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HARDING COMPANY GRANTED THE FIRST GAS DRILLING PERMIT IN MIDLOTHIAN

Harding Company, a 53-year-old Dallas-based oil and gas exploration and production company, has been granted the first drilling permit in the City of Midlothian by its City Council, Rick Harding, company president and CEO, announced today.

"We are excited about working with the City of Midlothian to drill safely for natural gas inside the city limits and, accordingly, bring economic benefits to the community," Mr. Harding said. "We thank the City Council and City staff for giving us this opportunity."

Drilling is expected to begin this fall. Safety is always the top priority for any of Harding's operations, Mr. Harding said.

Midlothian joins a growing list of "firsts" on the part of Harding Company. The company has been issued the first gas drilling permits in the Cities of Grand Prairie, North Richland Hills, and Arlington, to name a few.

Three generations of the Harding family are involved in the business. Harding Company has an excellent track record in all phases of oil and gas operations, including exploration, development and production as well as the development of associated infrastructure. Its safety record is unblemished.