

Pacific Rubiales Energy Corp. announces dividend

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TORONTO, March 6, 2013 /CNW/ - [Pacific Rubiales Energy Corp.](#) (TSX: PRE; BVC: PREC; BOVESPA: PREB) announced today a cash dividend of U.S.\$0.11 per common share payable on March 26, 2013 to shareholders of record as of March 18, 2013 and to holders of Brazilian Depositary Receipts (the "BDRs") of record as of March 13, 2013. The ex-dividend date for shareholders trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the La Bolsa de Valores de Colombia (or the Colombia Stock Exchange) as well as for those trading BDRs on the Bolsa de Valores Mercadorias e Futuros (or the Brazilian Stock Exchange) is March 14, 2013.

For shareholders trading on the Colombian Stock Exchange, the Colombia peso equivalency shall be calculated based on the exchange rate as certified by the "Central Bank" on the date of monetization and will be published on the SIMEV website at the proper time.

With respect to the BDRs traded on the Brazilian Stock Exchange, the Depositary Institution in Brazil will execute the exchange agreement as of the date of the payment of the dividend to the holders of BDRs, on or about March 26, 2013, for conversion purposes. Also, the holders of BDRs registered on March 13, 2013 shall be entitled to receive the dividends from the Depositary Institution on April 4, 2013.

Subject to approval from the Board of Directors, the Company expects to continue paying a dividend on a quarterly basis at this level, with such decision being determined based on funds from operations, earnings, financial requirements, commodity price levels, legal requirements and other conditions existing in the future. While a formal policy is not in place with respect to dividends, the payment of quarterly dividends will continue to be reviewed by the Board of Directors, as needed, from time to time. Future dividends on Pacific Rubiales common shares and, consequently, BDRs, are not guaranteed.

The Company intends to designate all dividends as "eligible dividends" for purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada) unless a notification of change is otherwise posted on the Company's website at www.pacificrubiales.com and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Provided designation is made, the dividend will be considered an "eligible dividend" for tax purposes. An eligible dividend received by a Canadian resident individual shareholder is entitled to the enhanced dividend tax credit.

TAX CONSIDERATIONS

General

The information in this release is not intended to be an exhaustive discussion of all possible income tax consequences and considerations, but a general guideline. It is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any particular investor or potential investor. Investors or potential investors should consult their own tax advisors as to their particular tax consequences and reporting obligations.

The following information is provided for general information only. Investors are encouraged to seek advice from a qualified tax advisor in their country of residence to obtain guidance with respect to appropriate tax treatment of their distributions.

For Canadian Residents

For Canadian income tax purposes, the dividend paid to shareholders of Pacific Rubiales will be a taxable dividend. In the case of a shareholder who is an individual resident in Canada, dividends will be subject to the gross-up and credit rules contained in the Income Tax Act (Canada), and, in the case of a shareholder that is a "private corporation" or a "subject corporation" (both as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada)), a refundable tax will apply to the amount of the dividend. Shareholders should contact their tax advisor or their local office of the Canada Revenue Agency with respect to any questions regarding the taxation of eligible dividends.

For Colombian Residents

Dividends paid to non-residents of Canada should be subject to a 25% Canadian withholding tax on 100% of the gross distribution. However, pursuant to the Canada - Colombia Tax Treaty, the applicable rate of Canadian withholding tax may be reduced to 15% where the recipient is a resident of Colombia. Under Colombian general tax rules, dividends will be subject to tax. Generally a corporation resident in Colombia is subject to tax at 33% of net income and individuals are subject to tax based on a progressive table as applicable. Amounts paid as foreign taxes may be eligible for a foreign tax credit in Colombia. For a more detailed discussion on the logistics and tax implications, shareholders should contact their tax advisor or their local office of the Colombian tax agency (DIAN), with respect to any questions regarding the taxation of these dividends or the application of foreign tax credits. In addition, they should consult the dividend circular that will be made available on the SIMEV.

For U.S. Residents

Subject to various U.S. statutory holding period requirements, distributions made by the Company out of its current or accumulated "earnings and profits" may be considered "qualified dividend income" as defined under U.S. tax law, and thus may be taxed at the reduced tax rates applicable to long term capital gains, provided that the Company has the status of a "qualified foreign corporation" and is not a "passive foreign investment company" for the year ending December 31, 2013 or the year ended December 31, 2012. These reduced rates may not be available to shareholders of the Company other than U.S. resident individuals. In addition, distributions in excess of the Company's current or accumulated "earnings and profits" may reduce the U.S. tax basis of the shareholder's shares of the Company.

Pursuant to the Canada - U.S. Tax Treaty, dividends paid to residents of the United States may be subject to a 15% withholding tax on 100% of the gross distribution. Amounts paid for foreign taxes may be eligible for either a deduction for foreign taxes or a foreign tax credit in the United States; both the deduction and credit for foreign taxes are subject to numerous limitations imposed by U.S. tax law which are not discussed in this summary.

Shareholders should contact their tax advisor or their local office of the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any questions regarding the taxation of such dividend distributions.

For Brazilian Residents

Dividends paid to residents of Brazil will be subject to a 25% Canadian withholding tax on 100% of the gross distribution. In the case of a BDR holder who is an individual resident in Brazil, dividends will be subject to income tax based on a progressive table as applicable, which rates vary from 0% to 27.5%. In the case of a BDR holder that is a corporation domiciled in Brazil, dividends will be subject to income tax at a rate of 34%. Amounts withheld in Canada as taxes may be eligible for a tax credit in Brazil. BDR holders should contact their tax advisor in Brazil with respect to any documents which may be necessary for this tax credit and any questions regarding the taxation of eligible dividends.

[Pacific Rubiales](#), a Canadian company and producer of natural gas and crude oil, owns 100% of Meta Petroleum Corp., which operates the Rubiales, Piriri and Quifa heavy oil fields in the Llanos Basin, and 100% of Pacific Stratus Energy Colombia Corp., which operates the La Creciente natural gas field in the northwestern area of Colombia. Pacific Rubiales has also acquired 100% of [PetroMagdalena Energy Corp.](#), which owns light oil assets in Colombia, and 100% of [C&C Energia Ltd.](#), which owns light oil assets in the Llanos Basin. In addition, the Company has a diversified portfolio of assets beyond Colombia, which includes producing and exploration assets in Peru, Guatemala, Brazil, Guyana and Papua New Guinea.

The Company's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange and La Bolsa de Valores de Colombia and as Brazilian Depositary Receipts on Brazil's Bolsa de Valores Mercadorias e Futuros under the ticker symbols PRE, PREC, and PREB, respectively.

This news release was prepared in the English language and subsequently translated into Spanish and Portuguese. In the case of any differences between the English version and its translated counterparts, the English document should be treated as the governing version.

Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future (including, without limitation, statements regarding estimates and/or assumptions in

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