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**Drilling has commenced on the Martin No.1**

Portrush Petroleum has been advised that The Centrica 1-21 Martin well in the Lennox township, Macomb county, Southeast Michigan commenced drilling on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The well is anticipated to reach total depth of 3,105 ft. on or before Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Portrush has a 22.5% working interest in the Lennox property and this second well could help evaluate the reserves in this area and could also determine the existence of a possible gas cap in the Brown Niagaran.

The primary objective is a crestal position on a gas and oil charged Brown Niagaran reef located approximately 600 feet from the Richards No.1 discovery well. This well has been on production since January of last year and to date has produced over 36,000 barrels of oil.

The Company has negotiated a loan advance of \$160,000 to enable the Company to meet its obligation to fund the drilling program. Bank Von Ernst will be issued 300,000 shares as a bonus for providing the loan, which bears interest at 8% per annum in accordance with policy 5.1 of the TSX Venture Exchange.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,  
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