

## LAPSCO, LLC

LAPSCO, LLC (Latin American Products Sales Company, LLC) was formed in 1998 to handle the distribution of the Venture Chemicals, Inc. product line in Latin America.

LAPSCO, LLC is now the Master Distributor in Latin America for all of The Venture Group companies. Currently, LAPSCO, LLC is selling in Colombia and Venezuela and looks to expand further by the end of the year.

D.J. Fournierat, LAPSCO, LLC president, is well experienced in the Latin American oil industry. Prior to forming LAPSCO, LLC, he

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### THE ORIGIN OF THE JACK O' LANTERN

Irish legend has it that a man named Jack, well known for his drunkenness, got very drunk on All Hallows Eve. On his way home he was confronted by the Devil. Not wanting to die, Jack distracted the Devil by pointing out a tree full of apples and convincing the Devil to get one. Once the Devil was far enough up the tree, Jack carved a cross into the trunk of the tree and trapped him. Jack bargained with him and the Devil agreed never to bother Jack again if he'd let him out of the tree. About a year later when Jack finally died he was refused entrance to Heaven and Hell, but the Devil threw him a piece of coal to help him find his way through the dark of limbo. Jack put the coal in a turnip and it became known as a Jack o' Lantern. The custom of carving and lighting pumpkins came to us from the Irish who carved out turnips and beets to light in representation of freed souls. When the Irish emigrated to America they didn't find many turnips, but they found an abundance of pumpkins. They've been an essential part of Halloween ever since.



### Remember the "slugging technique!"

Drilling fluid additives that interact or primarily function at the borehole/drilling fluid interface can be much more effective if they are added as highly concentrated slugs or pills on a regular basis.

Examples of such additives are seepage loss additives, lubricants, fluid loss additives, shale stabilizers and certain types of LCM materials. Not only does the slugging technique make the products more effective at the interface, but it also reduces the total amount of additive required and thus significantly reduces the cost over continuous treatments. Call us and let us explain the details. We have some novel ideas that can save you money!

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN FROM VENTURE CHEMICALS, INC.!**

## CASE HISTORY VEN-LUBE II

**WELL:** Case History #21  
**DEPTH:** 12,446  
**AREA:** Offshore Louisiana

A major oil company drilling offshore Louisiana had, on previous wells, experienced extensive torque, drag and differential sticking problems.

This particular hole (9-7/8") was drilled out from under 10-3/4" surface casing to 7,220 ft. It was then kicked off and angle built to 45 degrees and drilling proceeded to a total measured depth of 12,446 ft. At a depth of 10,450 ft., torque and drag increased to undesirable levels. Venture Chemicals' **VEN-LUBE II™** was utilized at 4 lb/bbl and maintained in the mud system.

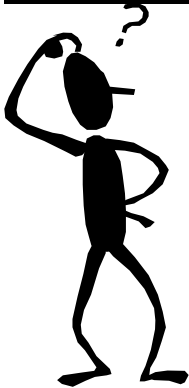
Torque and drag were reduced to a level that allowed drilling to continue to total depth with no further problems. No incidents of differential sticking, which had been the main problem for prior wells in this area, were encountered during the drilling.

## PRODUCT CORNER

- ...need filtration control in oil base and invert emulsion drilling fluid systems? We can provide it with **VEN-CHEM™ 215**. **VEN-CHEM™ 215** treatments include stabilization of mud properties such as rheology, suspension and emulsion stability.
- ...want to increase the effectiveness of your oil or liquid lubricant additions to water base muds? Why not contact us for information concerning the use of **VEN-FYBER™ 201** to get oils or lubricants into the filter cake?
- ...interested in relatively low cost polymer-type plugging material that can also be used to drill surface hole? Ask for information about our **VEN-PLUG™/VEN-PLEX™**.
- ...looking for a presolubilized lignite? We can furnish a prereacted North Dakota Leonardite. Call and ask about **VEN-ALK™**.
- ...having shale problems, mud rings, sloughing, etc.? Why not take a look at **VEN-LUBE I™**? This vegetable oil based product is non-toxic, non-polluting and is finding wide usage for shale control problems in the Rocky Mountain area and North Dakota. Let us send you some additional information.

