COURSE OVERVIEW DE0197
Drilling Optimization

Course Title
Drilling Optimization

Course Date/Venue
Session 1: February 08-12, 2026/Meeting Plus 9, City Centre Rotana, Doha Qatar
Session 2: September 13-17, 2026/Meeting Plus 9, City Centre Rotana, Doha Qatar

Course Reference
DE0197

Course Duration/Credits
Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

Course Description

This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises where participants will be engaged in a series of interactive small groups and class workshops.

This course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of drilling optimization. It covers the risk analysis, technical limit and techniques to quantum change limits; the key performance indicators (KPI) and the impact of wellbore stability; the drill string mechanics, well design concepts and well construction design to wellsite operations; the drilling fluid calculations, directional drilling and measurement while drilling systems (MWD); and the controllable and non-controllable non-production time (NPT).

Further, the course will also discuss the performance limitations, stuck pipe refresher, measurements and technology enablers; the ROP monitoring and improvement techniques; the typical drilling plan and drilling optimization; the optimization elements and petroleum rock mechanics; the wellbore stability analysis, rock strength and rock failure; the cost-time analysis, common drilling problems, limit state function and probability failure function; and the process optimization and rate of penetration monitoring.

During this interactive course, participants will learn the technical limits and quantum change in limits; the advanced drilling techniques; the software tools, well site parameters and drill string inventory optimization; the use of kill sheets; and the task analysis.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to:-

- Apply systematic techniques on drilling problems and optimization
- Discuss the basics of drilling operations optimization
- Carryout risk analysis, technical limit identification and techniques to quantum change limits
- Recognize key performance indicators (KPI) and the impact of wellbore stability
- Discuss drill string mechanics, well design concepts and well construction design to wellsite operations
- Employ drilling fluid calculations, directional drilling and measurement while drilling systems (MWD)
- Differentiate controllable and non-controllable non-production time (NPT)
- Determine performance limitations, stuck pipe refresher, measurements and technology enablers
- Apply ROP monitoring and improvement techniques as well as typical drilling plan and drilling optimization
- Identify optimization elements and petroleum rock mechanics
- Carryout wellbore stability analysis and identify rock strength and rock failure
- Illustrate cost-time analysis and recognize the common drilling problems, limit state function and probability failure function
- Optimize process and monitor the rate of penetration
- Determine technical limits and quantum change in limits as well as apply advanced drilling techniques
- Recognize software tools, well site parameters and drill string inventory optimization
- Use kill sheets as well as apply task analysis and lessons learned

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®

*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive "Haward Smart Training Kit" (**H-STK®**). The **H-STK®** consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.*

Who Should Attend

This course covers systematic techniques on drilling problems and optimization for those who are working in the field of well engineering, oil and gas exploration, geology and reservoir modelling.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

Certificate Accreditations

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

- British Accreditation Council (BAC)

  Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

- The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

  Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

  Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units** (CEUs) in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

  Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

Course Fee

US$ 8,500 per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:

Mr. Konstantin Zorbalas, MSc, BSc, is a **Senior Petroleum Engineer & Well Completions Specialist** with **30 years** of **offshore** and **onshore** experience in the **Oil** & **Gas**, **Refinery** & **Petroleum** industries. His wide expertise includes **OIP Estimation & Range** of **Uncertainty**, **Waterflood** Management, **Water Flooding**, **Water Flooding & Reservoir** Sourcing Issues, **Water Flooding**, **Reservoir** Souring & Water Breakthrough, **Well & Reservoir Management** and Monitoring, **Fishing Operations**, **Drilling** Optimization, **Drilling & Work-Over Operations**, **Workover Best Practices**, Well Testing, Completion Design & Operation, Well Stimulation and **Workover**, **Well Stimulation & Workover** Planning, **Well Completion**, **Servicing & Work-Over** Operations, **Completions & Workover**, HSE in **Work-Over & Drilling** Operations, **Well Testing Completion & Workover**, Basic **Drilling**, **Completion & Workover** Operations, Advanced **Drilling**, **Completion & Workovers Fluids**, **Cementing** Integrity Evaluation, **Cementing** Design, **Cement** Integrity Assurance & Evaluation, Basic **Cementing** (Operations) & Basic Acidizing, **Advanced** Cementing Technology, **Casing & Cementing, Advanced** Cementing & Stimulation, **Artificial Lift** Systems, New Technology in **Artificial Lift Systems**, **Artificial Lift** Methods, **Crude Oil Artificial Lift** Operations, **Artificial Lift** Systems, **Artificial Lift** & Challenges, **Artificial Lift** Systems & Optimization Technology, Production Optimization with **Artificial Lift** System, **Well Integrity & Artificial Lift**, **Formation Damage** & Flow Assurance Issues, **Formation Damage** Evaluation, Prevention, Remediation & Control, **Formation Damage** (Causes, Prevention & Remediation), **Well Completion** Design & Operations, Crude **Oil Market**, Oil **Reserves**, Global Oil **Supply & Demand**, Government Legislation & Oil **Contractual** Agreements, Oil **Projects & Their Feasibility** (Revenue and Profitability), Oil & Gas **Exploration** and **Methods**, Oil & Gas **Extraction**, Oil **Production & Refining**, Technology Usage in Industrial Security; **Oil & Gas Economics** Modelling Evaluation Decision Making & Risk Analysis, **Economic Evaluation** & Global Profitability Criteria, **Petroleum Economics**, Fluid Properties & Phase Behaviour (**PVT**), **Workovers & Completions**, Acidizing Application in **Sandstone & Carbonate**, **Well Testing** Analysis, **Reserves** Evaluation, **Reservoir** Fluid Properties, **Reservoir** Monitoring, **Heavy Oil** Technology, Applied **Water Technology**, **X-mas Tree & Wellhead** Operations & Testing, **Artificial Lift** Systems (**Gas Lift**, **ESP**, and **Rod Pumping**), **Well Cementing**, **Well Completion** Design, **Slickline** Operations, **Cased Hole Logging** and **Production Logging**. Further, he is actively involved in **Project Management** with special emphasis in production technology and field optimization, performing conceptual studies, economic analysis with risk assessment and field development planning. He is currently the **Senior Petroleum Engineer & Consultant** of **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company** (**ADNOC**) Group of companies wherein he is involved in the mega-mature fields in the Arabian Gulf, predominantly carbonate reservoirs; designing the acid stimulation treatments with post-drilling rigless operations; utilizing CT with tractors and DTS systems; and he is responsible for gas production and preparing for reservoir engineering and simulation studies, well testing activities, field and reservoir monitoring, production logging and optimization and well completion design.

