



Whiting Petroleum Corporation

Mile High Center
1700 Broadway, Suite 2300
Denver, CO 80290-2300
T/ 303.837.1661
F/ 303.861.4023

NEWS RELEASE

Company contact: John B. Kelso, Director of Investor Relations
303.837.1661 or john.kelso@whiting.com

Whiting Petroleum Corporation Announces First Quarter 2006 Earnings Release Date and Conference Call

DENVER, April 19, 2006 -- Whiting Petroleum Corporation ([NYSE:WLL](http://www.nyse.com/quote/NYSE:WLL)) will release its first quarter 2006 financial and operating results on Thursday, April 27, 2006 after the market closes. A conference call with investors, analysts and other interested parties is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. EDT (10:00 a.m. CDT, 9:00 a.m. MDT) on Friday, April 28, 2006 to discuss Whiting's first quarter 2006 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 Friday, April 28, 2006 and continuing through Friday, May 5, 2006. You may access this replay at (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International) and entering the conference ID #8245191. 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>.