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Whiting Announces Appointment of Douglas Lang as Vice President – Reservoir Engineering/Acquisitions

DENVER – October 27, 2004 – Whiting Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: WLL) announced today the appointment of Douglas Lang as Vice President of Reservoir Engineering/Acquisitions. Mr. Lang, in this position, is responsible for all of Whiting's reservoir engineering and engineering evaluation for acquisitions.

Mr. Lang joined Whiting in December of 1999, and he has most recently served as Manager of Acquisitions and Reservoir Engineering. Mr. Lang has 30 years of acquisition and reservoir engineering experience including staff and managerial positions with Amoco, Petro-Lewis, General Atlantic Resources, UMC Petroleum and Ocean Energy. Mr. Lang holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Wyoming and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Denver. He is a registered Professional Engineer and has served on the national Board of Directors of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers.

This position reports directly to James J. Volker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Whiting Petroleum. Mr. Volker stated: "I am delighted to promote Doug to this position. He has extensive technical knowledge and leadership skills. Doug has been a key contributor to Whiting's successful acquisition program."

About Whiting Petroleum

Whiting Petroleum Corporation is a holding company for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and Equity Oil Company. Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation is a growing energy company based in Denver, Colorado that is engaged in oil and natural gas acquisition, exploitation, exploration and production activities primarily in the Gulf Coast, Permian Basin, Rocky Mountains, 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 www.whiting.com.

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