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**Fort Worth, TX — May 14, 2013** — Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. today announced that Jim Finley, CEO of Finley Resources, was elected to the company's board of directors, returning the board's size to five members.

“Jim has an extraordinary business background and expertise in the energy sector, the key growth area for CNR's Energy Services Group. We are delighted that he is joining CNR's board of directors,” said Greg Cooper, CNR's chairman and CEO.

Finley Resources owns interest in approximately 2,500 wells in thirteen states. And, they own Mesa Well Servicing, LP, based in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mesa Southern, based in Jourdanton, Texas. Together, Mesa and Mesa Southern own 60 well service rigs and employ more than 340 people. Jim and his wife Charlotte also own Slick Rod Systems, LLC, which sells, installs and services continuous sucker rod in the San Juan and Permian Basins, and ATD, LLC ("Air Tech") which supplies air drilling equipment from Hobbs, New Mexico. Jim also owns Pecos Transport, based in Orla, TX, and a 47% interest in a commercial water disposal facility in western Tarrant County.

Jim is active on the boards of various public and private companies as well as several non-profit organizations. Current board positions include Southwest Bank, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Worth, The University of Texas College of Natural Sciences, Advisory Board and the Board of Visitors of the McDonald Observatory.

He began his career as an auditor with Arthur Andersen & Co., working primarily with oil and gas clients. In 1981, Jim joined Duer Wagner & Co. as Chief Financial Officer and, during his seventeen year tenure; he became managing partner of the company, guiding the company into a strategy of acquiring producing oil and gas properties. Jim graduated in 1979 from the University of Texas School of Business with a B.B.A. in Accounting.

In addition to Jim Finley, Cooper Natural Resources, Inc.'s board of directors includes Greg Cooper, CNR chairman and CEO; Tom Crawshaw, formerly with Occidental Petroleum, Raymond Goff; formerly with Anheuser-Busch; and Jim Nicholson, President and CEO of PVS Chemicals, Inc.

Founded in 1996, Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. is a holding company with interests in mining, chemical manufacturing, oilfield chemical manufacturing and distribution and consumer products.

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