

## **Morgan Creek Energy Corp. Appoints Thomas Markham, P. Geo, as Chief Geologist and Board Director; Erik Essiger and Marcus Johnson as Directors**

DALLAS, Sept. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- In reference to its Form 8K filed with the SEC August 25, 2006, Morgan Creek Energy Corp. ("the Company") (OTC Bulletin Board: [MCRE - News](#)) has appointed Thomas Markham as Chief Geologist and a Director of the Board and Messrs Erik Essiger and Marcus M. Johnson as Directors.

Mr. Markham is a professional geologist specializing in evaluations and management of oil and gas plays in the mid-continental U.S. Since receiving his Masters of Geology, Mr. Markham has focused on oil and gas plays. He began his career working with BEPCO, ARCO and then TENNECO, acting as geologist on a wide range of projects spanning over 12 years of development on leading plays including the Pinon, Allen Hill, Brunson Ranch, J.D. Shale, Brown Bassett Extension and NYY projects. During this period, he directed 15 Ph D-level geologists and managed exploration budgets up to \$21 million.

He has recently acted as Chief Geologist in charge of the supervision and generation of a 21,000 acre Pennsylvanian gas play in the Permian Basin. Mr. Markham was instrumental in the play's development and finalized negotiations with the Osage Tribe of Oklahoma for drilling rights on 57-quarter sections (9,120 acres). He has been an independent oil and gas geologist managing project generation and evaluation for various industry and non-industry groups primarily in the Mid Continent.

Mr. Markham has successfully drilled and completed proprietary prospects (while providing the supervision of seismic, leasing, drilling, completion, and production activities) of 88 oil and gas wells (to 10,500') in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. He was the generating geologist of a 5 TCFG overthrust play in Central Texas, he Finalized a New Mexico San Andres stratigraphic play (50 to 100 MMBO at 4,000') and a Permian Basin Devonian structural play and managed the screening and evaluation of Springer - Atoka sub-basin prospects of the Anadarko Basin (3-D).

His work has been published in the American Gas Journal and he has been invited on a technical tour of the former Soviet Union to review oil and gas assets. He was also guest speaker at the American Association of Petroleum Landman's (AAPL) "Buying Oil and Gas Properties" seminar. He continues to carry out Reserve Evaluation for non-industry groups including the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. - Wichita and Dallas Branches) and the IRS (Internal Revenue Service).

Mr. Markham will work with the management team and advisory board to supervise the geological and land development operations of the Company.

Mr. Essiger joins the Board Of Directors to aid in the field of Mergers and Acquisitions.

Erik Essiger has extensive international business experience, providing professional advisory services in the field of mergers & acquisitions to corporate clients in different business sectors.

His proven expertise includes corporate finance, strategic decision-making, corporate restructuring and management, having served as executive or board member to several private and public companies worldwide.

He also served a senior manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers, in Frankfurt, Germany.

Mr. Essiger has 18 years experience of managing commercial due diligence and strategy development projects across a wide variety of sectors, in particular within the energy sector, media and telecommunications, as well as business services.

As early as in 1995 Mr. Essiger became member of the German - Russian Cooperation Council. Prior to that he was consultant to the German Federal Government.

Marcus M. Johnson also joins the Board Of Directors.

Mr. Johnson began working in the resource and energy sectors in the 1990s, first as a consultant to help structure operations, and later in the financing and investor communications field. He was President of Investor Communications International, a U.S.-based consulting firm that helped to communicate investment merits of client companies to the international brokerage and investing community. There, he gained considerable experience in the financing, structure and development of public companies in the resource, energy, technology and biotechnology sectors.

About Morgan Creek Energy Corp.: Morgan Creek Energy Corp. is a natural resource exploration company engaged in the acquisition and development of strategic oil and natural gas properties worldwide. For further information see: [www.morgancreekenergy.com](http://www.morgancreekenergy.com)

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