



NORTHERN TEXAS PGA ANNOUNCES NEW CO-TITLE SPONSORS OF THE TEXAS STATE OPEN – CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNING TO THE CASCADES CLUB IN TYLER

**The Northern Texas PGA Section set to conduct the
Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open**

(DALLAS, Texas) – The Northern Texas PGA announced today a multi-year agreement with Tanos Exploration II, LLC and also Patterson-UTI as the new co-title sponsors of the Texas State Open. The championship will be named and referred to as the “**Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open.**”

The tournament will return to Tyler, Texas and will be played at The Cascades Club, where it was played from 2006 – 2011. The Cascades Club will join Horseshoe Bay Resort and The Woodlands as facilities who have hosted the Texas State Open for seven or more years.

The Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open will be played July 31 – August 3. It will be the 48th playing of this historic event.



“Tanos is very excited to team with another local industry leader as a co-title sponsor of the Texas State Open and in doing so, bringing this historically rich event back to Tyler,” said Nick Pollard, Vice President of Business Development for Tanos Exploration II, LLC.

Mike Holcomb, President of Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC added, “Patterson-UTI Drilling has a long history of operating in the East Texas area and we are excited about the opportunity to partner with Tanos Energy in sponsoring the Texas State Open. On behalf of our many employees who live in the Tyler Area, we would like to thank the PGA for the opportunity to bring this great event back to Tyler.”

“Over the past four years, the Texas State Open has gained a lot of momentum thanks to the support of our corporate partners and championship sites with the purse increasing by 60% to \$200,000.00,” said Mark Harrison, Executive Director / CEO of the Northern Texas PGA. “With Tanos Exploration II, Patterson-UTI and The Cascades Club, we look to continue the positive momentum and we are very excited about our new partnerships with Tanos and Patterson-UTI.”

“It is also fitting that an event of this stature is returning to The Cascades Club. The membership at the club as well as the entire community of Tyler embraced the Texas State Open when we last played the event in East Texas. The Northern Texas PGA is very excited to work with the exceptional team at The Cascades Club lead by PGA General Manager Matthew Cohen as we return to Tyler,” said Harrison.

The Texas State Open has crowned many past and future stars over its 47-year history. Three-time Texas State Open Champions include: Ben Crenshaw ('75, '79 and '80), Jeff Maggert ('88, '90 and '94) and Kelly Grunewald ('02, '05 and '06). Lee Trevino leads the list of those with two Texas State Open victories. In addition, PGA TOUR Members, Martin Piller (2008) and Shawn Stefani (2011) both captured the Texas State Open when it was last played at The Cascades Club. 2017 champion, Brax McCarthy of Fort Worth, Texas, has his sights set on defending his title this year.

The Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open is open to all professionals, competitive amateurs and junior golfers with advanced tournament experience. Qualifying for the championship will be conducted from June 11 – July 18. Registration will be available beginning Friday, May 11. The entry deadline is June 7. For more information, visit www.ntpga.com.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation's scholarship program with the creation of the Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open Scholarship. The scholarship will be designated for a NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation Member from the Tyler area who will be attending college this fall. This year alone, the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation will be awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships to 42 high school seniors from North Texas.

Attachment – Tanos Exploration II / Patterson-UTI Texas State Open logo.

Contacts:

Tanos Exploration II, LLC
Nick Pollard
Vice President Business Development
Tel: 903-597-7667 Ext. 224
Email: nick.pollard@tanosexp.com
www.tanosexp.com

Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC
Cory Heinecke
Senior Vice President
Tel: 281-765-7100
Email: cory.heinecke@patenergy.com
www.patenergy.com

The Cascades Club
Matthew Cohen, PGA
General Manager
Tel: 903-525-0002
Email: matthew@cascadesoftexas.com
www.cascadesoftexas.com

Northern Texas PGA Section
Mark Harrison
Executive Director / CEO
Tel: 214-420-7421 Cell: 214-697-6299
Email: mharrison@ntpga.com
www.ntpga.com

ABOUT TANOS EXPLORATION II, LLC

Tanos Exploration II, LLC is a privately held company that was capitalized in July 2013 in order to take advantage of more than 120 years of combined management experience exploiting conventional and unconventional reservoirs in the Ark-La-Tex area. Tanos II combines exceptional people, technical expertise and operating efficiencies to maximize value and investor returns.

ABOUT PATTERSON-UTI DRILLING COMPANY, LLC Patterson-UTI (NASDAQ: PTEN) pushes the boundaries of innovation so you can embrace new possibilities. With expertise and scale in major operational areas, we provide a diverse network of drilling and pressure pumping services, directional drilling, rental equipment and technology to forge your path to success. Our oilfield solutions deliver results that lead your business into the next generation of oil and gas.

We have a fleet of fit for purpose land-based drilling rigs and 1.6 MM horsepower, as well as a leading position in directional drilling and wellbore placement services that are positioned in the most active plays throughout the U.S. and western Canada. With headquarters in Houston, Texas and regional offices throughout our operating areas, let's team up to advance your business.

ABOUT THE CASCADES CLUB

The Cascades, a Master-Planned 5-Star community, is the most comprehensive community in East Texas. This luxury lake front golf, tennis, fitness and residential community sits on 500 acres and is located just four miles from downtown Tyler, Texas. The Cascades is also conveniently located midway between Dallas, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana. The Cascades Club golf course was re-designed by PGA Tour player Mark Hayes to challenge players at any skill level. Lush, tour-quality greens and broad fairways wind among tall oak and pine trees, with many holes set alongside scenic lakes on the golf course, and a stunning back drop framed by Lake Bellwood greeting you on your first tee shot of the day.

ABOUT THE NORTHERN TEXAS PGA

The Northern Texas PGA is one of 41 Sections that comprise the PGA of America. It has a professional membership of more than 850. The Section encompasses the state of Texas just north of Austin. The not-for-profit organization is governed by an elected board of directors, who are PGA golf professionals. The operational focus of the Section is to provide services to golf professionals and the golf industry, while promoting and growing the game. The Section is best known for promoting and growing the game through the nationally acclaimed Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.