

# New Zealand Energy Production and Operational Update

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jul 3, 2014) - [New Zealand Energy Corp.](#) ("NZEC" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:NZ)(OTCQX:NZERF) today provided an update on production and development activities on the Company's properties in the Taranaki Basin of New Zealand's North Island.

To date the Company has advanced 12 wells to production: four wells on the Eltham Permit and eight wells on the TWN Licenses. Total corporate production during June 2014 averaged 231 barrels of oil per day ("bbl/d") net to NZEC, up from an average of 201 bbl/d during May. The production increase was largely the result of flush production from the Ngaere wells on the TWN Licenses, which had been shut-in during May to allow the Company to test the Toko-2B well. Production from NZEC's Copper Moki-1 and Copper Moki-2 wells also increased slightly during June.

The Toko-2B well recommenced production on June 28, following a number of workover activities during June. The high-volume lift ("ESP") is pumping at the maximum rate of 9,000 boe/d, with current production of approximately 50 bbl/d (25 bbl/d net to NZEC). Since water continued to flow into the well when it was shut-in, it will take a number of weeks for the ESP to pump through the water to allow the well to begin producing oil at optimal rates. The operations team is encouraged by Toko-2B's performance over the first few days at the increased pumping rate, and is optimistic that oil production will continue to increase.

In June, the operations team was expanded to include David Hoke, a Petroleum Engineer with 38 years of experience encompassing all aspects of petroleum engineering, including drilling, production, reservoir and facilities. Most recently, Mr. Hoke has focused on reservoir management, production optimization and new field exploitation. Mr. Hoke has worked with NZEC's Operations and G&G teams to complete an extensive analysis of the Waihapa-2 well, which determined that this well provides the perfect opportunity to individually test two separate Mt. Messenger zones. In many areas on NZEC's Taranaki permits, the Miocene sands of the Mt. Messenger formation separate into an upper and lower zone. Historically NZEC has focused on the lower zone, but Mr. Hoke and NZEC's G&G team believe that the upper Mt. Messenger zone holds additional potential. In the Waihapa-2 well, the TWN JA (the 50/50 NZEC/L&M Energy partnership that owns the TWN Licenses) has already perforated both zones. The engineering and reservoir work is nearly complete, at which point NZEC's team will submit a proposal to the TWN JA to install a packer to separate the two zones and then produce the well using a jet pump. This would allow the two zones to be tested and produced both separately and collectively, providing production flexibility and allowing the TWN JA to gain valuable information about both Mt. Messenger zones, which would guide the Company's exploration and development efforts across all of its Taranaki permits.

For the near-term, NZEC will leverage Mr. Hoke's experience and insight to focus on optimizing production from existing wells. While the Company does see a number of additional opportunities that could add to production, including advancing the Waihapa-2 well, installing a new pump in the Copper Moki-3 well, advancing the Waihapa-1B well and additional uphole completion opportunities, these activities will be deferred until the Company has additional capital. The Company is advancing a number of options to increase its financial capacity, which could include increasing cash flow from oil production, credit facilities, joint arrangements, commercial arrangements or other financing alternatives.

Third-party revenue from the Waihapa Production Station since closing the TWN Acquisition totals approximately NZ\$1.15 million to NZEC. In addition, during February 2014 the TWN JA entered into an agreement with a gas marketing counterparty to transport gas along a section of the TAW gas pipeline for a term of four years, with a five-year right of renewal. The arrangement is expected to generate between NZ\$250,000 and NZ\$1 million revenue per year (net to NZEC). First gas commenced flowing on May 5, 2014, with revenue earned since that date being applied as the TWN JA's contribution to the capital cost originally incurred by the counterparty. The TWN JA expects that its capital contribution will be paid up by the end of July 2014, from which point forward the TWN JA will receive the proceeds from the revenue associated with this arrangement.

To view **Figure 1 - NZEC's Production & Development Wells - Status at July 2, 2014**, please visit the following link:

<http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/955622.pdf>

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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