



## PAN ORIENT ENERGY CORP.

### Press Release

#### 2009 Third Quarter Financial & Operating Results and Operations Update

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Pan Orient Energy Corp. ("Pan Orient") (POE – TSXV) is pleased to provide highlights of its 2009 third quarter consolidated financial and operating results. Please note that all amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

The Corporation today filed its unaudited consolidated financial statements as at and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and related management's discussion and analysis with Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Copies of these documents may be obtained online at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Corporation's website, [www.panorient.ca](http://www.panorient.ca).

#### 2009 THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Pan Orient has directed Thailand capital programs in 2009 to the drilling of exploration and appraisal wells to add new reserves and associated new development drilling opportunities setting the stage for growth in 2010. The main focus for the third quarter has been appraisal drilling to further define the discoveries at Bo Rang and L44-W made earlier in the year. During the first nine months of 2009 Pan Orient has reinvested \$35.6 million in Thailand including drilling, significantly increased water handling capability and future drilling location land purchase and construction. Capital expenditures in Thailand have been fully funded by production in Thailand which has generated \$43.8 million in funds flow from operations during this period.
- The 18 wells drilled in the first nine months of 2009 have resulted in twelve producing oil wells, one well at NSE-J2 currently awaiting perforating and testing, and five wells that were not capable of production. This represents a drilling success rate of 71%. Drilling success during the first nine months of 2009 has included significant appraisal wells at NSE-E2 and NSE-H1, new volcanic field / pool oil discoveries at NSE-F1, L44-W, NSE-H3, Bo Rang "A" and Bo Rang "B", and the discovery of a new producing sandstone reservoir at NSE-J1.

Capital expenditures of \$12.4 million in the third quarter included three new wells at L44W (L44-W2, L44-W3 and L44-W4) and continued well operations at Bo Rang with sidetracks at L44-V and Bo Rang-1RD. During the third quarter of 2009 independent third party resource estimates were made by Gaffney Cline and Associates (GCA) for the 2009 discoveries at the Bo Rang "A" and "B" structures, L44-W and NSE-F1 in L44. The results of this evaluation as at August 31, 2009 were an additional 16.9 MMbbl (net) of 2C contingent resource volumes for the Bo Rang "A" and "B" and L44-W structures, and 6.1 MMbbl (net) of best case prospective resource volumes for the NSE F1. The contingent resource estimates are contingent upon Government of Thailand approval of the Company's production license application for those areas. The annual independent assessment of reserve volumes at year-end will determine reserves for all properties incorporating drilling results between August 31 and December 31, 2010.

- Thailand production volumes for the third quarter of 3,648 BOPD were consistent with the previously announced guidance of 3,300 to 3,700 BOPD, but were lower than the 4,840 BOPD produced in the second quarter of 2009. Production declined during the third quarter of 2009 as production additions from new wells did not replace the production declines. This reflects the emphasis in 2009 on exploration and appraisal drilling to better define recent discoveries. Current production is approximately 3,835 bopd with an additional 300 bopd, (4,135 bopd total production capacity) currently shut-in until the granting of a new production license over Bo Rang, L44-W and NSE-F1, anticipated in late December 2009. Three additional Bo Rang "B" horizontal development wells and two L53 concession exploration wells are anticipated to be drilled and tested prior to year end.

- On a year to date basis, average production for the first three quarters of 2009 was 4,875 BOPD compared with 4,263 BOPD for the first three quarters of 2008.
- The operating results for Pan Orient in the third quarter of 2009 compared to the previous quarter reflect higher crude oil prices, lower production volumes, and foreign exchange gain recognized upon realization of the entire non-permanent portion of Pan Orient's investment in Thailand.
  - Funds flow from operations for the quarter was \$11.2 million compared with \$16.6 million for the second quarter of 2009 and \$17.4 million for third quarter of 2008. Funds flow from operations per share (diluted) was \$0.23 for the third quarter of 2009 and \$0.90 year to date. The decrease in funds flow from operations compared with the second quarter of 2009 is primarily the result of the lower revenue from a 25% decrease in production levels and higher income taxes in Thailand, partially offset by a 13% increase in the realized price for crude oil.
  - There was net income of \$10.6 million, or \$0.23 per share, for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared with a net loss of \$5.3 million, or a loss of \$0.12 per share, for the second quarter of 2009. In the third quarter of 2009, the Company recorded a realized foreign exchange gain of \$3.8 million and an unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$1.3 million compared with a realized foreign exchange gain of \$0.7 million and an unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$11.8 million in the second quarter of 2009.

