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Highlands Drilling Recognized For Commitment To Environmental Health and Safety Stewardship

CHARLESTON, WV, May 15, 2010 - Highlands Drilling, LLC announces successful completion of a major initiative creating a state-of-the-art Environmental Health and Safety program. These programs have now been tested and certified under ISO-14001 and OHSAS-18001. The independent registrar making the declaration was Det Norske Veritas (DNV); one of the original signators of the ISO standard process.

These international standards recognize excellence in management systems and the promotion of a culture of continuous improvement. The standards are established by the International Organization for Standardization and are recognized globally among industry leaders.

According to J. Michael Poole, President of Highlands Drilling, the Company pursued registration to “assure that Highlands will continue to lead the industry in providing responsible drilling services; making a priority of the protection of all human and natural resources involved in developing the energy our nation needs.”

Mr. Poole observes that, “Highlands is the only land-based drilling company in the United States that has made the sort of total commitment needed to achieve ISO certification. This achievement recognizes the quality of our employees, commitment of our owners and managers, and the training and audit systems that have been put into place to assure performance.”

Highlands has consistently operated its entire fleet of twelve drilling rigs on prospects ranging from Pennsylvania to Tennessee. Mr. Poole commits that, “Our entire attention is focused on delivering the industry’s best service to responsible operators and living up to our responsibilities to employees and communities.”

About Highlands Drilling, LLC

Highlands Drilling, LLC is a privately owned contract drilling company formed in 2006 by its executive team, who continue to own and operate the Company. Highlands Drilling and its management team have a long and successful history operating in the Appalachian Basin. The Company owns and operates twelve state-of-the-art drilling rigs specially designed for Appalachian deployment. Its team of skilled drillers, experienced management and extensive relationships in the Appalachian Basin has resulted in it becoming an industry leader. For further information about Highlands Drilling, please visit www.HighlandsDrilling.com.

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