

# Alvopetro Announces Authorizations for Operation, Commencement of Commissioning, and Operational Update

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CALGARY, April 22, 2020 - [Alvopetro Energy Ltd.](#) (TSX-V: ALV; OTCQX: ALVOF) announces the receipt of authorizations for operation of our Caburé Midstream Project, commencement of commissioning and an operational update.

## Caburé Midstream Project (100% Alvopetro)

Our Caburé Midstream Project includes an 11-kilometre Transfer Pipeline and a Gas Treatment Facility ("Facility"). Construction of the Transfer Pipeline and Facility has been completed and we have received authorization from the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels of Brazil ("ANP") for commissioning operations of both the Facility and the Transfer Pipeline. Commissioning activities commenced on April 21, 2020 with first natural gas being delivered from the Caburé Unit to the Facility. Alvopetro expects to have all commissioning work completed in May.

Our natural gas will be sold under our long-term gas sales agreement ("GSA") with Bahiagás, the local distribution company for the state of Bahia. As part of this agreement, Bahiagás agreed to extend their distribution network by 15 kilometres and construct a new gas receiving station (City Gate) at the Facility site. Construction of these projects is continuing, and Bahiagás expects to complete their projects in the second quarter of 2020, at which time Alvopetro plans to start natural gas deliveries from the Caburé field. There have been no interruptions to these projects as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Caburé Unit Development (49.1% Alvopetro)

Natural gas for Alvopetro's midstream project will commence from our Caburé natural gas field (Alvopetro 49.1% working interest). The field has a total of seven wells, with six of these wells tied into recently expanded production facilities, ready to deliver Alvopetro's share of natural gas into our Midstream Project and natural gas during the commissioning phase. The Unit has a planned gross production plateau rate of 450,000 cubic metres per day (15.9 mmcfpd). Depending on our partner's delivery nominations, we have the ability to produce up to 450,000 cubic meters per day against Alvopetro's share of reserves from the Caburé Unit.

## Deep Basin Gomo Natural Gas Project (100% Alvopetro)

On our deep basin Gomo natural gas project, we completed the stimulation and initial production test of our 183(1) well in January. For this wellbore, we completed and stimulated 13 metres of net pay and have over 26 metres of total potential net pay in this Gomo sequence in the wellbore. The pressure recorders were recovered from the wellbore and we have now completed pressure transient analysis. Results from the pressure transient analysis indicate an effective permeability of 0.045 mD, a 1-year recoverable volume of 0.14 Bcf gas and 4.7 Mbbl condensate, and a 1-year average rate of 0.4 MMcf/d and 13 bbls/d condensate. Unfortunately, during the formation test we were unable to recover all the load and frac fluid due to operational challenges. Since there were substantial liquids in the wellbore and fractures, we were unable to verify the full expected influence of the fracture stimulation with the pressure transient analysis. Alvopetro has applied for an extension to the existing phase deadline for this block to install a plunger lift system to evacuate the remaining completion and stimulation fluid in the wellbore and put the well on a 60-day, long duration test to obtain improved estimates of its full potential while working through the permitting process for the pipeline extension to tie the well into the Caburé infrastructure. We are also pursuing the design of a "fit for purpose" Gomo development well that can optimally exploit the vertical extent of the reservoir with a multistage hydraulic stimulation.

## The impact of COVID-19 and Commodity Price Declines

Our employees are our primary concern and we have implemented numerous measures to protect their health and safety while ensuring business continuity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of mid-March, we have directed all staff to implement appropriate social distancing measures and the majority of our employees are working from home, other than essential field staff. Work on our Caburé midstream project has continued to progress with minimal interruption and our supply chain has not been materially impacted.

In light of reduced international commodity prices and in order to improve financial flexibility over the long-term, we have implemented cost savings measures including staff reductions and discretionary spending reductions. With respect to capital projects, Alvopetro continues to be focused on bringing our Caburé Midstream Project onstream as well as our initial plans for our Gomo gas project. Any other capital expenditures are expected to be delayed, pending commodity price recoveries in the future. Alvopetro has always focused on maintaining disciplined spending across all aspects of our business and our employees are dedicated to reducing costs while operating safely. Moreover, our GSA helps mitigate the impacts of recent international commodity price declines enabling us to generate positive cash flows even in a low-price environment. Our GSA has a current price floor of US\$5.21/mmbtu that escalates based on US inflation (CPI). Our cost savings measures, disciplined spending, stable production forecast with very low maintenance capital requirements, an attractive GSA, combined with relatively low levels of debt, position the Company very competitively in this environment.

## Corporate Presentation

Alvopetro's updated corporate presentation is available on our website at:  
<http://www.alvopetro.com/corporate-presentation>.

[Alvopetro Energy Ltd.](#)'s vision is to become a leading independent upstream and midstream operator in Brazil. Our strategy is to unlock the on-shore natural gas potential in the state of Bahia in Brazil, building off the development of our Caburé natural gas field and the construction of strategic midstream infrastructure.

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## Abbreviations:

bbls = barrels

bbls/d = barrels per day

Bcf = billion cubic feet

Mbbls = thousands of barrels

mD = millidarcies

MMbtu = million British Thermal Units

MMcf = million cubic feet

MMcf/d = million cubic feet per day

MMboe

=

million barrels of oil equivalent



**BOE Disclosure.** The term barrels of oil equivalent ("boe") may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet per barrel (6Mcf/bbl) of natural gas to barrels of oil equivalence is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. All boe conversions in this news release are derived from converting gas to oil in the ratio mix of six thousand cubic feet of gas to one barrel of oil.

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