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## VARIABLE BORE RAMS, INC. MAINTAINS SUPERIOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE – EXCEEDS INDUSTRY STANDARD

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LAFAYETTE, La. (Dec. 12, 2011) – [Variable Bore Rams, Inc.](#)

(VBR), one of the largest original equipment manufacturer (OEM) ram providers in the world, has exceeded Occupational Safety & Health Association (OSHA) industry standards by meeting a total recordable incident rate (TRIR) of .93 in 2011, announced President Hines M. “Chip” Marshall, Jr.

VBR’s dedication and commitment to provide quality products safely played a vital role in securing a verified frequency rate below the OSHA standard of 1. This year’s frequency rate is an improvement from the .94 rate recorded in 2010.

OSHA bases safety records on recordable incidents and total man hours. The TRIR (sometimes referred to as the Total OSHA Recordable Rate) uses the number of OSHA recordable injury and illness cases. TRIR is the number of OSHA incidents multiplied by 200,000 and then divided by the number of hours worked.

The 200,000 hours in the formula represents the equivalent of 100 employees working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year, and provides the standard base for incidence rates.

“It is easy to talk about the importance of safety, but at VBR we take pride in practicing what we preach - our numbers are the proof,”

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said Marshall. "We look toward 2012 with the continued intent to incorporate health, safety and environmental responsibility into our goals and plans to better serve our customers."

Variable Bore Rams, Inc. provides support for blow-out prevention operators worldwide and offers a wide variety of variable bore ram products. Stocking the latest in equipment and providing the most recent product upgrades, engineering updates, and technical bulletins, VBRI is capable of providing services worldwide; 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at a moment's notice. For more information visit, [www.vbri.com](http://www.vbri.com).

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