

## **Marathon Oil Selects Industrial Evolution Well\*Share™ Service for Gulf of Mexico Neptune Field**

*Field Operator, BHP Billiton, Agrees to Share Operating Data*

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA, September 12, 2007** — Industrial Evolution today announced that Marathon Oil (“Marathon”) has decided to adopt Industrial Evolution’s Well\*Share service as a means of receiving operating data from BHP Billiton, its joint venture partner in the Gulf of Mexico Neptune field.

The Neptune field is located in the deepwater GoM approximately 120 miles from the coast of Louisiana. The production facility will be located in approximately 4,250 feet of water. BHP Billiton is the designated operator of the field with the other partners being Marathon (30%), Woodside Energy (20%); and Repsol/YPF (15%). Neptune is currently scheduled to come on-stream in Q2, 2008.

Well\*Share is a service provided by Industrial Evolution, whereby real-time operating data captured by BHP Billiton and stored in a database behind their corporate firewall can be securely accessed by Marathon. Industrial Evolution has worked with BHP Billiton in the past and was recently contracted by BHP Billiton to provide a real-time web-based data hub for their key joint venture partners. In the case of Marathon, they wanted data transferred from the hub directly into their own corporate systems behind their own firewall, an optional feature of Well\*Share.

“Industrial Evolution is honored to have Marathon as a new customer,” remarked Simon Wright, CEO of Industrial Evolution. “It is a privilege to be trusted to provide such services between these 2 companies. We have a track record of providing the service quality and security required for such an application to our other customers and look forward to meeting Marathon’s needs in all respects.”

Through use of the service, data stored at BHP Billiton will be available as a real-time feed after being converted from BHP Billiton’s standards to Marathon’s. The advantage for Marathon is that, through Well\*Share, they receive data into their own systems in exactly the same format as the data they generate on the assets they operate themselves. For BHP Billiton, the advantage is that they can fulfill their obligations to Marathon without incurring support costs and at reduced liability.

“Marathon had heard of our services for some time though word-of-mouth, and was interested to hear of BHP Billiton’s successes with their service,” added Mr. Wright. “BHP Billiton’s recommendation added weight to Marathon’s decision to select Well\*Share from Industrial Evolution.”

For more information contact your local Industrial Evolution representative.

### **About Industrial Evolution**

Industrial Evolution specializes in Data Services that capture, store, transform, exchange and present real-time process data. Large process companies are increasingly forming collaborative partnerships with their suppliers, customers and even competitors, focused on improvement in operating performance, reduction of inventory, increase in supply chain efficiency and optimization of logistics. Our service are tailored to the non-operating partner’s need for real-time data from an operation in which it has an economic interest

Industrial Evolution is headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, and also has operations in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Additional information is available on the Internet at [www.industrialevolution.com](http://www.industrialevolution.com) or call Simon Wright on +1 (602) 867-0416.

### **About Marathon**

Marathon is an integrated international energy company engaged in exploration and production; oil sands mining; integrated gas; and refining, marketing and transportation operations. Marathon has principal operations in the

United States, Angola, Canada, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Ireland, Libya, Norway and the United Kingdom. Marathon is the fourth largest United States-based integrated oil company and the nation's fifth largest refiner. For more information on Marathon Oil Corporation, visit the Company's Web site at [www.Marathon.com](http://www.Marathon.com).