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BAKER RECEIVES SECOND CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL SAFE AWARD FROM MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

HOUSTON - Baker Energy, a unit of Michael Baker Corporation (Amex: BKR), announced today that the U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) has recognized Baker's dedication to safe and responsible operations with a second consecutive National Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE). The SAFE program is designed to recognize and commend operating companies and contractors that expend extra effort and conduct their operations in a safe manner, adhering to all regulatory requirements, employing trained and motivated personnel, and taking extra steps to enhance the safety of operations. Baker received the award in recognition for its outstanding performance while conducting oil and gas production operations on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States of America.

"This second consecutive MMS National SAFE Award represents an incredible effort by everyone at Baker Energy, especially the employees working on offshore platforms," said Tad LeBlanc, vice president, Health Safety Environmental & Compliance. "Baker has truly built a stellar safety reputation within the oil and gas industry and is recognized as a company that puts safety and compliance at the forefront of our business practices and our culture." LeBlanc was recently recognized as one of just 22 individuals within the Energy industry to receive a 2006 MMS Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA).

Baker Energy has received numerous District SAFE Awards in the recent past, including the Houma, Lake Charles, and New Orleans Districts for 2006, and Houma, Lafayette, and New Orleans for 2005. In both 2004 and 1999, the New Orleans District recognized Baker with a Production Contractor SAFE Award. In 2003, Baker received the Houma District Production Contractor SAFE Award. In addition, Baker has served as operator on three deepwater facilities that have been awarded an MMS District SAFE Award in the past five years.

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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