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Meridian Petroleum plc
("Meridian" or "the Company")

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

Meridian Petroleum (AIM: MRP) announces the appointment of Edward L Childers as the Company's Chief Operating Officer, effective 1st December 2007.

Mr Childers is an engineer with over 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry, most of it in the US. He began his career managing drilling and production operations for Texas Oil & Gas Corporation in East Texas and along the Gulf Coast. Subsequently he worked in senior roles for a number of companies, large and small, with responsibility for extensive drilling, completion and production programmes and for acquisitions, capital budgets and cost controls. He has also worked in Europe, Algeria and West Africa and recently has been directing the Okoro field development for Afren plc in Nigeria.

He has extensive experience of the geology, engineering and infrastructure in the areas where Meridian operates, in particular, Louisiana, where the Calvin Field is located. He will be based at the Company's offices in Houston, Texas, but has a family home in Michigan, located near the Company's Orion and Milford fields.

Stephen Gutteridge, Chairman of Meridian Petroleum, said:

"Our strategy is to build a sizeable US gas production business and Ed's wide experience of drilling and production operations in the US is key to delivering on this goal. As a small company, we were not only looking for the technical expertise but also the ability to plan projects and control capital and operational costs, and Ed brings that experience and ability. The board looks forward to working with him as we bring the Company into its next stage of development."

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