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To our Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend our annual meeting of shareholders for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012 ("fiscal 2012") which will be held at Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923 on Monday, March 18, 2013 beginning at 9:00 am, local time.

Items of business to be considered at the meeting will include:

The election of nine directors, The ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, and Any other business that may be properly brought before the annual meeting.

The proxy statement is designed to answer your questions and provide you with important information regarding our Board of Directors and senior management and the matters which will be voted on at the annual meeting.

We are furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders over the Internet. We believe that this e-proxy process expedites the shareholder's receipt of proxy materials, while also lowering costs and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting. On January 24, 2013, we mailed our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials which contains instructions on how to access our proxy statement and annual report, and how to vote online. The notice also provides instructions on how you can request a paper copy of these documents if you desire and how you can enroll in e-delivery.

Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, your vote is important. Instructions regarding the various methods of voting are contained on the proxy card, including voting by toll-free telephone number, by facsimile or the Internet. If you received a paper copy of your proxy card by mail, you may still vote your shares by marking your votes on the proxy card, signing and dating it and mailing it in the envelope provided.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to express our appreciation for your continued interest in the affairs of our company. We look forward to greeting in person as many of our shareholders as possible.

Sincerely,

January 24, 2013

/s/ Scott M. Boruff Scott M. Boruff, Chief Executive Officer

NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

We will hold the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders of Miller Energy Resources, Inc. at Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923 on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 9:00 am, local time. At the annual meeting you will be asked to vote on the following matters:

- 1. To elect nine directors to serve a one year term or until their successors have been elected and qualified,
- 2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm,
- 3. To consider and act upon any other business as may properly come before the 2012 annual meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Proposals 1, and 2.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 17, 2013 as the Record Date for determining the shareholders that are entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2012 annual meeting and any adjournments thereof.

Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own. All shareholders are invited to attend the annual meeting in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Scott M. Boruff Scott M. Boruff, Chief Executive Officer

Knoxville, TN January 24, 2013

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be Held on March 18, 2013: This proxy statement, along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2012, as amended, are available free of charge on our website www.millerenergyresources.com.

MILLER ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Following are some commonly asked questions raised by our shareholders and answers to each of those questions.

Why did I receive these proxy materials?

Our Board of Directors has made these materials available to you on the Internet or, upon your request, has delivered printed versions to you by mail, in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board for the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders which will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013. Proxies are solicited to give all shareholders of record at the close of business on January 17, 2013 an opportunity to vote on matters that come before the 2012 annual meeting.

Why did I receive a one-page notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials this year instead of a full set of proxy materials?

As permitted by the rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we are making this proxy statement and our annual report available on the Internet. On January 24, 2013, we mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to our shareholders containing instructions on how to access the proxy statement and annual report and vote online. In addition, shareholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis.

Choosing to receive your future proxy materials by email will save us the cost of printing and mailing the documents to you. If you choose to receive future proxy materials by email, you will receive an email next year with instructions containing a link to those materials and a link to the proxy voting site. Your election to receive proxy materials by email will remain in effect until you terminate it.

What may I vote on at the 2012 annual meeting?

At the annual meeting, shareholders will consider and vote upon the following matters:

To elect nine directors to serve a one year term or until their successors have been elected and qualified, To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, To consider and act upon any other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments thereof. Who is entitled to vote?

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on January 17, 2013, the Record Date, are entitled to vote on matters that come before the meeting. Shares can be voted only if the shareholder is present in person or is represented by proxy.

How many votes do I have?

Each share of Miller Energy Resources, Inc. common stock that you own as of the Record Date entitles you to one vote. On January 17, 2013 there were 43,371,694 shares of our common stock outstanding.

What is the difference between holding shares as a shareholder of record and as a beneficial owner of shares held in street name?

Shareholders of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Interwest Transfer Company, Inc., you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares, and the notice was mailed directly to you.

Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," and the notice was forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account.

How do I vote?

All shareholders may vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or, if you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can also vote by mail, by telephone or by facsimile.

