



## ***LEADER ENERGY SERVICES APPOINTS DIRECTORS***

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April 29, 2009, Calgary, Alberta (TSX Venture: LEE) – Leader Energy Services Ltd. ("Leader" or the "Company") today announced the appointments of Steve Austin, CA and Gord Harris, P.Eng. to the board of directors. Mr. Austin and Mr. Harris are independent board members and will serve on the Audit Committee.

Mr. Austin is the President of Energy Accounting Services Inc. which provides complete accounting and financial solutions for oil and gas corporations. Mr. Austin has over 30 years of experience in connection with the management of public and private corporations, principally in the resources sector and with specific expertise in financial reporting, investor relations, taxation, corporate governance, corporate development and strategic planning. Mr. Austin has also served as an officer or director of a number of corporations including Sprott Resource Corporation, Choice Resources Corp., CrownJoule Exploration Ltd., Derrick Resources Corp., Quetzal Energy, Inc. and Blue Grouse Seismic Solutions Ltd. Mr. Austin holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary and is a Chartered Accountant.

Mr. Harris consults on mergers and acquisitions primarily in the energy sector. He is presently Managing Director, Mergers Acquisitions and Business Development for Primera Energy Resources Ltd. He was formerly Senior Vice President and Chief Operating officer of Buffalo Resources Corp., until August 2008. Mr. Harris was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Choice Resources Corp. until its merger with The Buffalo Oil Corporation in 2007. Prior thereto Mr. Harris was President of Roseland Resources Ltd. and he held various management and senior management positions at Canadian Occidental Petroleum in Canada, Europe and the Middle East from 1987 to 1997. Mr. Harris holds an M.B.A. from Queen's University and is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta.

The board of directors believes that Mr. Austin and Mr. Harris have the expertise to make a valuable contribution to guiding Leader's future and appreciates having the benefit of their insight and experience.

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