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NACD Texas TriCities Board of Directors Stands Strong Behind New Leadership Chapter elected Thomas S. Glanville as its new Chairman and David E. Preng as President

HOUSTON, TEXAS (May 31, 2011) – The Texas TriCities Chapter (serving Houston, Austin and San Antonio) of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) has announced that Thomas S. Glanville has been elected Chairman and David E. Preng has been elected President of the Chapter. Mr. Glanville previously served as President of the Chapter since March 2009. He replaces Robert A. Peiser who served as President of the Chapter from 2007 to 2009 and as Chairman from 2009 to 2011 and will remain on the Chapter Board of Directors. The experience and knowledge of these exceptional directors and business leaders will provide key attention towards the successful achievement of its key Chapter initiatives.

The Chapter also announced the appointment of Julie Pitts as its new Executive Director, replacing Kelly Dodd who took a position earlier this year to serve on the staff of the National organization in Washington, D.C. Ms Pitts brings exceptional administrative, marketing and development experience to the Chapter, having previously served at DMN3, a privately held marketing, advertising and educational firm, and she also serves on various non-profit advisory boards in Houston, Texas.

Commenting on these changes, Mr. Peiser said, "The Texas TriCities Chapter has become one of the leading chapters in the NACD system. Through its efforts in Houston, Austin and San Antonio, as well as the offerings of its national organization, it provides exceptional educational panels and conferences to experienced members of the Boards of Directors of companies in this region and elsewhere. We are very proud of the service that we provide and I look forward to our momentum increasing even further under the leadership of both Tom and David. Julie's appointment will also enable us to maintain the professional approach for which we are well known in serving our existing and potential members."

Mr. Glanville added, "Boards and directors have become acutely aware of their responsibilities in the new order of corporate governance, which calls for transparency and accountability in the execution of director duties coupled with a strong motivation to do the job right. The NACD is the director community's go to place for education, leading practices, and peer to peer exchange and the Texas TriCities Chapter tops the list. I want to honor and thank Bob Peiser for all his strong and effective efforts that has made our Chapter highly impactful for its director members and well respected nationally. David and I will work hard with Julie to continue this great momentum and deliver on our goals to our members and constituents."

Thomas S. Glanville currently serves as a director and a member of the Audit Committee of [Itron, Inc.](#) ("ITRI"). In 2008, this board was named Board of the Year by the NACD Seattle-Northwest Chapter. Mr. Glanville is the Founder and Managing Partner of [Eschelon Energy Partners](#) and serves on the board of Itron, Inc., Chroma Exploration and Production, Passenger Energy Partners, and [Strand Energy](#). He also is the Founder and Managing Partner of Eschelon Advisors, LP, which provides financial, operating, and strategic advice to energy/utility industry principals. From 1998-2002, Mr. Glanville enjoyed a number of roles at Reliant Energy / Reliant Resources including having served as Vice President, Technology & New Ventures, President of Reliant Energy Ventures, President of Reliant Energy Communications, as a Member of Reliant Energy's Operating Committee, and as its Vice President, Corporate Development. He is also a Member of the Board of Visitors and a Member of the Audit Committee of the M. D. Anderson



Cancer Center, and a trustee and former member of the Executive Committee of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

David E. Preng has over thirty-five years of board experience and been a board member of five public and two private companies. Since 2006, he has served as a Board Director of [Cal Dive International](#) (Governance Chairman) and, since 2002, has been the Lead Director (and Organizer) of [Community National Bank](#) in Bellaire, Texas. For nine years (1997-2006), he was a Director of Remington Oil and Gas (Chairman of the Compensation Committee and Lead Independent Director). Mr. Preng is a Founding Board Member, current President and Board Leadership Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors–Texas TriCities Chapter, Member of Texas A&M University’s International Advisory Board, and a Fellow of the Institute of Directors in London. Since 1980, Mr. Preng has been President and CEO of [Preng & Associates](#) and earlier he held increasingly responsible financial, managerial and executive positions with Shell Oil, Litton Industries and Southwest Industries. He is also a member of several international technical and business organizations. In 2008, he was recognized by *Business Week* among “The World’s 50 Most Influential Headhunters” and was also included in their recent ranking.

“As a founding member of the Texas TriCities Chapter, I’m honored to be the next President and I welcome the opportunity to continue the legacy and great work established by our previous leadership,” said Mr. Preng.

The Texas TriCities Chapter, provides board members in the Houston, Austin, and San Antonio region with a peer forum for: vetting best board practices, staying abreast of emerging governance issues, and exploring how directors best contribute to corporate performance and shareholder value. Upcoming programs include:

09/08/2011 Preparing for the Succession Crisis ([Houston](#))

09/30/2011 Managing the CEO Lifecycle: Recruiting, Retaining and Replacing he CEO ([Austin](#))

About the National Association of Corporate Directors

The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) is the only membership organization delivering the information and insights that corporate board members need to confidently confront complex business challenges and enhance shareowner value. With 11,000 members, NACD advances exemplary board leadership. NACD is focused on creating more effective and efficient boards through director-led education and peer forums to share ideas and leading practices based on more than 30 years of primary research. Fostering collaboration among directors and governance stakeholders, NACD is shaping the future of board leadership. To learn more about NACD, visit [NACDonline.org](#). To join, please contact Julie Pitts at jpitts@nacdhouston.com or (713) 459-8104.

About the Texas TriCities Chapter

The Texas TriCities Chapter was established by NACD in 2003 to create a local, cross-industry peer-to-peer director forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas in the business communities of Houston, Austin and San Antonio. By convening directors and experts to examine leading practices and anticipate developing issues, the Chapter helps participating directors be more effective in the boardroom, add value to the company, and foster the positive image of corporations and business organizations through improved corporate governance. The Chapter also provides a grass-roots channel through which members can participate in NACD’s nationwide dialog on corporate governance practices and principles. To learn about local programs in the Texas TriCities markets visit www.nacdtexas.com

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