

XTO Energy adds its brand to NCHA Triple Crown series

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XTO Energy, Inc., a leading independent U.S. oil and gas producer, has signed on as a title sponsor for the National Cutting Horse Association, according to NCHA executive director Jeff Hooper.

“We are extremely proud to christen one of our major events in Fort Worth the XTO Energy/NCHA Super Stakes,” said Hooper. “With its high standards of business, XTO exemplifies the famous ‘Cowboy Code’ of ethics that is the bedrock of the National Cutting Horse Association.”

Louis Baldwin, XTO Energy executive vice president and chief financial officer, views the sponsorship as a benefit for the Fort Worth-based energy giant.

“The sport of cutting is such a great American sport with roots back to the Old West,” Baldwin said. “This sponsorship is a great way for us to be involved with the legacy of the ranching and cattle business. It also allows us to support Fort Worth because with the impact of its three Fort Worth shows, NCHA has done so much for the Fort Worth economy.”

XTO Energy, Inc. has grown from its inception in 1986 to become an industry leader with a stock price increase, since going public in 1993, of 4500%, and a compound annual growth rate of about 24% and 29%, respectively. The company has built a domestic reserve base with more than two billion barrels of oil equivalent and a track record of increasing production and reserves.

The XTO Energy/NCHA Super Stakes, with a purse of more than \$3.5 million, is the middle jewel of the famous Triple Crown of Cutting, which begins with the \$4 million Borden Milk/NCHA Futurity, scheduled this year from Nov. 21 through Dec. 13, at Will Rogers Equestrian Center, Fort Worth, TX.

The 2010 XTO Energy/NCHA Super Stakes will run from March 29 through April 18; and the \$3 million 2010 NCHA Summer Spectacular – Presented by Great American Insurance, third leg of the Triple Crown, will be held July 12 through August 1.

For more information about NCHA and the Triple Crown of Cutting, call 817-244-6188 or visit www.nhacutting.com.