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Whiting Petroleum Corporation Announces Third Quarter 2005 Earnings Release Date and Conference Call

DENVER, October 11, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whiting Petroleum Corporation (NYSE:WLL) will release its third quarter 2005 financial and operating results on Monday, October 24, 2005 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 Tuesday, October 25, 2005 to discuss Whiting's third quarter and year-to-date 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, October 25, 2005 and continuing through Tuesday, November 1, 2005. You may access this replay at (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International) and entering the conference ID #1347191. 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 Mountains, Permian Basin, Gulf Coast, Michigan and Mid-Continent regions of the United States. The Company trades publicly under the symbol WLL on the New York Stock Exchange. For further information, please visit <http://www.whiting.com>.