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BAKER'S TAD LEBLANC HONORED WITH 2006 MMS CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AWARD (CORLA)

HOUSTON - Baker Energy, a unit of Michael Baker Corporation (Amex:BKR), announced today that Tad LeBlanc, vice president, Health Safety Environmental & Compliance, is one of just 22 individuals within the Energy industry to receive a 2006 Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA) from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Services (MMS). This award is presented annually to individuals who perform an act or service that enhances MMS's mission objectives. Tad was chosen for his proactive leadership in maintaining personnel safety and promoting regulatory compliance on production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico.

"As the agency responsible for regulating oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf and collecting all federal and Indian minerals revenue, it is imperative that we continually strive to improve our methods and enhance our knowledge base," said MMS Director Johnnie Burton. "Today's award winners have helped MMS, certainly, but their suggestions will also benefit the American public."

"I am pleased to be honored with this prestigious award," LeBlanc said. A 25-year veteran in oilfield-related services, his experiences range from technical specialist to senior management positions within Baker. Under LeBlanc's leadership, Baker Energy has been recognized by the MMS with several District Safety Awards, and last year received the 2005 National Safety Award for Excellence.



The CORLA award is one of four honors presented annually as part of the MMS Industry Awards Program, which recognizes outstanding achievement by offshore energy producers and contractors in the areas of safety, pollution prevention, conservation and revenue management. CORLA award candidates are identified through nominations made by MMS Offshore or Minerals Revenue Management offices or employees. The nominations are then sent to the CORLA award selection committee for final selection.

Baker Energy works with oil and gas companies worldwide to provide total asset management solutions. By integrating its diverse operating and management skills, Baker has evolved into a single source supplier of competency-based personnel recruiting and training, comprehensive operations and maintenance, and supply chain management services.

Michael Baker Corporation (<http://www.mbakercorp.com>) provides engineering and operations and maintenance services for its clients' most complex challenges worldwide. The firm's primary practice areas are aviation, environmental, facilities, geospatial information technologies, pipelines & telecommunications, transportation, water/wastewater, and oil & gas. With more than 5,000 employees in over 40 offices across the United States and internationally, Baker is focused on providing services that span the complete life cycle of infrastructure and managed asset projects.

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