



Heckmann Corporation Receives NGV Achievement Award

Pittsburgh, PA — October 24, 2011 — Heckmann Corporation (NYSE: HEK, HEK.WS), a water solutions company focused on water issues, in particular, as water relates to oil and natural gas exploration and production, today announced that it has received the 2011 NGV Achievement Award from the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation and Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica). The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of natural gas as a vehicular fuel and was presented at the 19th Annual Natural Gas Vehicle Summit-Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, which brings together industry leaders from across the country.

Heckmann is in the process of transitioning its fleet of trucks from traditional diesel vehicles to natural gas vehicles (NGVs), making it the first major company in the exploration and production supply chain to transition to natural gas. Earlier this year, the Company placed an order for 200 liquefied natural gas (LNG) trucks with Peterbilt Motors Company, a division of PACCAR Inc. (NASDAQ: PCAR), marking the largest order by a U.S. customer. To supply its LNG fuel, Heckmann is partnered with Encana Natural Gas Inc., a subsidiary of Encana Corporation (TSX, NYSE: ECA).

“Heckmann has emerged a true leader for the natural gas industry. Earlier this year the Company placed the single largest order of LNG-powered vehicles in the United States, and we are delighted to recognize such a strong advocate for the natural gas industry,” said Richard Kolodziej, President of NGVAmerica.

“We are committed to clean energy production and development,” stated Richard J. Heckmann, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Heckmann Corporation. “This award is a testament to our dedication to helping build a sustainable energy future. Expanding our business responsibly is vital to our leadership in efficient energy development. The successful transition of our fleet to LNG-powered vehicles is central to this strategy and our partner and LNG fuel provider, Encana, has been a driving force in our conversion. Reception to our LNG vehicles in service has been quite positive and we will continue to take delivery of additional vehicles into early 2012.”

The transition to LNG vehicles is expected to reduce Heckmann Water Resources (HWR) carbon footprint in the Haynesville shale area by up to 30% and dramatically reduce fuel costs. The Company will use the trucks to service its customers’ natural gas wells and provide water handling services in conjunction with its system of pipelines and disposal wells.

NGVAmerica is a national organization dedicated to the development of a growing, sustainable and profitable market for vehicles powered by natural gas or hydrogen. NGVAmerica represents more than 130 companies interested in the promotion and use of natural gas and hydrogen as transportation fuels, including: engine, vehicle and equipment manufacturers; fleet operators and service providers; natural gas companies; and environmental groups and government organizations. For more information about NGVAmerica, visit www.ngvamerica.org.

About Heckmann Corporation

Heckmann Corporation (NYSE: HEK, HEK.WS) is a services-based company focused on total water solutions for shale or "unconventional" oil and gas exploration. The Company's water solutions for energy development segment is called Heckman Water Resources, or HWR, and includes water disposal, trucking, fluids handling, treatment and pipeline transport

facilities, and water infrastructure services for oil and gas exploration and production companies. Through these operations, HWR offers an integrated and efficient full service water program for hydraulic fracturing operations.

Interested stockholders and investors can access additional information about Heckmann on the Company's web site at <http://www.heckmanncorp.com>, and in documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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