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Viking Announces Appointments to Board of Directors

HOUSTON, Aug. 27, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- via NEWMEDIAWIRE -- Viking Energy Group, Inc. ("**Viking**") (OTCQB: **VKIN**) is pleased to announce the appointments of Lawrence B. Fisher and David Herskovits as independent directors of the company. The appointments were effective August 20, 2018.

Mr. Fisher practiced securities law in New York City for over 50 years. He was Partner in the law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe for 11 years until retirement in 2002. While at the firm, Mr. Fisher was Partner-In-Charge of the New York office and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Prior to Orrick, Mr. Fisher was a partner in the New York law firm Kelley, Warren for 10 years, including 3 years as a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and prior to his time at Kelly, Warren, Mr. Fisher was associate and then partner in the law firm Parker, Chapin and Flattau for an aggregate of 22 years, 5 as an associate and the remainder as a partner. There, too, Mr. Fisher was a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Fisher graduated from Columbia College in 1960 and Columbia Law School in 1963 and was a Research Fellow at the London School of Economics from 1963-1965. Mr. Fisher has been a member of the Board of Directors of National Bank of New York City for in excess of 30 years, and he was a member of the Board of Directors of Financial Federal Corporation until its sale 7 years ago.

Mr. Herskovits is a retired audit partner of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Herskovits joined Deloitte in 1974, was admitted to the partnership in 1985, and retired in 2013. During his career, Mr. Herskovits was responsible for major audit engagements for public and private companies. He also served in several technical and quality assurance roles at the firm. Mr. Herskovits received an MBA from Harvard University and a B.S. from Cornell University.

The Company expects that Mr. Fisher will assist with forming and serve as the initial chairperson of the Company's Compensation Committee, and that Mr. Herskovits will assist with forming and serve as the initial chairperson of the Company's Audit Committee.

The Company believes that a majority of its Board of Directors qualify as "independent" directors pursuant to relevant NYSE, NASDAQ or similar exchange rules.

About Viking:

Viking is an independent exploration and production company focused on the acquisition and development of oil and natural gas properties in North America. The company owns oil and gas leases in Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alberta. Viking targets under-valued assets with realistic appreciation potential.

Safe Harbor Statement:

This press release may contain forward-looking information within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), including all statements that are not statements of historical fact regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the company, its directors or its officers with respect to, among other things: (i) the company's financing plans; (ii) trends affecting the company's financial condition or results of operations; (iii) the company's growth strategy and operating strategy; and (iv) the declaration and payment of dividends. The words "may," "would," "will," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "intend" and similar expressions and variations thereof are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's ability to control, and that actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors including the risk disclosed in the company's Forms 10-K and 10-Q filed with the SEC.

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