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\*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 References to “Helix Well Containment Group” reflect outdated coverage.

## **HWCG LLC Media Kit**

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

### **The HWCG Deepwater Incident Response Model**

#### **Equipment and Capabilities:**

- Fully qualified and regulatory accepted capping stacks for 15,000-psi and 20,000-psi service
- An expanded flow back capacity of 130,000 bfpd and 220 million cubic ft. of gas per day. Fully operable in water depths up to 10,000 ft.
- Offset capping installation hardware and installation procedures to allow capping installation when vertical access is restricted due to worker safety concerns or obstructions.
- Vertical and offset flow and capture equipment to enable hydrocarbon recovery directly from the incident well when shut-in is not possible. Novel mudline dispersant application equipment together with the science, equipment, and technology to conduct environmental and operational monitoring during oil spill response in both deepwater and shallow water environments per regulatory requirements in Subpart J of the National Contingency Plan (40 CFR 300.1913). Integrated environmental Common Operating Picture (eCOP) complete with resources at risk, real-time metocean and weather data, vessel tracking, and infrastructure locations for mapping oil spill trajectories and preparing qualitative risk assessments with and without the use of dispersants as a response tactic.
- Access to a dedicated Emergency Operations Center available 24/7 that is provided and staffed with Source Control Responders by Integrity, Management and Response (IMR) 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

- HWCG maintains relationships and evergreen contracts with specific Response Providers and facilitates contracts on behalf of its members as needed to provide additional expertise, assistance, equipment and standardization for a deepwater response
- HWCG has agreements in place to access response equipment that is working or immediately available to work in the U.S. Gulf of America ensuring they are consistently maintained 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 America in 2011

## **Our Membership**

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

- BOE Exploration & Production, LLC
- Eni US Operating Co. Inc.
- KUSA Inc.
- Kosmos Energy Gulf of Mexico Operations, LLC
- LLOG Exploration Company, LLC
- Marubeni Oil & Gas (USA) LLC
- Murphy Exploration & Production Company - USA
- Navitas Petroleum US, LLC
- Red Willow Offshore, LLC
- Repsol Services Company
- Ridgewood Energy WCG Member, LLC
- Talos ERT LLC
- Walter Oil & Gas Corporation
- W&T Offshore, Inc.

## Our Leadership

### **Craig T. Castille**

*Managing Director*

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Craig T. Castille is the Managing Director of HWCG LLC. While employed as the Director of Drilling for Stone Energy Corporation, a member of HWCG, he served on the HWCG Board since inception and as Chairman of the HWCG Board and Steering Committee since 2015.

Craig has over 30 years of experience in offshore rig operations involving drilling, completions, well testing and abandonments on platform rigs, jack ups and floaters. Having gained both international and diverse experience since graduating in petroleum engineering from the University of Louisiana in 1985, his experience includes; Oil & Gas Exploration, Exploitation and Development, Subsea Operations, Offshore Mining, Logistics & Construction at a Copper & Gold Mine and work for industry advocacy groups such as The Offshore Operators Committee and American Association of Drilling Engineers. As OOC's Drilling Technical Subcommittee Chairman, he served on the Hurricane Recovery Task Force helping to implement risk reduction methods for moored MODU's, Jack Ups and began efforts to assess Subsea BOP Reliability.

Subsequent to Macondo, he worked with the Joint Industry Task Force while preparing to drill deep water wells for Stone Energy. He is familiar with Regulator and Industry advocacy groups such as IADC, API and OOC. Craig concluded his over 7-year tenure at Stone Energy having successfully completed two unannounced and two planned containment/spill drills.

### **Prior Speaking Engagements:**

Well Control Rule Forum

American Association of Drilling Engineers: Lafayette Chapter

Deepwater Symposium in New Orleans

Deepwater Intervention Forum

Offshore Technology Conference

### **Mitch Guinn**

*Technical Director*

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As HWCG's Technical Director, Mitch Guinn 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 for deep-water well containment. Prior to joining HWCG, Mitch spent most of his career as a consultant for deepwater drilling and completion teams with several major oil & gas operators, last serving over 5 years with ExxonMobil's former Drilling Technical Group. He is the author of multiple patents for subsea related equipment and has been recognized internationally for his technical accomplishments in several areas of design and operations support. He was heavily involved in the initial response to the Deepwater Horizon Incident and in the subsequent design process for many of the current capping stack designs. Mitch also continues to serve on the Well Response and Source Control Subcommittee sponsored by the IOGP and as a member of the API RP 17W sub-committee.

