



## Canacol Energy Ltd. Provides Update on the Apoteri K-2 Exploration Well in Guyana

CALGARY, ALBERTA- (March 7, 2011) Canacol Energy Ltd. ("Canacol" or the "Corporation") (TSX VENTURE:CNE) (BVC:CNE.C) is pleased to provide an update on the drilling of the Apoteri K-2 ("K-2") exploration well on the Takutu Block in Guyana. The K-2 well will be drilled to a measured depth of approximately 11,000 feet and will target the same productive reservoirs that tested over 400 barrels of oil per day of 42° API light oil from the Karanambo 1 well drilled in 1982 and located 600 meters away. Gaffney Cline and Associates attributed gross mean recoverable prospective resources of 128 million barrels of oil (83 million barrels net to Canacol's final working interest) to the discovery in the December 2009 report compiled for the Corporation.

As of the morning of Friday March 4, 2011, the K-2 well was drilling ahead at a depth of 7,366 feet measured depth ("ft md") within the Jurassic Pirara formation. Intermediate casing is planned to be set at approximately 8,970 ft md prior to drilling through the primary reservoir targets in the Manari and Apoteri formations. Drilling had been interrupted in early January 2011 due to the late arrival of some of the permanent camp facilities provided by Tuscany International Drilling Inc., which arrived on location in late January. The drilling operation since then has progressed according to plan.

Canacol has a 90% working interest in the contract, with Groundstar Resources Limited ("Groundstar"), the operator of the Petroleum Prospecting License ("PPL"), holding the remaining 10%. Sagres Energy Inc. is eligible to earn a 25% working interest in the PPL from Canacol by paying for 30% of the cost to drill the K-2 exploration well.

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