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the 2012 annual meeting. We will give you a ballot when you arrive. However, you may vote by proxy before the meeting and still attend, if you prefer.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and you wish to vote in person at the annual meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from the organization that holds your shares. If you do not obtain a valid proxy from your bank or broker, you will not be entitled to vote your shares, but you can still attend the 2012 annual meeting if you bring a recent bank or brokerage statement showing that you were the beneficial owner of shares of our common stock on the Record Date for voting.

What happens if I do not give specific voting instructions?

Shareholders of Record. If you are a shareholder of record and you:

Indicate when voting that you wish to vote as recommended by our Board of Directors; or

If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions,

then the proxy holder will vote your shares in the manner recommended by our board on all matters presented in this proxy statement and as the proxy holder may determine in his discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the meeting.

Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in Street Name. If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not provide the organization that holds your shares with specific voting instructions, under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, the organization that holds your shares may generally vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. We believe Proposal 2 (ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm) will be considered routine. Proposal 1, however, likely would be considered a "non-routine" matter. If the organization that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, the organization that holds your shares will inform us that it does not have the authority to vote on this matter with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a "broker non-vote." When the vote is tabulated for any particular matter, broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, but will not otherwise be counted. We encourage you to provide voting instructions to the organization that holds your shares by carefully following the instructions provided in the notice.

Can I change my vote?

You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the final vote at the annual meeting. You may do this by signing a new proxy card with a later date, by voting on a later date by using the Internet or by telephone or facsimile (only your latest Internet, telephone or facsimile proxy submitted prior to the annual meeting will be counted), or by attending the annual meeting and voting in person. However, your attendance at the annual meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you vote at the annual meeting or specifically request in writing that your prior proxy be revoked.

What does it mean if I get more than one proxy card?

Your shares are likely registered differently or are in more than one account, such as individually and also jointly with your spouse. To assist us in saving money and to serve you more efficiently, we encourage you to have all your accounts registered in the same name and address by contacting our transfer agent, Interwest Transfer Company, Inc., 1981 Murray Holladay Road, Suite 100, Salt Lake City, UT 84117, telephone (801) 272-9294, or, if your shares are held by your broker or bank in "street name," you should contact the broker or bank who holds your shares.

Why did I receive only one set of proxy materials although there are multiple shareholders at my address?

If one address is shared by two or more of our shareholders, we send only one set of proxy materials to that address unless we receive instructions to the contrary from any shareholder at that address. This practice, known as householding, is used to reduce our printing and postage costs. If a shareholder of record residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate set of proxy materials in the future, he or she may contact our Corporate Secretary. If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you can request or cancel householding by contacting your bank, broker, or nominee.

What constitutes a quorum?

The presence of at least 33-1/3% of the voting power, regardless of whether the proxy has authority to vote on all matters, constitutes a quorum which is required in order to hold the 2012 annual meeting and conduct business. Presence may be in person or by proxy. You will be considered part of the quorum if you voted on the Internet, by telephone, by facsimile or by properly submitting a proxy card or voting instruction form by mail, or if you are present and vote at the 2012 annual meeting.

Abstentions and broker "non-votes" are counted as present and entitled to vote for determining whether a quorum is present. For the purpose of determining whether the shareholders have approved a matter, abstentions and broker "non-votes" are not treated as votes cast affirmatively or negatively, and therefore have no effect on the outcome of any matter being voted on at the 2012 annual meeting.

If a broker indicates on its proxy that it does not have discretionary authority to vote on a particular matter, the affected shares will be treated as not present and not entitled to vote with respect to that matter, even though the same shares may be considered present for quorum purposes and may be entitled to vote on other matters.

What is required to approve each proposal?

Election of directors: The nominees who receive the most votes will be elected. Any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote, or otherwise) have no impact on the vote.

Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP. The ratification of this appointment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast. Any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote, or otherwise) have no impact on the vote.

Other Matters: Approval of any unscheduled matter, such as a matter incident to the conduct of the meeting, would require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast. Any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote, or otherwise) have no impact on the vote.

