



## Dorchester Minerals, L.P. Announces First Quarter Results

DALLAS, May 5, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Dorchester Minerals, L.P. (the "Partnership") (Nasdaq:DMLP - News) announced today the Partnership's net earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 of \$7,740,000, or \$0.24 per common unit.

A comparison of the Partnership's consolidated results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 are set forth below:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Operating Revenues	\$ 14,289,000	\$ 15,539,000
Net Earnings	7,740,000	8,926,000
Net Earnings Per Common Unit	\$0.24	\$0.29

The Partnership previously declared its first quarter distribution in the amount of \$0.426745 per common unit payable on May 5, 2011 to common unit holders of record as of April 25, 2011. The Partnership's cash distributions are not comparable to its net earnings due to timing and other differences including depletion.

Dorchester Minerals, L.P. is a Dallas based owner of producing and non-producing crude oil and natural gas mineral, royalty, overriding royalty, net profits, and leasehold interests and its common units trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol DMLP.

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