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Press Release



ffa adds OpenSpirit data connectivity to its SVI Pro and SEA 3D Pro applications

BARCELONA, 14th June 2010, ffa a world-leading provider of innovative 3D seismic analysis software and services to the global oil and gas industry has added OpenSpirit connectivity to the latest release of its desktop 3D seismic analysis software.

ffa Technology provides a powerful and flexible platform for 3D seismic analysis that allows interpreters to extract information from 3D seismic data objectively with unprecedented efficiency and accuracy. This translates to substantial improvement in reservoir characterization and 3D geological model construction, alongside better understanding of exploration risk and shorter interpretation cycles.

OpenSpirit delivers vendor-neutral integration solutions that impact the way energy professionals around the world leverage and interact with their data. Geoscientists gain seamless access to data from any OpenSpirit-enabled data store and can combine diverse applications to generate innovative cross-vendor workflows.

By incorporating the OpenSpirit data interoperability framework as part of their 3D seismic analysis solution, ffa offers customers an enhanced level of integration and more importantly the flexibility to create robust and value-added workflows using data from across their petro-technical environment.

With the OpenSpirit connectivity, users of ffa's SVI Pro application on Windows and from SEA 3D Pro on Linux can access an alternative route to easily import both 3D seismic and well data, and export 3D seismic data back into the data store. In addition, a significant additional advantage of the system is the ability to create SVI Pro and SEA 3D Pro's project setup directly from the data store with the appropriate integration of coordinate reference system information.

Steve Purves, ffa's Technical Director said "Workflow integration and increase of interoperability between SVI Pro, SEA 3D Pro and interpretation software packages is a large part of ffa's application development activities in 2010, providing OpenSpirit connectivity is a first and key step in that program. With OpenSpirit connectivity, we are providing a robust and convenient route for our users to move 3D subsurface information to and from our products and their interpretation packages and data stores."

"OpenSpirit has a decade-long track record of providing open integration and interoperability solutions to the energy industry," says Dan Piette, President & CEO of OpenSpirit. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with the ffa team to OpenSpirit-enable their innovative products. Their "project setup" feature is an innovative use of our data access services and we are excited about the streamlined workflows they are bringing to our mutual customers. They are truly enabling collaborative workflows and multi-vendor data accessibility for the diverse and complex environments used in today's E&P workflows."

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Note to Editors:

1. ffa provides world-leading 3D seismic analysis Software and Services to the oil and gas industry.
2. ffa's unique 3D workflow's are designed to reveal and extract geological features from 3D seismic data, objectively and more accurately than is possible with conventional seismic techniques to allow geoscientists and engineers to make better decisions in less time, with higher confidence.
3. ffa's Services operation applies ffa software to help its clients improve E & P success and has worked on over 200 operational projects worldwide. Projects include characterisation of deep water channels offshore Angola, close focus fault imaging in the North Sea and delineation of complex salt bodies in the Gulf of Mexico.
4. ffa is an independent UK company with offices in Aberdeen, London, Houston and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
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