High-quality surface sensors eliminate electrical noise by digitizing the signal at its source

New surface acquisition hardware and software enable demodulation of weak signals and pump noise cancellation

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TELEMETRY PLATFORM running MWD and LWD services to drill faster and further

APPLICATIONS
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BENEFITS
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- Reduced drilling risk
- Improved downhole tool control

FEATURES
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- Fast transmission rates even when drilling very long wellbores
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Presently available on ImPulse*, adnVISION475*, and EcoScope* LWD tools, as well as TeleScope* and SlimPulse* telemetry systems, the Orion II system is scheduled for rapid deployment to other tools in the company’s LWD/MWD fleet.

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MORE INFORMATION AT FASTER DRILLING SPEEDS

In a complex BHA where an increasing number of real-time measurements are possible, the Orion II platform is the enabler that allows 60 curves at 2 data points per foot at a drilling speed of 250 ft/h. This lets you make the best decisions to minimize risk and optimize your well, landing it in the best place in less time.
PROVEN PERFORMANCE

As of March 2009, Schlumberger technology had contributed to six of the top seven extended-reach drilling projects, including Maersk Oil Qatar’s BD-04A well, which set world records for

- longest well—40,320 ft MD
- highest ratio of step-out to TVD—10.485
- highest directional drilling difficulty index—8.279
- deepest downlink
- deepest MWD signal.

That well was drilled and geosteered using a PowerDrive RSS, the geoVISION* imaging-while-drilling service, an adnVISION* azimuthal density neutron tool, and the TeleScope high-speed telemetry service running off the Orion II telemetry platform. The TeleScope service delivered physical telemetry rates of 3 bps for the first 35,000 ft and 1.5 bps from 35,000 ft to TD.

Maersk Oil Qatar drilled its BD-04A extended-reach well to 40,320 ft MD—a world record—using Schlumberger technology to deliver the critical real-time data needed to position the well in the best place in the thin, faulted reservoir.