Timeline History of Major Logging Companies

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- Schlumberger
- Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp.
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- Anadrill
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- Schlumberger Well Services
- Baker Hughes
- Baker Hughes INTEQ
- Exlog
- Teleco
- Halliburton
- Sperry Sun
- Sperry Drilling
- Pathfinder (Smith)
- Precision
- Weatherford

LWD/MWD companies

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Comments on the Timeline Histories

The pages here are intended to show, in a general way, how the major wireline and logging while drilling (LWD) companies merged over the years. The displays are meant to help people who find an unfamiliar name on a log in the files, and give them an idea of where they might go (to current companies) to get more information. The displays are not meant to be exactly accurate in times of creation or mergers of companies, or in some cases, accurate in company names.

Dashed lines indicate uncertainties in time of existence of the company or when the company was purchased. Name changes along the same line indicate a change in the company name, while right angle lines indicate that the company was purchased by the company to which its line is connected.

Page 1 (Wireline) shows the wireline companies over time. Schlumberger has remained independent and largely on its own over time. Baker Atlas, in contrast, has seen a great deal of mergers to reach its current state.

Halliburton and Weatherford have undergone some mergers and name changes, but not nearly as many as Baker Atlas.

Page 2 (LWD) shows the merger of LWD companies over the same time period. The pattern of mergers and of the number of companies is much smaller than in the wireline case, although once again, Baker Hughes INTEQ is the most active of the major players. Schlumberger used for a while the name Anadroll for its LWD services. When this chart was created, the starting and ending dates of the subsidiary were not known. When Halliburton bought Sperry-Sun, they were required by government regulators to divest some of their LWD holdings, and chose to divest their own LWD business, which was named Pathfinder. Pathfinder was a subsidiary of Smith Tool and was recently acquired by Schlumberger.

Wireline logging started in 1927, growing out of the surface electrical prospecting business of Conrad and Marcel Schlumberger. While LWD patents began appearing in the 1940’s, commercial services did not appear until the 1970’s, as it took that long for the technology to catch up to the patentable ideas for the services. All the major logging companies have both wireline and LWD divisions. LWD initially borrowed the physics of the measurements from wireline, and later, wireline borrowed the engineering technology from LWD to make wireline measurements more robust. Both wireline and LWD technology continues to improve as sensor, transmission, and processing capabilities continue to develop.

This document is intended to be updated periodically as necessary to include new and corrected information.

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