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Gordon Sterling now serving on the Governing Board of the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute

Reston, VA (December 9, 2003). Mr. Gordon Sterling of The Woodlands, Texas, is the newest member of the 2004 Governing Board for the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Over a 35 year career with Shell Oil Company, USA, Exploration and Production, Sterling worked as a Project Engineer, Structural Designer, Research Supervisor, Design and Installation Supervisor, Production Superintendent, Project Manager, Manager of Deepwater Projects, and Director of the Year 2000 (Y2K) Compliance Project. He was involved with all of Shell's record-setting deepwater ventures in the Gulf of Mexico, beginning in 1974 with the 1024-foot water depth 3-piece Cognac platform, where he served as Design and Installation Supervisor. He was the Project Manager of the Bullwinkle platform (1350 foot water depth, 1985-1988), and eventually became Manager of Deepwater Projects, wherein all of the Shell Deepwater Project Managers reported to him. Projects completed under Sterling included the record setting Tension Leg Platform (TLP) series - Mars, Ram-Powell, and Ursa - in 3000 to 4000 feet of water, as well as the Sub-Sea developments of Tahoe, Popeye, and Mensa (5400 feet water depth).

From 1991 through 1999, Gordon Sterling represented ASCE on the Board of Directors of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), the largest annual technical conference for the offshore industry in the world with around 45,000 attendees. He served as Chair of that Board from 1998 – 1999. In 2000, Sterling received the Industry Service Award from the Ocean Offshore and Arctic Engineering Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his “pioneering role in the development of mega projects in the Gulf of Mexico”.

Since his retirement from Shell, Sterling has, in collaboration with two others, authored a book entitled *Deepwater Petroleum -Exploration and Production - A Non-Technical Guide*. Filled with illustrations, graphs and pictures, this non-technical guide aims to help people understand the history, technology, business and future of this multi-billion dollar industry. Sterling earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, in 1963 and a Master of Civil Engineering from Lehigh University in 1965. Sterling is also a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Project Management Institute, and the Marine Technology Society.

The Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute was created in 2000 as an Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the country's oldest national engineering society. COPRI works to advance and disseminate scientific and engineering knowledge to its diverse membership engaged in sustainable development and the protection of coasts, oceans, ports, waterways, and wetlands.

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