



## ANNOUNCEMENT- Dwight Strickland joins the Vortex Venture Team

It is our pleasure to welcome Dwight Strickland to the Vortex Ventures organization as Vice President of Sales and Marketing effective January 26, 2010.

Dwight has worked 39 years in the drilling and completion fluids business having entered the industry as a drilling fluid research chemist in 1970. He has traveled the world in the fluids business and has lived and worked in Houston, New Orleans, Corpus Christi, Denver, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Aberdeen, Scotland. He has worked in numerous positions in the drilling fluids industry including research, operations, sales, technical sales, business unit management, general management and executive management positions.

Dwight's work experience includes Baker Hughes, Baroid, Newpark Drilling Fluids (original) and started his own mud company in the Rocky Mountains. He retired from Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids in 2009 as Vice President of Technology.

He holds a BS degree in Chemistry from Central Oklahoma University. Dwight and wife Kay have been married 39 years and have a son and a daughter and one grandchild, a granddaughter.

Please join me us in welcoming Dwight to the Vortex organization. If you would like to contact Dwight, you can reach him at [dstrickland@vortexventures.com](mailto:dstrickland@vortexventures.com) or call him at 1-832-434-2598.