



## **W&T Offshore Saddened by Passing of its Chairman Emeritus and Corporate Secretary, Jerome F. ("Jere") Freel**

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W&T Offshore, Inc. (NYSE: WTI) announced today that its Director J.F. Freel, aged 99, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 2, 2011, after a short illness. Mr. Freel was a co-founder of W&T and he served on the Board since its inception. He has acted as Corporate Secretary of the Company since 1984.

### **About W&T Offshore**

W&T Offshore, Inc. is an independent oil and natural gas company focused primarily in the Gulf of Mexico, including exploration in the deepwater and deep shelf regions, where it has developed significant technical expertise. W&T has recently diversified its operations by expanding onshore into the Permian Basin and into East Texas. W&T has grown through acquisitions, exploitation and exploration, holds working interests in approximately 67 fields in federal and state waters, and has approximately 173,000 net acres under lease onshore. A majority of its daily production is derived from wells it operates offshore. For more information on W&T, please visit its Web site at [www.wtoffshore.com](http://www.wtoffshore.com).

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