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VALERO TEAMS UP WITH NRC TO PROVIDE RESPONSE SERVICES

SAN NICHOLAS, Aruba, March 17, 2009 — The Valero Aruba Refinery and National Response Corporation (NRC) announced today that they have signed a long-term agreement in which NRC will establish, staff and operate an emergency response base on the island of Aruba to provide preventive measures and response services to the refinery.

NRC will keep a 110-foot spill response vessel and two smaller boats on the island, as well as spill response equipment such as boom, skimmers, vacuum transfer units, dispersant and hot water pressure washers to ensure fast and efficient clean up of any spills that may occur.

Under the new agreement, NRC's on-site personnel will operate and maintain the permanent boom at the refinery's docks as well as perform day-to-day maintenance of all spill response equipment. In addition, NRC will respond to any refinery-based spill and provide support in the event of other emergencies, as well as conducting drills and providing training.

"The agreement with NRC will help the refinery provide an even faster response in the event of a spill," said Ray Buckley, the vice president and general manager of the Valero Aruba Refinery. "It's part of our commitment to keeping Aruba safe and clean."

"We are pleased to be given the opportunity to support Valero Aruba's operations and develop a robust response and preparedness infrastructure," commented Jim Godfrey, NRC Vice President of Operations. "We will be training local Arubans in the techniques we have successfully employed in the United States for over 15 years."

Valero has worked with NRC in the past, bringing in equipment and personnel from off-site locations as needed. The new agreement will ensure that emergency equipment and response teams are always nearby and available, and it will upgrade the refinery's preventive measures to keep any spills from happening.

About Valero:

Valero Energy Corporation is a Fortune 500 company based in San Antonio, with approximately 22,000 employees and 2008 revenues of \$119 billion. The company owns and operates 16 refineries throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean with a combined throughput capacity of approximately 3 million barrels per day, making it the largest refiner in North America. Valero is also one of the nation's largest retail operators with approximately 5,800 retail and branded wholesale outlets in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean under various brand names including Valero, Diamond Shamrock, Shamrock, Ultramar, and Beacon. Please visit www.valero.com for more information.

About NRC:

National Response Corporation, a SEACOR Environmental Services group company, is one of the largest commercial oil spill removal organizations in the United States with a diversified client base of vessel owning, integrated oil, exploration & production and power generating companies, as well as airlines and trucking firms. NRC has offices on all three US Coasts, the Mississippi River, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. For more information visit www.nrcc.com.