



C. K. COOPER & COMPANY CLOSES A 5,000,000 SHARE PUBLIC OFFERING FOR U. S. ENERGY CORP.

Irvine, Calif. – Dec. 18, 2009 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, headquartered in Irvine, Calif., announced today that it has acted as co-manager on a 5,000,000 share public offering for U.S. Energy Corp. This offering resulted in gross proceed of approximately \$26.2 million. This transaction was placed with institutional and retail investors.

“The recent move into the Bakken has been transformational for U. S. Energy,” said Alexander Montano, Managing Director with C. K. Cooper & Company. “While they have a solid portfolio of assets, we believe that this transaction has been a catalyst to the Company and to expanding its institutional shareholder base.”

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