

## **Canacol Energy Ltd. Tests 27 MMSCFPD (4,737 BOEPD) from Second of Three Planned Flow Tests for Combined Test Rate of 53 MMSCFPD (9,298 BOEPD): Current Gas Sales of 53 MMSCFPD**

CALGARY, ALBERTA - (March 2, 2016) - Canacol Energy Ltd. ("Canacol" or the "Corporation") (TSX:CNE; OTCQX:CNNEF; BVC:CNEC) is pleased to announce that Oboe 1, an appraisal well drilled in its Clarinete gas field on the VIM 5 Exploration and Production ("E&P") Contract, has tested at a final rate of 27 million standard cubic feet per day ("MMscfpd") (4,737 barrels of oil equivalent "boepd") of dry gas with no water from the second, shallower, test interval within the Cienaga de Oro ("CDO") reservoir. This flow test is the second of three separate tests planned on three separate gas bearing reservoir intervals within the CDO reservoir encountered in the Oboe 1 well. The first test interval, deeper within the CDO, tested at a final rate of 26 MMscfpd (4,561 boepd) as reported on February 25, 2016. Canacol, through its wholly owned subsidiary CNE Oil & Gas S.A.S., holds a 100% operated interest in the VIM 5 E&P contract.

### **Gas Sales**

Realized contractual gas sales currently total approximately 53 MMscfpd (9,298 boepd) with the Promigas S.A. ("Promigas") pipeline expansion on schedule to ramp Canacol's gas sales and production up to 90 MMscfpd by March 31, 2016. Realized contractual gas sales for the months of November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016 were 18.4 MMscfpd, 25.5 MMscfpd and 30.0 MMscfpd respectively, reflecting the additional sales related to the Promigas pipeline expansion. Realized gas sales netbacks for the months of December 2015 and January 2016 were US\$ 25.61 / barrel of oil equivalent ("boe") and US\$ 26.83/boe respectively. Based on the latest Promigas pipeline expansion schedule, Canacol estimates that gas sales will average approximately 80 MMscfpd (14,035 boepd) for calendar 2016 (including approximately 90 MMscfpd for the last three quarters of calendar 2016) at an anticipated average realized price of US\$ 5.60 / thousand standard cubic feet ("mscf") (US\$ 31.92/ boe), with an average netback of approximately US\$ 4.56/mcf (US\$ 26.00/boe), generating approximately US\$ 163 million of gross revenues. The Corporation's capital expenditure budget for calendar 2016 is anticipated to be approximately US\$ 52 million excluding capital lease payments relating to the Jobo-gas processing plant which a subsidiary of Promigas will operate.

### **Oboe 1 Test Results**

The Oboe 1 well was spud on January 19, 2016 and reached a total depth of 9,750 feet measured depth ("ft md") on February 7, 2016. Oboe 1 encountered 158 feet of net gas pay with average porosity of 23% within multiple stacked sandstone reservoirs in the primary Tertiary-aged CDO target, representing the thickest gas pay encountered in the CDO in the Clarinete discovery thus far.

The CDO sandstone reservoir was perforated between 7,878 and 7,890 ft md within the second interval to be tested. Flow testing of this interval achieved a maximum rate of 27 MMscfpd (4,737 boepd) of dry gas using a 52 / 64 inch choke with a tubing head pressure of 1,549 pounds per square inch with no water at the end of a 14 hour flow test period. The final flow rate was registered at the absolute measurement limit of the testing equipment. The second test interval is currently shut in for a pressure build up that is expected to conclude in 3 days.

Three separate reservoir intervals are planned to be tested in the Oboe 1 well: the interval between 8,116 and 8,683 ft md (which flowed at a final rate of 26 MMscfpd / 4,561 boepd), the interval between 7,309 and 8,106 ft md (the subject of this flow test), and the interval between 6,556 and 7,270 ft md (the subject of the third planned flow test).

Upon the conclusion of the pressure build up of the second test interval, a removable plug will be placed above the tested interval, and Canacol will execute flow testing of the third and shallowest interval. The Corporation anticipates providing the flow test results of the third interval within one week.

Canacol is an exploration and production company with operations focused in Colombia and Ecuador. The Corporation's common stock trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange, the OTCQX in the United States of America, and the Colombia Stock Exchange under ticker symbol CNE, CNNEF, and CNE.C, respectively.

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*Boe conversion – The term "boe" is used in this news release. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of cubic feet of natural gas to barrels oil equivalent is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. In this news release, we have expressed boe using the Colombian conversion standard of 5.7 Mcf: 1 bbl required by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Colombia.*

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