**Steve Scanio**

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Steve Scanio is HWCG's Deputy Technical Director and is responsible for ensuring that all response equipment owned by HWCG, and its response providers is ready to mobilize and function as intended. Steve has had a diverse 32-year career in the offshore oil and gas industry. His career began with the American Bureau of Shipping working in the offshore engineering department evaluating Stability and Safety aspects of MODUs. He continued his career at Technip working on various Spar and MODU projects focusing on hull and marine system regulatory compliance, design, installation and commissioning. He then joined Helix Energy Solutions to develop a regulatory compliance scheme for the Helix Producer 1 (HP1) FPU, which was the first of its kind in the GoM. Steve served on the HP1 project from design through first oil and continued his involvement as Marine Manager focusing on vessel operations. During the Deepwater Horizon incident in 2010, Steve contributed to Helix Energy Solutions' response efforts and was involved in the development of Helix's spill response solution leading up to the formation of HWCG. He worked closely with HWCG for 13 years as Director of the Helix Deepwater Containment System, managing the interfaces between HWCG-owned equipment and the suite of response-related equipment offered by Helix. Steve also has his P.E. Certification.

**Erik Bristol**

*Project Manager*

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Erik Bristol is a Project Manager at HWCG LLC. He has over 24 years' experience primarily in the design, manufacturing, and installation of Subsea Production and Intervention Equipment. Erik's experience began with TechnipFMC from 1997 to 2008, then he joined the Subsea Team at Cobalt International Energy from 2008 to 2017. At Cobalt International Energy, he led Subsea Installations and Intervention in the GOM and Angola, and then took on the role of Subsea Well Response Leader for Cobalt where he managed the development of the first 15K capping equipment and procedures as a secondee to HWCG and Trendsetter. This effort led Cobalt to be one of the first operators in the GOM to gain a permit to drill post Macondo. Erik went on to join TotalEnergies supporting the 20K North Platte project as D & C Interventions Lead where he led the selection of a 20K Intervention Workover Riser System and In-Riser Simplified landing string. Erik then moved to TotalEnergies' Mozambique LNG Project where he was responsible for onshore and offshore execution of the Subsea Infrastructure including planning new well tie-ins, MEG injection to Production wells, and planned and unplanned interventions. He completed his TotalEnergies career at Headquarters in Paris France as Subsea Segment Leader in 2023, prior to joining HWCG in January 2023.

**Anita Lee**

*Sr. Business Manager*

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Anita Lee joined HWCG in 2016 after being employed by a major offshore drilling contractor located in the USA for six years. Anita gained valuable experience working for the procurement and human resource department with a focus on training. As HWCG's Sr. Business Manager, she is responsible for managing office services, procurement activities, and HWCG's management systems such as but not limited to the following: 1) HWCG's Information Management Portal (IMP), a delivery system for company business to both members and Response Providers; 2) HWCG's Safety Management System (a.k.a. HWCG SEMS) which includes training development, compliance, audits, and Management of Change (MOC); 3) accounting functions inclusive of invoicing members and processing invoices for payment; and 4) collaborates with risk management services to place HWCG's insurance and ensure members and contractor insurance remains compliant. The HWCG Sr. Business Manager is the primary contact for routine business matters with HWCG's Members, Committees, and Response Providers.

## **Travis Warden**

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Travis Warden, a Maritime Academy Graduate from Texas A&M University at Galveston, brings 20 years of distinguished Health and Safety leadership experience. Beginning as a Ballast Control Operator, Travis quickly advanced his license and served as a Senior Dynamic Positioning Operator for Diamond Offshore's Ocean Confidence. He successfully transitioned to shore-based leadership roles, serving as the Environmental Manager for Diamond Offshore and later as the Director of Global Health, Safety, and Environment at Paragon Offshore. Throughout his career, Travis has designed, implemented, and sustained top-tier safety programs for industry leaders like Exterran and Enbridge Pipelines. His professional credentials include a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, along with industry certifications such as Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM), and Registered Environmental Manager (REM). Travis has made significant contributions to key industry organizations, including the American Petroleum Institute (API), Texas Tech University's Offshore Industry Stakeholder Group (ISG), the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), the Offshore Operators Committee (OOC), the Center for Offshore Safety (COS), the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), and many others.

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

## **Official HWCG Logo Guidelines**

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When the brand standards are not followed, the HWCG brand recognition and integrity is weakened. Please contact Craig Castille or Anita Lee with any questions about using the HWCG logo.