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## **SPARTAN ENERGY CORP. ANNOUNCES SOUTHEAST SASKATCHEWAN ASSET ACQUISITION, UPWARD REVISION TO GUIDANCE AND \$100 MILLION EQUITY FINANCING**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA (May 27, 2014)** – Spartan Energy Corp. (“Spartan” or the “Company”) (TSXV: SPE) is pleased to announce a strategic southeast Saskatchewan light oil acquisition (the “Acquisition”). Spartan has entered into a definitive purchase and sale agreement to acquire properties from an arm’s length oil and gas producer for consideration of \$98 million. The assets to be acquired pursuant to the Acquisition (the “Assets”) are currently producing approximately 1,000 boe/d of high netback, low decline light and medium oil and are complementary to Spartan’s existing southeast Saskatchewan assets.

As a result of the Acquisition, Spartan is revising upward our 2014 guidance, as detailed below.

Closing of the Acquisition is expected to occur on or about July 7, 2014. Completion of the Acquisition is subject to customary conditions and receipt of all regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Concurrent with the Acquisition, Spartan has entered into a \$100 million bought deal financing (the “Financing”) with a syndicate of underwriters, which is further described below. The Financing is subject to customary conditions, including receipt of all regulatory and stock exchange approvals, and is expected to close on or about June 17, 2014.

### **ACQUISITION OVERVIEW**

The Assets consolidate our existing core area in southeast Saskatchewan and consist of operated, low decline crude oil production. Characteristics of the Asset include:

- Approximately 1,000 boe/d (96% oil and liquids);
- Annual decline of approximately 18% with immediate free cash flow generation;
- Netbacks in excess of \$52 per boe (based on current realized pricing);
- Proved plus probable reserves of approximately 3.95 million boe (96% oil and liquids) as assigned by Sproule and Associates Ltd., effective December 31, 2013;
- Ownership of key producing infrastructure including batteries, pipelines and waterflood facilities;
- Thirty-one net sections of undeveloped land; and

- Twenty-nine net low risk development drilling locations, including locations in Queensdale, Wordsworth and Crystal Hills.

The Acquisition is accretive to Spartan shareholders on all key metrics and provides a stable production base with upside through step-out and infill drilling locations, optimization opportunities and waterflood potential.

The Acquisition fits well with Spartan's overall strategy of sustainable production growth, as the low decline Assets will reduce our base corporate decline rate to approximately 23%. This will provide the opportunity to further grow production through accelerated drilling and/or additional acquisitions while continuing to maintain our corporate decline rate at acceptable levels.

## **ACQUISITION METRICS**

Metrics associated with the Acquisition are set out below. Purchase price metrics are presented net of undeveloped land and seismic, which Spartan internally values at approximately \$10.1 million.

### Purchase Price

The aggregate purchase price for the Acquisition is \$98 million, payable in cash at closing of the Acquisition, and is subject to customary closing adjustments. The effective date of the Acquisition is May 1, 2014.

### Production

Production relating to the Assets is approximately 1,000 boe/d, comprised of approximately 96% oil and liquids. On this basis, Spartan is paying approximately \$87,900 per flowing barrel of production.

### Annual Cash Flow

Based on production of 1,000 boe/d and an operating netback of \$52, annualized cash flow from the Assets is approximately \$19 million. On this basis, Spartan estimates that it is paying approximately 4.6 times annual cash flow for the Acquisition.

### Reserves

The Acquisition adds gross proved plus probable reserves of approximately 3.95 million boe (96% oil and liquids), as assigned by Sproule and Associates Ltd. effective December 31, 2013, representing an acquisition cost of approximately \$22.25 per boe (excluding undiscounted future development capital of \$16.3 million).

### Infrastructure and Operating Costs

The Assets are tied into existing infrastructure, including batteries, pipelines and waterflood facilities. The acquired properties are located within Spartan's core operating areas, providing the opportunity for operating cost efficiencies.

### Upside Opportunities

The Assets include approximately 31 net sections of undeveloped lands, and Spartan has identified approximately 29 net low risk development drilling locations.

## **EQUITY FINANCING**

In connection with the Acquisition, Spartan has entered into an agreement on a "bought-deal" basis with a syndicate of underwriters (the "Underwriters") co-led by Peters & Co. Limited, Clarus Securities Inc. and GMP Securities L.P., and including TD Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Ltd., Desjardins Securities Inc., FirstEnergy Capital Corp., AltaCorp Capital Inc., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., National Bank Financial Inc., Paradigm Capital Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc. for an offering of 26,670,000 common shares ("Shares") of the Company at a price of \$3.75 per Share. The Underwriters will have an option to purchase up to an additional 15 percent of the Shares, on the same terms, exercisable in whole or in part at any time up to the 30<sup>th</sup> day following initial closing of the Financing.

A portion of the net proceeds from the Financing will be used to fund the Company's ongoing capital expenditure program and for general corporate purposes.

The Financing will be completed by way of short form prospectus in certain of the provinces of Canada except Québec and on a private placement basis in the United States pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the U.S securities laws. The Financing is subject to customary conditions including receipt of applicable regulatory approvals and is expected to close on or about June 17, 2014.

#### **UPWARD REVISION TO GUIDANCE**

In connection with the Acquisition and the Financing, Spartan is increasing its 2014 guidance as follows:

	<b>Guidance Prior to the Acquisition</b>	<b>Revised Guidance Following Completion of the Acquisition</b>
Average Production	5,200	5,700
Exit Production	7,500	8,600
Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$80 million	\$88 million
Capital Expenditures	\$74 million	\$84 million

(1) See "Non-IFRS measures."

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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