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Kitchell Names Mike Rock New President of Kitchell Contractors

Phoenix, Ariz. (February 2, 2010) – Mike Rock has been appointed as president of Kitchell Contractors. Part of Kitchell, Arizona's sixth largest privately-held corporation, Kitchell Contractors provides a full range of construction services, including preconstruction services, construction management, general contracting and self-performed work for both public and private clients.

Rock, who most recently served as vice president of Kitchell Contractors, succeeds Mark Pendleton, who is retiring after more than 30 years of service to Kitchell. In his new role, Rock will lead Kitchell's services for all Kitchell Contractors' divisions, including Healthcare, Commercial, Environmental Services, Custom Homes and Native American.

Rock will be one of the company presidents reporting to Jim Swanson, president and CEO of Kitchell Corporation. "Mike's leadership has nurtured decade-long partnerships with our clients and led to the development of innovative services to meet their needs," Swanson said. "His promotion will ensure that we make the most of the opportunities ahead of us."

Rock, who started his career at Kitchell in 1987, graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in architectural engineering in 1987. His work with Kitchell has been in Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and Mexico, with his most recent focus in Arizona and Hawaii, including the DMB developments of DC Ranch (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Kukui'ula, (Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii), and the Lyle Anderson Companies' Hokuli'a project (Kona, Hawaii). Rock was instrumental in launching Kitchell's Environmental Services division, specializing in services such as compliance management for air and water quality in Maricopa County.

In 2004, Rock became one of Kitchell's first LEED® Accredited Professionals. He formed Kitchell Environmental Services in 2005 to help clients and all Kitchell Contractors' divisions meet site environmental-compliance requirements. Rock is a member of Urban Land Institute, Valley Forward and U.S. Green Building Council, and leads Kitchell's annual food drive that benefits Desert Mission Food Bank in Phoenix.

Kitchell Contractors construction experts represent highly skilled professionals in general construction, construction management, site supervision and field management. Each member of the team is committed to collaboration and innovation to help clients select the right approach and services for their projects. Kitchell Contractors provides general contracting services to private-sector clients through specialty divisions created to serve the various needs of owners throughout the West and Southwest. Those divisions are unique to vertical markets and geographic regions and include Healthcare, Custom Homes and Native American.

Kitchell Corporation is a diversified firm focused on general contracting, construction management and real-estate development. Kitchell has offices in Phoenix, Arizona, and in Sacramento, Carlsbad, Fresno, Ontario, San Jose, and Santa Barbara, California. Kitchell Corporation also owns American Refrigeration Supplies, an air-conditioning/refrigeration equipment wholesale supplier with 32 branches in six states. Learn more about Kitchell at www.kitchell.com.

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