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**eCORP INTERNATIONAL, LLC ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO  
BOARD OF MANAGERS: D. RONALD HARRELL, P.E.  
AND CHRISTOPHER H. WILLIAMS**

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Houston, Texas – eCORP International, LLC (“eCORP”) today announced the addition of two prominent leaders in the Energy and Finance sectors to its Board of Managers, D. Ronald Harrell and Christopher H. Williams.

**D. RONALD HARRELL, P.E**

**Chairman Emeritus, Ryder Scott, Houston, Texas**

Mr. Harrell joined Ryder Scott Co. as a reservoir engineer in 1968, became its President in 1998 and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 2000-2005, remaining as its Board Chairman until May 2006. Founded in 1937, Ryder Scott is one of the largest, oldest and most respected reservoir-evaluation consulting firms in the industry and is, by far, the most widely used consulting firm for preparing annual petroleum reserves certifications for filers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company also serves clients listed on the London, Ontario, Toronto, Hong Kong, Australian and other stock exchanges.

Projects Mr. Harrell personally oversaw at Ryder Scott included reserves certifications, property evaluations for sale, purchase or financing, reservoir management, gas supply analysis in support of pipeline construction, gas storage studies, contract compliance and litigation support. He is a well-published, noted authority who is highly regarded both domestically and internationally, having represented clients that include oil and gas producers, pipeline companies, utilities, banks, insurance companies, universities, municipalities, governmental agencies, law firms, investors, estates and royalty owners. His past Chairmanship of the Oil and Gas Reserves Committee of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, on which he remains as an observer, illustrates his worldwide standing.

Mr. Harrell is a Director of Union Drilling, Inc., Chairman of the University of Houston's Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board and immediate past President of Louisiana Tech University's Engineering and Science Foundation Board. Mr. Harrell received a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering, magna cum laude, from Louisiana Tech University.

### **CHRISTOPHER H. WILLIAMS**

#### **Co-Founder, Harris Williams & Co., Richmond, Virginia**

Mr. Williams co-founded Harris Williams & Co. in 1991 as a national investment banking firm focusing on mergers and acquisitions. Since the firm's founding, Mr. Williams has led Harris Williams & Co. to become one of the largest and most influential middle market mergers and acquisitions boutiques in the U.S. with over 130 bankers and seven offices including one newly opened in London.

With nearly 20 years of transactional experience, Mr. Williams has completed over 200 assignments involving either mergers and acquisitions or capital raising activities. Prior to co-founding Harris Williams & Co., Mr. Williams was with Bowles Hollowell Conner & Co. Mr. Williams earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.S. in Business Administration, magna cum laude, from Washington & Lee University.

John F. Thrash, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of eCORP said "We at eCORP are honored by the addition of these very distinguished gentlemen to our Board given their exceptional talent and experience, unimpeachable integrity and widely recognized sector leadership. Having had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Harrell for many years and with Mr. Williams over the past several years, I have come to understand how highly each is regarded in their respective fields of energy and finance, and how each of them is held in the highest esteem by their industry peers, partners and clients. They join a talented Board at eCORP, and I am confident that this expanded Board, together with our strong management team, will provide optimum stewardship for our existing and targeted assets, as well as our very exciting growth plan, well into the future."

### **ABOUT eCORP INTERNATIONAL, LLC**

*eCORP is a Delaware limited liability company based in Houston, Texas and London, England. eCORP, together with its subsidiaries, develop, operate and own natural gas storage facilities, and develop and explore conventional and unconventional natural gas prospects in the US and Internationally. eCORP has been engaged in the research and development of unconventional hydrocarbon production since 1979. eCORP has been engaged in the development and operation of independently owned natural gas storage facilities and related assets since 1984.*

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