

# Gear Energy Ltd. Announces Record Production and Provides Operational Update

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CALGARY, ALBERTA -- (Marketwired - Jan. 14, 2014) - [Gear Energy Ltd.](#) ("Gear") (TSX:GXE) is pleased to announce the following operational updates:

- Gear achieved record production of approximately 4,600 boe/d in the fourth quarter of 2013, a significant increase from third quarter volumes of 3,940 boe/d.
- December average production came in at the upper end of Gear's 2013 guidance at approximately 5,000 boe/d and liquids weighting increased to 95 per cent as a result of new oil production. Gear's field operations were able to successfully deliver these volumes despite severe winter weather which caused major challenges to the transportation of oil by truck and by rail.
- Drilling operations for 2013 terminated on December 16 and have since resumed in 2014 with two rigs active as of January 7. One rig is drilling the first well of a five well horizontal pad in Maidstone, following up on a successful nine well program in 2013 that helped grow area production from zero to 650 boe/d. The second rig is actively drilling vertical wells targeting pool extension and low risk exploration opportunities. Field activities are underway to accomplish Gear's previously announced \$70 million capital budget and 55 net well drilling program for 2014.
- Heavy oil prices continued to be volatile through 2013, primarily due to North American pipeline and refinery constraints. Fourth quarter 2013 differentials were approximately US\$32 per barrel. With infrastructure improvements, the price outlook has improved dramatically for 2014 with the differential currently trading at approximately US\$19 per barrel.
- Gear expects to release fourth quarter and year-end results by early March 2014.

## About Gear Energy Ltd.

Gear is a Canadian exploration and production company with predominantly horizontal heavy oil production in east central Alberta and west central Saskatchewan. The current and ongoing business plan is to continue focusing on being a low cost heavy oil operator, drilling economic wells and acquiring assets on an accretive basis.

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*results from drilling and development activities will be consistent with past operations; the accuracy of the estimates of Gear's reserve volumes; the general stability of the economic and political environment in which Gear operates; drilling results; field production rates and decline rates; the general continuance of current industry conditions; the timing and cost of pipeline, storage and facility construction and expansion and the ability of Gear to secure adequate product transportation; future commodity prices and heavy oil differentials; currency, exchange and interest rates; regulatory framework regarding royalties, taxes and environmental matters in the jurisdictions in which Gear operates; and the ability of Gear to successfully market its oil and natural gas products.*

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