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### *Canacol Energy Ltd. Releases F2009 Q3 Results*

Canacol Energy Ltd. (formerly BrazAlta Resources Corp.) ("Canacol" or the "Corporation"; TSX: CNE.V) announces that it has filed its interim quarterly financial statements for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 ("Financial Statements") and its Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). Copies of the filed documents may be obtained via SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Charle Gamba, President and CEO of the Corporation, commented "Over the past 6 months the Corporation has made significant progress at reducing its level of debt exposure, sold its operated BCH drilling subsidiary in Brazil, and sold its producing assets in Canada in order to position itself to focus exclusively on its upstream E&P activities in Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana. The Corporation is well positioned to realize significant production and reserves growth with its planned development and exploration drilling programs in the remainder of 2009 and into 2010."

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Selected financial and operational results for the quarter are outlined below and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's Financial Statements and related MD&A.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Highlights**

- Continued its drilling program at its Capella heavy oil discovery in Colombia with the drilling and testing of the Capella 3, 4, and 5 wells, plans for the remainder of 2009 include additional delineation wells.
- Added Mark Teare as Vice President of Exploration (former Country Lead for Brazil with Encana Petroleum) and Brian Hearst as CFO (former CFO Canoro Resources and Vision 2000 Exploration). Both individuals bring a wealth of international E&P related experience to the Corporation's management team.
- Restructured its Board of Directors to include Michael Hibberd (Chairman, and current Chairman of Heritage Oil), Alvaro Barrera (former President of the Colombian State Oil Company Ecopetrol), David Winter (President of Excelsior Energy Ltd.), Jason Bednar (former CFO of Pan Orient Energy), Stuart Hensman (former Chairman and CEO of Scotia Capital USA), Luis Baena (former President of Superview, a Colombian telecommunications company), and Charle Gamba (former VP Exploration, Occidental Petroleum in Colombia).

#### **Highlights Subsequent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

- The Corporation closed a CAN\$ 6,000,000 private placement and announced the execution of a series of agreements with Gemini Oil and Gas Advisors for US\$ 9,000,000. These funds will be used to execute

the Corporations drilling and workover programs on its operated oil producing assets in Colombia set to commence this summer, as announced in April 2009.

- With respect to its operated assets in Colombia, the Corporation since last quarter has increased production of tariff oil to approximately 1450 barrels of oil per day (“bopd”) and net oil to approximately 350 bopd through a well workover at its Rancho Hermoso Field and the expansion of its disposal capacity at the Entrerrios Field. Together with its share of net production from the Capella heavy oil field, the Corporation this quarter has increased its share of daily production by approximately 25% since last quarter.
- The Corporation completed the drilling and testing of its 6<sup>th</sup> well in its non-operated Capella heavy oil discovery in Colombia, as announced in April 2009. Using the oil column height information obtained from the 6 wells drilled to date, and the structural interpretation derived from the existing 2D seismic, the accumulation has a mapped area of approximately 89 square kilometres (22,000 acres). The Corporation plans to drill additional wells throughout the remainder of 2009 to further delineate the extent of this significant oil discovery.
- The Corporation executed an agreement with Groundstar Resources Corp. (“Groundstar”) whereby Canacol will purchase 35% of Groundstar’s 45% working interest for a consideration of US\$ 3.5 mm, increasing its working interest in the block to 90%, as announced on May, 2009. The management of the Corporation believe that this transaction is accretive to the shareholders of the Corporation and provides the Corporation with exposure to a greater interest in a material frontier oil appraisal project and exploration prospect within a basin which has been proven to contain a light oil hydrocarbon system.
- The Corporation eliminated its Brazilian debt facility with Standard Bank Plc. and cured the event of default announced in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Results. The Corporation also paid in full the remaining balance of its Mezzanine debt facility held with Standard Bank Plc. in late May, 2009.

