

**BENCHMARK ENERGY CORP.  
ANNOUNCES PASSING AWAY OF DIRECTOR**

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**Benchmark Energy Corp.** ("Benchmark" or the "Company" - TSX Venture: BEE) reports with great sadness the passing away of one of its independent directors, Mr. Brent Kinney. Mr. Kinney was a director since January, 2006, and served the Company well during his tenure. He was also a director of Husky Energy Inc., Western Copper Corporation, and Sky Petroleum Inc.

Benchmark is a junior Canadian oil and gas exploration Company, focused internationally.

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