What are the Board's recommendations on the proposals?

The board recommends a vote FOR Proposals 1, and 2.

How can I attend the 2012 annual meeting?

You are invited to attend the annual meeting only if you were a Miller Energy shareholder or joint holder as of the close of business on January 17, 2013, the Record Date, or if you hold a valid proxy for the 2012 annual meeting. In addition, if you are a shareholder of record (owning shares in your own name), your name will be verified against the list of registered shareholders on the Record Date prior to your being admitted to the 2012 annual meeting. If you are not a shareholder of record but hold shares through a broker or nominee (in street name), you should provide proof of beneficial ownership on the Record Date, such as a recent account statement or a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your broker or nominee. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am local time. Check-in will begin at 8:30 am local time. To be admitted, you will also need a form of photo identification.

How will we solicit proxies and who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by us. These costs will include the expense of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing the notice to shareholders of record and beneficial owners and printed proxy materials to shareholders who specifically request them, and reimbursements paid to brokerage firms and others for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to shareholders and obtaining beneficial owner's voting instructions. We have not retained a proxy solicitor in conjunction with the annual meeting. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, our board members, officers and employees may solicit proxies on our behalf, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone. We may also solicit proxies by email from shareholders who are our employees or who previously requested to receive proxy materials electronically.

Where can I find voting results of the 2012 annual meeting?

We will announce preliminary voting results at the 2012 annual meeting and publish final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days from the date of the meeting.

What is the deadline for submitting proposals for next year's annual meeting or to nominate individuals to serve as directors?

You may submit proposals, including director nominations, for consideration at future shareholder meetings as follows:

Shareholder Proposals: As of the date of this proxy statement, we had not received notice of any shareholder proposals for the 2012 annual meeting described herein and proposals received subsequent to the date of this proxy statement will be considered untimely. For a shareholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for the next annual meeting (for fiscal 2013), the Corporate Secretary must receive the written proposal at our principal executive offices no later than the deadline stated below. Such proposals must comply with SEC regulations under Rule 14a-8 regarding the inclusion of shareholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. Proposals should be addressed to:

Miller Energy Resources, Inc. Attention: Corporate Secretary 9721 Cogdill Road, Suite 302 Knoxville, TN 37932 Facsimile: (865) 691-8209 Under Rule 14a-8, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 120 calendar days before the date of our proxy statement release to shareholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. However, if we did not hold an annual meeting in the previous year or if the date of this year's annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year's annual meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before we begin to print and send our proxy materials. We expect to hold our 2013 annual shareholders meeting in late October 2013. Therefore, shareholder proposals intended to be presented at the next annual meeting must be received by us at our principal executive office no later than July 31, 2013 in order to be eligible for inclusion in our 2013 proxy statement and proxy relating to that meeting. Upon receipt of any proposal, we will determine whether to include such proposal in accordance with regulations governing the solicitation of proxies.

Nomination of Director Candidates: You may propose director candidates for consideration by the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Any such recommendations should include the nominee's name and qualifications for Board membership, information regarding the candidate as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to SEC regulations, and a written indication by the recommended candidate of her or his willingness to serve, and should be directed to the Corporate Secretary of Miller Energy Resources, Inc. at our principal executive offices: 9721 Cogdill Road, Suite 302, Knoxville, TN 37932 within the time period described above for proposals other than matters brought under SEC Rule 14a-8.

How may I communicate with the Board of Directors or the non-management directors on the Board?

You may contact any of our directors by writing to them c/o Miller Energy Resources, Inc., 9721 Cogdill Road, Suite 302, Knoxville, TN 37932. Each communication should specify the applicable director or directors to be contacted as well as the general topic of the communication. We may initially receive and process communications before forwarding them to the applicable director. We generally will not forward to the directors a shareholder communication that is determined to be primarily commercial in nature, that relates to an improper or irrelevant topic, or that requests general information about Miller Energy Resources, Inc. Concerns about accounting or auditing matters or communications intended for non-management directors should be sent to the attention of the Chairman of the Audit Committee at the address above, or reported through our reporting website at http://millerenergyresources.ethicspoint.com. Our directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by us that is addressed to the independent members of the Board and request copies of any such correspondence. You may also communicate with the Lead Director (currently General McPeak) at lead.director@millerenergyresources.com.

