

## TRAINERS CORNER



**Above:** Earl Williams (right) and Angel Bostwick (back), both senior trainers – nautical science for Diamond Offshore, explain how Diamond uses its stability simulator, one of only three such units in the world, to train employees. The simulator, seen in the background, can simulate potential hazards and emergency conditions common to semisubmersible rigs.

## CNPC tours Diamond Offshore training facility

REPRESENTATIVES FROM **China National Petroleum Offshore Engineering (CNPOE)**, a subgroup of **China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC)**, received a tour and demonstrations of state-of-the-art training equipment and simulators at **Diamond Offshore's** Houston training facility in late March.

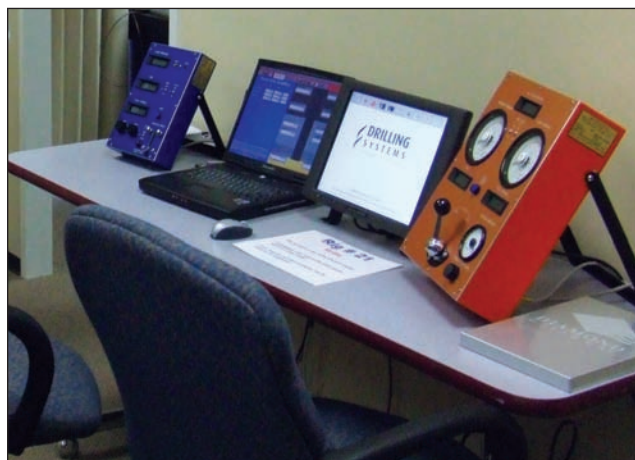
**A.J. Guiteau**, corporate manager of training and development for Diamond, first led a discussion of the company's

training initiatives, including its well control, stability and dynamic positioning courses, and related issues such as mooring standards, storm preparation processes, deepwater well control and safety, and its corporate safety management system GEMS. Diamond delivers in-house WellCAP-accredited well control training to nearly 600 employees worldwide and stability training to 400 marine and drilling personnel. The company anticipates the stability and ballast control course to gain IADC

accreditation shortly. The Chinese visitors then received a tour of the well control classrooms, with simulators that instructors use to teach students in identifying early warning signs of trouble downhole. A demonstration also was held with Diamond's stability simulator – the first of its kind and one of only three units in the world. Use of simulation with the course helps to build a more involved learning environment for students, Mr Guiteau said. ♠



**Diamond's** Angel Bostwick explains the company's dynamic positioning simulator equipment to Alex Ma, CNPOE project manager. "We are very impressed with Diamond's training," he said after the tour.



**Twelve** well control simulators provide increased experiential training at Diamond. Courses are 40-hours-long, and in order to maximize students' simulator time, each class is limited to 12 students.