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NPRA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS TO SERVE BEGINNING MARCH 2006: FLINT HILLS RESOURCES' JIM MAHONEY AS CHAIRMAN AND LYONDELL CHEMICAL'S NORMAN PHILLIPS AS VICE CHAIRMAN; SUNOCO'S JOEL MANESS IS ELECTED TREASURER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Washington, DC, September 12, 2005 – NPRA, the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association, today announced the election of new officers to succeed those whose terms will expire at the conclusion of the NPRA Annual Meeting in March 2006. NPRA's Board of Directors approved the new slate of officers September 13 at the association's fall board meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The Board elected Jim Mahoney, Vice President, Operations, Flint Hill Resources, LP, as Chairman-elect to succeed NPRA's current Chairman, Bill Klesse, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Valero Energy Corporation. Mr. Mahoney will serve as NPRA Vice Chairman until he takes office as Chairman following the 104th Annual Meeting of the NPRA March 19-21, 2006, in Salt Lake City.

The Board also elected Norman Phillips, Senior Vice President, Lyondell Chemical Company, to assume the position of Vice Chairman of the Board, effective at the March 2006 meeting. Joel Maness, Senior Vice President, Sunoco, Inc., was elected NPRA Treasurer, effective immediately.

"I am very pleased with the selection of Jim Mahoney as the next NPRA chairman," said Mr. Klesse. "With extensive operating experience in the refining industry, Jim Mahoney is uniquely qualified to lead the association in these ever challenging times. Due to his current



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role as Vice Chairman and as Chairman of the Issues Committee, he is very familiar with the many important issues facing the association and its members. We welcome the knowledge and energy that he has already demonstrated in working with our members and policy makers on issues of critical importance.

“Norm Phillips brings close to 30 years of experience and knowledge of the petrochemical and refining industries to his new position as Vice Chairman. Having served as a member of the NPRA Executive Committee, Norm has experience with all of NPRA’s activities. Joel Maness is a talented and effective industry leader with over 30 years of experience in the refining and supply business. The breadth and depth of this leadership team will be of great help to the association and both the refining and petrochemical industries as they meet the challenges that lie ahead.”

Also elected as NPRA Vice Presidents and members of the Executive Committee were Kevin Brown, Executive Vice President, Operation, Sinclair Oil Corporation; and Bill Finnerty, Executive Vice President, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation. Mr. Brown will serve a two-year term beginning immediately and ending at the close of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Mr. Finnerty will serve a three-year term ending at the close of the 2009 Annual Meeting.

NPRA is a national trade association with more than 450 members, including virtually all U.S. refiners and petrochemical manufacturers.

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