

PAN ORIENT ENERGY CORP.

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Press Release

PAN ORIENT ANNOUNCES 98% INCREASE IN ANDORA'S SAWN LAKE PROVEN PLUS PROBABLE RESERVE VALUES

February 23, 2009

Calgary, Alberta –Pan Orient Energy Corp., on behalf of its 53.3% owned subsidiary Andora Energy Corporation, is pleased to release its December 31, 2008 National Instrument 51-101 compliant reserves appraisal for its heavy oil project at Sawn Lake Alberta, Canada, as evaluated by DeGolyer and MacNaughton Canada Limited.

Highlights:

- Net present value (discounted 10% before tax – forecast prices) of \$1.463 billion (\$17.11 per Pan Orient share for its net 53.3% interest in Andora) attributed to Sawn Lake probable reserves, an increase of 98% from \$737 million in prior year.
- Net present value (discounted 10% before tax – forecast prices) of \$2.45 billion (\$28.66 per Pan Orient share for its net 53.3% interest in Andora) attributed to Andora's Sawn Lake probable + possible reserves.
- Probable Sawn Lake recoverable reserves of 131.8 million barrels of oil, a decrease of 0.5% from 132.6 million barrels in prior year.
- Andora's Sawn Lake gross probable + possible recoverable reserves of 235 million barrels of oil, a decrease of 14% from 274 million barrels in prior year. This downward revision reflects the removal of Andora's 10% non-operated working interest of Sawn Lake West from the reserve report as based on this past winters drilling results.
- Andora is awaiting approval of its SAG-D demonstration project application which was submitted to the Alberta Government in April 2008.

Pan Orient, through Andora, currently holds a 100% operated working interest in 16 sections of Sawn Lake oil sand leases ("South Block") plus an additional 50% operated working interest in oil sand leases and related assets covering 12 sections of land ("Central Block"). Andora also owns a 10% working interest in 51 sections (10 sections in the Central Block and 41 sections in a Northern Block) with the Central and Northern Blocks located immediately north of, and adjacent to the southern 100% owned lands. Additionally, as outlined in a December 4, 2007, press release, Andora owns a gross overriding royalty ("GORR") of 3% of a 40% working interest on the 12 sections in the Central Block that it already has a 50% interest in, plus an additional 3% GORR of a 80% working interest in a remaining 24.5 sections that it has a 10% working interest of.

Andora Reserves – Sawn Lake, Alberta

SUMMARY OF CRUDE RESERVES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008, AS PROVIDED BY DEGOLYER AND MACNAUGHTON CANADA LIMITED

Marketable Reserves	Andora Gross 100% (mmbbl)	Pan Orient Gross 53.3% (mmbbl)
Proved	-	-
Probable	131,806	70,253
Total Proved plus Probable	131,806	70,253
Total Possible	103,522	55,177
Total Proved plus Probable plus Possible	235,328	125,430

SUMMARY OF NET PRESENT VALUES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008, AS PROVIDED BY DEGOLYER AND MACNAUGHTON CANADA LIMITED (FORECAST PRICES) - ANDORA 100%

Present values - \$thousands	Undisc.	5%	10%
Proved	-	-	-
Probable	3,127,000	2,134,000	1,463,000
Total Proved plus Probable (Before Taxes)	3,127,000	2,134,000	1,463,000
Total Proved plus Probable (After Taxes)	2,070,000	1,376,000	915,000

SUMMARY OF NET PRESENT VALUES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008, AS PROVIDED BY DEGOLYER AND MACNAUGHTON CANADA LIMITED (FORECAST PRICES) - PAN ORIENT 53.3%

Present values - \$thousands	Undisc.	5%	10%
Proved	-	-	-
Probable	1,666,691	1,137,422	779,779
Total Proved plus Probable (Before Taxes)	1,666,691	1,137,422	779,779
Total Proved plus Probable (After Taxes)	1,103,310	733,408	487,695

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This news release contains National Instrument 51-101 compliant reserve values. These reserve values may not represent fair market value. This news release contains forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is generally identifiable by the terminology used, such as "expect", "believe", "estimate", "should", "anticipate" and "potential" or other similar wording. Forward-looking information in this news release includes, but is not limited to, references to: well drilling programs and drilling plans, estimates of reserves and potentially recoverable resources, and information on future production and project start-ups. By their very nature, the forward-looking statements contained in this news release require Pan Orient and its management to make assumptions that may not materialize or that may not be accurate. The forward-looking information contained in this news release is subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, which could cause actual results, expectations,

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