Doug Suttles’ extensive expertise in the oil and gas industry, his community involvement, his continued support of The University of Texas at Austin and the Cockrell School of Engineering, and his leadership as a mentor and role model to young engineers makes him an excellent addition to our Academy of Distinguished Alumni.

Doug Suttles was named president of BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., taking over the company’s top spot effective Jan. 1, 2007. He also joined the board of BP America and the BP America Operations Advisory Board. At that time, BP, based in London, was the top oil and natural gas producer in the United States and had 40 percent of its assets and workers in North America.

Mr. Suttles previously worked eight years for BP in Alaska in various engineering and leadership roles and has 25 years experience in the oil and gas industry. He has held a number of senior leadership posts in BP.

Mr. Suttles volunteers his time and talents to community organizations. He has served on the boards of The Anchorage Museum Association, The Foraker Group and the Nature Conservancy. He was the first vice president and board member for The Alaska Oil and Gas Association. He supports charitable organizations such as the Texas4000, Anchorage’s City-wide Clean-up, BP’s United Way campaign, Polar Bear Plunge for cancer and BP’s annual Teachers of Excellence awards.

Mr. Suttles is a regular donor to the Friends of Alec Fund and the Cockrell School of Engineering Excellence Fund. He serves as a member of the Dean’s Engineering Advisory Board.