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BAKER ENERGY RECEIVES FOURTH CONSECUTIVE NOMINATION AS FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL MMS SAFE AWARD

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 fourth consecutive finalist nomination for the National Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE).

In 2006, 2007, 2008 and now 2009, Baker has been nominated as a finalist for the National SAFE Award in the production contractor category; Baker won back-to-back National SAFE Awards in 2006 and 2007.

"This honor is a culmination of each of our employees' steadfast dedication to safety, health, the environment and compliance." said Tad LeBlanc, HSE&C vice president.

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.

The SAFE Awards recognize outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance by the offshore industry in four categories: drilling contractor, production contractor, high activity operator and moderate activity operator.

For the first time, the MMS National SAFE Award luncheon will be held during the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, Texas on May 7, 2009.

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 comprehensive energy services, including operations and maintenance management solutions, competency-based personnel recruiting and training, operations and maintenance manpower and supply chain and logistics 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 and utilities, transportation, water/wastewater and oil and gas. With more than 4,500 employees in over 50 offices across the United States and internationally, Baker is focused creating value by delivering innovative and sustainable solutions for infrastructure and the environment.