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Portrush commences Scanio-Shelton #7

Vancouver, June 23, 2006 – Portrush Petroleum Corporation (TSX- V :PSH, OTCBB:PRRPF) (<http://www.portrushpetroleum.com>) wishes to announce that the drilling contractor has moved on location to drill the next deep test on the Mission River lease. The well, the Scanio/Shelton #7, will be drilled to a depth of 8,800 feet approximately 1,200 feet north of the Scanio Shelton #6 and the operator has hired the drilling contractor who successfully drilled the number six well. Mobilization will be completed in a matter of days and we anticipate spudding on Friday or Saturday.

The Scanio Shelton #6 was drilled earlier this year and has achieved average daily production of 1.8 million cubic feet of gas and sixty barrels of condensate. If successful, the number seven well can be placed on stream almost immediately with only minor up-grades to the existing production system to handle the anticipated increase in production volumes. Regular updates on the well will be released over the next few weeks.

The newly proposed well will be drilled to further evaluate the aerial extent of the producing zone and will also help to fully develop the other sands and more effectively drain the reservoir encountered in the Scanio Shelton #6.

The Mission River lease is being developed 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 8,800 feet. Portrush has a 10% working interest in the field. To date seven wells have been drilled and all seven wells have been placed on production.

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