

## Coretrack gets a hand

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### **CORETRACK is receiving support from Halliburton DBS and Baker-Hughes Inteq for the development of its Core Level Recorder System.**

The two major international petroleum services companies will help Coretrack design and test various aspects of the CLRS to ensure its compatibility with their respective coring assemblies.

“Critical CLRS components have already been tested successfully within either operating wells or in surface tests, but with such a high temperature and high-pressure environment, it is imperative that we subject all this equipment to the most rigorous conditions it is likely to encounter in the field,” managing director Nanne van’t Riet said.



Coretrack managing director  
Nanne van't Riet holding a Core  
Level Recorder

Coretrack is set to take delivery of two key components – the mud pulse telemetry system and custom-made ball drop sub – of its CLRS from APS Technology around April 10.

Once the components arrive, APS staff will help Coretrack personnel with training and assembly.

Coretrack added that heat and pressure testing of the individual CLRS components is underway with testing of assembled components expected to take place soon.

The company also said the core barrel telemetry system will be installed within lengths of up to 54m of inner core barrel, filled with a drilling fluid and lowered into the MTH-4 Mt Horner well near Dongara, Western Australia, as a final field test of the system.

Coretrack said this test, expected to take place in early May, will provide close to actual well conditions without running the entire system in an operating well.

Meanwhile, the company said that due to a slight advancement of the drilling schedule for the Clio-2 well, the CLRS would not be ready for use in this well.

However, contract negotiations will continue to allow immediate service to Chevron on completion of the system.

Similar discussions have also been held with Halliburton DBS and some of its international customers.

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