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Press Release

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Portrush announces Scanio-Shelton #6 well has reached 1,527 feet.

Vancouver, January 20, 2006 – Portrush Petroleum Corporation (TSX- V :PSH, OTCBB:PRRPF) (<http://www.portrushpetroleum.com>) has been advised the drilling contractor commenced drilling earlier this week and this morning reported the well, the Scanio-Shelton #6, had reached a depth of 1,527 feet. Drilling will continue until the well reaches a depth of approximately 8,000 feet at which point intermediate casing will be set.

The Mission River lease is operated by McAlester and is located at the south end of the town of Refugio, Refugio County, Texas. The field has multiple pays at depths ranging from 2,000 to 8,500 feet. Portrush has a 10% working interest in the field. To date six wells have been drilled to approximately 6,500 feet and all six have been placed on production.

Wesley Franklin, consulting geologist for McAlester and a member the board of Portrush stated that:

“The operator is interested in an interval from 8,000 to 8,500 feet because of production from 3 wells in the southwestern part of our lease. A 1937 Sunray well produced 1 BCF of gas from a single pay sand at approximately 8,300 feet. The un-fraced initial production was 12 MMCF/D and 240 BOPD. In addition, slightly shallower sands appear to have been pay from the well log. In 1963, Ginther Warren drilled two producers from the same approximate interval in different fault blocks, each initially producing at rates of 8 MMC/D, and again without any stimulation. They, too, failed to produce other pay sands, electing instead to plug back and re-complete to shallow G-sand reservoirs. These two wells produced 140 MMCF and 156 MMCF. This valuable well control indicates that the structural high at the lower Vicksburg level is in an east-west position under the lower half of our lease, whereas the structural high of the upper Vicksburg, Frio and Miocene is north of our lease, just west of the town of Refugio”

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