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Whiting Petroleum Corporation to Present at IPAA Oil and Gas Investment Symposium West

DENVER – October 4, 2005 – (PR Newswire) – Whiting Petroleum Corporation (**NYSE: WLL**) today announced that it will present at the IPAA 3rd Annual Oil and Gas Investment Symposium West at The Palace Hotel in San Francisco on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 3:20 p.m., Pacific Time. James J. Volker, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, will discuss the Company's strategy, development plans and outlook.

Whiting's live presentation may be accessed on the Internet by logging onto the following link: <http://www.vcall.com/CEPage.asp?ID=95106>. The presentation materials and link to the webcast will also be available on Whiting's website at www.whiting.com beginning today.

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 Permian Basin, Rocky Mountain, 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 www.whiting.com.