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Portrush announces completion of Scanio-Shelton #6.

Vancouver, February 17, 2006 – Portrush Petroleum Corporation (TSX- V :PSH, OTCBB:PRRPF) (<http://www.portrushpetroleum.com>) wishes to provide an update regarding its continuing operations on the Scanio/Sheldon No.6 well in the Mission River property in Texas. The well has been drilled to a total depth of 10,300 feet and a decision to complete the well has been taken.

The well has encountered hydrocarbon bearing sandstones within the main target zone and it is planned to release the drilling rig within the next few days.

As previously reported, a full suite of wireline logs were obtained during the course of drilling. A number of separate logging runs were completed before intermediate casing was set. This intermediate casing was set to protect the up-hole formations before drilling through the over-pressured zone at approximately 9,000 feet.

Preliminary results, together with an in-depth analysis of log data obtained from the well suggest that the well has discovered a gas reservoir and can be placed on production immediately. A final interpretation of the overall hydrocarbon column encountered, and hence estimated reservoir volumes and a full analysis of all the log data and fluid sampling recovered from the well is currently being undertaken.

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 seven wells have been drilled and six wells previously drilled have been placed on production.

Potentially the most important well drilled to-date is the Scanio-Shelton No.6. This well is important because of the potential of the newly discovered reserves at deeper levels and the anticipated production volumes.

The operator has scheduled to move a service rig on the property. It is intended to perforate one of the hydrocarbon-bearing sandstones within the main target zone and place the well on production.

A further announcement will be made in due course regarding the hydrocarbon types encountered and the likely size of the discovery once all the data gathered from the well has been recovered and fully evaluated. This will include initial production rates.

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