USE OF THE LITHOLOGY DENSITY TOOL (LDT) TO IMPROVE LITHOLOGY IDENTIFICATION AND GAS DETECTION B.A. MARCHETTE & M. JENNINGS, Schlumberger Overseas, S.A., Malaysia.

The Litho-Density Tool is the latest generation of Density tools. In addition to an improved density recording, it measures a new lithology parameter.

The new measurement, Photoelectric Absorption Index or Pe, is strongly related to the nature of the formation matrix. Used alone it is a direct matrix indicator, hence the term "Lithology" in the tool name. In combination with the Density, it is used to analyse two-mineral matrices and to determine porosity. And, with both Density and Neutron measurements, the Pe leads to a description of more complex lithologies

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containing three matrices and a calculation of porosity. The more accurate matrix identification provides an improved distinction between oil and gas.

Direct lithology indication and combination with Density for bimatrix identification are readily applicable to wellsite interpretation through on-site computer processing. Three-mineral description requires a more complex computation and crossplot analysis that can be integrated into a complete formation analysis at the Kuala Lumpur Computing Center.

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