



## **Amerex Energy Services Hires New Senior Vice President**

**HOUSTON – April 24, 2012** – Amerex Energy Services, a division of Amerex Brokers LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GFI Group Inc., (NYSE: GFIG), has hired Jeff Shoaf as Senior Vice President. Mr. Shoaf will report to Clay Davis, President of Amerex Brokers LLC, and will be based in Houston where he will direct the day-to-day operations of Amerex Energy Services. Amerex Energy Services advises large commercial, industrial and institutional groups on various cost saving methods of managing energy expenses and deploying risk mitigation tools.

Mr. Shoaf is an accomplished sales executive and sales leader with 10 years of experience in retail energy markets across both direct and indirect third party sales channels, and small to large commercial and industrial clients. He most recently comes to Amerex from Spark Energy and prior to that he spent eight years at Reliant Energy.

“Jeff’s management and retail energy experience is a great asset to Amerex Energy Services. Under his leadership, we will continue to provide customers premier energy consulting services,” said Clay Davis.

### **About Amerex Energy Services**

Amerex Energy Services is a division of Amerex Brokers LLC. Amerex Energy Services is a national energy consultant that provides industrial, commercial and institutional clients with a wide array of sophisticated energy and energy-related financial tools designed to provide a stable platform to manage risk. Founded in 1978, Amerex is a leading over-the-counter energy brokerage offering services in electricity, natural gas, emission credits and allowances, renewable energy credits, retail energy procurement, energy consulting and energy data services. From its office in Houston, Amerex offers liquidity and timely execution to meet the needs of a global client network of more than 1,000 firms including thousands of traders and risk management professionals. For additional information, please visit [www.amerexenergy.com](http://www.amerexenergy.com). Amerex Brokers LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GFI Group Inc. (NYSE: GFIG), a leading provider of wholesale brokerage services, clearing services, electronic execution and trading support products for global financial markets. GFI Group Inc. provides brokerage services, market data, trading platform and analytics software products to institutional clients in markets for a range of fixed income, financial, equity and commodity instruments. GFI operates one of the largest wholesale energy brokerage businesses in North America both directly and through its Amerex and StarSupply businesses.

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