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Pétrolia begins production testing at Tar Point

Québec, January 19, 2010 - Pétrolia (PEA : TSX-V) announces the start of completion work on its three wells (Tar Point No 1, Haldimand No 1 and 2), located near Gaspé, Québec. The production tests began last Saturday with the arrival of the service rig on the Tar Point location. When the well was drilled, a zone of highly-fractured limestones of the Indian Cove Formation produced some light oil. These new tests are intended to define the production capacity of this zone.

The Tar Point No. 1 well, 2434 m deep, has been cased at 2201 m. The work will consist in perforating and then stimulating zones with a total thickness of 58.5 m between the 2060 and 2160 m levels. The well will then be emptied by swabbing and its productive capacity evaluated over a 7 day-period.

The well will then be shut down for a period of about a month, to allow the pressure to build up again. Pressure gauges installed across the perforated zone, will record the pressure build-up. The data thus obtained will be used to determine the production capacity of the well.

Keeping track of drilling operations

We invite you to a virtual visit of our drill while operating on the Tar Point site. You will be able to hear audio comments during your visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEaXBJFC41Y>

About Pétrolia

Pétrolia is a junior oil and gas exploration company which owns interests in oil and gas licences covering 15 000 km² (3.7 million acres), which represents about 18% of the Québec territory under lease. These leases, the majority of which are located on the Gaspé Peninsula and Anticosti Island, are considered to be very promising and represent almost 70% of Québec's land-based oil potential. Pétrolia foresees its 2009 drilling projects as a major exploration milestone. The Company has 48 M shares outstanding.

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