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**Well Control School Partners with Applied Research International (ARI)
to Evolve the Next Generation of Well Control Training**

- **Integrating ARI's state-of-the-art simulator products into classroom training**
- **Immersing students into the world of well control**

HOUSTON, TX, May 1, 2023 - Well Control School today announced a long term partnership with Applied Research International (ARI) to evolve well control education through immersive virtual simulation training. A global leader in the design and development of high-specification sophisticated simulation systems, ARI simulation solutions are used around the world by the energy, marine, construction, mining, and defense industries.

"We are honored to be working with ARI," said Ryan Hays of WCS. "This is beyond a partnership, this is a new way of thinking. We are changing how simulation providers and training providers can bring immersive content to the students. Together, we are building something that will be seen as a turning point in the way well control training will be done. We are elevating the training experience and exceeding the students' expectations by making it more interactive, more realistic, and all-encompassing. The interaction between us has been incredible and ARI's technical support at every step in this process has been outstanding."

An Interactive Experience that Significantly Improves Learning

The new partnership with ARI ushers in a hybrid training model that bridges the theoretical with the practical. Custom-built for the next generation of well control, ARI's well control simulators offer a recognizable, easy-to-use interface that enables students to spend more time on their training and less time learning the software. Unique to the industry, ARI simulators are groundbreaking in the way they operate, offering multiple configurations that can be adapted to the evolving moments in the training process. In addition to standard classroom applications, ARI's simulators can be used on a rig site / wellsite by students and companies bringing a new level of continuing learning to the well control training model. The backbone of the drilling simulator is a highly advanced, high fidelity mathematical model that accurately simulates real world scenarios.

Both WCS and ARI believe in the power of digital technology to impart on-demand training to a global audience on a 24/7 basis. WCS will offer a range of approved well control courses through a combination of physical, portable, and cloud-based simulators developed by ARI. WCS will be uniquely positioned to offer dynamic in person/ hybrid/ virtual training every day, every hour worldwide.

“Using technology to help a student grasp a concept that they have been struggling with is incredible to watch,” stated Scott Hooper with WCS, “I have been afforded the ability to trial many of the different simulators on the market. But the one that made an immediate impact and impression with me is ARI. ARI truly has learning at its core.”

A Higher Level of Real-World Learning

Accredited by IWCF and IADC, ARI’s well control simulators are built to deliver reliable performance that doesn’t fail. They are highly secure and allow for reliable concurrent connections. “ARI has developed a wide range of simulators that we operate across different verticals, such as simulation products that address the competency requirements of personnel working in the upstream, midstream, and downstream industries,” said Partha Sanyal, VP, ARI Simulation. “Now, we’re leveraging best practices that we’ve learned across those industries and are bringing that to the table with Well Control School to create an enhanced and advanced training experience.”

Regionally Specific Well Control Simulators

To ensure the most accurate training and understanding of each well, ARI simulators can be custom designed by the WCS / ARI development team to mirror the actual wells of an oil company in their region – be it in North America, the Middle East, Africa, or anywhere else around the world. During training, each student is provided their own simulator so there is no downtime in the learning process. In this new teaching environment, students “feel” as if they are on the rig and are provided the full spectrum of well control issues with the visuals and tools required to control and mediate those issues. Whether it be on land or an offshore environment, students learn how to control the well and kill the well in a “hands-on” fashion, so they can prevent the next big well control event from happening.

More About Well Control School

For more than 40 years, Well Control School, an RPC, Inc. Company, has been the leader in well control training worldwide. Our rich history, instructors, and experience continue to drive us to offer the most dynamic training methods worldwide and on demand 24/7. WCS is engaging all generations of professionals by providing a more comprehensive range of knowledge resources and leveraging in-person effectiveness with technological efficiency utilizing many cutting-edge training methods. Visit us at www.wellcontrol.com.

More About ARI Simulation

ARI is a pioneer and leading global supplier of simulation and training solutions. ARI utilizes its 25 years of experience in simulation equipment design, dynamic modeling, real-time graphics, virtual/augmented reality, network and distributed real-time simulation to provide solutions to high compliance industries for mission-critical operations. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, ARI has global fulfillment capabilities with over a million users across 1000 physical installations and cloud-based solutions worldwide.

Based on the latest STCW convention simulation training requirements, ARI simulators have been certified by DNV to the highest Class ‘A’ standard. ARI simulator solutions range from cloud-based simulation, portable personal trainers, and part-task trainers to full mission solutions and large integrated simulation complexes in the Maritime, Offshore, Drilling, Ports & Terminals, Construction, Mining and Defense verticals.