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TIPRO ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP

Justin Furnace Named Executive Vice President

(Austin, Texas -- April 27, 2010) Justin Furnace, Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to Chairman Victor Carrillo of the Texas Railroad Commission, has been named the new Executive Vice

President of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association announced today by TIPRO's President Walter "Tad" Mayfield. "As a trusted advisor at the Railroad Commission, Justin understands the legal, technical and legislative components of the oil and gas industry here in Texas," said Mayfield. "Furnace brings a vitality we independents need to face the challenges confronting our industry on regulatory and political fronts."



Furnace has served on Railroad Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo's staff for the past few years. "I'm eager to bring my expertise to TIPRO to evaluate current issues and seek strategies for the future to ensure independents can continue exploring and producing this important commodity for our state." Prior to his tenure at the Railroad Commission Furnace practiced law at the Beaumont office of Mehaffy Weber as an associate in the firm's Business and Litigation Departments. While at the firm he focused on transactions and litigation relating to oil and gas, real estate and corporate matters. Furnace received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law, where he graduated in the top 1/3 of his class and was selected to participate on the school's Environmental Law Moot Court Team. His undergraduate degree is from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he was a member of the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. Furnace is a Texas native originally from the Belton area. Furnace begins his service to TIPRO in May, succeeding Richard A. Varela who resigned the position due to health concerns.