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The Maverick Basin: New Technology—New Success

The Maverick Basin is a small carbonate basin geographically associated with the large sand- and shale-rich Gulf Coast Basin. Oil company managers have often rejected exploration programs for the Maverick Basin in favor of more glamorous objectives in the Gulf Coast Basin. As a result, the Maverick Basin has remained under-explored. In the past 10 years, new technologies like 3-D seismic and directional drilling have led to new plays and significant increases in production in the Maverick Basin. Three-D seismic has been absolutely essential. It has defined the structural framework of the basin and found new reef trends and unique structural plays. Directional drilling is now allowing operators to produce oil and gas from low-permeability

reservoirs that have been troublesome in the past. Current activities place the Maverick Basin at the threshold of prominence for oil and gas exploration in the Gulf Coast area. ■



Biographical Sketch

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