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GulfStar Group Announces New Energy Restructuring Capabilities



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HOUSTON, July 14, 2015 – GulfStar Group is pleased to announce the expansion of its advisory practice to include coverage of oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) companies confronting financial and operational distress. Managing Directors Bryan Frederickson and Eric Swanson will lead this effort.

Historically, GulfStar has focused on distressed company advisory services primarily within the equipment and services segment of the energy sector. The addition of Swanson’s E&P expertise combined with Frederickson’s deep transactional experience and involvement with GulfStar’s restructuring efforts to date, uniquely positions the firm to advise a broad set of energy clients facing a wide range of challenges.

“We continue to adapt to the rapidly evolving needs of the energy market and are excited to announce this joint initiative by Bryan and Eric to expand our service platform,” said Colt Luedde, managing director of GulfStar. “This new capability will serve our energy clients well as they look for experienced advisors who can handle specific issues related to distressed debt and restructuring challenges.”

Gulfstar’s team will focus its efforts on E&P and oil field services companies with revenues ranging from \$25 million to \$350 million. Specific services include a review of capital structure alternatives, strategic advisory or sale to a strategic or financial buyer. Target clients range from private equity groups to distressed company boards, management teams, lenders and other creditors. GulfStar will also continue to provide these services to troubled companies across other industries in which it has been active.

Frederickson has 18 years of investment banking and corporate finance experience that includes execution of merger and acquisition, financing, venture capital placement, recapitalization and restructuring transactions. His most recent closed energy industry transactions include the Chapter 11 bankruptcy auction of Rocacea Energy Services, the sale of Doyles Valves, and the sale of Delcor USA, Inc.

Swanson has more than 16 years of investment banking and corporate finance experience that includes mergers and acquisitions transactions, debt and equity offerings and corporate finance advisory. He recently joined GulfStar from Morgan Stanley’s investment banking group in Houston, where he spent eight years focused on the E&P segment of the oil and gas industry.

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About GulfStar Group

GulfStar is a leading middle market investment bank headquartered in Houston. GulfStar specializes in providing merger and acquisition advisory services, institutional private placements of equity and debt, and general corporate finance advisory services to companies with revenues or enterprise values generally ranging from \$25 million to \$350 million. Since its formation in 1990, GulfStar has completed approximately 630 transactions in 32 states and 11 foreign countries across a variety of industries.

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