If you would like a brief description of the entire Venture Chemicals product line we would be happy to provide it on request.

## THOUGHT TICKLERS



"Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood."

- Marie Curie

"It is kind of fun to do the impossible."

- Walt Disney

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

- Thomas Jefferson

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

- Alan Kay

"To invent, all you need is a good imagination and a pile of junk."

- Thomas Edison

"Everything that can be invented, has been invented."

- Charles Duell, 1899

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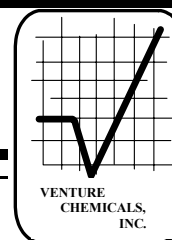
# VEN-BRIEFS

...a click of the switch, a flick of the mouse and anything you imagine can be made to order.. This technology isn't out of some sci-fi movie, but is available right now... the technical name for this invention is the 3D printer...what separates this from an ordinary 2D printer is that instead of laying down a single layer of ink on paper it adds the extra dimension simply by printing layer after layer until it forms a real, 3D object...

...3D scanning and printing has enabled archaeologists to uncover and recreate the skull of an ancient Egyptian mummy without removing its wrapping...expectant parents can hold a model of their child while it's still in the womb...

...these specialized applications are already being used and will more than likely be made available to the general public within the next 5 years... major companies are interested, but waiting on what they call a "killer application"...an application that will produce mass public interest... current thinking foresees marketing of the 3D printer as a "Santa Claus machine"...no more long lines or hassle...just download, scan and print...

- *New Scientist*, Sept. 30, 2000



## The pH of common drilling muds

Type mud	pH
Low solids, salty Phosphate	6.5 + 7.5 - 9.5
Organic-dispersant, treated Gypsum	7.5 - 12.0 8.0 - 10.0
Calcium chloride Lime, treated	10.0 + 11.5 +

## The pH of common mud treating agents

Chemical name	pH
Barium carbonate	10.0
Sodium bicarbonate, baking soda	8.3
Calcium sulfate, gypsum, plaster	6.0
Sodium carbonate, soda ash	11.0
Calcium hydroxide, flaked lime	12.0
Sodium hydroxide, caustic soda	13.0
Calcium lignosulfonate	7.0
Chrome lignosulfonates	3.4 - 4.0
Lignite	5.0
Quebracho	3.8
Sodium acid pyrophosphate	4.8
Sodium hexametaphosphate	6.0
Sodium tetrphosphate	7.5
Tetrasodium pyrophosphate	9.9

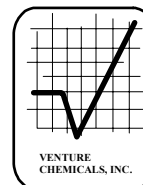
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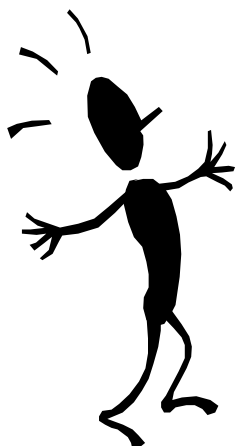
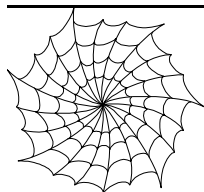
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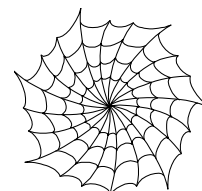
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- fluid loss additives
- shale control additives
- lost circulation products
- emulsifiers
- oil based products
- wetting agents
- flocculants
- dispersants
- lubricants
- spotting fluids/additives



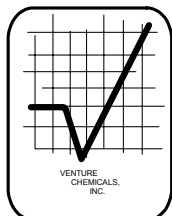
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