



## Kosmos Energy Names Darrell McKenna as Chief Operating Officer

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DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 15, 2011-- Kosmos Energy (NYSE: KOS) announced today that Darrell McKenna has been named as Chief Operating Officer. In this role, McKenna will be responsible for the Company's global drilling, development, and production functions, as well as Kosmos' health, environment, and safety programs, beginning January 3, 2012.

Prior to joining Kosmos Energy, McKenna held the position of President of Hess Australia for Hess Corporation. McKenna also served as Vice President of multiple functions at Hess Corporation, including Global Drilling and Completions, Exploration and Production Technology, as well as the Africa Business Unit. Before joining Hess, McKenna held multiple roles of increasing responsibility within the oil and gas industry, including 18 years with Mobil Oil Corporation. McKenna received a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Montana School of Mineral Science and Technology.

"We are very fortunate to have Darrell join the Kosmos team. With over 30 years of energy and leadership experience, Darrell brings a very strong production and operational background to Kosmos Energy, including significant international and West Africa-specific expertise. We have significantly enhanced our capacity as an organization by adding Darrell, which will prove beneficial as we move forward with plans to significantly grow our existing production and discover new petroleum systems over the next few years," said Brian F. Maxted, President and Chief Executive Officer.

### About Kosmos Energy

Kosmos Energy Ltd. is a leading independent oil and gas exploration and production company focused on frontier and emerging areas in West Africa and South America. The Company's asset portfolio includes existing production, major discoveries and exploration prospects offshore Ghana, as well as exploration licenses with significant hydrocarbon potential offshore Morocco and Suriname and onshore Cameroon. Kosmos is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is traded under the ticker symbol KOS. For additional information, visit <http://www.kosmosenergy.com>.

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