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Manuel Pablo (Manolo) Zúñiga-Pflücker'88, President and CEO of BPZ Energy, has spent the last 30 years in the international oil and gas business, ranging from exploitation of marginal oil and gas fields to frontier exploration projects throughout Latin America. His technical background, entrepreneurial spirit and long-standing roots in Peru have been instrumental in helping BPZ Energy establish itself as a leading independent Exploration and Production company in the region. Prior to BPZ Energy, Manolo served as President of BPZ & Associates, Inc., a technical oil and gas consulting firm that he co-founded in 1989. He began his career with Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

In 2004 BPZ Energy became a publicly traded Company and today is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and Bolsa de Valores in Lima, Peru. Two and a half years later, the Company's first oil discovery occurred in March 2007 at the offshore Corvina Field at Block Z-1. Today, BPZ has a 51% interest in offshore Block Z-1 with two producing fields and significant exploration prospects, along with 100% working interests in three onshore blocks in Peru. The Company also owns a non-operating net profits interest in a producing property in southwest Ecuador.

BPZ is recognized for building the first FPSO (Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading) vessel in Peru. In addition, the Company has recently installed the first buoyant tower drilling and production platform in the world, which is now installed at the Corvina Field.

In the area of Corporate and Social responsibility, Manolo founded the Step by Step Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of children and women's rights in Northern Peru and increase their quality of life. BPZ Energy has received special recognitions for its Social Commitments in Peru. Currently, Manolo also serves as a member of the Visiting Committee at the University of Maryland, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Manolo holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland as well as an M.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University