

Veritas DGC Inc. Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

HOUSTON, Jan. 26, 2004 (PRIMEZONE) -- Veritas DGC Inc. (NYSE: VTS) (Toronto: VTS.TO) announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Thierry Pilenko Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer effective March 1, 2004, subject, however, to the receipt of immigration documents that will allow him to live and work in the United States.

Prior to his appointment and since 2001, Mr. Pilenko served as Managing Director of SchlumbergerSema, a Schlumberger Ltd. company located in Paris. From 1998-2001, he was President of Geoquest, another Schlumberger Ltd. company located in Houston, Texas. Mr. Pilenko has been employed by Schlumberger Ltd. and its affiliated companies in various parts of the world since 1982 in a variety of progressively more responsible operating positions.

According to David B. Robson, current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, "We are very pleased to have Thierry Pilenko join Veritas DGC. His global experience in the oil and gas service sector makes him a perfect fit for the company. He is just the type of top notch executive we were seeking and we are confident that he will continue to build on Veritas DGC's reputation for providing quality products and services to the oil and gas industry through the excellence of its people and its technology."

Effective with Mr. Pilenko's assumption of the role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Robson will retire from both positions and as a director of the company. Mr. Robson has worked for Veritas DGC and its predecessors for almost thirty years and founded Veritas Energy Services Inc., which combined with Digicon Inc. in 1996 to form what is now Veritas DGC. Mr. Robson has served Veritas DGC as a director and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since that combination. Among his numerous achievements, he was named Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" for Canada for 2002. According to James R. Gibbs, Chairman of Veritas DGC's Committee of Independent Directors, "Dave began Veritas Energy Services Inc., a tiny, start-up land seismic data acquisition and processing company in Calgary in 1974, built it into a sizable publicly traded company, and in 1996, was the architect of its business combination with Digicon Inc. to form the global full-service geophysical company which is now Veritas DGC. Without his vision and leadership, the company would simply not exist as the innovative, technically advanced service provider it is today. We will miss his guidance and his leadership."

Veritas DGC Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a leading provider of integrated geophysical, geological and reservoir technologies to the petroleum industry worldwide.

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