

Newpark Resources Announces New Chairman

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas, May 21, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) today announced that Anthony J. Best has been named Chairman of the Board effective May 17, 2018, succeeding David C. Anderson, following Mr. Anderson's previously disclosed retirement.

Mr. Best joined the Company's Board of Directors in March 2014 and has served as Chairman of the Compensation Committee as well as a member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. Mr. Best retired from SM Energy in January 2015, where he served as Chief Executive Officer and member of their Board of Directors since February 2007. Prior to joining SM Energy, Mr. Best served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Pure Resources, Inc., an exploration and production company in Midland, Texas, and held various roles during his 21 years with the Atlantic Richfield Company, including Prudhoe Bay Field Manager, Vice President Western U.S., President ARCO Permian, and President ARCO Latin America

Paul L. Howes, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Tony Best's expertise and guidance has been an invaluable asset to the Board over the past four years and we look forward to his leadership of the Board as we continue to execute our long-term strategy. Again, I would also like to thank David Anderson for his critical leadership and contributions to Newpark during his 12 years of service to the Company."

Newpark Resources, Inc. is a worldwide provider of value-added fluids systems and composite matting systems used in oilfield and other commercial markets. For more information, visit our website at www.newpark.com.

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