On a year to date basis, Pan Orient reports net income of \$8.1 million, or \$0.18 per share to September 30, 2009 compared with net income of \$20.9 million, or \$0.46 per share, for the comparable period in 2008.

- Foreign exchange is a significant factor in determining 2009 net income and will likely continue to be so in future periods because of the accounting treatment required under GAAP with regards to foreign exchange on our interests in Thailand.

A realized foreign exchange gain of \$3.9 million was recorded in the third quarter of 2009 on the recovery of Pan Orient's intercompany loan portion of its investment in Thailand. The intercompany loans were primarily denominated in U.S. dollars and Thai baht, spanning a period of almost four years at varying exchange rates and resulted in an accumulated translation gain recorded on the balance sheet. This accumulated foreign currency gain related to the intercompany loans was reclassified to net earnings in the periods of settlement of the underlying loans resulting in a consequential increase to net income for the third quarter. This realized exchange gain is reported as an investing activity and is not part of operating activities or part of funds flow from operations.

Unrealized gains or losses, which are substantially all related to the translation of the Company's Thailand assets and liabilities commencing April 1, 2009 are a function of the change in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and Thai baht as well as the changes in the net asset balance. An unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$1.3 million was recorded in the third quarter as the decline in the net assets offset the increase in the Canadian dollar. An unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$11.8 million was recorded in the second quarter of 2009 because both net assets and the Canadian dollar increased during the period. The year-to-date loss of \$10.5 million reflects the strength of the Canadian dollar and an increase in net assets through 2009.

- For the third quarter of 2009, operations in Thailand generated \$11.2 million in funds flow from operations, with transportation expenses of \$2.35 per barrel, operating expenses of \$5.95 per barrel, and funds flow from operations per barrel of \$33.42. The WTI reference price for crude oil increased 15% during the quarter to US\$67.89 per barrel from US\$59.20 per barrel in the second quarter of 2009, but declined from US\$117.62 in the third quarter of 2008. Operating expenses increased to \$2.0 million or \$5.95 per barrel in the third quarter from \$1.9 million or \$4.24 per barrel in the second quarter of 2009 as a result of lower production levels and additional expenses for maintenance and water hauling. For the third quarter of 2009, Thailand crude oil revenue was allocated 15% to expenses for other royalties, transportation, operating, and general & administrative, 36% to the government of Thailand in the form of royalties, Special Remuneratory Benefit and Income Tax, and 49% to Pan Orient (before interest income and realized foreign exchange gain).

The Special Remuneratory Benefit as a percentage of crude oil sales was lower in the third quarter due to the level of capital investment in L44, which is a direct write-off in the calculation of SRB.

For the calculation of Thailand income tax, exploratory expenses for producing concessions (including expenditures for drilling and representing 70% of capital expenditures) are fully deductible, other capital expenditures in the field (representing 24% of capital expenditures) are deducted as tax depletion based on the amount of production compared to the reserve base, and additions to the inventory of capital items (representing \$1.9 million or 6% of capital expenditures) are not deductible until used in field operations. Income taxes for the third quarter increased due to a revised estimate for tax depletion. The actual amount of tax depletion for the year will be determined using the year-end reserve reports.

On a year to date basis, Thailand operations have generated \$43.8 million in funds flow from operations after tax, or \$32.87 per barrel. For the first three quarters of 2009, Thailand crude oil revenue was allocated 15% to expenses for other royalties, transportation, operating, and general & administrative, 28% to the government of Thailand in the form of royalties, Special Remuneratory Benefit and Income Tax, and 57% to Pan Orient (before interest income and realized foreign exchange gain).

- Capital expenditures in Indonesia were \$3.5 million for the third quarter and \$8.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. These expenditures were related to seismic programs being conducted in both the Citarum Production Sharing Contract area and Batu Gajah Production Sharing Contract area.
- Pan Orient continues to maintain its financial strength and flexibility. At September 30, 2009 Pan Orient had \$39.8 million of working capital and deposits, and no long-term debt. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 Pan Orient had internally generated funds flow from operations of \$43.0 million, funding 97% of the \$44.5 million of capital expenditures in Thailand, Indonesia and Canada. In addition, at September 30, 2009 Pan Orient had \$8.8 million of equipment inventory to be utilized for future Thailand and Indonesia operations that is included in petroleum and natural gas assets on the balance sheet.

