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Enerplus announces appointment of President, U.S. Operations

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CALGARY, May 6 /CNW/ - Mr. Gordon J. Kerr, President and Chief Executive Officer of Enerplus Resources Fund ("Enerplus") is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Dana Johnson as the President of U.S. Operations effective May 5, 2008.

Enerplus established its operations in the United States in late 2005 with the acquisition of a 70% working interest in the Sleeping Giant project in the Williston Basin of Montana. This property is one of the largest in the Enerplus portfolio and produces approximately 10,500 BOE/day of light sweet crude oil and natural gas from the Bakken formation and is primarily operated by Enerplus. In early 2006, Enerplus opened an office in Denver to manage the development of Sleeping Giant and also to provide a growth platform in the U.S. Since that time, Enerplus has also acquired a gross over-riding royalty interest on the Jonah natural gas field in Wyoming, added minor interests in the Sleeping Giant area and is also pursuing additional opportunities in the U.S.

Mr. Johnson brings over 25 years of oil and gas industry experience to Enerplus, the majority of which has been spent in the United States. His background includes extensive managerial, operations, business development and engineering experience in both conventional and unconventional plays throughout Canada and the U.S. Prior to joining Enerplus Mr. Johnson held the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc., a subsidiary of Quicksilver Resources Inc. of the U.S. Mr. Johnson joined Quicksilver in 2004 as U.S. Eastern Region Manager after serving 22 years in a variety of senior management and engineering positions with Shell Exploration & Production Company in the U.S. He also has a solid background in government and community relations and currently serves on the Alberta Executive Policy Group of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP). Mr. Johnson received a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University in 1982 and an MBA from the University of Houston in 1992.

"We are excited to have Mr. Johnson join our leadership team at Enerplus. Our U.S. operations are an integral part of our business with attractive assets and exceptional growth potential," said Mr. Kerr. "His significant experience in a wide variety of resource plays, and other production areas in the United States and Canada will allow Mr. Johnson to make an invaluable contribution to Enerplus' U.S. operations as well as to the whole Enerplus organization."

Mr. Johnson will be based in our Denver, Colorado office and will report directly to Mr. Garry Tanner, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Gordon J. Kerr
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