As At and For the Three and Nine Months Ended	Three Months Ended March 31,			Nine Months Ended March 31,		
	2009			2008		
<b>FINANCIAL RESULTS</b>						
(\$000s), except share data						
Petroleum and natural gas sales, net						
Colombia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,200	-		2,071	-	
Brazil	767	1,487		2,942	3,285	
Canada	-	8		70	106	
	1,967	1,495		5,083	3,391	
Tariff revenue	1,069	-		2,039	-	
Interest and other	123	101		490	232	
Total revenue, recurring operations	3,159	1,596		7,612	3,623	
Cash from (used in) recurring operating activities	(2,446)	27		1,736	(1,665)	
Per share - basic and diluted	(0.02)	0.00		0.02	(0.00)	
Net loss from continuing operations	(5,050)	(2,620)		(16,542)	(6,173)	
Per share - basic and diluted	(0.04)	(0.03)		(0.16)	(0.07)	
Capital expenditures						
Colombia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,597	-		4,411	-	
Brazil	40	3,317		1,804	9,787	
Canada	15	8		(513)	284	
	1,652	3,325		5,702	10,071	
Total assets	87,958	49,861		87,958	49,861	
Total long-term liabilities	13,828	2,986		13,828	2,986	
Weighted average shares outstanding						
Basic and diluted (000s)	117,041	90,031		103,562	83,580	
<b>OPERATING RESULTS</b>						
	Three Months Ended March 31,			Nine Months Ended March 31,		
	2009			2008		
Production	Colombia <sup>(2)</sup>	Brazil	Canada <sup>(3)</sup>	Brazil	Canada	Canada <sup>(3)</sup>
Crude oil and NGLs (bbl/d)	318	133	-	201	-	134
Natural gas (mcf/d)	-	-	-	-	19	-
Total (boe per day)	318	133	-	201	3	134
Total tariff production (bbl/d)	1,157	-	-	-	-	-
Average sale prices						
Crude oil (\$/bbl)	47.87	71.79	-	96.86	-	90.98
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	-	-	-	-	11.23	-
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	-	71.79	-	96.86	67.38	90.98
Operating netback (\$/boe)						
Commodity sales revenue	47.87	71.79	-	96.86	67.38	90.98
Tariff revenue	10.27	-	-	-	-	-
Non-refundable sales taxes	-	(1.78)	-	(7.81)	-	(3.59)
Realized gain (loss) on financial derivative	-	44.90	-	(7.90)	-	57.29
Royalties	(3.83)	(6.05)	-	(7.59)	(39.84)	(7.54)
Transportation & processing <sup>(4)</sup>	(4.75)	(23.59)	-	(12.46)	-	(21.63)
Well workover & repair	(0.03)	(2.38)	-	(7.85)	-	(2.12)
MEP work unit provision	-	(4.61)	-	(32.40)	-	(4.56)
Operating expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	(10.11)	(37.41)	-	(20.76)	(61.41)	(36.79)
Netback <sup>(1)</sup>	39.42	40.87	-	0.09	(33.87)	72.04

<sup>(1)</sup> - Netback \* per boe is calculated as revenues net of sales taxes and royalties, less transportation & processing charges, well workover and repair, operating expenses and then divided by boe produced. Netbacks do not have a standard meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Management feels this is a useful metric as it is a common metric used by other companies operating in the oil and gas industry in order to provide a comparison of relative overall performance between companies. Management uses the metric to assess the Corporation's overall performance relative to that of its competitors and internal planning purposes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Colombian operations commenced in October 30, 2008

<sup>(3)</sup> Colombian operating expenses relate to both tariff and non-tariff oil production volumes

<sup>(4)</sup> Colombian transportation and processing charges relate to non-tariff production

<sup>(5)</sup> The majority of the Canadian producing properties were sold January 1, 2009.

Canacol is a Canadian based international oil and gas corporation with operations in Colombia, Brazil and Guyana. Canacol is publicly traded on TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV: CNE). The Corporation's public filings may be found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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