Next Generation Electrical and Optical Cable Termination Systems for the Drilling Industry

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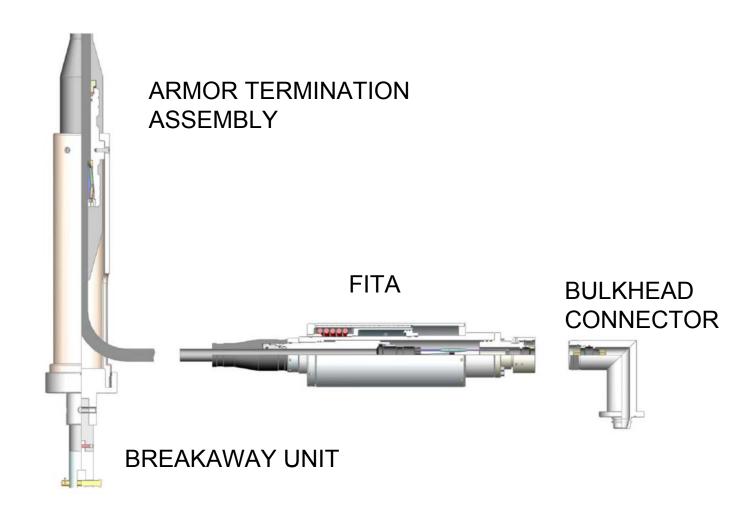
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Customer Driven Designs



- Connectorization
- Component Separation
- Positive Compensation
- Field Installable
- Field Testable
- Emergency Breakaway
- Bend Restrictor
- Dual Barrier Sealing
- Flooded Operation
- Leak Detection
- Component Integration

Component Separation







Positive Pressure Compensation Technology



- Low Differential Pressure
- 30 psi Positive Internal Pressure

Leak Detection

- RUFFNECK™ and FITA designed to continue operating in the event of water ingress.
- FITA equipped with 'Meggar Pin' that allows quick water detection test.

Component Integration

- RUFFNECK™ Connector
- Positive Compensation
- Electric / Fiber Optic
- Integrated Armor Termination with Connector
- 10,000 psi Rated



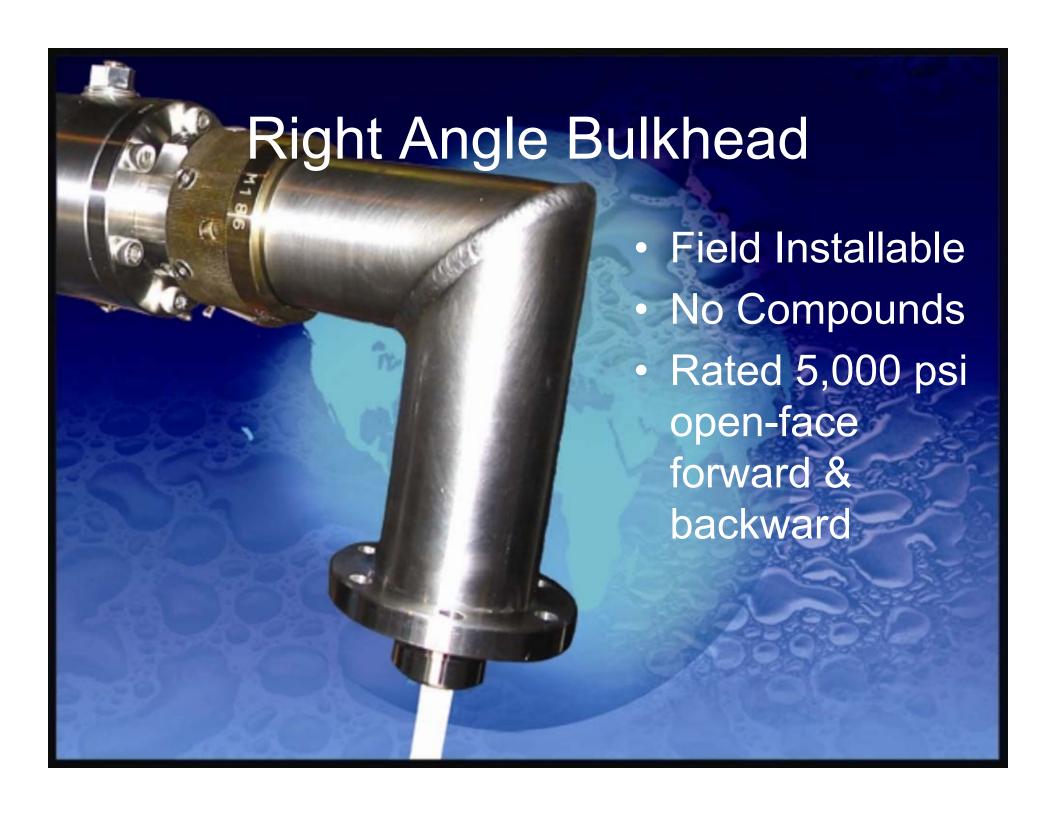
Field Installation and Testing

- All Equipment Field Installable
- Training Available for Rig Personnel
- Why is Connector Testable?
 - Conventional pressure testing not possible.
- How is Connector Testable?
 - Recommended to use O-ring test ports
 - Design allows connector to be filled with water in field and assured operational when flooded



- Dual O-ring sealing on all water paths
- Where possible, dual seals are not on same diameter





Bend Restrictor





- 2.5 " Diameter
- 60,000 lb.
 OperatingTensile
 Load
- 11,000 lb. Dynamic Cyclic Bend Load

Electrical/Optical Characteristics

FITA

- 12#16 AWG Configuration fully developed, tested, and field proven.
- Additional configurations, including fiber optic, under development.
- 600 Volt / 15 Amp electrical contacts.
- IR > 500 MΩ@500 VDC.

RUFFNECK™

- 4#10 AWG with 8 Fiber Optic Contacts.
- Same electrical characteristics as FITA.
- Optical Attenuation < 0.5 dB per contact.

Test Results

- Electrical connectors pressure tested in flooded condition, 7,500 psi.
 - -75 G Ω lowest IR flooded.
 - Three 10 minute cycles, one 1 hour cycle.
- FITA cable pull-out tested ~700 lb.
- Armor Termination Assembly pull-tested with customer cable, failure mode was armor breakage.
- Breakaway Unit tests within 5% of target load.
- Universal Bend Restrictor dynamically cycled under tension over 36" sheave.

Field Results

- RUFFNECK™ in Brazilian waters for over two years with no failures.
- ATA / FITA in operation on the Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc. Deepwater Nautilus in 9000+ ft record depth for a moored rig.

Conclusions

- Reliability
 - 20 year design life
 - Positive pressure compensation major factor
- Robustness
 - Significant design input from offshore personnel to ensure practicality
 - Added size / strength to accommodate larger MUX cables in future
- Suitability
 - Modularized design allows flexibility
- Costs
 - Competitive with conventional MUX connectors

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