

NANA expands drilling operations

ANCHORAGE—A long-term contract for development drilling in the Prudhoe Bay oilfield has been awarded to the recently formed Petrolane-NANA Joint Venture, Willie Hensley, president of NANA Development Corporation, announced.

The contract, with Sohio Petroleum Company, calls for Petrolane-NANA to build a new \$8.5 million deep-drilling rig. The rig, scheduled to drill its first well for the Sohio-BP Alaska Production Division of Sohio Petroleum Company at Prudhoe Bay in November this year, will be built in Bakersfield, California.

The new rig, capable of operating efficiently under the most severe arctic weather conditions, will be the most powerful land rig in Alaska. It will be designed primarily for drilling high angle multiproduction wells.

The Arctic Alaska Drilling Company, an Anchorage firm, has been retained by Petroland-NANA to furnish rig design and construction supervision. It will also provide management services and manpower for the rig when it goes to the field.

Petrolane Incorporated is an energy company distributing LP-gas through the United States. It also offers services and equipment for worldwide oil industry exploration and development activity.

Hensley also announced the signing of a two-year catering contract between NANA/Mannings and the Sohio Petroleum Company.

The contract calls for NANA/Mannings to provide food and housekeeping services at the two 500-person construc-

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tion camps operated by Sohio Petroleum's Sohio-BP Alaska Production Division at Prudhoe Bay.

The year-old NANA/Mannings joint venture holds food and housekeeping service contracts with the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and the Pioneer Home in Anchorage. Mannings, Inc. holds contracts with hos-

pitals in Ketchikan, Juneau and Anchorage. All new Alaska contracts will be operated by the NANA/Mannings joint venture.

Mannings, Inc., with headquarters in San Francisco, has been providing catering services on the West Coast since its beginnings in Seattle 71 years ago. It has more than 230 catering contracts and operates the chain of Haven restaurants in Honolulu, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

NANA Development Corporation is the investment arm of NANA Regional Corporation formed as a result of the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. NANA offers Alaska's industry and public many diversified products and services. NANA's investments include hotels, electric utilities, commercial catering, jade manufacturing and husbandry of the largest reindeer herd in North America.