

# Synergy Resources Corporation Expands Its Drilling Operations in Wattenberg Field; Contracts for an Automated Drilling Rig for 2014

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PLATTEVILLE, CO--(Marketwired - December 19, 2013) - [Synergy Resources Corporation](#) (NYSE MKT: SYRG) (Synergy) announced that it has amended its Turnkey Drilling Contract with Ensign United States Drilling (Ensign) to utilize Ensign Rig #131, an Automated Drilling Rig (ADR), for all of calendar 2014.

William Scaff, Executive Vice President, of Synergy, commented, "We are pleased to continue our horizontal drilling program in the Wattenberg Field with Ensign as our drilling partner. Securing Ensign Rig #131 is an important step forward in the development of our asset base. Rig #131 is an ADR rig which will allow us to drill more efficiently, it is a quieter rig and runs on natural gas instead of diesel fuel and, most importantly, is capable of drilling extended reach lateral (ERL) wells that will become part of our drilling plans in fiscal 2015. We expect rig #131 will move to our Union pad during the week of December 23rd and spud the first of 6 wells planned on the Union pad on January 4th, 2014. We will continue to utilize Ensign Rig #17 to drill the remaining wells on our Phelps pad and then rig #17 will move to our Eberle pad to drill another 6 wells. We anticipate that drilling on the Eberle pad will finish near the end of May and we will then assess whether to keep both rigs running for the remainder of our fiscal year which ends August 31st, 2014."

Craig Rasmuson, Vice President of Operations, added, "Our drilling and completion operations are going according to plan. We are in the final stages of completion of our 6 Leffler wells and we will have preliminary production data from Leffler included in our quarterly conference call in early January. We are also finalizing the permitting of a vertical D-Sand test well in the Northern Extension Area and plan to spud that well in February utilizing a third rig for a period of time. We will take side wall core analysis of the Niobrara and Greenhorn formations while drilling down to the D-Sand and we will send those cores for testing expecting to have the results in hand by July or August. We have increased our activity in permitting horizontal wells in the Wattenberg Field in anticipation of moving to a two rig drilling program."

## About Synergy Resources Corporation

Synergy is a Colorado-based independent exploration and production company focused primarily on the development of its assets in the Wattenberg Field in the Denver-Julesburg Basin ("D-J Basin") in Weld County, Colorado. In addition to the Company's Wattenberg Field acreage position, it has also assembled a 20,000 net acre leasehold position directly to the northeast of the Wattenberg Field (the "Northern Extension Area"), which Synergy believes to be prospective for the Niobrara and Greenhorn formations.

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