## **Rhys Best**

Rhys J. Best is active in corporate leadership and governance through participation on a number of boards of directors. He is Chairman of the Board of Crosstex Energy Services, MLP (NASDAQ:XTEX). Crosstex is a leading independent midstream energy services company that operates as a public master limited partnership.

In addition to Crosstex, Mr. Best currently serves on the Board of Directors of Cabot Oil and Gas (NYSE: COG); Commercial Metals Company (NYSE: CMC); Trinity Industries (NYSE: TRN), and private companies Austin Industries, Inc. and McJunkin Red Man Corporation. As a member of Boards of Directors, he has served as lead director, a member of audit and compensation committees, committee chair assignments and served on several special committees.

Cabot is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the development, exploitation and exploration of oil and gas properties located in North America. Commercial Metals Company manufactures, recycles and trades metal products. Trinity Industries is a multi-industry manufacturing company and is the leading railcar manufacturer in North America. Austin Industries is an employee-owned general construction company based in Dallas. McJunkin Red Man is a private (sponsored by Goldman Sachs private equity group) industrial supply company focused in the energy industry and energy-related industries.

Mr. Best is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: LSS). He retired from this position in June 2007, concurrent with the successful merger of Lone Star with United States Steel Company (NYSE: X) in a transaction valued at \$2.1 billion. Lone Star Technologies, Inc. (Lone Star), was a public holding company with principal operating companies that produced and marketed premium tubular products and related services for the energy industry and selected industrial, automotive, and power generation sectors primarily in North America. During Mr. Best's service at Lone Star, business manufacturing joint ventures were initiated in Brazil and China and marketing alliances were created with companies in India, Columbia and Russia.

Mr. Best began his career at Lone Star in 1989 as Vice President, Treasurer and Corporate Development. Later that year he became President and Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star Steel Company (Lone Star's largest operating unit), a position he held for eight years before becoming President and Chief Operating Officer of the holding company. Mr. Best became Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star in of June 1998 and Chairman in January 1999.

Before joining Lone Star, Mr. Best held several leadership positions in the banking industry. During his banking career he held increasing positions of responsibility with Interfirst Bank in Dallas, Manufacturers Hanover Corporation of New York and First City Bancorporation of Houston. In 1985, he became President of First City Dallas. Mr. Best

is involved in a number of industry and civic organizations. He is a Past Chairman of the Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association and he is currently a Director of the Maguire Energy Institute of Southern Methodist University. He also serves on the College of Business Administration Board of Advisors at the University of North Texas.

Mr. Best, 64, is a graduate of the College of Business at the University of North Texas and he earned a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Southern Methodist University.