# Common Drill Bit Problems Causes and Solutions



#### **Broken Teeth/Cutters (BT)**

Q Off center rotation of bit. Stick and slip.

Use high abrasive and anti-concussion cutters. Adjust BHA.



#### **Erosion (ER)**

- **Q** Bad hydraulic design. High solid content.
- Optimize hydraulic parameters. Decrease solid content.



#### Ring Out (RO)

- **Q** Uneven oscillation. Lost subject in the hole.
- Optimize drilling procedures. Rotate off bottom. Apply low RPM and WOB.



## Balled Up (BU)

- Q Water sensitive clays. High WOB. Hydrostatic Pressure in wellbore. Low flow rate. Bit nozzle plugged.
  - Decrease WOB. Optimize bit and nozzle selection. Run drilling detergent. Run hi-vis sweeps with nut plug. Add sapp and soap sticks. Increase flow rate. Lift and drop the string. Spin the bit.



### **Plugged Nozzle (PN)**

- **Q** Formation. LCM or motor rubber. Hydraulic parameters. Mud property.
- Increase the flow rate off bottom. Lift and drop the drilling strings.

