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Highlands Drilling Sets Drilling Record

CHARLESTON, WV, December 1, 2010 - Highlands Drilling, LLC was recognized today by Baker Tool Company for having set a duration record for continuous drilling. Highlands Rig #5 successfully drilled a 14,316 foot well using a single Baker tri-cone bit. The well included a 9,000 foot horizontal lateral and was drilled in Letcher County, Kentucky.

Earlier in 2010, the same Rig #5 and its crew was recognized by Baker for having set a footage drilling record; drilling 2,684 feet of horizontal lateral in a 24 hour period.

According to J. Michael Poole, President of Highlands Drilling, "The Company strives to deliver the same outstanding service to all customers on every project. Highlands' employees are the key to our success and we celebrate their commitment to making Highlands great."

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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