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NEWS RELEASE

**TOREADOR TO RELEASE FIRST QUARTER 2011 EARNINGS
ON MAY 10, 2011**

PARIS, FRANCE – May 3, 2011 – Toreador Resources Corporation (NASDAQ: TRGL) and (NYSE Euronext: TOR) will release its 2011 first quarter earnings on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 before the market opens. The Company also has scheduled a conference call the same day at 11:00 a.m. Eastern, to discuss financial results and current operations. Mr. Craig M. McKenzie, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, will lead the conference call.

Approximately 10 minutes before the conference call, participants who wish to ask questions during the call should dial 1-800-299-9630 from within the U.S. or 001-617-786-2904 from outside the U.S. and provide the conference ID# 47510402 to access the call.

Those who wish only to listen to the live audio webcast may access the webcast via Toreador's internet home page at www.toreador.net by selecting the "Investor Relations" link on the home page and then selecting the "Conference Call" link, or click on this link to access the call <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?p=irol-eventDetails&c=68298&eventID=3973654>

Those unable to participate in the live call may hear the rebroadcast for up to twelve months after the conference call at www.toreador.net by selecting the "Investor Relations" link on the home page and then selecting the "Conference Call" link. Phone replays of the call also will be available for 14 days after the call by dialing 1-888-286-8010 within the U.S. or 001-617-801-6888 from outside the U.S., Passcode 99395612.

ABOUT TOREADOR

Toreador Resources Corporation is an independent international energy company engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration and production of crude oil. The company holds interests in developed and undeveloped oil properties in France. More information about Toreador may be found at the company's web site, <http://www.toreador.net>.

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