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Weaver Assumes Midland Client Base of David J. Porter, CPA Expands local oil and gas practice

MIDLAND, TEXAS (August 2, 2011) – Weaver, the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, announces that the firm will assume the client base of David J. Porter, CPA effective August 1, 2011. Porter was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission in November 2010 for a six-year term.

"We are pleased to bring David Porter's Midland clients into Weaver, and to support him as he takes on the duties associated with serving Texas as a Railroad Commissioner," said James Flatt, partner-in-charge of tax and strategic business services for Weaver. "David has served his clients well for many years. We congratulate and wish him well in his new role. We look forward to providing David's clients with the same level of high quality service Weaver clients have come to know and expect."

Porter's private CPA practice began shortly after he moved to Midland in 1981. He provided accounting and tax services to oil and gas producers, royalty owners, oil field service companies and other small businesses and individuals.

For more than 60 years, Weaver's energy practice has provided clients throughout Texas and beyond with assurance, tax and advisory services. The firm's clients include exploration and production, midstream and global energy companies, petroleum refiners, biodiesel producers and renewable energy providers. In addition, Weaver currently serves more than 200 private oil and gas companies, many of which are sponsored by major private equity investors. The firm also has extensive experience serving publicly-traded energy companies.

About Weaver

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 450 employees. With offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio, Weaver is ranked the largest independent certified public accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also the 40th largest firm in the United States according to both *Accounting Today*'s and *INSIDE Public Accounting*'s Top 100 Accounting Firm lists.

The firm represents a broad range of clients including large national and international corporations, public and privately-held businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. In addition to the firm's assurance, tax and advisory services,

Weaver also provides transaction advisory; forensic accounting and litigation support; international; property tax; state and local tax and estate planning/wealth transfer services. It also performs peer reviews for other accounting firms. In addition, the firm provides registered investment advisory services through Weaver Wealth Management. Learn more at www.weaverllp.com.

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