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## **RIFT BASIN APPOINTS PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS**

**Vancouver, B.C., September 28, 2012 – Rift Basin Resources Corp. (TSX-V: RIF)** (the “**Company**” or “**Rift Basin**”) announces that it has appointed Mongi Haffouz as President and a director of Rift Basin International Corp. (“**Rift Basin International**”). Rift Basin International is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

Mr. Haffouz has over 30 years of broad international oil and gas industry experience, including 23 years with Marathon Oil in various international and head office positions. Mr. Haffouz is an experienced oil and gas contract negotiator and speaks fluent Arabic, French and English.

Mr. Haffouz was Finance & Commercial Manager, Administration and Public & Government Relations Manager of Marathon Oil’s Tunisian operations from 1983 to 1996 and Finance & Administration Manager and Government Relations Manager of Marathon Oil’s Gabon operations from 1996 to 2001.

During his tenure at Marathon Oil Mr. Haffouz actively contributed to the development of discoveries in Tunisia (Robbana, Ezzaouia & Belli fields), and was chief negotiator with the Tunisian local authorities & ETAP (the national Oil Company) which ultimately led to the joint venture between Marathon Oil & ETAP (MARETAP) to operate the Ezzaouia & Belli fields. Mr. Haffouz was instrumental in the negotiation and acquisition of two production sharing agreements (the Kowe & Akoumba Permits) and in the field development of Marathon Oil’s Gabon discoveries (Tchatamba South & Tchatamba West fields). From 1998 to 2000 Mr. Haffouz was in charge of coordinating an arbitration case on behalf of Marathon Oil at the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

From 2001 to 2006 Mr. Haffouz served as an international oil & gas independent consultant and from 2006 to 2010 served as Vice-President and General Manager of Voyageur Oil and Gas, raising approximately \$16 million in start-up capital from Middle East investors.

Wayne Koshman, CEO of Rift Basin commented: “We are very pleased to announce Mr. Haffouz as the President of Rift Basin International Corp. Mr. Haffouz’s unique and extensive oil and gas experience will help position the Company towards securing its initial oil and gas asset.”

### **About Rift Basin**

The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “RIF”. The Company is currently listed as a Tier 2 mining issuer and is seeking to become an oil and gas issuer. Additional information about Rift Basin is available under Rift Basin’s SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

(signed) "Wayne Koshman"  
Chief Executive Officer

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