## **2009 DRILLING ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE**

Significant results of drilling activity at L44 (Pan Orient 60% and Operator) include:

- NSE-D2 – appraisal well on production with 2009 Q3 production of 66 BOPD (gross)
- NSE-F1 – new pool discovery establishing commercial production 1 kilometer from the nearest NSE field producer. Well on production with 2009 Q3 production 43 BOPD (gross)
- NSE-H1 – appraisal well on production with 2009 Q3 production of 402 BOPD (gross)
- NSE-H2 – appraisal well on production with 2009 Q3 production of 111 BOPD (gross)
- L44-W – exploration well with significant new oil field discovery straddling concessions L44 and L33. Well temporarily shut-in at the end of the 90 day production test allowance awaiting granting of production license for the L44W and Bo Rang areas. Production of 480 BOPD (gross) in July before it was shut-in.
- NSE-E2 – appraisal well on production with 2009 Q3 production of 758 BOPD (gross)
- NSE-H3 – new pool discovery in previously untested volcanic reservoir and production in 2009 Q3 production of 70 BOPD (gross)
- NSE-I1 – exploration well into previously untested volcanic reservoir unsuccessful after initial oil production but started producing 100% water
- NSE-J1 – discovery of a new producing sandstone reservoir and production in 2009 Q3 of 57 BOPD (gross)
- Bo Rang-1 RDST1 – exploration well and the first horizontal well drilled into the Bo Rang “A” reservoir on production with 2009 Q3 average production of 115 BOPD
- NSE-J2 – development well with initial oil production but started producing 100% water. The well will be perforated and tested in the upper sandstone zone corresponding to oil production at NSE-J1.

- Bo Rang-2ST1 – exploration well and the Bo Rang “B” (upper volcanic) field discovery well which confirmed testing of oil at commercial rates. Well on production in later in 2009 Q3 and October 2009 production of 30 BOPD (gross)
- L44W-4ST1 – appraisal well and the first horizontal well drilled into the L44-W structure. The well started a 90 day test allowance period in November with production of 650 BOPD and approximately 0.5 MMcfg/d of natural gas (with natural gas production decreasing).
- L44W-3ST1 – horizontal appraisal well drilled to test the down dip extent of the L44-W oil accumulation. The well flowed only formation water and was unsuccessful, however a sidetrack is planned in early 2010 to evaluate two shallow volcanic zones.
- L44V-D2ST2 – appraisal well and the second horizontal well drilled into the Bo Rang “A” field. The well started a 90 day test allowance period in November with production of 548 BOPD.

Pan Orient has the following wells which started drilling after September 30, 2009 at L44 (Pan Orient 60% and Operator) and are in various stages of drilling and testing:

- Si Thep-2 – exploration well drilled nine kilometers south of the NSE South field. Testing indicated the main volcanic objective at 1,038 meters to be tight however drilling encountered the shallow sands producing in Si Thep-1 and a nine meter thick sand at 870 meters which is currently testing.
- Bo Rang-3D1 – first horizontal well into the Bo Rang "B" reservoir at a depth of 446 meters which has started a 90 day test allowance period in November with production at 700 BOPD, and confirmed Bo Rang "B" field as highly commercial.
- Bo Rang-4D1 – currently drilling

Pan Orient is currently drilling the L53-A exploration well at L53 (Pan Orient 100%) and it is expected to drill to final target depth by the end of November.

## **THAILAND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

### **Concession L44**

The Bo Rang “B” horizontal development well BR-4D1 is currently approaching total depth. This is the second horizontal to be drilled into this field with two more horizontal wells planned to be drilled and tested prior to year end. Testing is still underway way at Si Thep-2 with results to be reported when completed in approximately 10 days.

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Production is anticipated to ramp up in early 2010 upon the approval of approximately 18 multi well surface drilling pad locations at Bo Rang “B”, L44-W and NSE-F1 in late November and the granting of a new production license by year end.

