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ALVOPETRO ANNOUNCES INITIAL TEST OF 198(A1) WELL

Alvopetro Energy Ltd. (TSX-V:ALV) is pleased to announce results from the first interval tested in our 198(A1) well.

In January 2017, our 198(A1) well, located on Block 198 in the Recôncavo basin in the State of Bahia, Brazil, was drilled to a total measured depth of 1,480 metres. Based on open-hole logs, the well encountered 31 metres of potential net natural gas pay in the Main Caruaçu Member, with an average 46% water saturation, and an average porosity of 11.4%, using an 8% porosity cut-off. The well also encountered 26 metres of potential net hydrocarbon pay in a series of thinner up-hole Pojuca sands, with an average 51% water saturation, and an average porosity of 14.3%, using an 8% porosity cut-off.

We perforated and completed the deepest sandstone interval, representing 7 metres of potential net pay, which was chosen to test the fluid composition at the lowest point of the interpreted gas column and to clarify the gas-water contact. The second interval expected to be tested is our primary target containing the highest quality reservoir in the

column, with 21 metres of potential net pay, 11.5% average porosity and 15.4% maximum porosity.

Over the 48-hour, tubing conveyed perforated cased-hole test of the first interval of our 198(A1) well, this average 12.0% porosity, low permeability interval flowed natural gas, on an unstimulated basis, at an average rate of 15,000 m3/d (0.5 MMcfpd or 89 boepd), using 2-7/8 inch tubing, from the Caruaçu Member of the Maracangalha Formation. During the duration of the test the choke was adjusted from an initial 12/64" choke to a final 32/64" choke. During the test, in addition to the natural gas, and not included in any flow rates reported in this press release, we recovered 12 barrels of 45° API condensate and 92 barrels of water.

Cumulatively, over the duration of the 48-hour test, the well produced 30,000 m3 (1.1 MMcf) of natural gas. At commencement of the test, the flowing tubing pressure at the wellhead was 5,700 kPa (826 psig) and decreased to 990 kPa (144 psig) at the end of the test. The initial shut-in casing pressure in the wellbore at commencement of the test was 9,840 kPa (1427 psig) and the ending shut-in casing pressure was 2,390 kPa (346 psig).

The 198(A1) well will be shut-in to measure reservoir pressure and obtain pressure build-up data to undertake a pressure transient analysis, which will allow Alvopetro to predict productivity of this first zone on a stimulated basis. After completing the pressure build-up test, the first interval will be suspended temporarily with a bridge plug and the test will proceed up-hole to test the second interval within the continuous gas column, which is our primary target.

JOURNEY ENERGY INC. ANNOUNCES EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

Journey Energy Inc. (JOY - TSX) ("Journey" or the "Company") announces that its strategic financing partner, Alberta Investment Management Corporation ("AIMCo"), has exercised the warrants they were issued in the October 2016 private placement.

Journey previously issued 4.95 million share purchase warrants (the "Warrant(s)") in connection with the term debt private placement which closed on October 6, 2016. Each Warrant entitled AIMCo to purchase one common share of Journey at a price per share of \$2.75 until October 7, 2018. AIMCo has today exercised

all of their 4.95 million Warrants.

Alex Verge, President of Journey says, "We are extremely happy that AIMCo has chosen to exercise their warrants prior to their scheduled expiry. We view this as a strong endorsement of Journey's abilities to create value through the use of this capital in a sustainable and profitable way. The confidence AIMCo is demonstrating with this investment in our team and our assets is reflective of the significant progress we made in 2016 in improving our cost structure, strengthening our balance sheet, and reshaping our asset base. This investment will enhance the liquidity of our Company, provide us with the flexibility to expand our capital program, and allow Journey to pursue potential acquisition opportunities."

The proceeds from the Warrant exercise of \$13.6 million will initially be used to repay bank debt.

