

Richard R. Reed Joins Southern Petroleum Laboratories, Inc. as Laboratory Director of the Houston Environmental Facility.

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)—January 7, 2008—Southern Petroleum Laboratories, Inc. (“SPL”), the leader in petroleum and environmental testing industries, announced today that Mr. Richard R. Reed has joined SPL as Laboratory Director of their Houston Environmental Facility. As Laboratory Director he will be responsible for all operations at that location.

Mr. Reed will work as part of SPL’s management team to ensure the continued high quality and on-time production of analytical results for which SPL is known. At SPL’s largest environmental facility, Mr. Reed will focus on client needs, innovations in the environmental commercial laboratory industry, and continued growth. His background includes nearly a decade of analytical organic laboratory operations with GC, GC/MS (VOA and SemiVOA) instrumentation, positions in Project Management, Sales & Marketing, and Laboratory Management of petroleum and environmental laboratories. Prior to joining SPL, Mr. Reed was the laboratory manager for SGS Oil, Gas, & Chemical in New Orleans, LA. His experience in both the petroleum testing (upstream and downstream production) and extensive work in the environmental field has positioned him well for leading SPL’s Houston laboratory. Mr. Reed brings to SPL more than 21 years of relevant laboratory and business experience in a diversity of markets.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Mr. Reed to the team", said Herb Brown, CEO. "Richard's knowledge of the environmental field will be a great asset to SPL as we position ourselves for a future of growth, while maintaining a standard of excellence in analytical testing and customer service."

About Southern Petroleum Laboratories, Inc.

Established in 1944, SPL was one of the first major suppliers to service the petrochemical, refining, pipeline and retail markets with environmental testing services. Over the years it has expanded its service to all major industry, key government sectors, and their suppliers and consultants. SPL provides clients with prompt, accurate and cost effective results. Over 60 years of accurate measurement and customer service has proven that SPL is a sustained leader in the industry.

SPL's hydrocarbon services, the top supplier in this market sector, include testing of refinery gasses, sulfur compounds, petroleum fingerprinting, and forensic analysis. SPL field services include liquid and gas measurement accounting and allocation as well as consulting services for loss and unaccounted for gas.

For more information about the company, visit their website at <http://www.spl-inc.com/>.

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