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## THE LIVINGSTON GROUP ADDS SENIOR CORPORATE EXECUTIVE TO ENHANCE ENERGY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPERTISE

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**Washington, DC.** – The Livingston Group (TLG) announced today the addition of Mr. Bruce Hatton, previously Vice President and General Manager of Washington Operations for McDermott International. For the past eight years, Mr. Hatton has managed the Washington activities of this New Orleans-based energy services company and its three principal subsidiaries: J. Ray McDermott (marine construction), the Babcock and Wilcox Company (power generation) and BWX Technologies (government defense contracts). A seasoned executive with over 25 years of experience in public and government affairs, strategic planning and lobbying, Mr. Hatton will bring depth of experience to TLG’s core government relations competencies and added expertise to TLG’s international relations and energy and natural resources practices.

“We are very pleased to have Bruce join The Livingston Group,” said Bob Livingston, TLG founding partner and Chief Executive Officer. “We look forward to working side by side to provide top notch client service in critical public policy areas of importance to corporations and other interests. Adding his specific talents to our growing team brings exciting business development potential to key practice areas.”

Mr. Hatton’s trade background will be a great asset to TLG’s international business development competency. Mr. Hatton, a Co-Founder and Principal of the North American Free Trade Association, served as trade consultant and advocate for companies seeking passage of, and expanded opportunities under, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He is a former Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and the head of Congressional Relations at the International Trade Commission.

“I look forward to working as part of such an accomplished and comprehensive team as The Livingston Group,” said Hatton. “I am eager to add productive client services in the energy, trade and international relations fields. I have no doubt that this will be another enriching experience in my career.”

Mr. Hatton has formally joined The Livingston Group and will be based out of their Washington offices. He continues to represent the interests of McDermott and J. Ray McDermott.

Recognized as one of the fastest growing government relations firms in Washington, DC, the Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) was created in March 1999 and provides comprehensive public affairs, government relations and lobbying services on a national and international basis. The website, [www.livingstongroupdc.com](http://www.livingstongroupdc.com) provides a comprehensive overview of the firm.

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