

# Border Petroleum Corp.

## Border Announces Filing of Quarterly Financials and Operational and Corporate Update

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**Calgary, Alberta – February 28, 2013 - Border Petroleum Corp.** ("Border" or the "Corporation") today announces financial results for its third quarter ended December 31, 2012. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and management's discussion & analysis ("MD&A") have been filed on SEDAR and can be viewed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights of Border's operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2012:

- Border drilled, completed, and is currently testing its first long-leg Slave Point horizontal well.
- Border acquired and reprocessed 17 square kilometers of 3D seismic covering the southeast portion of lands under a federal permit granted to Border (the "Loon Block").
- Border currently has a positive working capital balance of approximately \$10 million and an unutilized bank line of \$3.5 million.
- Border's current production is approximately 192 boepd (45 percent oil weighted).
- Border is currently evaluating certain non-core asset dispositions and potential joint venture transactions with respect to its Red Earth assets.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Certain selected financial and operational information for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 is set out below and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's unaudited consolidated financial statements and related MD&A. The following table provides a summary of key financial results for the nine months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011:

Financial	THREE MONTHS ENDED		NINE MONTHS ENDED	
	DECEMBER 31,		DECEMBER 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Petroleum and natural gas revenues	\$ 730,350	\$ 1,501,452	\$ 2,196,915	\$ 2,617,043
Funds flow from operations	\$ (350,808)	\$ (208,845)	\$ (1,515,328)	\$ (1,007,471)
per share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Net loss	\$ (686,947)	\$ (859,410)	\$ (2,263,983)	\$ (2,077,892)
per share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.02)
Capital expenditures	\$ 8,541,879	\$ 4,639,592	\$ 10,653,865	\$ 25,715,353
Weighted average shares outstanding				
basic and diluted	332,978,953	144,801,746	261,605,059	105,911,056

<b>Operational</b>	<b>THREE MONTHS ENDED</b>		<b>NINE MONTHS ENDED</b>	
	<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>		<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Production</b>				
Oil and liquids (bbls/d)	<b>89</b>	131	<b>89</b>	81
Natural gas (mcf/d)	<b>730</b>	1,435	<b>730</b>	792
Oil equivalent (boe/d)	<b>211</b>	371	<b>211</b>	213
<b>Sales price per unit</b>				
Oil and liquids (\$/bbl)	<b>62.75</b>	87.74	<b>68.31</b>	83.51
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	<b>3.22</b>	3.34	<b>2.54</b>	3.51
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	<b>37.68</b>	44.04	<b>37.88</b>	44.75
<b>Reserves (Proved plus probable)</b>				
Oil and liquids (mbbls)			<b>1,795</b>	3,068
Natural gas (mmcf)			<b>2,324</b>	4,617
Oil equivalent (mboe)			<b>2,182</b>	3,837

## RED EARTH UPDATE

Border announces an update with respect to its first long leg Slave Point horizontal well located at 10-15-85-10W5M (the “10-15 Well”) in the Red Earth area of northern Alberta.

- The 10-15 Well was successfully drilled, completed, equipped and put on pump in December 2012 for a total cost of approximately \$7 million. The 10-15 Well costs exceeded the pre-drill estimated costs of \$5 million due to the drilling of a longer horizontal leg, which also led to additional completion costs.
- On December 23, 2012, the 10-15 Well was put on pump using a pump jack with a maximum capacity of approximately 125 m3/d (786 bpd) of total fluid. The pump’s maximum rate has proven insufficient to optimally produce the well’s estimated inflow capacity of 257 m3/d (1,616 bpd) of total fluid as independently assessed by Fekete Associates Inc. (“Fekete”) based on field production data to the end of January 2013.
- To the end of January 2013, a total of 5,866 m3 (36,896 bbls) of fluid has been intermittently produced from the 10-15 Well consisting almost entirely of frac fluid and formation water, which is typical of the early stage production during the clean-up phase of wells in the Red Earth area.
- At the beginning of February 2013, Border commenced isolated production testing to help ascertain inflow rates and water contribution along the horizontal wellbore. The pump’s maximum capacity was insufficient to optimally handle the inflow capacity from both the heel to the middle of the horizontal wellbore as well as the toe of the wellbore.
- Border is currently testing approximately 450 metres at the initial heel section of the well where porosities averaged approximately 6 percent as indicated on open-hole logs (porosities along the 1,630 m horizontal wellbore ranged from 6 percent to 33 percent). Based on field reports from February 15, 2013 this heel section has produced at an average rate of approximately 42 m3/d (264 bpd) of total fluid with an oil cut of 10 percent (26 bopd) on February 25, 2013.

Upon reviewing Fekete’s analysis of the 10-15 Well’s estimated inflow capacity, combined with the results of its isolated testing discussed above, management has determined that a minimum 300 m3/d (1,887 bpd) capacity electrical submersible pump (“ESP”) is required to handle the high fluid inflow rate and optimally produce the 10-15 Well along the entire length of the 1,630 horizontal wellbore. Management anticipates the installation of a high volume ESP will be complete within the next 2 weeks which it anticipates may result in increased oil cuts as experienced in the isolated testing of the heel section of the 10-15 Well.

Border expects to receive Alberta ERCB approval within the next 7 days to commence the initial steps required to convert a vertical well located on the 10-15 Well site into a water disposal well. Slave Point horizontal wells in the Red Earth area can produce between 50 to 90 percent water over a majority of their production life. Accordingly, the ability to dispose of water production from the 10-15 Well directly on-site, as well as from Border's two short-leg horizontal wells located at 5-1-85-10-W5 (the "5-1 Well") and 6-36-85-10W5 (the "6-36 Well"), will reduce Border's current and future operating costs related to these wells and any future wells in the area.

With respect to Border's 2 short-leg horizontal wells on the Loon Block, for the 6 months ended December 31, 2012, Border's 5-1 Well and 6-36 Well averaged approximately 15 bopd per well (producing day average). As previously reported, production from these short horizontal wells has been impeded by wax and asphaltene build up which Border continues to address using cost effective remediation efforts. The two wells are currently producing at a combined oil rate of approximately 25 bopd.

### **LEDUC UPDATE**

Border is currently planning to conduct an acid stimulation on its 13-33-49-26W4M Nisku horizontal oil well with a view to optimizing its current production base of approximately 114 boepd (15 percent oil weighted). Border has a high working interest in 6,405 net acres in the Leduc area of central Alberta.

### **NORRIS UPDATE**

Border holds working interests varying from 57.5 percent to 100 percent in 452 net acres at Norris. Border is conducting pump optimization work on a number of its Mannville wells that has moved production to its current rate of approximately 32 boepd (75 percent oil weighted).

### **CORPORATE**

Following the payment for the drilling, completion, equipping and testing of the 10-15 Well, acquiring the Loon Seismic, fulfilling its CDE Flow-Through commitment, and paying off a note related to the acquisition of the Leduc properties, as at February 14, 2013, Border had a positive working capital balance of approximately \$10 million and an unutilized bank line of \$3.5 million.

Border's current total production is approximately 192 boepd (45 percent oil weighted). With the conversion of the water disposal well at Red Earth, and the anticipated production adds from the 10-15 Well following installation of an ESP, Border expects its operating cash flow will be sufficient to cover its ongoing general and administrative costs. Border also currently holds approximately \$32 million in tax pools as at December 31, 2012.

The management and Board of Directors of Border continue to assess various options at its disposal to maximize the value for its shareholders. To that end, the Corporation is currently evaluating certain non-core asset dispositions, as well as investigating various unsolicited inquiries regarding potential joint venture transactions with respect to its Red Earth assets.

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