



**PAN ORIENT ENERGY CORP.**

**Press Release**

**GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS**

**CALGARY, April 16, 2010**

Pan Orient Energy Corp. ("Pan Orient") (POE – TSXV) announced today that it granted options to purchase 2,411,500 common shares under Pan Orient's stock option plan, of which 2,275,000 were granted to directors and officers. Each option has an exercise price of \$7.15 (being the April 15, 2010 closing price of the shares on the TSX Venture Exchange), vests as to 1/3 on the grant date and 1/3 on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant date and expires on April 16, 2014.

The original grant of options to officers and directors of Pan Orient on April 17, 2005 had an expiry date of April 17, 2010. A total of 1,634,000 common shares have been issued in 2010 pursuant to the exercise by officers and directors of this original grant of options.

Pan Orient is a Calgary, Alberta based oil and gas exploration and production company with operations currently located onshore Thailand, Indonesia and in Western Canada.

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