



**PETRUS RESOURCES LTD. ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2013  
AND PROVIDES OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA, Wednesday, August 28, 2013** – Petrus Resources Ltd. (“Petrus” or the “Company”) is pleased to present highlights of its operating and financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The Company’s financial statements and an updated corporate presentation can be accessed at [www.petrusresources.com](http://www.petrusresources.com).

**SECOND QUARTER 2013 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Second quarter sales averaged 2,990 boe/d (46% oil and liquids), up from 1,024 boe/d (15% oil and liquids) in the second quarter of 2012. The increased sales volume and nine-fold increase in oil sales is attributed to successful light oil drilling and the asset acquisition which closed in June 2012.
- As a result of the higher oil weighting, second quarter operating netbacks doubled to \$31.37/boe from \$14.30/boe in the same period of 2012.
- Funds from operations for the second quarter of 2013 totaled \$8.0 million, a 16-fold increase over the \$0.5 million generated in the second quarter of 2012. Funds from operations on a per share basis increased four-fold over the same period from \$0.02 per share to \$0.09 per share.
- The Company’s capital program continues to generate value. Four (1.33 net) prolific Cardium light oil wells were drilled in the Alberta foothills in the first half of 2013. These wells are expected to contribute incremental net production of 800 boe/d (91% oil) when they are brought on stream later in the year.
- During the quarter, Petrus received prior period fee recoveries of \$400,000, as well as a 2012 gas royalty rebate of \$1.1 million. Petrus also disposed of a non-core facility interest during the quarter which generated proceeds of \$1.7 million.
- Operating costs (net of processing income) declined 24% from \$13.51 per boe in the second quarter of 2012 to \$10.12 in the second quarter of 2013 due to increased fee recoveries generated on jointly owned facilities as well as lower unit operating costs attributed to new Cardium oil wells. The Company is continuously working to improve operational efficiencies, including the installation of facilities to reduce trucked water volumes in the Peace River area.
- The average realized price of Petrus’ crude oil and condensate was \$88.13 for the second quarter of 2013, compared to \$74.80 per bbl for the prior year comparable period, an 18% increase. The average realized gas price during the second quarter of 2013 was \$3.60 per mcf, compared to \$1.92 per mcf in the prior year, which represents an 88% increase.
- Petrus has 86.4 million common shares outstanding at June 30, 2013 and access to a \$60.0 million credit facility, of which \$39.0 million was undrawn at quarter end.
- In July 2013, Rick Braund, co-founder and director of Petrus announced his retirement from the board. The Board of Directors and management of Petrus would like to thank Mr. Braund for his contributions and wish him success with his new business opportunities.

## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(000s) except per boe amounts	Three months ended				
	Jun. 30, 2013	Mar. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2012	Sept. 30, 2012	June 30, 2012
<b>Average Sales</b>					
Natural gas (mcf/d)	9,681	10,315	9,128	9,189	5,219
Oil (bbl/d)	1,300	1,212	1,139	991	139
NGLs (bbl/d)	76	76	75	48	15
<b>Total (boe/d)</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>1,024</b>
<b>Total (boe)</b>	<b>272,090</b>	<b>270,638</b>	<b>251,621</b>	<b>236,406</b>	<b>93,151</b>
<b>Natural gas sales weighting</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<i>Exit production (boe/d)</i>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>2,612</b>
<i>Natural gas exit weighting</i>	<b>53%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Realized Sales Prices</b>					
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	3.60	3.29	3.49	2.38	1.92
Oil (\$/bbl)	88.13	77.02	76.31	80.55	74.8
NGLs (\$/bbl)	45.37	71.55	64.08	64.33	67.39
Total (\$/boe)	51.14	44.15	45.19	40.76	20.87
Hedging gain (loss) (\$/boe)	(0.55)	(1.21)	(0.56)	1.14	2.59
<b>Operating Netback</b>					
Effective price (\$/boe)	50.59	42.94	44.63	41.90	23.46
Royalty expense (recovery) (\$/boe)	7.39	8.31	7.22	6.88	(5.85)
Operating expense (\$/boe)	10.12	11.38	7.94	13.69	13.55
Transportation expense (\$/boe)	1.71	1.82	1.10	1.28	1.50
<b>Operating netback (\$/boe)</b>	<b>31.37</b>	<b>21.43</b>	<b>28.37</b>	<b>20.05</b>	<b>14.26</b>
General and administrative (\$/boe)	1.57	1.02	2.17	1.60	6.58
Interest expense (income) (\$/boe)	0.79	0.39	1.02	(0.13)	2.54
<b>Corporate netback (\$/boe)</b>	<b>29.01</b>	<b>20.02</b>	<b>25.18</b>	<b>18.58</b>	<b>5.14</b>
<b>FINANCIAL (\$000s except per share)</b>					
Oil and natural gas revenue	14,069	12,096	11,468	9,742	2,011
Funds from operations	8,049	5,566	6,268	4,502	505
Funds from operations per share	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.02
Net income (loss)	4,010	46	551	1,352	(601)
Net income (loss) per share	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	(0.02)
Capital expenditures	15,416	19,533	21,457	14,471	5,507
Net acquisitions (dispositions) <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,701)	—	—	432	59,198
Common shares outstanding (000s)	86,362	86,276	86,276	86,276	83,493
Weighted average common shares (000s)	86,349	86,276	86,276	86,124	32,174
<b>As at quarter end (\$000s)</b>					
Working capital (deficit)	(15,756)	(10,551)	2,793	17,285	21,652
Bank debt outstanding	20,968	11,304	—	—	—
Bank debt available	39,032	28,696	40,000	40,000	40,000
Shareholder's equity	151,304	146,432	145,782	145,675	138,688
Total assets	199,508	184,139	181,976	167,438	153,261