During his career life, Mr. Zorbalas worked as a **Senior Production Engineer**, **Well Completion Specialist**, **Production Manager**, **Project Manager**, **Technical Manager**, **Trainer**, **Technical Supervisor** & **Contracts Manager**, **Production Engineer**, **Production Supervisor**, **Production Technologist**, **Technical Specialist**, **Business Development Analyst**, **Field Production Engineer** and **Field Engineer**. He worked for many **world-class oil/gas companies** such as **ZADCO**, **ADMA-OPCO**, **Oilfield International Ltd**, **Burlington Resources** (later acquired by **Conoco Phillips**), **MOBIL E&P**, **Saudi Aramco**, **Pluspetrol E&P SA**, **Wintershall**, **Taylor Energy**, **Schlumberger**, **Rowan Drilling** and **Yukos EP** where he was in-charge of the **design and technical analysis** of a gas plant with capacity **1.8 billion m3/yr gas**. His achievements include **boosting oil production 17.2% per year** since 1999 using **ESP** and **Gas Lift systems**.

Mr. Zorbalas has **Master's** and **Bachelor's** degrees in **Petroleum Engineering** from the **Mississippi State University**, **USA**. Further, he is an **SPE Certified Petroleum Engineer**, **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, a **Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management** (**ILM**), an active member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (**SPE**) and has numerous scientific and technical publications and delivered innumerable training courses, seminars and workshops worldwide.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

30% Lectures
20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1

0730 – 0800	*Registration & Coffee*
0800 – 0815	*Welcome & Introduction*
0815 – 0830	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0930	***Risk Analysis***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1015	***Technical Limit Identification: Techniques to Quantum Change Limits***
1015 – 1045	***Key Performance Indicators (KPI)***
1045 – 1115	***Impact of Wellbore Stability***
1115 – 1145	***Drill String Mechanics***
1145 – 1215	***Well Design Concepts***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Well Construction Design to Wellsite Operations***
1330 – 1420	***Drilling Fluid Calculations***
1420 – 1430	***Recap***
1430	*Lunch & End of Day One*

Day 2

0730 – 0845	***Directional Drilling***
0845 – 0930	***Measurement While Drilling Systems (MWD)***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Controllable & Non-controllable Non-production Time (NPT)***
1030 – 1100	***Performance Limitations***
1100 – 1215	***Stuck Pipe Refresher***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1420	***Measurements & Technology Enablers***
1420 – 1430	***Recap***
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Two*

Day 3

0730 – 0845	***ROP Monitoring & Improvement Techniques***
0845 – 0930	***Typical Drilling Plan***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Introduction to Drilling Optimization***
1030 – 1115	***Optimization Elements***
1115 – 1215	***Petroleum Rock Mechanics***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1420	***Wellbore Stability Analysis***
1420 – 1430	***Recap***
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Three*

Day 4

0730 – 0845	***Rock Strength & Rock Failure***
0845 – 0930	***Cost-time Analysis***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Common Drilling Problems***
1030 – 1115	***Limit State Function & Probability Failure Function***
1115 – 1215	***Optimization of a Process & its Elements***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1420	***Rate of Penetration Monitoring***
1420 – 1430	***Recap***
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Four*

Day 5

0730 – 0845	***Technical Limits & Quantum Change in Limits***
0845 – 0930	***Advanced Drilling Techniques***
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Software Tools***
1030 – 1115	***Well Site Parameters & Drill String Inventory Optimization***
1115 – 1215	***Kill Sheets Use***
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1345	***Task Analysis & Lessons Learned***
1345 – 1400	***Course Conclusion***
1400 – 1415	***POST-TEST***
1415 – 1430	*Presentation of Course Certificates*
1430	*Lunch & End of Course*

Practical Sessions

This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises:-

Course Coordinator

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