

# Rice Alliance Energy Venture Day @ OTC August 16, 2021

## **Expert Panelists**



### **Robert Allen, Evok Innovations**

As Vice President of Investments at Evok Innovations, Robert oversees deal flow and assists in portfolio company engagement and integration with Evok's funding partners. Robert is active on the boards of the following Evok portfolio companies: ARIX Technologies, Rotoliptic Technologies, Osperity, SensorUp, and Expeto. Prior to Evok, Robert was a Director of a Greenwich, CT, based family office and venture capital firm. There he led deal origination, asset management, and was the principal liaison between the firm and its

portfolio companies. Included in his responsibilities was managing a 200-acre industrial complex and Class I rail terminal in central New York, specializing in material handling and storage for the oil & gas sector. In 2011, Robert relocated in Seoul, Korea, where he worked as a Project Leader within Samsung Group's internal strategy division, with a speciality in renewable and conventional energy. Robert earned a Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University in Durham, NC, as well as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, PA.



J.C. Chambers, DCP Midstream



#### Patrick Conroy, Amberjack Capital Partners

Patrick is responsible for sourcing, evaluating, executing, and monitoring Amberjack investments. Patrick joined Amberjack in 2015 having previously worked in the global natural resources investment banking group with Goldman Sachs. At Goldman, Patrick advised on a variety of capital markets and M&A transactions across the energy industry. Prior to Goldman, Patrick was a process design engineer with Fluor focused on downstream processing facilities.



## Amy Henry, CPA/J.D., Eunike Ventures

*Texas Certified Public Accountant (1995) BBA Accounting (CT Bauer Business School) Juris Doctorate in Law -Corporate & Tax focus (Albany Law School) Post Grad Diploma in Financial Strategy (Oxford Said Business School).* 

Amy Henry is the CEO/Co-Founder of Eunike Ventures and owner of Henry CPA Group LLC, a local CPA firm for small businesses. Eunike Ventures is a Hybrid Accelerator that provides selected start-ups with a venue to connect

with a formal alliance of operators, who will potentially field test their new technologies. EUNIKE provides hands-on support, working with selected start-ups through the process, sharing their experience and connecting them with an extensive network of subject matter experts, advisors and investors. Extensive and multi-faceted skill set with a focus on commercial/finance/new business development in the Energy Industry with more than 23 years of proven International Upstream Experience (IOC, NOC, and Big 4 Consulting) in North America, Europe, and Southeast Asia portfolios. Portfolio of work in Upstream includes both Conventional and Unconventional E&P business, including Integrated Gas/LNG projects. Worked with organizations such as PETRONAS, Royal Dutch Shell (Shell Gas & Power, Shell Upstream International, Shell E&P Technology & Research including its Joint Ventures, Shell Services International), Ernst & Young LLP, and Arthur Andersen.



## Abhinav Jain, CSL Ventures

Abhinav Jain joined CSL Capital Management as Vice President after spending 10+ years in the oil and gas industry across a variety of functions such as investment banking, strategy consulting, field operations and portfolio company management.

Prior to joining CSL, Abhinav had been advising various oilfield services

startups (such as Corva, Drill2Frac, SensOLeak, QuantumPro) and portfolio companies of several energy private equity groups (such as EV Private Equity, Total Energy Ventures, Energy Innovation Capital, Altira Group, Apollo Global Management, TPG). Prior to this role, he worked at PwC's oil and gas investment banking group in Houston, providing M&A transaction services to middle-market oilfield services companies. In addition, he also worked with ConocoPhillips and Lazard's oil and gas investment banking group in Houston, evaluating E&P investment opportunities and providing M&A transaction services to E&P and oilfield services clients respectively. Abhinav's oil and gas industry career started in 2009 in Norway with Fugro as an Offshore Seismic Engineer, after which he joined Schlumberger as a Wireline Field Engineer in USA. Abhinav has a Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communications Engineering from NIT Durgapur in India and a Masters of Business Administration in energy finance from The University of Texas at Austin and London Business School (U.K.).



## Anoop Poddar, EV Private Equity

Anoop Poddar has 20 years of Investment Management, Operational and Corporate Finance experience in the Energy Sector. Prior to re-joining Energy Ventures, Mr. Poddar was CEO and founding member of the private equity firm First Reserve Momentum (2013-2016) and Partner of Energy Ventures (2008-2013). His previous experience also includes corporate finance advisor role at Simmons and Company and various operational roles at Schlumberger

and Essar Oil Limited. Education: M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, M.Sc. in Offshore Engineering from Robert Gordon University; B.Eng. in Petroleum Engineering from Indian School Mines.



## Murray Smith, ConocoPhillips

*Mr. Smith has over 30 years of experience in his field and complements his professional career with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Monash University in Victoria, Australia (1998) and a Bachelor of Technology Degree in Marine Technology from the Australian Maritime College, in Launceston, Australia (1993). As well as his current role as Technology Director at COP he has held the following position; Senior Development Engineer, Marine Lead for Floating LNG Technology, Project Manager evaluating an Arctic development, and as Marine Engineering* 

Manager for an FPSO project.



#### Lisa Zievers, Phillips 66

Lisa Zievers is Director of Product Development at Phillips 66. She is responsible for progressing the commercial product development of opportunities in the Energy Research & Innovation organization, with a current focus on energy transition. Since joining the company in 2009, she has been in a variety of roles across the company including Global Marketing, supporting the 76 and Conoco brand relaunches; Midstream, where she served in a strategy and planning position which helped to frame the \$2B+ NGL growth program for the company; and several years as director of

corporate strategy. She earned her BS from Boston College and her MBA from Rice University (class of 2009). She resides with her husband, daughter, and much-loved dog in Houston, Texas.