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WASTE MANAGEMENT VETERAN NAMED TO LEAD TRANSURANIC WASTE PROGRAM FOR WESTINGHOUSE PARTNERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO

CARLSBAD, NM, APRIL 5, 2001 -- To adjust to new requirements in the United States Department of Energy's national transuranic (TRU) waste management program, Washington Group International, Inc. (WNG—NYSE) today announced that John Lee, a 25-year veteran of nuclear waste management issues, has been named President of its TRU Solutions subsidiary in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Lee, who has spent nine years working specifically with the TRU waste program, assumes his new position under a contract administered by DOE's Carlsbad Field Office. TRU Solutions is majority-owned by Washington Group with a minority position by Roy F. Weston, Inc. Lee replaces Henry (Hank) Herrera, who will move to Washington Group's Westinghouse Safety Management Solutions subsidiary in Aiken, SC, to help manage emerging work under the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency to help deactivate weapons systems in the former Soviet Union.

"John is an ideal candidate to help the DOE move its national TRU program to a new business model based on broader requirements that are emerging since we won the original contract last December," said Ambrose L. Schwallie, president and chief executive officer of Washington Group's Government operating unit. "His extensive background and in-depth knowledge of TRU waste issues at the other DOE sites across the country will be invaluable."

"This move also gives us an opportunity to use Hank in the important task of helping to demilitarize weapons systems in the Former Soviet Union. As a former admiral with the U.S. Navy's nuclear fleet and a former

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executive with the high-level nuclear waste program at DOE's Savannah River Site, Hank should give us a strong leg up in that important work."

Lee will be headquartered at TRU Solution's main offices in Carlsbad where he will also oversee the company's operation of the DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant – the nation's first permanent deep geological waste repository. WIPP, which received its first shipment of transuranic waste in March 1999, permanently disposes of transuranic nuclear waste in an underground repository that has been excavated in 250-million-year-old salt beds located one-half-mile beneath the earth's surface.

"With WIPP as the centerpiece of the national TRU waste program, John will be focused on efficiently applying this asset to the challenge of serving the characterization and disposal needs of large and small sites alike," said Schwallie.

Washington Group employs about 650 people at the WIPP. Washington Group also operates a manufacturing plant in Carlsbad – the Engineered Products Department of its Government Technical Services Division – that produces nuclear waste containers.

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