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Athens Group Announces Hurricane Preparedness Audit and Remediation Service *Strong Hurricane Season Prediction Drives Demand for New Offering*

Houston, Texas, June 28, 2010. Today, Athens Group, an independent consulting company that specializes in risk mitigation and problem remediation for control systems on all types of drilling and production assets, announced the availability of the company's Hurricane Preparedness and Remediation Service. The new offering is a combination of the company's proven Alarm Management, Software Configuration Management and Operational Failures Modes Effects and Criticality Analysis Services. It is specifically designed to quickly identify high-risk operational areas and rapidly resolve issues which could significantly delay disaster recovery efforts, such as malfunctioning, missing and buried alarms; loss of power; and untested and out of date system backup files.

If the predictions of recognized organizations such as The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State are correct, 2010 could be one of the strongest hurricane seasons on record. Drilling Contractors and Operators, always concerned about the safety of their workers and the environment, are taking additional precautionary steps this year, especially in the area of mission-critical control systems software now prevalent on late generation assets. This new technology assurance service, executed by third-party consultants with the most industry experience in this highly-specialized area, will help assure workers, the public, lender groups and stockholders that everything that can be done to decrease risk – has been done.

About Athens Group

The high rate of non-productive time (NPT) and project delays on today's highly-automated offshore assets is unacceptable! Drilling Contractors and Operators rely on Athens Group to help them reduce NPT, improve safety and safeguard the environment through the prevention of software-related equipment failures. Our Drilling Technology AssuranceSM Services were developed specifically for highly integrated control systems and are tailored for each phase of the asset lifecycle. Athens Group has more expertise in this specialized area than any other vendor. Our Proven PracticesSM Methodology; software, hardware, and network topology experience; and vendor equipment experience speed risk identification and mitigation. This is why the cost ratio of our services to NPT savings typically exceeds 1:100. Our customers, industry-leading companies such as BP, Chevron, ENI, ExxonMobil, Maersk, Marathon, Noble Drilling, Pacific Drilling, Shell, Stena Drilling, Total and Transocean, to name just a few, are all referenceable.