



**PETRUS RESOURCES LTD. ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013,  
AN INCREASE TO ITS CREDIT FACILITY AND PROVIDES ACTIVITY AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA, Tuesday, June 4, 2013** – Petrus Resources Ltd. (“Petrus” or the “Company”) is pleased to present highlights of its operating and financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The Company’s financial statements, including the 2012 Annual Report, can be accessed at [www.petrusresources.com](http://www.petrusresources.com).

**FIRST QUARTER 2013 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- First quarter sales averaged 3,007 boe/d (57% natural gas) up from 1,176 boe/d (91% natural gas) in the first quarter of 2012. The increased production volume and oil weighting is attributed to successful light oil drilling and the oil weighted asset acquisition which closed in June 2012.
- With the increased oil weighting, the first quarter operating netback doubled to \$21.43/boe from \$10.77/boe in the comparable prior year period. The oil and liquids weighting continues to increase as a result of successful drilling operations.
- Sales apportionments during the first quarter of 2013 resulted in higher oil inventories at the end of Q1. Petrus negotiated a rail sales option for a portion of its Rycroft oil volumes subsequent to quarter end. The excess inventory was sold via rail which will contribute to Petrus’ second quarter cash flow.
- Funds from operations for the first quarter of 2013 increased over fivefold to \$5.6 million from \$0.9 million in the first quarter of 2012. Funds from operations on a per share basis doubled over the same period from \$0.03 per share to \$0.06 per share.

(000s) except per boe amounts	Three months ended				
	Mar. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2012	Sept. 30, 2012	June 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012
<b>OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>Average Sales</b>					
Natural gas (mcf/d)	10,315	9,128	9,189	5,219	6,425
Oil (bbl/d)	1,212	1,139	991	139	77
NGLs (bbl/d)	76	75	48	15	28
<b>Total (boe/d)</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>1,176</b>
<i>Natural gas production weighting</i>	<b>57%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Realized Sales Prices</b>					
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	3.29	3.49	2.38	1.92	2.22
Oil (\$/bbl)	77.02	76.31	80.55	74.8	104.97
NGLs (\$/bbl)	71.55	64.08	64.33	67.39	57.52
Total (\$/boe)	44.15	45.19	40.76	20.87	20.38
Hedging gain (loss) (\$/boe)	(1.21)	(0.56)	1.14	2.59	1.80
<b>Operating Netback</b>					
Effective price (\$/boe)	42.94	44.63	41.90	23.46	22.18
Royalty exp (recovery) (\$/boe)	8.31	7.22	6.88	(5.85)	4.90
Operating expense (\$/boe)	11.38	7.94	13.69	13.51	5.66
Transportation expense (\$/boe)	1.82	1.10	1.28	1.50	0.85
<b>Operating netback (\$/boe)</b>	<b>21.43</b>	<b>28.37</b>	<b>20.05</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>10.77</b>
<b>FINANCIAL (\$000s except per share)</b>					
Oil and natural gas revenue	12,096	11,468	9,742	2,011	2,253
Funds from operations <sup>(1)</sup>	5,566	6,268	4,502	505	890
Funds from operations per share <sup>(1)</sup>	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.03
Capital expenditures	19,533	21,457	14,471	5,507	10,725
Acquisitions	—	—	432	59,198	—
Weighted average shares (000s)	86,276	86,276	86,124	32,174	32,033
<b>As at quarter end (\$000s)</b>					
Working capital (deficit)	(10,551)	2,793	17,285	21,652	(2,241)
Shareholder’s equity	146,432	145,782	145,675	138,688	52,293
Total assets	184,139	181,976	167,438	153,261	62,836

Note:

(1) Please see the Reader Advisories at the end of this news release for a discussion with respect to funds from operations.

## **ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Petrus is currently focused on light oil drilling in each of its core operating areas, and is poised to take advantage of improved natural gas prices given its diversified inventory of natural gas and light oil drilling locations.

### **Foothills – Brown Creek**

In Q4 2012 and the first quarter of 2013, Petrus initiated drilling of two net operated Cardium horizontal wells targeting light oil in Brown Creek. The first well produced light oil on a three month test at a stable unstimulated rate of approximately 30 bbl/day. The company is currently preparing the well for a multi-stage frac stimulation to enhance inflow. The second well tested liquids-rich natural gas at a rate of 4 mmcf/d. Tie-in of this well is underway and is expected to be complete in June. It is expected to come on-stream at a restricted rate of 1.5 mmcf/d due to downstream facility constraints. These wells confirm our confidence in the Brown Creek structure where Petrus has access to a number of additional drilling locations.

### **Foothills – Cordel**

Petrus participated in the drilling of two Cardium horizontal wells in the fourth quarter of 2012 with an average working interest of 20%. The wells came on stream in the first quarter of 2013 with combined light oil production of 360 bbl/d (net). The associated natural gas was tied-in in the second quarter of 2013 adding a further 158 boe/d net.

Petrus has participated in three (1.0 net) additional Cardium horizontal wells to date in 2013. The first well is currently undergoing a multi-stage frac operation. The next two wells were drilled from a multi-well pad where Petrus has a 33.33% working interest. One well was completed and tested at an average rate of 950 bbl/d (313 bbl/d net) of oil and approximately 480 mcf/d (158 mcf/d net) of associated natural gas and the next well was tested and free-flowed at an average rate of 750 bbl/d (280 bbl/d net) of oil, with 600 mcf/d (198 mcf/d net) of associated natural gas. This production will be brought onstream once drilling operations on the pad are complete. One offsetting location is currently being drilled and a fourth is expected.

### **Foothills – Cabin Creek**

Together with an industry partner on a 50/50 basis, Petrus has recently entered into a farm-in in the Cabin Creek area of the Alberta Foothills. The prospect is targeting oil in the Cardium with the first horizontal well earning the farmor's 100% working interest in a 6 section block subject to a non-convertible overriding royalty. The agreement provides for a rolling option which would allow Petrus and its partner to drill additional wells to earn farmor's interest in an additional 18 sections of land, also subject to a non-convertible overriding royalty. The first earning well is currently being drilled.

### **Peace River**

In the fourth quarter of 2012, Petrus drilled four net Montney oil wells in the Peace River area. Oil and/or natural gas was successfully tested in each of the wells. Upon completion of the nine total Peace River wells drilled, Petrus released its drilling rig as planned and the 2013 capital program was refined based on evaluation of the drilling results. In 2013, Petrus intends to drill 7 to 9 Montney wells targeting light oil. Petrus also plans to construct two water disposal facilities to reduce trucking and disposal fees and optimize operating netbacks.

## **CREDIT FACILITY**

As a result of its annual review, the Company's credit facility has been expanded from \$40 million to \$60 million. The \$60 million credit facility will consist of a \$55 million revolving credit facility and a \$5 million development line. The increased access to capital provides Petrus with ample financial flexibility to execute its capital expenditure program and pursue additional opportunities which may become available.

## **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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