Incident involving Cameron high pressure accumulator

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IMCA has been passed the attached safety alert (2030 Rev. 1) issued by Cameron, which related to an incident involving a high pressure accumulator.

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PRESS RELEASE

On January 10, 2005, an employee of Cameron Controls in our Celle, Germany facility was fatally injured during a routine disassembly of a high pressure accumulator used in subsea and related production control systems.

Internal experts and external authorities have initiated a full investigation to determine the cause of this tragic accident.

A Safety Alert has been issued to all customers who are known to have purchased a production control system from Cameron that contains one of the accumulators in question. While we do not believe there is a safety risk associated with the normal operation or routine maintenance of these units, we have asked that clients refrain from disassembling these accumulators until our investigation is complete.

Cameron continues to be committed to the highest standards of health, safety and environmental protection and will vigorously pursue appropriate steps to improve our safety procedures with pressure containing devices.

On behalf of Cameron, I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased in their time of loss.

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Products Affected:

- **Subsea Production Control System with Subsea Accumulator Module (SAM)**
- **Subsea Intervention or Workover Control System (IWOCS) with Subsea Accumulator Module (SAM)**

Safety Alert:

A serious accident occurred during the disassembly of a high pressure accumulator on January 10 in a manufacturing facility of the Cameron Division of Cooper Cameron Corporation.

Your company has been identified as having purchased a Subsea Accumulation Module (SAM) or Intervention and Work Over Controls System (IWOC'S) containing one of these units.

At this time we have no indication of any problem with the normal operation or routine maintenance of these accumulator bottles. However, if you are currently engaged or planning to disassemble the high pressure accumulators, PLEASE STOP AND DO NOT ATTEMPT to perform this operation without contacting Cameron. Please contact your local Cameron representative or Glenn Chiasson at 713-939-2928 for further information.

A Cameron representative will be contacting all known customers who have purchased a system containing one of these high pressure accumulators.

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