



MIDNIGHT

Oil Exploration Ltd.

PRESS RELEASE

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Midnight Oil Exploration Ltd. Completes \$9.6 Million Financing and Provides Operational Update

Midnight Oil Exploration Ltd. ("Midnight" or the "Company") (TSX:MOX) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced offering (the "**Offering**") of 8,000,000 common shares at an issue price of \$0.77 per common share and 3,710,000 common shares issued on a "flow-through" basis at an issue price of \$0.94 per flow-through share including 210,000 flow-through shares purchased under the Offering by management of the Company, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$9.6 million. The Offering was led by Cormark Securities Inc. and included Dundee Securities Corporation and GMP Securities L.P. Proceeds of the Offering will be used to fund Midnight's exploration and development program with gross proceeds from the sale of the flow-through common shares used to fund ongoing exploration activities eligible for Canadian exploration expenses which will be renounced in favour of the subscribers of the flow-through common shares effective on or before December 31, 2009.

After giving effect to the Offering, Midnight has 57,885,129 common shares issued and outstanding.

Operational Update

Midnight is pleased to announce the results of its highly successful winter drilling program. The Company has added in excess of 1,200 boe/d of net production which started coming on stream after April 1, 2009 in order to take full advantage of the reduced royalty rates announced by the Alberta government in early March. By delaying the start up of this production, Midnight benefits from significantly lower royalty rates, increased cash flow and improved return on investment. The recent production adds are a confirmation of Midnight's drilling and operational success in its Deep Basin resource plays at Elmworth, Bilbo and West Wapiti. The success of the winter drilling program has also provided numerous follow up opportunities for continued success and enhanced production.

Midnight is a Calgary based, junior energy company primarily focused on natural gas exploration, development and production in the Deep Basin portion of northwest Alberta and light oil in Red Earth, Alberta. Its common shares trade on the TSX under the symbol "MOX".

The common shares offered have not and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This press release will not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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Barrels of Oil Equivalency: Barrels of oil equivalent ("boe") may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. In accordance with NI 51-101, a boe conversion ratio for natural gas of 6 mcf:1 bbl has been used, which is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

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