Baker Hughes Announces April 2013 Rig Counts

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HOUSTON, May 7, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Baker Hughes Incorporated (NYSE:BHI) announced today that the international rig count for April 2013 was 1,301, up 33 from the 1,268 counted in March 2013, and up 123 from the 1,178 counted in April 2012. The international offshore rig count for April 2013 was 331, up 15 from the 316 counted in March 2013 and up 32 from the 299 counted in April 2012.

The average U.S. rig count for April 2013 was 1,755, down 1 from the 1,756 counted in March 2013 and down 206 from the 1,961 counted in April 2012. The average Canadian rig count for April 2013 was 153, down 311 from the 464 counted in March 2013 and down 5 from the 158 counted in April 2012.

The worldwide rig count for April 2013 was 3,209, down 279 from the 3,488 counted in March 2013 and down 88 from the 3,297 counted in April 2012.

April 2013 Rotary Rig Counts

	April 2013			Month	March 2013			April 2012		
	Land	OS	Total	Variance	Land	OS	Total	Land	OS	Total
Latin America	340	89	429	-8	352	85	437	342	81	423
Europe	85	51	136	3	80	53	133	72	46	118
Africa	88	37	125	10	83	32	115	49	31	80
Middle East*	309	45	354	18	295	41	336	264	48	312
Asia Pacific	148	109	257	10	142	105	247	152	93	245
International	**970**	**331**	**1,301**	**33**	**952**	**316**	**1,268**	**879**	**299**	**1,178**
United States	1,706	49	1,755	-1	1,705	51	1,756	1,917	44	1,961
Canada	150	3	153	-311	462	2	464	157	1	158
North America	**1,856**	**52**	**1,908**	**-312**	**2,167**	**53**	**2,220**	**2,074**	**45**	**2,119**
Worldwide	**2,826**	**383**	**3,209**	**-279**	**3,119**	**369**	**3,488**	**2,953**	**344**	**3,297**

* The Middle East rig count excludes rigs in Syria for April and March 2013 and Iraq for April 2012.

About the Baker Hughes Rig Counts
The Baker Hughes Rotary Rig Counts are counts of the number of drilling rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas in the United States, Canada and international markets. Baker Hughes has issued the rotary rig counts as a service to the petroleum industry since 1944, when Hughes Tool Company began weekly counts of US and Canadian drilling activity. Baker Hughes initiated the monthly international rig count in 1975.

North American rig count data is scheduled to be released at noon central time on the last working day of each week. The international rig count is scheduled to be released on the 5th working day of the month. Additional detailed information on the Baker Hughes rig counts is available from our website.

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