WHO CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS?

You may seek answers to your questions by writing, calling or emailing:

Anna East Corcoran, Esq. Assistant General Counsel 9721 Cogdill Road, Suite 302 Knoxville, TN 37932 Telephone: (865) 223-6575 Telecopier: (865) 691-8209 acorcoran@millerenergyresources.com

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Summary of Corporate Governance Framework

Our Amended and Restated By-Laws, the charters of each Board committee, the independent status of a majority of our Board of Directors, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and our Insider Trading Policy provide the framework for our corporate governance. Copies of our Amended and Restated By-Laws, charters, Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and Insider Trading Policy may be found on our website at www.millerenergyresources.com. Copies of these materials also are available without charge upon written request to our Corporate Secretary.

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of honest and ethical conduct in running our business efficiently, serving our shareholders' interests and maintaining our integrity in the marketplace. To further this commitment, we have adopted our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all our directors, officers and employees. Additionally, we have adopted our Insider Trading Policy, which prohibits disclosure of, or trading in our securities on the basis of, material, non-public information, trading in our securities during certain "black-out" periods surrounding our periodic reports and certain events, and imposes other restrictions on our directors, officers, and employees. We also have adopted and published to all employees our Whistleblower Notice establishing procedures by which any employee may bring to the attention of our Audit Committee any concern regarding accounting, internal control or other auditing issues affecting our company or any improper activities of any officer or employee. Reports may be made anonymously.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics sets forth a broad statement of policy on our fundamental principles of honesty, loyalty, fairness, and forthrightness, and promotes our objectives of:

Honest and ethical conduct, including the handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;

Full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in all reports and documents required to be filed with governmental authorities and in other public communications;

Compliance with the applicable government and self-regulatory organization laws, rules and regulations;

Prompt internal reporting of violations; and

Accountability for compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to all of our directors, officers, and employees, and each of them must certify their commitment to comply with the Code in writing.

Insider Trading Policy

Our insider trading policy applies to directors, officers and employees of our company, including our subsidiaries. Generally, these persons are prohibited from trading in our securities, directly or through family members or other persons or entities, if the person is aware of material nonpublic information relating to our company. Similarly, these persons are prohibited from trading in the securities of any other company if they are

aware of material nonpublic information about that company which was obtained in the course of the person's employment with our company, including our subsidiaries. These persons are also prohibited from passing on material nonpublic information to others or recommend the purchase or sale of any securities when they are aware of material nonpublic information - a practice sometimes known as "tipping." In an effort to help prevent inadvertent violation of federal securities laws and avoid even the appearance of trading on the basis of material nonpublic information, all directors, executive officers subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and certain designated employees who have access to material nonpublic information are generally prohibited from trading in our securities during quarterly blackout periods which begin two weeks before the filing of our quarterly or annual report is due, and end after the second full business day following the filing of that report, as well as during certain event-specific blackouts. Directors and executives officers must also pre-clear all transactions in our securities.

Whistleblower Notice and Anonymous Reporting Hotline

We have contracted with a third-party service provider to administer a hotline and website that ensures complete anonymity for anyone wishing to express concern or report inappropriate behavior. The reports are sent to designated members of our Legal and Accounting Departments, who investigate each report and bring their findings to senior management, and when warranted, to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CURRENT MEMBERS AND NOMINEES

The following is biographical information on the current members of our Board of Directors:

Deloy Miller, Age 65 Mr. Miller has been Chairman of the Board of Directors since December 1996, and was Chief Executive Officer from December 1997 to August 2008. Since then, Mr. Miller has been our Chief Operating Officer. From 1967 to 1997, Mr. Miller, our founder, was Chief Executive Officer of our company. He is a seasoned gas and oil professional with more than 40 years of experience in the drilling and production business in the Appalachian basin. During his years as a drilling contractor, he acquired extensive geological knowledge of Tennessee and Kentucky and received training in the reading of well logs. Mr. Miller served two terms as president of the Tennessee Oil & Gas Association and in 1978 the organization named him the Tennessee Oil Man of the Year. He continues to serve on the board of that organization. Mr. Miller was appointed in 1978 by the Governor of Tennessee to be the petroleum industry's representative on the Tennessee Oil & Gas Board, the state agency that regulates gas and oil operations in the state. In 2011, Mr. Miller was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Energy Advisory Council for a two-year term. Mr. Miller is the father-in-law of Mr. Boruff.

Scott M. Boruff, Age 49 Mr. Boruff has served as a director and our Chief Executive Officer since August 2008. Prior to joining our company, Mr. Boruff was a licensed investment banker. He served as a director from 2006 to 2007 of Cresta Capital Strategies, LLC, a New York investment banking firm that was responsible for closing transactions in the \$150 to \$200 million category. Mr. Boruff specialized in investment banking consulting services that included structuring of direct financings, recapitalizations, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic planning with an emphasis in the gas and oil field. As a commercial real estate broker for over 20 years, Mr. Boruff developed condominium projects, hotels, convention centers, golf courses, apartments and residential subdivisions. From April 2009 until July 2012, Mr. Boruff was also a director and 49% owner of Dimirak Securities Corporation, a broker-dealer and member of FINRA. In July 2012, Mr. Boruff sold his interest in Dimirak and is no longer an owner of that company. See "Certain Relationships and Related Parties" appearing later in this proxy statement. Mr. Boruff holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from East Tennessee State University. Mr. Boruff is the son-in-law of Mr. Miller.

David J. Voyticky, Age 43 Mr. Voyticky has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2010, our President since June 2011, and our Acting Chief Financial Officer since September 2011. Mr. Voyticky has over 15 years of domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, restructuring and financing experience. From August 2005 to June 2011, Mr. Voyticky was an independent consultant to companies in the middle market on value maximization strategies, providing strategic and capital markets advice to high growth businesses. He served as a vice president with Goldman, Sachs & Co. from June 2000 to May 2002, a vice president of Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Capital, Inc. in Los Angeles from July 2002 to January 2005, and an associate with J.P. Morgan in London and New York from June 1996 to May 2000. During that period, he advised public and private domestic and multinational corporations and financial sponsors on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, cross-border transactions, anti-raid (defense) preparation and capital-raising activities. Mr. Voyticky designed and was a founding partner of Red Mountain Capital Partners. From December 2005 through June 2006, Mr. Voyticky was a partner in the \$300 million re-launch of Chapman Capital L.L.C., an activist hedge fund focused on publicly traded middle market companies. He served on the Board of Directors of Best Energy Services, Inc. from January 2010 to February

2011. In July 2011, Mr. Voyticky was named to the board of a biotechnology company, Genesis Biopharma, Inc., and in January 2012, he was named to the board of Mosquito Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd. Mr. Voyticky received a J.D. and a M.B.A degree from the University of Michigan and a Masters in International Policy and Economics from the Ford School at the University of Michigan. He also received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Pomona College.

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David M. Hall, Age 43 Mr. Hall has served as Chief Executive Officer of our Cook Inlet Energy subsidiary and member of our Board of Directors since December 2009. Mr. Hall was the former Vice President and General Manager of Alaska Operations, Pacific Energy Resources Ltd. from January 2008 to December 2009. Before that time, from 2000 to 2008, he served as the Production Foreman and Lead Operator in Alaska for Forest Oil Corp, rising to Production Manager for all of Alaska operation for Forest Oil.

Herman E. Gettelfinger, Age 80 Mr. Gettelfinger has been a member of our Board of Directors since 1997. Mr. Gettelfinger, who has been active in the gas and oil drilling and exploration business for more than 40 years, was a co-owner and President of Kelso Oil Company, Knoxville Tennessee. Kelso was one of eastern Tennessee's largest distributors of motor oils, fuels and lubricants to the industrial and commercial market for over 50 years.