ABOUT AIMCo

AIMCo is one of Canada's largest and most diversified institutional investment managers with more than \$90 billion of assets under management. AIMCo was established on January 1, 2008 with a mandate to provide superior long-term investment

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

Journey is a Canadian exploration and production company focused on conventional, oil-weighted operations in western Canada. Journey's strategy is to provide investors with growth plus a sustainable yield by focusing on drilling its existing core lands, implementing water flood projects, executing on accretive acquisitions and growing its production base. Journey seeks to optimize its legacy oil pools through the application of best practices in horizontal drilling and, where feasible, with water floods.

ALGONQUIN POWER & UTILITIES CORP. DECLARES FIRST QUARTER 2017 PREFERRED SHARE DIVIDENDS

Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. ("APUC" or the "Company") (TSX: AQN, AQN.PR.A, AQN.PR.D, NYSE: AQN) announced today that the Board of Directors of APUC (the "Board") has declared the following preferred share dividends:

Cdn \$0.28125 per Preferred Share, Series A, payable in cash on March 31, 2017 to Preferred Share, Series A holders of record

on March 15, 2017 for the period from December 31, 2016 to, but excluding, March 31, 2017.

Cdn \$0.3125 per Preferred Share, Series D, payable in cash on March 31, 2017 to Preferred Share, Series D holders of record on March 15, 2017 for the period from December 31, 2016 to, but excluding, March 31, 2017.

Pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada) and corresponding provincial legislation, APUC hereby notifies its Series A Preferred Shareholders and its Series D Preferred Shareholders that such dividends declared qualify as eligible dividends.

About Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.

APUC is a North American diversified generation, transmission and distribution utility with \$10 billion of total assets. Liberty Utilities provides rate regulated natural gas, water, and electricity generation, transmission, and distribution utility services to over 782,000 customers in the United States. APUC is committed to being a North American leader in the generation of clean energy through its portfolio of long term contracted wind, solar and hydroelectric generating facilities representing more than 1,150 MW of installed capacity. APUC delivers continuing growth through an expanding pipeline of renewable energy development projects, organic growth within its rate regulated generation, distribution and transmission businesses, and the pursuit of accretive acquisitions.

Common shares and preferred shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols AQN, AQN.PR.A, and AQN.PR.D. APUC's common shares are also listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AQN.

Visit APUC at www.AlgonquinPowerandUtilities.com and follow us on Twitter @AQN_Uilities.

BALLARD CEO TO PRESENT AT 29TH ANNUAL ROTH CONFERENCE IN DANA POINT, CA

Ballard Power Systems (NASDAQ: BLDP; TSX: BLDP) has announced that Randy MacEwen, President & Chief Executive Officer, will present during the 29th Annual ROTH Conference at The Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dana Point, California on Monday, March 13th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

The link to a live audio and webcast of the presentation is <http://www.ballard.com/webcast/roth31/blpd>. Ballard recommends registering at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the live audio and webcast session to ensure timely access. A recording of the presentation will be made available at www.ballard.com/investors.

During his presentation, Mr. MacEwen will discuss Ballard's strategic direction within the fast-growing fuel cell and clean energy areas. Throughout the conference Randy MacEwen and Guy McAree, Ballard's Director of Investor Relations, will be available for 1-on-1

meetings with interested investors.

About Ballard Power Systems Ballard Power Systems (NASDAQ: BLDP; TSX: BLDP) provides clean energy products that reduce customer costs and risks, and helps customers solve difficult technical and business challenges in their fuel cell programs. To learn more about Ballard, please visit www.ballard.com.

MINISTER KENT HEHR TO MAKE CLEAN TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Jim Carr, the Honourable Kent Hehr, Canada's Minister of Veterans Affairs, will make an announcement at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary. He will be joined by the Honourable Deron Bilous, Alberta's Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

A brief media availability will be held following the event.

Location:

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

Aldred Centre (Building C), 4th Floor, Room CA423

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