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**ENSCO INTERNATIONAL AND CHILES OFFSHORE ANNOUNCE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND DATE FOR
MAILING PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS**

Dallas, Texas, July 8, 2002....ENSCO International Incorporated (NYSE: ESV) and Chiles Offshore Inc. (AMEX: COD) announced today that the registration statement related to the issuance of ENSCO stock in connection with ENSCO's proposed acquisition of Chiles Offshore was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 5, 2002.

As previously announced, the Chiles Board of Directors has set July 5, 2002 as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to vote on the transaction with ENSCO, which is subject to stockholder approval at a special meeting of Chiles stockholders to be held on August 7, 2002. It is expected that the proxy statement/prospectus related to the transaction will first be mailed to Chiles stockholders on or about July 9, 2002.

ENSCO, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, provides contract drilling and marine transportation services to the international petroleum industry. Chiles, based in Houston, Texas, owns and operates a fleet of four ultra-premium jackup rigs with one additional ultra-premium jackup rig under construction that is expected to be delivered by the end of the third quarter of 2002.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OF ANY SECURITIES FOR SALE OR AN OFFER OR AN INVITATION TO PURCHASE ANY SECURITIES. INVESTORS SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW ENSCO INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED'S REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROSPECTUS AND THE RELATED CHILES OFFSHORE INC. DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION FILED WITH THE SEC ON JULY 5, 2002 BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED OFFER. THESE DOCUMENTS CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. THESE DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FOR FREE AT THE SEC'S WEB SITE <http://WWW.SEC.GOV>, AND AT ENSCO INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED'S WEB SITE, <http://WWW.ENSCOUS.COM>, OR CHILES OFFSHORE INC.'S WEB SITE, <http://WWW.CHILESOFFSHORE.COM>. INVESTORS SHOULD

READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING A DECISION CONCERNING THE TRANSACTION.

PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION

CHILES OFFSHORE INC. AND ITS RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MAY BE DEEMED TO BE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM CHILES OFFSHORE INC.'S SHAREHOLDERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER. INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILES OFFSHORE INC.'S PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION IS SET FORTH IN CHILES OFFSHORE INC.'S FORM 10-K FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON MARCH 29, 2002.

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