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## BIO

Mr. Burr was born in Guatemala when his father was an international development manager; between stints in California, Oregon and Virginia he also lived in Colombia, Egypt and the Philippines before returning to Washington, D.C., where his father ultimately retired from the U.S. Department of State. After serving four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mark graduated with a B.A. in Middle East Studies from the University of Utah in 1989 and was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. Following employment at the World Bank Group he attended the American Graduate School of International Management - Thunderbird and received his Master of International Management in January of 1993 after coordinating a one-month seminar in Kuwait on post-war reconstruction. Mark then worked for over a decade in export management and international sales, developing markets in the Middle East/Africa and Latin America/Caribbean for a broad range of US manufacturers, including seven years with Steelcase, Inc.-- three as Country Manager in Saudi Arabia and four in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In July 2004 Mark was invited to work as Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Industry & Minerals at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, serving as a State Department diplomat until June 2006. Upon leaving Iraq he launched his consulting firm and has been engaged by Grant Thornton in Iraq, by PIPC (UK) in Saudi Arabia, and by a number of manufacturing and service companies to develop markets in the Middle East. In 2011, Mark was a founding associate of J. Streicher Advisory, a sister company of the NYSE specialist firm J. Streicher & Co., through which he drives business development and advisory services in Washington, D.C. Mark then launched J. Streicher Ventures, now Primary Water Technologies LLC, together with J. Streicher CEO Tom Brown with the mission to be the first global water exploration and production (Water E&P) venture using a programmatic approach to explore for and produce earth-generated Primary Water using advanced remote sensing, geophysical data analytics, pinpoint locating and precision drilling. Initial projects were undertaken at the Riess Institute's Totten Field in South Hamilton, MA; in Kurdistan, Iraq; Shobak, Jordan; and near the Salton Sea in California.