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## **News Release**

### **ECCO ENERGY HIRES RAY WARD AS NEW COO**

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**HOUSTON , TX** /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ECCO Energy is pleased to announce the hiring of Ray Ward as Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Ward has over 30 years of engineering and management experience and has directed over \$1 billion of capital in the oil and gas industry.

He has overseen an excess of 5,000 wells and participated in the discovery or development of over 500 fields both domestic and worldwide which resulted in the production of over 5 trillion cubic feet in oil and gas equivalent.

He started his career at Mobil Oil Corp. where he worked for 18 years in engineering, operations, production, and management. He is co-founder and Managing Partner of Republic Petroleum LLC, an exploration and production company focused in the Gulf of Mexico.

In addition, he has worked for Millennium Offshore Group, Sonat Exploration, Hydraulic Well Control, New Tech Engineering, and El Paso Production. Mr. Ward received his B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Mississippi State University and is currently a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Texas.

"Ray Ward is joining ECCO at an opportune time. His experience in oil and gas exploration and production will be invaluable to ECCO as we pursue our exploration and production goals during the coming year," said Sam Skipper, ECCO President. "His hiring fills a void that we need to accomplish our plans relating to our recent acquisitions. Mr. Ward believes in our assets and ECCO's future to the extent that he has agreed to work for ECCO for a total of \$1.00 salary and future stock options to be determined."

#### **About ECCO Energy Corp.**

ECCO Energy is a growing independent oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Houston, Texas. The Company is engaged in the acquisition, development and production of oil and natural gas reserves. The Company's primary areas of focus are: Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region of the United States.

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