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Portrush to drill next well in Michigan

Portrush is pleased to announce that it has been notified by the operator that drilling of a development well on its jointly held properties in the Lenox Township, Macomb County, Michigan is ready to get underway. The drilling location is situated Southeast of its Richards and Martin wells which produce from the Niagaran reef reservoir north of New Haven Michigan. The well is anticipated to be drilled to a depth of approximately 3,200 feet and should take approximately 10 days to complete.

The target of this first well, the Werderman 1-21, is the South-eastern portion of the Lenox Silurian Platform reef which is believed to extend South-east of Portrush's existing light oil production and natural gas indications on the delineated portion of the reef where the Richards and Martin wells are productive. The target has been identified on a conventional seismic line. Information from the well will be released as soon as it is received from the operator.

The company will earn up to approximately a 20% working interest in the well which is approximately 300 feet west and 500 feet south of the Martin well. Oil production from the new well can be put on stream relatively quickly and negotiations are ongoing to obtain a right of way for a gas pipeline to sell the gas from the existing wells. This gas is currently being flared and any new gas production, in particular the uphole gas which has been encountered in the existing wells can be brought on stream as soon as the pipeline is installed. The company has forwarded its share of the drilling costs to the operator.

Through December 2003 the two wells had produced a cumulative total of nearly 100,000 barrels with the Martin well not contributing to that total until April 2003. Typical reefs in the area can vary in size from approximately 300,000 barrels and 2BCF to over 1,000,000 barrels and 10 BCF of recoverable reserves.

Additional developments on the property including additional seismic are currently underway. It is anticipated that an analysis of this seismic will lead to the next drill location which will target the crestal portion of the reef. The Martin and Richards wells initially tested 450 barrels a day but they are currently choked back and the gas production is being flared.

The company will update on the Mission River, Texas development property as soon as the first well on that property is underway. This is anticipated shortly.

The company has retained the services of Mr Brian Crawford Green, a resident of Michigan, to provide investor relations for the company on a monthly basis of \$3,000. Mr Crawford Green brings many years of International business experience to the company and Portrush is fortunate to secure the services of such a talented individual. All of the company's existing stock options were either exercised or expired on April 5th 2004. As approved at last years AGM, the company has set three million incentive stock options in accordance with the policies of the Exchange.

To the extent that this news release contains forward-looking statements regarding drill results, estimates of petroleum reserves and the timing of future exploration programs, the reader should bear the following in mind. Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions based on the opinions and estimates of management and therefore involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,
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