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Association for Corporate Growth Houston Announces Finalists for Inaugural Deal of the Year Awards Ceremony

Houston, December 21, 2017 – The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Houston is proud to announce the finalists for the inaugural Deal of the Year awards ceremony. ACG Houston is focused on celebrating Houston’s booming middle-market deal community. Our mission is to honor the deals and dealmakers who drive middle market growth resulting in job growth, capital formation and the advancement of meaningful business relationships.

The finalists have been selected by our independent panel of esteemed judges and top business leaders including Carin Barth, Co-Founder and President of LB Capital Inc., Eric Bruce, Vice President and CFO of EagleRidge Energy, Mitchell Cox, Partner at Turnbridge, Bud Giesinger, Director at Newfield Exploration Company, A. Kelly Williams, Managing Director at Aztec USA and Nadine C. Smith, Founder and Managing Partner, SRQ Capital.

The criteria for the nominations includes a closing date between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017 with transactions that have a tie to the Greater Houston area (e.g. where the buyer, seller or assets were located). The nomination criteria included details such as transaction value range, industry focus and type of transaction as well as anecdotal commentary on what makes the deal unique. Judges evaluated deals based on the parties’ submissions as well as the overall story, economic and strategic impact, stakeholder value and professional expertise.

“We are excited to recognize the top business leaders in Houston,” said Steve Tredennick, Event Chair and Partner at Paul Hastings. “I was very impressed by the quality of our more than 40 nominations. The finalists identified by our panel reflect the best of Houston’s active and innovative deal community,” continued Tredennick.

The 2017 ACG Houston Deals of Year Award Categories and Finalists include:

- **Midstream Deal of the Year**
 - American Midstream Partners Merger with JP Energy Partners¹⁴. IMTT Holdings Inc. Acquisition of Epic Midstream LLC from White Deer Energy LP and Blue Water Energy LLP
 - Targa Resources Corp. Acquisition of Outrigger Energy LLC Assets

- WaterBridgE Resources Acquires Arkoma Basin Produced Water Gathering & Disposal Company
- **Oil and Gas Deal of the Year (<\$1B)**
 - Halcón Resources Corporation Sale of Williston Basin Assets to Bruin E&P
 - Rockcliff Energy II LLC's Affiliate Purchase of Assets Samson Resources II LLC
 - WildHorse Acquisition of Eagle Ford Properties from Anadarko
- **Oil and Gas Deal of the Year (>\$1B)**
 - Citizen Energy and Linn Energy's Formation of Roan Resources
 - EOG Resources and Yates Petroleum Merger
 - RSP Permian to buy Silver Hill Energy Partners for about \$2.4 billion
- **Oilfield Services Deal of the Year**
 - KMG Acquisition of Flowchem
 - Madison Group acquires Reservoir Group
 - The acquisition of Specialty Welding and Turnarounds, LLC by Hastings Equity Partners
 - Tally Energy Services Acquires Premier Directional Drilling
- **Downstream, Power & Trading Deal of the Year**
 - Quanta Services Inc. Acquisition of Stronghold Ltd. and Stronghold Specialty Ltd.
 - Macquarie Acquisition of Cargill's Gas and Power Trading Business
 - Take-Private Transaction by Zenith Energy U.S. of a Public MLP
- **Business and Industrial Services Deal of the Year**
 - Action Gypsum Acquisition / Recap of Argos Material Distribution
 - Brenhan Buyout
 - Acquisition of Maintenance Supply Headquarters by Lowe's
- **Consumer Products and Healthcare Deal of the Year**
 - The Acquisition of BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings by Sabormex
 - Carl's Jr / Hardees Acquisition
 - Acquisition of Majority Ownership in Elite Surgical Affiliates' Portfolio of 3 ASCs and 1 Surgical Hospital
 - Sale of Shares in Healthy Connections Homecare Services, Inc. to Option Care Enterprises, Inc.
- **Software, Technology and IT Services Deal of the Year**
 - The Acquisition of Houston based ExtremeTix by eTix a Parthenon Capital Partners
 - MediaPro, LLC
 - Majority Recapitalization of Utegration with Riordan, Lewis & Haden Equity Partners

The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at River Oaks Country Club. For those interested in learning more about the ACG Houston Inaugural Deal of the Year Awards ceremony, please contact Executive Director Morgan Stone for additional information or visit acghoustondeals.com.

About ACG

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