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Inflatable and Swellable Packers

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**TAM INTERNATIONAL OPENS NEW SHOP IN KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ**

*New Iraqi Office Signals Continuing Commitment to Customer Demand and Regional Growth*

**HOUSTON – April 8, 2013** – TAM International, Inc., an independent oilfield services company providing inflatable and swellable packers, announced today the leasing of a new shop in Erbil, Iraq. The new location opened its doors on March 6, 2013 to better serve the growing number of oil and gas companies interested in the Kurdistan region of Iraq.

TAM International began serving the Kurdistan region in 2006. In the last year, the region has seen a high growth rate, doubling the number of operating companies in the drilling planning phase. To better serve the region, the new facility will offer operators rapid, locally available access to equipment and service support.

“The Kurdish oilfield market is consistently expanding, offering significant growth opportunities for our company,” said Patrick Scharf, Erbil operations supervisor for TAM International. “Right now 90 percent of operators are in the exploration phase, but there is significant potential for exponential growth once operators begin production.”

Mr. Scharf is responsible for enhancing TAM International’s customer support and services while establishing key relationships throughout the region. TAM International has been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources, KRG-Iraq, to offer EPIC™ cement integrity solutions and many other TAM products, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq.

The Erbil shop offers a range of drilling, completions and workover tools and services, including FREECAP® swellable packers and will continue to add products and services as the needs of the region grow.

The new TAM office / shop are located 8.9 km north of Erbil in the town of Bahrka, in building #484-5890.

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