

**ESI ENERGY SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH SOUTHERN**  
**TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES, INC.**

**HOUSTON, TX (April 11, 2006)** – ESI Energy Services International, Inc. (“ESI”) announced the completion of the merge of Southern Technology and Services, Inc. (“STS”) with ESI. STS will join ESI’s wholly owned subsidiary Vicksburg Marine, Inc. (“VMI”) to create the largest independent service provider for jacking systems and components in the world. The combined companies’ products are used on offshore jackup drilling rigs worldwide. The company will also provide complete repair and refurbishment services for other drilling equipment used on onshore and offshore drilling rigs.

Jack Bunn, Chairman and Chief Executive of STS said, “The combination of ESI, STS and VMI brings together the largest independent manufacturer of jacking systems and components and the leading service company in this unique market segment. In addition, the customers will be able to source multiple aftermarket services from the company.” Michael Stansberry, Chairman and Chief Executive of ESI said, “For the first time, the merger of these two companies gives our customer base a single source solutions provider for all their jacking system requirements.” Roger Nafziger, President and Chief Operating Officer of ESI said, “The synergies available to the two companies are outstanding and present an excellent opportunity to provide a broader range of products and services to our customers. With multiple locations in Houston and Dubai, we will begin to see the complimentary benefits of this combination almost immediately.”

With locations in Houston, Texas, Houma, Louisiana, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Dubai, U.A.E., the combined company will be able to provide manufacturing, repair/refurbishment, and field services worldwide.

STS is a diversified manufacturing and service company providing products and services to the worldwide drilling industry. In business for over forty years, the company has a fully integrated manufacturing facility in Houma, Louisiana, and service and repair facilities in Houston, Texas, and Dubai.

ESI Energy Services International, Inc. provides specialized products and services to the energy industry. Customers include oil and gas exploration and production companies, drilling and well servicing contractors, and other industry service providers. ESI offers these products and services from locations in Houston, Texas, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Dubai.

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