Gerald Hannahs, Age 60 Mr. Hannahs has been a member of our Board of Directors since July 2012. Mr. Hannahs has over 30 years of experience in the investment business and the oil and gas industry. Since 1993, Mr. Hannahs has been a private investor in various public and private companies. He served as a successful Account Executive and First Vice President for EF Hutton, Prudential and Paine Webber from 1982 to 1986. Mr. Hannahs co-founded Texarkoma Crude & Gas Company in 1983. The company drilled wells in Tennessee and Alabama and was sold in 1985 to Cross Timbers. Mr. Hannahs attended the University of Arkansas on a baseball scholarship from 1970 to 1974, and later signed a Major League contract to pitch for the Montreal Expos. He also played on the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Minnesota Twins teams before retiring. Mr. Hannahs holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas.

Merrill A. McPeak, Age 77 General McPeak (USAF, retired) has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2010, and has served as the Lead Director since July 2010. From October 1990 until October 1994, he was Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During this period, he was the senior officer responsible for organization, training and equipage of a combined active duty, National Guard, Reserve and civilian work force of over 850,000 people serving at 1,300 locations in the United States and abroad. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and the other service chiefs were military advisors to the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the President of the United States. Following retirement from active service, General McPeak began a second career in business. General McPeak has been President of McPeak and Associates, a management consulting firm that has been active as an investor, advisor and director of early development stage companies since its founding in 1995. A subsidiary, Lost Wingman Press, recently published Hangar Flying, book one of a planned three-volume memoir. General McPeak is an experienced director of public and private companies. His current director assignments include Genesis Biopharma (since 2011), Derycz Scientific (since 2011), and DGT Holdings (since 2005). He previously served as a director of Mosquito Consolidated Gold (Chairman, 2011-2012), Point Blank Solutions, Inc. (2008-2011), MathStar, Inc. (2005 to February 2010), OPC Lasers (Vice Chairman, 2006-2009), and Gigabeam Corp. (2004 to 2009). From 2003 to 2012, General McPeak was Chairman of Ethicspoint, Inc., a Portland, Oregon-based startup that became a leading provider of risk management and compliance software-as-a-service. In February 2012, Ethicspoint was bought by a private equity firm, merged with other companies and rebranded as NAVEX Global. General McPeak remains a board member of NAVEX Global. He currently serves as Chairman of Coast Plating, Inc., a Los Angeles-based, privately held provider of metal processing and finishing services, primarily to the aerospace industry. In 1992, San Diego State University honored General McPeak with its first ever Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1995, George Washington University gave him its Distinguished Alumni Award, the "George." He was among the initial seven inductees to the Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, and in 2008 and 2009 was a national co-chairman of Obama for President. In 2011, General McPeak became Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, the federal agency that oversees care and maintenance of 24 cemeteries abroad that constitute the final resting place for almost 125,000 American war dead.

Charles M. Stivers, Age 50 Mr. Stivers has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2004. He also served as our Chief Financial Officer from 2004 until January 2006. Mr. Stivers has over 26 years accounting experience and over 21 years of experience within the energy industry. He owns and operates Charles M. Stivers, C.P.A., which specializes in the oil and gas industry and has clients located in fourteen different states. Mr. Stivers served as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Clay Resource Company and Senior Tax and Audit Specialist for Gallaher and Company. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Eastern Kentucky University.

Don A. Turkleson, Age 58. Mr. Turkleson has been a member of our Board of Directors since January 2011. Mr. Turkleson has over 35 years of accounting and financial experience with emphasis in the oil and gas business. He is currently Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Gulf Coast Energy Resources, LLC, a privately-held oil and gas exploration company, a position he has held since April 2012. He served as Chief Financial Officer at Laurus Energy, Inc., a privately held company located in Houston, from January 2010 to April 2012. Prior to joining Laurus Energy, he was Senior Vice President and CFO for Cheniere Energy, Inc. where he worked from 1997 to June 2009. Mr. Turkleson also served as Vice President - Finance for PetroCorp Incorporated,