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## HWCG LLC Media Kit

HWCG LLC\* is a consortium of 16 deepwater operators in the Gulf of Mexico who have come together with the common goal of expanding capabilities to quickly and comprehensively respond to a subsea incident to protect people, property and the environment.

### The HWCG Deepwater Incident Response Model

#### Equipment and Capabilities:

- 2 dual ram capping stacks – 13 5/8” 10,000 psi and 18 3/4” 15,000 psi
- Capture and process capacity of 130,000 bpd and 220 MMCFD
- Fully operable in water depths up to 10,000 ft.
- Dedicated joint command center at PetroSkills Conference Center in Katy, TX

#### What Sets Us Apart:

- All members contribute to a robust Mutual Aid program, creating a shared pool of assets, personnel, and technical resources for use during an incident
- Relationships and contracts with 30+ service companies provide additional expertise, assistance and equipment
- Our response vessels and equipment work daily in the Gulf, ensuring they are consistently in operational condition and ready to mobilize with an experienced crew
- Modular design philosophy enables efficient capacity and capability upgrades to meet real-time member needs
- Due to our comprehensive approach, BSEE granted an HWCG member the first permit to resume deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in 2011

### Our Membership

Our membership reflects a diverse group of global offshore operators, representing about over half of oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico.

Bennu Oil & Gas, LLC  
Cobalt International Energy, Inc.  
Deep Gulf Energy LP  
ENI US Operating Company Inc.  
EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC  
Energy Resource Technology GOM, Inc.  
Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC  
LLOG Exploration Company, LLC  
Marathon Oil Company

Marubeni Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Murphy Exploration & Production Company  
(USA)  
Noble Energy Services, Inc.  
Repsol Services Company  
Stone Energy Corporation  
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation  
W&T Offshore, Inc.

\*Note on our name: HWCG LLC is the full and correct name for our consortium. HWCG is no longer an acronym. References to “Helix Well Containment Group” reflect outdated coverage.



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## Our Leadership

### **David Coatney**

*Managing Director*

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David Coatney is Managing Director of HWCG LLC. With over 38 years of global experience in the upstream oil and gas industry, Coatney was previously the Vice President of Production for Swift Energy and has held various management and engineering roles for Marathon Oil Company, where he worked for 29 years.

Dave has been integrally involved in emergency preparedness and response for more than 20 years; has acted as an Incident Commander - domestically and abroad; and has led many successful responses in operational, natural disaster, well control and civil unrest incidents.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1977.

#### Prior Speaking Engagements:

Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition

Deepwater Technical Symposium

### **Ross Frazer**

*Technical Director*

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As HWCG LLC's Technical Director, G. Ross Frazer, P.E. coordinates all technical and operations initiatives, requests and solutions along with managing the execution of HWCG's projects. He is the primary technical and operations interface with regulatory agencies on the deep-water well containment front.

Ross's career with independent oil and gas operators began in 1978, and he has since led a variety of engineering and operations projects. Immediately prior to beginning his role at HWCG, Ross was ATP Oil & Gas Corporation's Engineering Vice President from 2000 - 2013. There he was responsible for overall concept development, execution and startup of projects as well as assisting with day-to-day operations in the Gulf of Mexico and North Sea. This included managing the successful Ladybug Project, which, at the time, was the longest subsea oil well tieback in the world.

#### Prior Speaking Engagements:

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Clean Gulf Conference



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**Michael Noel**

*Commercial Director*

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Michael Noel brings over 35 years of emergency response and incident command post experience to his role as Commercial Director at HWCG. His expertise includes developing training protocols and standards for emergency response activities and coordinating the ready response status of personnel and equipment both onshore and offshore.

During his tenure as Assistant Vice President of Operations at National Response Corporation, Noel led over 3,500 personnel in his Area of Operations and over 150 vessels in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon incident. He spent six months working with the Operations Section Chief in the Houma, LA Command Post before successfully establishing and managing a decontamination yard in Amelia, LA. Noel coordinated the safety, security and logistics for over 500 personnel at the site.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition

**Roger Scheuermann**

*Special Projects Advisor*

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Before becoming Special Projects Advisor, Roger Scheuermann served as HWCG's Commercial Director, growing the membership base and developing the organization. Prior to joining HWCG, Roger worked with O'Brien's Response Management, a leading provider of crisis and emergency response services, where he advanced the firm's preparedness for over 150 E&P clients. Roger has decades of experience conducting drills for oil spill and well containment, equipment deployments and other emergency notifications processes.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

American Petroleum Institute - Spill Advisory Group

Oil Spill Response Limited Dispersant Forum

**David Thomas**

*Emergency Response Coordinator*

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David Thomas coordinates all of HWCG's response contracts for equipment deployment, maintains the member mutual aid list and call out system, and assists members with regulatory compliance. With over 25 years of experience in emergency response, David has been involved with all aspects of the Incident Command System. He served twenty years with the U.S. Coast Guard, working for the majority of that time as a member of the National Strike Team, which specializes in hazardous chemical and oil spill responses.



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## **Experts in Subsea Well Containment Topics**

HWCG LLC leads the industry in subsea well containment and incident response. We provide subject matter expertise for news and reports related to the following topics:

Deepwater Incident Response	Emergency Offshore Response
Subsea Well Containment	Emergency Offshore Drills and Tests
Deepwater Blowouts	Well Containment Equipment and Vessels
Gulf of Mexico Incident Response	Capture and Flow Containment Systems
BSEE Protocols and Requirements	Collaboration/Mutual Aid in O&G Industry

## **Official HWCG Logo Guidelines**

Please use the official version of the HWCG logo to accommodate all applications. When the brand standards are not followed, the HWCG brand recognition and integrity is weakened. Please contact Dave Coatney or Mike Noel with any questions about using the HWCG logo. [View the official HWCG logo standards.](#)