



Newpark Resources Names David C. Anderson to Its Board of Directors

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METAIRIE, La., Sept. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) announced today that David C. Anderson, age 64, has joined its Board of Directors. Mr. Anderson is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Anderson Partners, founded in 2003, which provides senior level executive search and related management consulting services.

Previously, beginning in 1992, Mr. Anderson spent 11 years with Heidrick & Struggles, a leading executive search firm, where he held various senior management positions, including President and Chief Operating Officer of the worldwide company. While a member of the Heidrick & Struggles Board of Directors, the company completed its successful initial public offering. Prior to joining Heidrick & Struggles, he was at Spencer Stuart and IBM.

Mr. Anderson received a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University and served as a First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Intelligence. Until recently, Mr. Anderson served on the Board of Trustees of the American Management Association, where he was chairman of the Compensation and Benefits Committee and a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Paul Howes, Newpark's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased to have David Anderson join our Board of Directors. We will benefit from his expertise in serving clients in the oil and gas industry, his skills as a leader, as a professional and his recent compensation and governance experience at the AMA."

Newpark Resources, Inc. is a worldwide provider of drilling fluids, environmental waste treatment solutions, and temporary worksites and access roads for oilfield and other commercial markets. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.newpark.com>.

Forward-looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future, including statements about Newpark's strategy for growth, product development, market position, expected expenditures and financial results are forward-looking statements. Some of the forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "intends," "projects," "indicates," and similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Newpark, particularly its latest Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. These factors include, but are not limited to, the results of the internal investigation into accounting matters by Newpark's Audit Committee; the outcome of various lawsuits in which Newpark is involved and their impact on Newpark's operations and financial results; changes in the laws, regulations, policies and economic conditions, including inflation, interest and foreign currency exchange rates, of countries in which Newpark does business; competitive pressures; successful integration of structural changes, including restructuring plans, acquisitions, divestitures and alliances; cost of raw materials, research and development of new products, including regulatory approval and market acceptance; and seasonality of sales of agricultural products. Newpark's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission can be obtained at no charge at <http://www.sec.gov>, as well as through our website at <http://www.newpark.com>.

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