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SEMGROUP, L.P., TO TITLE SPONSOR ANNUAL LPGA EVENT

John Q. Hammons Continues Partnership As Presenting Sponsor

TULSA, OK – SemGroup, L.P., will title sponsor the SemGroup Championship presented by John Q. Hammons when the LPGA Tour returns to the Tulsa area for the seventh annual Tournament, April 30 – May 6, 2007. SemGroup's title sponsorship is a three-year partnership with Octagon, the Tournament's management company. Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow has committed to host the Tournament through 2009.

"Our partnership with Octagon and the LPGA is really a commitment to the Tulsa community," said Thomas Kivisto, president and CEO of SemGroup, L.P. "We are excited about the future of this Tournament as it continues to grow in this community, where we work, live and play."

"The community support, which ranges from the many volunteers to the Tulsa families who host our players to the fans who come out to cheer on their favorite LPGA golfer, is among the best on our Tour," said LPGA Commissioner Carolyn F. Bivens. "The course is extremely challenging and a great test for our players. The local media embraces the tournament with comprehensive coverage and the tournament is well run. It is a pleasure to welcome SemGroup to our family of title sponsors and acknowledge the commitment John Q. Hammons continues to the Tulsa community and to our Tour."

Ambassadors since the tournament's inception in 2001, John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts and The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center have played an integral role in ensuring the LPGA's longevity in Oklahoma. The transition from three-year title sponsor to presenting sponsor comes one month after an announcement that the LPGA NW Arkansas Championship presented by John Q. Hammons will be added to the LPGA Tour schedule in 2007.

"I believe in the Tulsa community and I am proud that we were able to play a lead role the last three years in keeping this great event in the area," said John Q. Hammons, chairman of John Q. Hammons Industries and owner of The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center. "As presenting sponsor, we look forward to working with the great people at SemGroup and hosting the ladies from the LPGA Tour for years to come."

Under the direction of Head Golf Professional and Director of Golf Buddy Phillips, Cedar Ridge Country Club has hosted the LPGA Tour for three years and a variety of events in its 38-year history, including the 1983 U.S. Women's Open and 1974 and 1997 Trans-Miss Amateur Championships.

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“Cedar Ridge Country Club and its membership are extremely proud to host the SemGroup Championship presented by John Q. Hammons,” said Phillips. “In its 38 years, Cedar Ridge has kept a progressive mindset on and off the course, enabling us to challenge every level of golfer at every stage of the game.”

Octagon, under the leadership of Executive Director Tim Erensen and Tournament Director Andy Bush, will continue to manage the year-round tournament operations and corporate partnerships.

SemGroup is the third community leader to title the event. The SemGroup Championship presented by John Q. Hammons was most recently known to Tulsans as the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic (2004 - 2006) and the Williams Championship (2002 - 2003). SemGroup served as presenting sponsor in 2006.

About SemGroup, L.P.

SemGroup, L.P. is a midstream service company providing the energy industry means to move products from the wellhead to the wholesale marketplace. Headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, it is ranked No. 9 on Forbes magazine’s list of America’s Largest Private Companies. For additional information, visit www.semgrouplp.com.

About John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts, LLC

Springfield, Mo.-based John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts, LLC is the nation's leading independent builder, developer, owner and manager of upscale, full-service hotels, resorts and suites, including: Embassy Suites Hotels, Renaissance, Marriott, Radisson, Residence Inn, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Holiday Inn and Courtyard by Marriott brands. With 62 hotels strategically located near demand generators, such as state capitals, universities, airports, corporate headquarters or office parks in secondary and tertiary markets, John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts' properties are dominant in their markets. Over the course of his impressive career in the hotel business, Mr. Hammons has developed 164 hotels. For more information, visit www.jqh.com.

About Cedar Ridge Country Club

It all started with a vision and a dairy farm. In 1968 a group of Tulsa businessmen, headed by J.A. Buddy LaFortune, commissioned famed golf course designer Joe Finger to create a new golf course in Tulsa that would be heralded as one of the finest in the nation. Finger said Cedar Ridge ranks at the top of all his designed courses. It has the kind of strategic demands and natural beauty which pleases most golfers. It requires the player to hit a variety of shots with near perfect execution. Eighty-seven sand traps await the golfers errant shots. Upon completion, Cedar Ridge was rated among the top hundred courses by Golf Digest. For more information, visit www.cedarridgecountryclub.com.

About the Ladies Professional Golf Association

Featuring the world's best women golfers, the LPGA's membership includes touring, teaching and club professionals. The LPGA Tour in 2006 features 36 events, with total prize money of nearly \$52 million. Since 1981, the LPGA and its tournaments have raised approximately \$170 million for charity. From the dreams of its 13 founders in 1950, the LPGA has evolved into the world's pre-eminent women's professional sports organization. The LPGA has grown from its roots as a playing tour into a non-profit organization involved in every facet of golf. In addition to the LPGA Tour members, the LPGA membership includes nearly 1,200 certified Teaching and Club Professionals (T&CP) who serve the golf industry in teaching, coaching and management positions. The LPGA T&CP member programs focus on increasing the involvement of women, girls and youth in golf, as well as contribute to the growth of the sport overall. The LPGA is headquartered in Daytona Beach, Fla. For more information on the LPGA, log on to www.LPGA.com.

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About Octagon's Golf Division

Octagon's Golf Division manages some of the finest professional golf events including two Champions Tour events, The ACE Group Classic and the SAS Championship presented by Forbes; three LPGA Tour events, the Sybase Classic presented by Lincoln Mercury, the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic presented by SemGroup and the LPGA NW Arkansas Championship presented by John Q. Hammons; and one Nationwide Tour event, The Rex Hospital Open. Octagon's Golf Division also represents nearly 40 golfing professionals including Davis Love III, Chris Smith, Natalie Gulbis, Christina Kim, Meg Mallon, Beth Daniel, Tom Kite, Gary Koch, and brothers, Bobby and Lanny Wadkins.

About Octagon

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