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TPC Group Names Vice President, Reliability and Capital Project Management

HOUSTON, March 17, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- TPC Group announced today that Courtney Ruth has been appointed Vice President, Reliability and Capital Project Management. Mr. Ruth brings more than 20 years of significant experience running large petrochemical complexes, managing significant capital budgets and leading reliability initiatives.

"At TPC, our top economic priority is improving overall reliability, which is also a key driver for enhanced environmental, health and safety performance," said Ed Dineen, Chairman and CEO of TPC Group. "We are fortunate to have someone of Courtney's experience and talents join TPC to lead and drive our focus on reliability."

Mr. Ruth was formerly with LyondellBasell where he held roles of progressive responsibility, including Maintenance Superintendent, Reliability Superintendent, Production Manager, Senior Human Resources Manager and Site Manager. At the time of his departure, Mr. Ruth had leadership responsibilities for LyondellBasell's Channelview, Texas facility, one of the largest chemical complexes in the Gulf Coast area, with more than 2,000 employees and contractors. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University.

"TPC has a strong leadership team that is focused on driving overall reliability across the organization," said Courtney Ruth, Vice President, Reliability and Capital Project Management. "We will build a reliability culture by establishing a solid foundation of processes and improvement, on which we will capitalize when market conditions improve, to deliver long-term sustainable results."

About TPC Group

TPC Group Inc. is a leading producer of value-added products derived from niche petrochemical raw materials such as C4 hydrocarbons, and provider of critical infrastructure and logistics services along the Gulf Coast region. TPC Group sells its products into a wide range of performance, specialty and intermediate markets, including synthetic rubber, fuels, lubricant additives, plastics and surfactants. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, with an operating history of over 70 years, TPC Group has manufacturing facilities in the industrial corridor adjacent to the Houston Ship Channel, Port Neches and Baytown, Texas, operates a product terminal in Lake Charles, Louisiana. For more information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.tpcgrp.com>.

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