

Anatolia Energy announces spudding of the Guvenir-1 well on the Antep Licence in Turkey

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CALGARY, Aug. 16, 2012 /CNW/ - [Anatolia Energy Corp.](#) (the "Company") (TSX-V: AEE) is pleased to announce that its partner, Çalık Enerji San. ve Tic. AŞ. ("Calik"), has commenced drilling at Guvenir-1, the initial exploration well on the Antep Licence in Turkey, where Anatolia holds a 50% interest.

Guvenir-1 will be the first well to target the Dadas Shale on the 845,418 gross acre (422,709 net acres) Antep Licence where our independent third party resource evaluator, Ryder Scott, has allocated 318 MMBbls (159 MMBbls net) of unrisks prospective resources (June 11, 2012 news release).

Drilling of the well is expected to take approximately 80 days to reach a total depth of approximately 8,500 feet (2,600 meters). The Company plans to extract core samples from the Dadas Shale in Guvenir-1 which will be analyzed in a specialized core laboratory in Calgary for properties and rock mechanics.

Following receipt of the core analysis from the Guvenir-1 well, the Company intends to conduct a fracture stimulation test within the Dadas Shale. The test will provide critical data to help management design the optimal full horizontal well and multi-stage fracture stimulation which is anticipated to more effectively and efficiently determine the productive capacity of the shale interval.

In addition to the unconventional Dadas Shale, the Guvenir-1 well will test the conventional Bedinan reservoir (Ordovician) which sits immediately below the Dadas.

On an aggregate basis, Anatolia Energy has an interest in 11 licences in Turkey with exposure to 1.2 million gross acres (581,428 net) of Dadas Shale and/or conventional oil prospective acreage. Within the Antep Licence, the Company has identified an expansive area of prospective Dadas Shale and numerous prospects in the Bedinan sand.

About Anatolia Energy Corp.

Anatolia is an international oil and gas company engaged in the exploration and development of oil and gas assets in Turkey. Anatolia has the right, pursuant to its joint venture agreements with Çalık Enerji San. ve Tic. AŞ., the wholly-owned oil and gas subsidiary of the large Turkish conglomerate Çalık Holding A.Ş., to earn working interests between 25% and 50% in two development licences and working interests of 50% in nine exploration licences covering 1,162,856 gross acres of land in Turkey's proven Southeastern oil basin. Anatolia is focused on four play types in Turkey namely the Silurian Dadas shale oil trend, Paleozoic Bedinan sand trend, Cretaceous Mardin strike slip trend and Garzan reef trend. The Dadas formation in southeast Turkey is an extension of the prolific Silurian source rocks of the Middle East.

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