MODU's, Jack Ups and began efforts to assess Subsea BOP Reliability.

Subsequent to Macondo, he worked with the Joint Industry Task Force while preparing to drill deep water wells for Stone Energy. He is familiar with Regulator and Industry advocacy groups such as IADC, API and OOC. Craig concluded his over 7-year tenure at Stone Energy having successfully completed two unannounced and two planned containment/spill drills.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

Well Control Rule Forum
American Association of Drilling Engineers: Lafayette Chapter
Deepwater Symposium in New Orleans
Deepwater Intervention Forum
Offshore Technology Conference

Ross Frazer

Technical Director

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As HWCG LLC's Technical Director, G. Ross Frazer, P.E. coordinates all technical and operations initiatives, requests and solutions along with managing the execution of HWCG's projects. He is the primary technical and operations interface with regulatory agencies on deepwater well containment. Ross's career with independent oil and gas operators began in 1978, and he has since led a variety of engineering and operations projects. Immediately prior to beginning his role at HWCG, Ross was ATP Oil & Gas Corporation's Engineering Vice President from 2000 - 2013. There he was responsible for overall concept development, execution and startup of projects as well as assisting with day-to-day operations in the Gulf of Mexico and North Sea. This included managing the successful Ladybug Project, which, at the time, was the longest subsea oil well tieback in the world.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

American Petroleum Institute
Deepwater Technical Symposium
Offshore Technology Conference
Clean Gulf Conference

Michael Noel

Commercial Director

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Michael Noel brings over 35 years of emergency response and incident command post experience to his role as Commercial Director at HWCG. His expertise includes developing training protocols and standards for emergency response activities and coordinating the ready response status of personnel and equipment both onshore and offshore. He has provided response services in the USA, South American, Caribbean and Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During his tenure as Assistant Vice President of Operations at National Response Corporation, Noel led over 3,500 personnel in his Area of Operations and over 150 vessels in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon incident. He spent six months working with the Operations Section Chief in the Houma, LA Command Post before successfully establishing and managing a decontamination yard in Amelia, LA. Noel coordinated the safety, security and logistics for over 500 personnel at the site.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition
Regional Response Team 4
Regional Response Team 6

David Thomas

Response Coordinator

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David Thomas coordinates all of HWCG's response contracts for equipment deployment, maintains the member mutual aid list and call out system, and assists members with regulatory compliance. With over 25 years of experience in emergency response, David has been involved with all aspects of the Incident Command System. He served twenty years with the U.S. Coast Guard, working for the majority of that time as a member of the National Strike Team, which specializes in hazardous chemical and oil spill responses.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition

Roger Scheuermann

Consultant (Board Advisor)

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Roger Scheuermann provides consulting services to HWCG centered primarily on incident command efficiencies and subsea dispersants deployment. Roger has over 40 years in the industry and was formerly HWCG's Commercial Director. Prior to joining HWCG, Roger worked with O'Brien's Response Management, a leading provider of crisis and emergency response services, where he advanced the firm's preparedness for over 150 E&P clients and conducted drills for oil spills.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

American Petroleum Institute - Spill Advisory Group

Oil Spill Response Limited Dispersant Forum

Experts in Subsea Well Containment Topics

HWCG LLC leads the industry in subsea well containment and incident response. We provide subject matter expertise for news and reports related to the following topics:

- Deepwater Incident Response
- Subsea Well Containment
- Deepwater Blowouts
- Gulf of Mexico Incident Response
- BSEE Protocols and Requirements
- Emergency Offshore Response
- Emergency Offshore Containment
- Well Containment Equipment and Vessels
- Capture and Flow Containment Systems
- Collaboration/Mutual Aid in O&G Industry

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