

Mainland Resources Appoints World Renowned Petroleum Geologist Dr. George V. Chilingar, Ph.D. to its Advisory Board

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HOUSTON, Oct. 21, 2011 - Mainland Resources, Inc., (the 'Company') (MNLU-OTCBB, 5MN-Frankfurt) has appointed Dr. George Chilingar to its Advisory Board in order to assist the company with a strategic partnership alliance and the supporting financing.

Dr. Chilingar is an expert with extensive knowledge, experience and recognition in the oil and gas industry, as well as the environmental sector. He is one of the most well-known petroleum geologists in the world and the founder of several prestigious journals in the oil and gas industry.

Dr. Chilingar states, 'I am excited by the potential of Mainland's Buena Vista shale gas project in Mississippi. It is a significant prospect where I feel I can assist the Company both with strategic partnership affiliation, financing and a greater understanding of the long term development of this play.'

George V. Chilingar, Ph.D., is a distinguished Emeritus Professor of civil and petroleum engineering at the University of Southern California, member of American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Certified Petroleum Geologist, Certified Professional Chemist and Certified Geologist, State of California. He received a B.S. and M.S. degrees in petroleum engineering and a Ph.D. degree in geology with minor in petroleum engineering from the University of Southern California. He has been the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Honduras since 1983. Dr. Chilingar was the first American petroleum geologist elected to the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is also a member of the Armenian Academy of Sciences, the International Academy of Engineering and the President of the US Branch of the Armenian Academy of Engineering.

Since 1993, he served as the President of the US Branch of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. He served as senior petroleum engineering adviser to the United Nations from 1967 to 1969, and then again from 1978 to 1987. He was also an energy policy adviser to California Governor Ronald Reagan in 1973

Dr. Chilingar is author of approximately 500 original research articles, 150 scientific reviews and 70 books. Of particular importance are his works in the field of geology of petroleum reservoirs, petrophysics, sedimentology; and petroleum engineering. He has been honoured by the nations of, including but not limited to Russia, India, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Thailand and Honduras. His method of identifying oil-rich rock by analyzing the ratio of calcium to magnesium in core samples is considered to be one of his greatest contributions to the petroleum industry and lead to the discovery of one of Iran's largest oil fields. The particular oilfield was subsequently named in honour of him and known as the 'Chilingar Field'. Dr. Chilingar redirected exploratory efforts in the Gulf of Siam and lead to the development of Thailand's offshore oil reserves.

In 2001, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia acknowledged Prof. Chilingar's contributions to the success of Saudi Aramco and the discovery and extraction of oil reserves around the world.

Mike Newport, President of Mainland Resources states, 'We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Chilingar join our Advisory Board to assist with a strategic partnership alliance. His world-class expertise lends tremendous credibility to our current Mississippi project and shows the calibre of talent that our Company is attracting. His insight and contribution will be greatly appreciated by our management.'

About Mainland Resources, Inc.

Mainland and its working interest partners control in excess of 17,800 net acres or 28 sections on the Buena Vista prospect area where the Burkley-Phillips No. 1 well was drilled to 22,000 feet, cored and logged. Upon successful completion of its proposed merger with American Exploration, Mainland would own 92% of the 28 sections in the Buena Vista prospect. As recently announced, core analysis has determined that gas in place in the Buena Vista prospect could be up to 500 BCF/section based on the cored interval.

Mainland Resources, Inc. is engaged in the exploration of oil and gas resources. The Company's current initiatives are focused on the acquisition and development of acreage in emerging and early developing oil

and gas regions with the potential for material discoveries. For information see:
www.mainlandresources.com

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