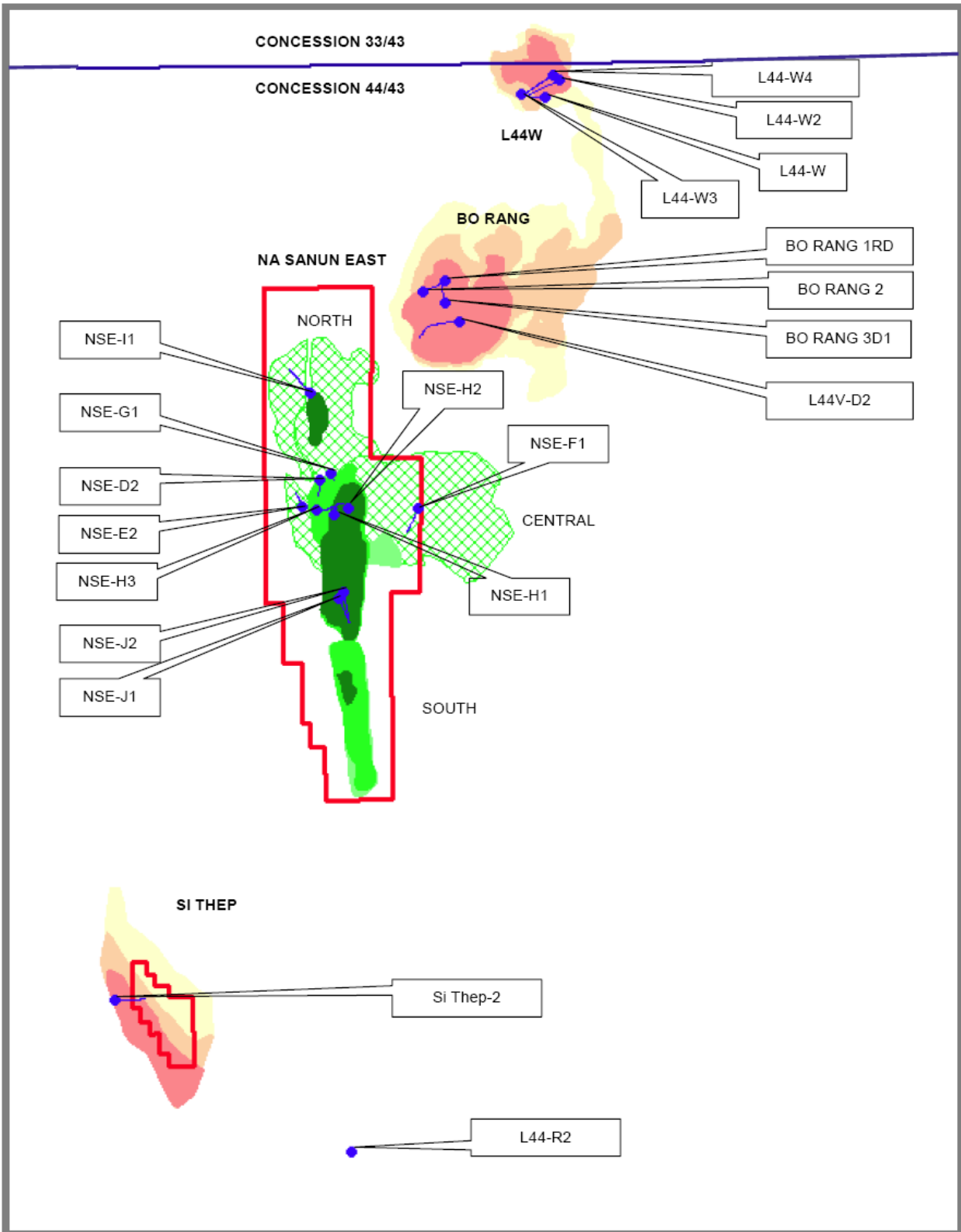
### **Concession L53**

L53-A, The first of two exploration wells to be drilled in concession L53 prior to year end 2009 is currently drilling ahead at a depth of 1,270m total depth and is anticipated to finish drilling in the next 10 days. Immediately upon completion of L53-A, drilling will commence on the L53-D prospect.

## **INDONESIA OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Seismic programs are currently underway in both Batu Gajah (POE: 90% WI) and Citarum (POE-69% WI) production sharing contracts. Completion of both programs is anticipated in Q2/10 and a multiwell exploration drilling program to commence in both contracts in the second half of 2010.

