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**EXXONMOBIL PLEDGES \$10 MILLION TO FIGHT MALARIA AS PART OF IDOL GIVES BACK
Corporate Donor Reaffirms its Commitment to Ending Malaria Deaths with Generous Contribution**

New York, NEW YORK—On April 9th, ExxonMobil announced a pledge of \$10 million for the fight against malaria as a lead corporate sponsor of *Idol Gives Back*. This extraordinary commitment underlines ExxonMobil's long-standing support of malaria control efforts in Africa and its unwavering dedication to raising awareness and making a difference in the lives of millions of African afflicted by this preventable and treatable disease.

In 2007, funds raised for Malaria No More by *Idol* fans and corporate sponsor ExxonMobil provided life-saving bed nets to more than one million mothers and children in Angola, Mali, Madagascar, Uganda and Zambia. American Idol's star-studded charity special raised over \$76 million, \$17 million of which was allocated for malaria.

Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that claims over one million lives every year; an African child dies every 30 seconds of the disease. While malaria is endemic throughout sub-Saharan Africa, a simple \$10 bed net is a major defense against the mosquitoes that carry malaria.

Exxon Mobil and Malaria No More have worked closely with top entertainment stars to combat malaria over the last year. In March, former *Idol* contestants Elliott Yamin and Fantasia traveled to Angola with ExxonMobil and Malaria No More to witness firsthand the scourge of malaria and the simple steps Americans can take to fight it. Later that month, movie star Forest Whitaker joined ExxonMobil again in Angola, where *Idol Gives Back* funds from last year are helping to distribute 287,800 bed nets to families in need.

"We are proud to once again be a sponsor of *Idol Gives Back* and help end malaria-related deaths in Africa," said Steven Phillips, Medical Director - Global Issues and Projects at the Exxon Mobil Corporation. "ExxonMobil is committed to fighting malaria in the countries, towns and neighborhoods in which we work by providing crucial malaria control tools that save lives."

"The partnership between ExxonMobil, *Idol Gives Back*, and Malaria No More shows the tremendous potential of the private sector to raise money and awareness to fight malaria," said Peter Chernin, Chairman of Malaria No More. "Working together, we can stop people dying from this preventable and treatable disease."

About Malaria No More

Malaria No More's mission is simple: to end deaths due to malaria. Malaria No More works to raise the profile of the disease among the public, policymakers, and businesses, while engaging the private sector to provide life-saving mosquito nets and other critical interventions to families in Africa. For more information please visit www.MalariaNoMore.org.

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