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First Quarter 2012 Earnings Release And Conference Call For Harvest Natural Resources

HOUSTON, May 3, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Harvest Natural Resources, Inc. (NYSE: HNR) will release its 2012 first quarter operational and financial results before the market opens on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Harvest will hold a conference call at 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Thursday, May 10, 2012, during which management will discuss Harvest's 2012 first quarter results. The conference leader will be James A. Edmiston, President and Chief Executive Officer. To access the conference call, dial 800-768-6569 or 785-830-7992, five to ten minutes prior to the start time. At that time you will be asked to provide the conference number, which is 2646081. A recording of the conference call will also be available for replay at 719-457-0820, passcode 2646081, through May 15, 2012.

The conference call will also be transmitted over the internet through the Company's website at www.harvestnr.com. To listen to the live webcast, enter the web site fifteen minutes before the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software. For those who cannot listen to the live broadcast, a replay of the webcast will be available beginning shortly after the call and will remain on the web site for approximately 90 days.

About Harvest Natural Resources

Harvest Natural Resources, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is an independent energy company with principal operations in Venezuela, exploration assets in Indonesia, West Africa, China and Oman and business development offices in Singapore and the United Kingdom. For more information visit the Company's website at www.harvestnr.com.

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