TULSA, Okla., April 17, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Laredo Petroleum Inc.</u> (NYSE:LPI) ("Laredo" or the "Company") will host a conference call on Thursday, May 4, 2017 to discuss its first-quarter 2017 financial and operating results. The Company also announces preliminary results for its commodity derivatives for first-quarter 2017 and its basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding.

## First-Quarter 2017 Earnings Conference Call

Laredo plans to release first-quarter 2017 earnings on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 after the market close and the Company will host a conference call on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. CT (8:30 a.m. ET) to discuss its first-quarter 2017 financial and operating results. Individuals who would like to participate on the call should dial 877.930.8286 (international dial-in 253.336.8309), using conference code 8986853 or listen to the call via the Company's website at www.laredopetro.com, under the tab for "Investor Relations." A telephonic replay will be available approximately two hours after the call on May 4, 2017 through Thursday, May 11, 2017. Participants may access this replay by dialing 855.859.2056, using conference code 8986853.

## Commodity Derivatives Update

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, Laredo expects to report a gain on derivatives of approximately \$36.7 million, including approximately \$5.3 million net cash received on settlements of matured derivatives, net of deferred premiums paid. Although management does not expect these numbers to change, they are preliminary and unaudited.

Laredo maintains a disciplined hedging program to reduce the variability in its anticipated cash flow due to fluctuations in commodity prices. At March 31, 2017, the Company had hedges in place for the remaining three quarters of 2017 for 5,163,125 barrels of oil at a weighted-average floor price of \$55.82 per barrel. A substantial portion of Laredo's remaining 2017 oil hedges retain the benefit of an increase in the price of oil with hedges covering 2,860,000 barrels structured as collars with a weighted-average ceiling price of \$86.00 per barrel and hedges covering 790,625 barrels in the form of puts and thus do not have a ceiling.

The Company also had hedges in place for the remaining three quarters of 2017 for 20,357,500 million British thermal units ("MMBtu") of natural gas at a weighted-average floor price of \$2.75 per MMBtu. All natural gas hedges the Company has in place are priced at the WAHA hub. Additionally, Laredo had hedged 333,000 barrels of ethane at \$11.24 per barrel and 281,250 barrels of propane at \$22.26 per barrel.

At March 31, 2017, for 2018, the Company had hedged 3,458,375 barrels of oil at a weighted-average floor price of \$53.71 per barrel and 12,855,500 MMBtu of natural gas at a weighted-average floor price of \$2.50 per MMBtu, priced at the WAHA hub.

Laredo records all derivatives on its balance sheet as either assets or liabilities measured at their estimated fair value. Laredo has not designated any derivatives as hedges for accounting purposes and Laredo does not enter into such instruments for speculative trading purposes. Gain (loss) on derivatives is reported under "Non-operating income (expense)" in Laredo's consolidated statement of operations.

# Weighted-Average Shares Outstanding

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding were approximately 238.505 million and 244.379 million, respectively.

## About Laredo

<u>Laredo Petroleum Inc.</u> is an independent energy company with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Laredo's business strategy is focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties, and the transportation of oil and natural gas from such properties, primarily in the Permian Basin in West Texas.

Additional information about Laredo may be found on its website at www.laredopetro.com.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements as defined under Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, that address activities that Laredo assumes, plans, expects, believes, intends, projects, estimates or anticipates (and other similar expressions) will, should or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on management's current belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events.

General risks relating to Laredo include, but are not limited to, the decline in prices of oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas and the related impact to financial statements as a result of asset impairments and revisions to reserve estimates, and other factors, including those and other risks described in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and those set forth from time to time in other filings with the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These documents are available through Laredo's website at www.laredopetro.com under the tab "Investor Relations" or through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Analysis Retrieval System at www.sec.gov. Any of these factors could cause Laredo's actual results and plans to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, Laredo can give no assurance that its future results will be as estimated. Laredo does not intend to, and disclaims any obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statement.

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