

SRC Energy Issues Preliminary Fourth Quarter 2017 Results; Operations Update; Initial 2018 Guidance; Fourth Quarter 2017 Earnings and Conference Call Dates

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DENVER, Jan. 30, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [SRC Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE AMEX:SRCI) ("SRC" or the "Company"), an oil and gas exploration and production company focused in the Denver-Julesburg Basin, today issues preliminary fourth quarter 2017 operating results, provides an operations update, issues initial 2018 guidance and announces its fourth quarter 2017 earnings release and conference call dates.

Production and Average Realized Pricing Summary

	Three Months Ended			
	12/31/2017	9/30/2017	Sequential % Chg.	12/31/2016
<i>Average Daily Volumes</i>	3-Stream			2-Stream
Daily Production (BOE/day)	45,658	40,378	13%	13,269
Liquids %	69%	67%		58%
<i>Product Price Received</i>				
Crude Oil (\$/Bbl) *	\$48.80	\$41.89	16%	\$40.94
Natural Gas Liquids (\$/Bbl)	\$20.81	\$17.32	20%	NA
Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	\$2.21	\$2.35	-6%	\$3.18
<i>Differentials</i>				
NYMEX WTI *	\$(6.57)	\$(6.29)	4%	\$(8.20)
NYMEX Henry Hub	\$(0.69)	\$(0.64)	8%	\$0.14
<i>Unit Costs</i>				
Lease Operating Expense (\$/BOE)	\$1.54	\$1.17	32%	\$4.08

* Adjusted to include transportation and gathering expense.

For the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2017 crude oil accounted for approximately 51% of total equivalent production volumes. For the year ended December 31, 2017, production averaged 34,194 BOE per day, 47% oil and slightly ahead of the mid-point of the Company's previously issued guidance.

2017 Preliminary Year-End Reserves

Proved developed reserves and total proved reserves at year-end 2017 increased 389% and 144%, respectively, over year-end 2016 proved reserves as shown in the following table:

YEAR-OVER-YEAR RESERVES

	2017				2016 *	
Reserve Category	Oil (MMbbls)	Gas (Bcf)	NGL (MMbbls)	Net MMBOE	Net MMBOE	Change %
Proved Developed	27	219	24	88	18	389 %
Proved Undeveloped	43	341	40	139	75	85 %
Total Proved	70	560	64	227	93	144 %

* 2016 year-end reserves are reported in 2-stream equivalents

Capital Expenditures

Drilling and completion capital expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2017 were approximately \$460 million. During the fourth quarter the Company chose to retain its interest in multiple non-operated wells located within SRC's core operating area which began producing late in Q4 2017. These wells represented approximately \$35 million in non-operated drilling and completion capital expenditures in 2017. Given the timing of these wells, they had limited impact on SRC's 2017 production volumes; however, they should have a more measurable impact on 2018 production volumes.

Operations Update

During the quarter ended December 31, 2017, SRC drilled 27 gross (~25 net) wells and completed 12 gross (~11 net) wells. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2017, the Company drilled 115 gross (~103 net) wells and completed 115 gross (~102 net) wells.

The table below details all recent activity:

Gross Well Count by Zone					
Pad Name	Lateral Length	Avg. WI	Niobrara	Codell	Status
<i>Beebe</i>	12 ML	100	% 7	5	TTS
<i>Leffler</i>	12 LL	90	% 7	5	TTS
<i>Ag</i>	12 LL	89	% 7	5	Stimulating
<i>Falken</i>	12 LL, 6 SL	94	% 11	7	WOC
<i>Goetzel</i>	12 ML	92	% 8	4	WOC
<i>Boomerang</i>	12 ML, 4LL	83	% 10	6	Drilling
<i>Donn</i>	13 LL	91	% 8	5	Drilling
<i>TTS - Turned to sales WOC - Waiting on completion</i>					

Preliminary 2018 Guidance

The Company expects full year 2018 production to be between 48,000 BOE/d and 52,000 BOE/d with oil making up 47% - 50% of production. The pace of completion activity is anticipated to be skewed towards the latter half of 2018 to align with natural gas processing capacity additions. Total drilling and completion capital expenditures are projected to be between \$480 million and \$540 million. In 2018 SRC expects to drill approximately 117 gross (100 net) wells and complete approximately 116 gross (103 net) wells on an operated basis. SRC's operational program for 2018 is similar to the program executed in 2017. The expected year-over-year capital expenditure increase is a function of productivity gains with respect to SRC's contiguous block of acreage, larger average working interest and anticipated cost pressures. Crude oil differentials, which include all transportation and gathering costs from the wellhead to the settlement point, are expected to remain relatively stable within a range of \$6.00 to \$6.50 per barrel.

Management Comment

Lynn A. Peterson, Chairman and CEO of SRC Energy commented, "Our team's execution through 2017 was very positive. We have continued our strong operational momentum into 2018, which should lead to an alignment of SRC's operating cash flow with capital expenditures while continuing to deliver robust year-over-year growth."

Mr. Peterson added, "As it relates to midstream infrastructure, 2018 will be a year of change. Multiple gas processing facilities as well as oil gathering assets are currently under construction or are on the drawing boards as midstream companies respond to the growing needs." He concluded, "As good stewards of SRC's capital, we intend to maintain our strong balance sheet and operational flexibility, while focusing on delivering favorable returns on capital for our shareholders."

Fourth Quarter 2017 Earnings Release and Call

SRC plans to issue its fourth quarter earnings release on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

SRC will host a conference call on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time (9:00 a.m. Mountain time) to discuss the results. The call will be conducted by Chairman and CEO Lynn A. Peterson, CFO James Henderson, Chief Development Officer Nick Spence, Chief Operations Officer Mike Eberhard and Manager of Investor Relations John Richardson. A Q&A session will immediately follow the discussion of the results for the quarter.

To participate in this call please dial:

Domestic Dial-in Number: (877) 407-9122

International Dial-in Number: (201) 493-6747

Webcast URL: <http://srcenergy.equisolvewebcast.com/q4-2017>

Replay Information:

Conference ID #: 411931

Replay Dial-In (Toll Free US & Canada): 877-660-6853

Replay Dial-In (International): 201-612-7415

Expiration Date: 3/8/18

Upcoming Investor Conferences

Presentations provided in conjunction with these events will be available on SRC's website at www.srcenergy.com the morning of the respective presentation. Members of SRC senior management will participate in the following hosted investor events, please refer to the Company's website for specific presentation dates and attendees:

JP Morgan Global High Yield & Leveraged Finance Conference - February 26-28, 2018 Miami, FL

Piper Jaffray Energy Conference - March 1, 2018 Las Vegas, NV

Raymond James Institutional Investor Conference - March 5-6, 2018 Orlando, FL

Scotia Howard Weil 2018 Energy Conference - March 25-28, 2018 New Orleans, LA

About SRC Energy Inc.

[SRC Energy Inc.](http://www.srcenergy.com) is a domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production company. SRC's core area of operations is in the Wattenberg Field of the Denver-Julesburg Basin. The Company's corporate offices are located in Denver, Colorado. More company news and information about SRC is available at www.srcenergy.com.

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