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29TH ANNUAL LAND-BASED DRILLING RIG SAFETY AWARDS

Calgary, Alberta — The 29th Annual CAODC Land-Based Drilling Rig Safety Awards banquet was held in Edmonton at the Delta Edmonton South on April 4, 2009.

2,232 awards were distributed — including Recordable-Free Period scrolls for drillers, rig managers and rigs, plus company awards. This is certainly a credit to personnel and contractors' dedication to safety.

Safety Leadership Awards were presented to drilling contractors who performed above their peer average based on their Total Recordable Incident Frequency (TRIF) for the year 2008. Bruce Jones, Chairman of the CAODC Board of Directors, presented awards to:

- **Akita Drilling Ltd.**
- **Horizon Drilling Inc.**
- **Jomax Drilling (1988) Ltd.**
- **Nabors Drilling, A Division of Nabors Canada**
- **Pantera Drilling Inc. - General Partner of Pantera Drilling LP**
- **Patterson-UTI Drilling Co. Canada**
- **Precision Drilling, a division of Precision Drilling Corporation**
- **Beaver Drilling Ltd.**
- **Chinook Drilling (a division of Total Energy Services Ltd.)**
- **Champion Drilling Inc.**
- **Cedar Creek Drilling Ltd.**
- **Technicoil Corporation**

The **Chairman of the Board's Shield** — awarded to the land-based drilling contractor who achieved a better than average TRIF for the year 2008 and had the most improved safety performance over their 2007 TRIF — was presented to **Technicoil Corporation**.

The Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors is a trade association that represents the contract drilling and service rig industry across Canada. Membership in the Association is comprised of 46 drilling contractors, 4 Atlantic Division offshore contractors, 70 service rig contractors and 163 associate members.

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