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## **Highlands Drilling Completes ISO Recertification – Expands Corporate Environmental Goals**

CHARLESTON, WV, October 15, 2010 - Highlands Drilling, LLC announced today that it has received re-certification of its Environmental, Health and Safety systems under ISO-14001 and OHSAS-18001. Re-certification results from an extensive audit of systems and operations performed by an independent registrar. The audit was conducted by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), who was also the registrar of Highlands' original certification on May 1, 2010.

Highlands' President, Mike Poole declares, "Highlands is committed to the ISO standards and the process of continuous audit and communication within the company. The management system provides the structure and discipline that assures we deliver the very best service to our customers on each and every job. It provides assurance that our attention is focused on doing the important things the right way."

A key element in the ISO certification is a commitment to continuous improvement. At the conclusion of the audit, the company adopted an expanded set of goals by addressing: a) implementation of an advanced incident reporting system; b) preventive action plans for installing LEL monitoring systems on all rigs; c) new containment systems for compressor blow-offs to eliminate leaks and potential injuries; and d) preventive action plans for drilling console updates and repairs.

Poole assures that, "Along with our other established goals, these new initiatives will continue to challenge us to create the best corporate culture and to be a leader in the industry's effort of responsible stewardship."

### **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](http://www.HighlandsDrilling.com).

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