(1) Net acquisitions (dispositions) exclude non-cash items for decommissioning liability and deferred taxes and are net of post-closing adjustments.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Foothills

Average production from the Cordel area increased 100 boe/d (net) from the first quarter to the second quarter of 2013. To date in 2013, four wells have been drilled from a multi-well pad in Cordel where Petrus has a 33% working interest. The first three wells were swabbed and tested before being suspended in order to continue drilling operations. The fourth well was tested in July at a gross rate of 700 boe/d (95% oil). The four wells (1.3 net to Petrus) are expected to contribute production of 800 net boe/d when they are brought onstream later in the third quarter. Based upon test results from the fourth well, a new Cardium sheet was identified in the Cordel structure and is expected to lead to additional wells. A gas pipeline has been completed to the pad and construction of a multi-well battery is currently underway. In the second half of the year, Petrus will participate with a 21% working interest in another multi-well pad in Section 29 at Cordel. Three wells have been drilled to date on this section and current production from the three wells is approximately 1,900 boe/d (399 boe/d net).

During the second quarter, Petrus participated in the first earning well of a six section farm-in (plus rolling option) targeting Cardium oil at Cabin Creek. The well produced approximately 80 boe/d (weighted 60% oil) over the initial test period. Two separate Cardium

sheets were observed on open-hole logs. Longer term production testing equipment is required and once installed, the well will be further tested in order to determine whether production enhancement techniques will be used.

In Brown Creek, Petrus continued to evaluate two operated wells which were drilled earlier in 2013. The first, a Cardium oil well, was brought onto production with lower than expected deliverability. In order to enhance inflow it was recently recompleted and fracture stimulated and is currently undergoing testing. The second, a Cardium gas well, was tied in and brought onto production in June. The non-operated production facilities currently limit the well's production to 1,000 mcf/d.

Petrus closed a foothills facility working interest disposition in June for proceeds of \$1.7 million. Management did not consider the facility to be core to its business and the proceeds were used to reduce bank debt.

### **Peace River**

Petrus continued to experience sales pipeline constraints in the Peace River area during the second quarter. Crude oil differentials were partially alleviated in the first half of 2013 due to increased refinery utilization and rail capacity. This enabled Petrus to move the pipeline restricted oil inventory to market at a strong netback. Midstream infrastructure projects are underway which will further alleviate sales constraints. Petrus will continue to market its production through a number of sources which will provide broad access to sales and prevent inventory accumulation.

Production in the Peace River area was 5% lower in the second quarter compared to the first quarter due to limited access to wet leases in the Tangent area. Road ban surcharges and increased wait times attributed to pipeline constraints which led to higher operating costs on a boe basis. In the third quarter Petrus will drill two water disposal wells and will construct new facilities in order to optimize operations and decrease costs.

Petrus has developed a 2013 summer drilling program targeting Montney oil which includes drilling four (3.7 net) production wells and two (2.0 net) water disposal wells. Construction of two water reinjection facilities will reduce trucking and disposal costs thereby optimizing operating netbacks. Continued refinement of the drilling and completion operations is providing material capital cost savings. Petrus expects that the completion and stimulation techniques it will use will lead to lower producing water cuts and therefore significantly reducing operating costs in the Peace River area.

### **ABOUT PETRUS**

Petrus is a private Canadian oil and gas company focused on property exploitation, strategic acquisitions and risk-managed exploration in Alberta. Petrus is a return-driven company that is focused on delivering per share growth.

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