



Alliance Engineering Contributes to the Successful Start-up of the Shenzi TLP

HOUSTON, July 16, 2009 - Alliance Wood Group Engineering (“Alliance”), part of international energy services company John Wood Group PLC (“Wood Group”), today announced the company’s contribution to the successful start-up of the BHP Billiton operated Shenzi development in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Alliance was responsible for providing front-end engineering design and detailed engineering for the topsides of the Shenzi tension leg platform (TLP). The facility, located 120 miles off the Louisiana coastline in approximately 4,300 feet of water in Green Canyon Block 653, is the second-deepest TLP in the world. It was designed for a capacity of 100,000 BPD oil and 50MMscf/D gas.

Alliance President Norb Roobaert stated, “The Shenzi TLP is a complex facility designed to the new hurricane criteria imposed after the Katrina and Rita storms of 2005. The production facility includes two interconnecting processing trains for reliability and was completed ahead of schedule and within budget. Alliance is proud to be a contributor to BHP Billiton’s successful project designed and constructed during an industry boom period with high global demand levels for labor, materials, and equipment.”

Two other Wood Group companies provided services for the Shenzi project. Multiphase Solutions Inc. (“MSi”) provided a customized flow assurance,

production monitoring and leak-detection system, and Deepwater Specialists Inc. (“DSI”) provided start-to-finish commissioning services.

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Alliance is an independent services provider to the domestic and international oil and gas industry. Alliance specializes in engineering, design, procurement, project management and construction management of on and offshore upstream oil and gas facilities and structures. Capabilities range from feasibility studies through complete turnkey installations. Alliance has offices in Houston and Denver.

Wood Group is an international energy services company with \$5.2bn sales, employing approximately 28,000 people worldwide and operating in 46 countries. The Group has three businesses—Engineering & Production Facilities, Well Support, and Gas Turbine Services - providing a range of engineering, production support, maintenance management and industrial gas turbine overhaul and repair services to the oil & gas, and power generation industries worldwide.

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