# Thailand 2009 Drilling



## Operations Summary

(thousands of Canadian dollars except where indicated)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Period Ended September 30,		Change
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
<b>FINANCIAL</b>					
Oil revenue, before royalties and transportation expense	22,824	43,241	75,956	111,225	-32%
Funds flow from operations <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	11,189	17,366	43,005	38,924	10%
Per share – basic	\$ 0.24	0.38	\$ 0.94	\$0.86	9%
Per share – diluted	\$ 0.23	0.35	\$ 0.90	\$0.80	12%
Funds flow from operations by region <sup>(Note 1)</sup>					
Canada	(68)	(1,275)	(654)	(2,659)	
Thailand	11,218	18,821	43,750	41,763	5%
Indonesia	39	(180)	(91)	(180)	
Total	11,189	17,366	43,005	38,924	10%
Net Income	10,617	9,058	8,149	20,939	-61%
Per share - basic	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.46	-61%
Per share - diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.43	-60%
Working capital	34,689	37,663	34,689	37,663	-8%
Working capital plus deposits	39,830	40,022	39,830	40,022	0%
Long-term debt	-	-	-	-	
Capital expenditures <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	16,033	13,627	44,535	23,893	86%
Shares outstanding (thousands)	46,163	45,650	46,163	45,650	1%
<b>Funds flow from operations per barrel</b>					
Canada operations	\$ (0.21)	\$ (3.23)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (2.27)	
Thailand operations	33.42	47.67	32.87	35.75	-8%
Indonesia operations - G&A expense	0.13	(0.45)	(0.06)	(0.13)	
	\$ 33.34	\$ 43.99	\$ 32.31	\$ 33.35	15%
<b>Capital Expenditures (Note 2)</b>					
Thailand	12,403	10,700	35,645	20,859	71%
Indonesia	3,528	2,116	8,539	2,116	304%
Canada	102	811	351	918	-62%
Total	16,033	13,627	44,535	23,893	86%
<b>Working Capital and Deposits</b>					
Working Capital & Deposits - beginning of period	41,969	36,323	46,386	40,763	14%
Funds flow from operations <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	11,189	17,366	43,005	38,924	10%
Capital expenditures <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	(16,033)	(13,627)	(44,535)	(23,893)	86%
Indonesia acquisition	-	(8)	-	(15,414)	
Realized gain on Thailand investment	3,897	-	3,897	-	
Unrealized effect of FX on non-cash working capital	2,187	88	(4,519)	(785)	
Unrealized effect of FX on cash balance	(3,354)	633	(4,929)	750	
Net (expenditures) proceeds on share transactions	(25)	(753)	525	(323)	
Working Capital & Deposits - end of period	39,830	40,022	39,830	40,022	0%
<b>Canada Operations</b>					
Interest income	7	86	30	415	-93%
General and administrative expense	5	(1,038)	(1,090)	(2,143)	-49%
Realized foreign exchange gain (loss)	(77)	296	445	(312)	-220%
Foreign new ventures expenditures	(3)	(619)	(39)	(619)	-94%
Funds flow from operations	(68)	(1,275)	(654)	(2,659)	
Funds flow from operations per barrel					
Interest income	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.36	-94%
General and administrative expense	0.01	(2.63)	(0.82)	(1.83)	-55%
Realized foreign exchange gain (loss)	(0.23)	0.75	0.33	(0.27)	
Foreign new ventures expenditures	(0.01)	(1.57)	(0.03)	(0.53)	-94%
	\$ (0.21)	\$ (3.23)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (2.27)	

