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Arabian American Expects Record Quarterly Revenue and Volume for Third Quarter 2011

Company Expects to Report Financial Results, Hold Earnings Call on November 3, 2011

SUGAR LAND, Texas, Oct. 19, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Arabian American Development Co. (Nasdaq: ARSD) announced today that based on its preliminary financial review, it expects to report record quarterly revenues and volume for the quarter ended September 30, 2011. The Company expects to report overall financial results for the fiscal quarter on November 3, 2011, and will release dial-in and webcast information the week of October 24th.

Nick Carter, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We attribute the record quarter to the continuation of the strong volume demand that we indicated in our second quarter 2011 conference call. This was driven by new business both domestically and internationally, as well as, strong customer retention. Our previous quarterly revenue record was \$48 million in the third quarter 2008. Hand in hand with the record revenue was record volume. The previous record of 12.7 million gallons was reported in the second quarter 2009. We are excited to see our volume increase according to our plan when we committed to the expanded facility in 2008. . With the increased volume, which in turn relates to decreased per unit operating costs, we expect to report earnings per share in excess of the \$0.09 estimated by analysts. We look forward to reporting complete financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, and discussing operational details in the upcoming press release and earnings call on November 3rd."

About Arabian American Development Company (ARSD)

ARSD owns and operates a petrochemical facility located in southeast Texas just north of Beaumont which specializes in high purity petrochemical solvents and other solvent type manufacturing. The Company is also the original developer and now a 37% owner of Al-Masane Al-Kobra Mining Company (AMAK), a Saudi Arabian joint stock company which is in the final stages of development in Najran Province of southwestern Saudi Arabia. The mine is scheduled to be in production in early 2012 and will produce economic quantities of copper, zinc, gold, and silver.

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Statements in this release that are not historical facts are forward looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward looking statements are based upon management's belief as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to management. Because such statements are based upon expectations as to future economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ

from those projected. These risks, as well as others, are discussed in greater detail in Arabian American's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Arabian American's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and the Company's subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

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