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**SIGNATURE HOSPITAL CORPORATION WITHDRAWS OFFER TO
PURCHASE ROCKDALE MEDICAL CENTER**

-- State of Current Financial Market Finalizes Decision --

Houston, TX – Signature Hospital Corporation officials announced today that the Company has decided not to pursue a transaction to purchase Rockdale Medical Center in Conyers, Georgia.

"The continued tightening in the credit markets have made it difficult to complete the acquisition on terms acceptable to the Company. For those same reasons, neither can we assure the Rockdale Authority and Board that we would be able to close the transaction in a timely fashion," said James Hoffman, Senior Vice President of Development for Signature. "Further delays only work to the detriment of Rockdale Medical Center. Given the uncertainty of the credit market Signature will withdraw from the transaction to enable the Rockdale Hospital Authority and Rockdale Medical Center Board an opportunity to pursue other strategic alternatives."

"We have tremendous admiration and respect for the Rockdale Hospital Authority, the Rockdale Medical Center, and its employees, physicians, and the community," said Charles R. Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Signature. "We're extremely disappointed that Signature will not be affiliated with RMC. However, we have every confidence they will determine the right course of action to make the hospital successful, and we wish them the very best."

Signature remains committed to meeting the ongoing operational needs of its existing hospitals in Texas and West Virginia.

About Rockdale Medical Center

Rockdale Medical Center is a 138-bed licensed hospital serving Conyers, Ga., and surrounding communities. Located about 25 miles east of Atlanta, Rockdale Medical Center is accredited by the Joint Commission as well as The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. For more information, please visit www.rockdalemedicalcenter.org.

About Signature Hospital Corporation

Based in Houston, Texas, Signature Hospital Corp. is a privately held company founded in 2005 that is dedicated to providing affordable, state-of-the-art medical services to communities in which it owns and operates hospitals. Anchored by its mission to be the industry leader in adding

measurable value to the delivery of healthcare, Signature backs its commitment to patient safety with Signature *Insights*, proprietary technology for measuring and improving quality in its hospitals. Signature presently owns and operates three hospitals: 115-licensed bed Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa, Texas; 161-licensed bed Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, Texas; and 325-licensed bed St. Joseph's Hospital, in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Signature's board and management team boast more than two centuries of combined experience in healthcare management and finance. Signature's financial partner is Goldman Sachs, the nation's premier investment banking firm. For more information on Signature, please visit www.signaturehospital.com.

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