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Thern Stabbing Board Winch Provides Reliable Power for Drilling Rigs

April 15, 2010, Winona, Minn. – Thern’s Stabbing Board Winch delivers the rugged and reliable performance drilling rig operators need, in the compact package they require.

During drilling operations, rig crews need to quickly, reliably and repeatedly pull sections of drill pipe from holding racks located on the derrick tower and position the pipe over the drill shaft for attachment to the drill head. As the drill penetrates deeper, additional pipe segments are added to continue drilling. Pipes are positioned from a work platform or stabbing board on the derrick tower where space is extremely limited, making large positioning systems prohibitive. The Stabbing Board Winch from Thern, Inc. provides rig operators a compact and reliable solution for positioning drill pipe.

The compact design of Thern’s Stabbing Board Winch provides the rugged power oil drilling rigs demand. Its small footprint allows crews to mount the winch on a stabbing board, while the versatile design provides for floor, ceiling or vertical mounting to minimize the amount of workspace the unit occupies. The Stabbing Board Winch also features cast aluminum construction making the unit lightweight, yet powerful to handle the heavy workload.

While space is limited, equipment durability and reliability on rigs is also critically important, whether in saltwater environments on the ocean or in the blowing dirt and sand on land. Crews count on Thern winches to operate whenever they are called upon. Thern’s durable construction stands up in harsh environments, protected by a long-lasting epoxy finish and backed by our industry leading 2-Year Warranty.

Designed specifically for use on oil drilling rigs, operators also benefit from winch design versatility and the ability to tailor the Stabbing Board Winch to their specific rigs’ requirements. Standard available winch options include various power and motor options, control packages, and pre-wound wire rope assemblies. Thern’s wide range of available options coupled with short lead-time means rig operators get the winch they need, when they need it, without hassle or delay.

Thern solutions accommodate a broad range of special requirements for your load handling applications. For more information on Thern winches in oil and gas applications, visit www.thern.com to learn how Thern products can work for you.

Celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2008, Thern, Inc. is a major designer and manufacturer of winches, cranes and hoists for virtually any application. Founded in 1948, Thern is headquartered in Winona, Minnesota and markets its products worldwide. Learn more about Thern products at www.thern.com or contact us via email at info@thern.com or call 1-800-843-7648.

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