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Period Ended September 30,		Change
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
<i>(thousands of Canadian dollars except where indicated)</i>					
<b>Thailand Operations</b>					
Total production	<b>335,584</b>	394,769	<b>1,330,887</b>	1,168,137	14%
Average daily oil production (bbls/d)	<b>3,648</b>	4,291	<b>4,875</b>	4,263	14%
Average oil sales price, before transportation (CDN\$/bbl)	<b>\$ 68.01</b>	\$ 109.53	<b>\$ 57.07</b>	\$ 95.22	-40%
Reference Price (volume weighted) and differential					
Crude oil (WTI \$US/bbl)	<b>\$ 67.89</b>	\$ 117.62	<b>\$ 54.51</b>	\$ 112.71	-52%
Exchange Rate \$US/\$Cdn	<b>1.111</b>	1.041	<b>1.184</b>	1.018	16%
Crude oil (WTI \$Cdn/bbl)	<b>\$ 75.43</b>	\$ 122.43	<b>\$ 64.54</b>	\$ 114.78	-44%
Sales price / WTI reference price	<b>90%</b>	89%	<b>88%</b>	83%	5%
Funds flow from operations					
Crude oil sales	<b>22,824</b>	43,241	<b>75,956</b>	111,225	-32%
Government royalty	<b>(1,414)</b>	(2,711)	<b>(5,385)</b>	(7,131)	-25%
Other royalty	<b>(34)</b>	(97)	<b>(77)</b>	(280)	-73%
Transportation expense	<b>(787)</b>	(1,032)	<b>(3,105)</b>	(2,994)	4%
Operating expense	<b>(1,996)</b>	(907)	<b>(5,277)</b>	(2,696)	96%
Field Netback	<b>18,593</b>	38,494	<b>62,112</b>	98,124	-37%
General and administrative expense	<b>(621)</b>	(559)	<b>(2,658)</b>	(1,718)	55%
Interest Income	<b>5</b>	123	<b>394</b>	152	159%
Special Remuneratory Benefit (SRB)	<b>(592)</b>	(8,196)	<b>(4,883)</b>	(29,132)	-83%
Current income tax	<b>(6,167)</b>	(11,041)	<b>(11,215)</b>	(25,663)	-56%
Funds flow from operations	<b>11,218</b>	18,821	<b>43,750</b>	41,763	5%
Funds flow from operations per barrel (CDN\$/bbl)					
Crude oil sales	<b>\$ 68.01</b>	\$ 109.53	<b>\$ 57.07</b>	\$ 95.22	-40%
Government royalty	<b>(4.21)</b>	(6.77)	<b>(4.05)</b>	(6.19)	-35%
Other royalty	<b>(0.10)</b>	(0.34)	<b>(0.06)</b>	(0.16)	-63%
Transportation expense	<b>(2.35)</b>	(2.61)	<b>(2.33)</b>	(2.56)	-9%
Operating expense	<b>(5.95)</b>	(2.30)	<b>(3.96)</b>	(2.31)	72%
Field Netback	<b>55.40</b>	97.51	<b>46.67</b>	84.00	-44%
General and administrative expense	<b>(1.85)</b>	(1.42)	<b>(2.00)</b>	(1.47)	36%
Interest Income	<b>0.01</b>	0.31	<b>0.30</b>	0.13	131%
Special Remuneratory Benefit (SRB)	<b>(1.76)</b>	(20.76)	<b>(3.67)</b>	(24.94)	-85%
Current income tax	<b>(18.38)</b>	(27.97)	<b>(8.43)</b>	(21.97)	-62%
Thailand - Funds flow from operations	<b>\$ 33.42</b>	\$ 47.67	<b>\$ 32.87</b>	\$ 35.75	-8%
Government royalty as percentage of sales	<b>6%</b>	6%	<b>7%</b>	6%	1%
SRB as percentage of crude oil sales	<b>3%</b>	19%	<b>6%</b>	26%	-20%
Income tax as percentage of crude oil sales	<b>27%</b>	26%	<b>15%</b>	23%	-8%
As percentage of crude oil sales					
Expenses - transportation, operating, G&A and other	<b>15%</b>	6%	<b>15%</b>	7%	8%
Government royalty, SRB and income tax	<b>36%</b>	51%	<b>28%</b>	56%	-27%
Funds flow from operations, before interest income and realized foreign exchange gain	<b>49%</b>	43%	<b>57%</b>	37%	20%
Wells drilled					
Gross	<b>3</b>	6	<b>18</b>	15	20%
Net	<b>1.8</b>	3.6	<b>10.8</b>	9.0	20%

- (1) Funds flow from operations ("funds flow" before changes in non-cash working capital and reclamation costs) is used by management to analyze operating performance and leverage. Funds flow as presented does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by Canadian GAAP and therefore it may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures of other entities. Funds flow is not intended to represent operating cash flow or operating profits for the period nor should it be viewed as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities, net earnings or other measures of financial performance calculated in accordance with Canadian GAAP. All references to funds flow throughout this report are based on funds flow from operations before changes in non-cash working capital and reclamation costs.
- (2) Cost of capital expenditures, excluding any asset retirement obligation and excluding the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates.

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