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COURT UPHOLDS DRUMMOND LTD. INNOCENT VERDICT

BIRMINGHAM, AL - - Drummond Ltd. is pleased that the United States Court of Appeals in Atlanta has affirmed the judgment, entered after a jury trial, that the company and its officers are innocent of any involvement in, or responsibility for, the murders of union leaders in Colombia, South America, in 2001.

For more than six years the company and its president, Augusto Jimenez, have endured false and slanderous accusations by plaintiffs' lawyers and certain of the witnesses they recruited. At great cost, Drummond Ltd. and Dr. Jimenez have defended themselves and have refused to offer anything to settle the case. The jury rejected the accusations more than a year ago and the court of appeals has now concluded the judgment was correct.

The company thanks all employees, customers and friends who stood by our side in this lawsuit.

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