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Whiting Petroleum Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Full-year 2005 Earnings Release Date and Conference Call

DENVER, January 27, 2006 -- Whiting Petroleum Corporation ([NYSE:WLL](http://www.nyse.com/quote/WLL)) will release its fourth quarter and full-year 2005 financial and operating results on Monday, February 27, 2006 after the market closes. A conference call with investors, analysts and other interested parties is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. EST (10:00 a.m. CST, 9:00 a.m. MST) on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 to discuss Whiting's fourth quarter and full-year 2005 financial and operating results. Please call (800) 847-4038 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 634-7593 (International) to be connected to the call. Access to a live Internet broadcast will be available at www.whiting.com by clicking on the link titled "Webcasts."

A telephonic replay will be available beginning approximately two hours after the call on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 and continuing through Tuesday, March 14, 2006. You may access this replay at (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International) and entering the conference ID #4868672. You may also access a web archive at www.whiting.com beginning approximately one hour after the conference call.

About Whiting Petroleum Corporation

Whiting Petroleum Corporation is a growing energy company based in Denver, Colorado. Whiting Petroleum Corporation is a holding company engaged in oil and natural gas acquisition, exploitation, exploration and production activities primarily in the Rocky Mountain, Permian Basin, Mid-Continent, Gulf Coast and Michigan regions of the United States. The Company's stock trades publicly under the symbol WLL on the New York Stock Exchange. For further information, please visit <http://www.whiting.com>.