



Canacol Energy Ltd. Announces Closing of \$50 Million Bought Deal Prospectus Offering

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CALGARY, MAY 5, 2010 – Canacol Energy Ltd. ("Canacol" or the "Corporation") (TSX VENTURE: CNE) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced bought deal equity financing with a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Canaccord Financial Ltd. and FirstEnergy Capital Corp. and including Cormark Securities Inc. and Mackie Research Capital Corporation (collectively the "Underwriters"), pursuant to which the Underwriters purchased 66,667,000 common shares of the Corporation ("Common Shares") at \$0.75 per Common Share and raised gross proceeds of \$50,000,250 for the Corporation (the "Offering").

The Underwriters have been granted an over-allotment option to purchase, on the same terms as the Offering, up to an additional 10,000,050 Common Shares. This option is exercisable, in whole or in part, by the Underwriters, in their sole discretion, at any time before May 20, 2010. Additional gross proceeds of \$7,500,038 will be realized, should the over-allotment option be exercised in full.

The net proceeds from this Offering will be used to fund seismic acquisition and drilling of exploration wells on the Corporation's heavy oil blocks in Colombia, including the newly acquired Cedrela E&P contract, the drilling of a second onshore Guyana exploration well on the Corporation's Takutu block, the acquisition of new exploration blocks in the June 2010 Colombia bid round, the repayment of a portion or all of the Corporation's debt, and general corporate purposes.

Canacol is a Canadian-based international oil and gas corporation with operations in Colombia, Brazil and Guyana. The Corporation's public filings may be found at www.sedar.com.

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materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The Corporation cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward looking statements. They are made as of the date hereof and are subject to change and the Corporation assumes no obligation to revise or update them to reflect new circumstances, except as required by law. Prospective investors should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements. These factors include the inherent risks involved in the exploration for and development of crude oil and natural gas properties, the uncertainties involved in interpreting drilling results and other geological and geophysical data, fluctuating energy prices, the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated costs or delays and other uncertainties associated with the oil and gas industry. Other risk factors could include risks associated with negotiating with foreign governments as well as country risk associated with conducting international activities, and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Corporation.

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