Pyramid Oil Company Reports Second Quarter and Year-to-Date Financial Results

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BAKERSFIELD -- (Marketwired - Aug 14, 2014) - <u>Pyramid Oil Company</u> (NYSE MKT: PDO) today announced financial results for its second quarter and six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

Second quarter 2014 revenue was \$1.0 million versus \$1.2 million in the same quarter a year ago. Crude oil production for the second quarter of 2014 declined 16% to 9,809 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) from 11,685 BOE in the second quarter a year ago. The production decrease was partially offset by an increase of \$5.47 in the average realized crude oil price, which was \$104.27 during the second quarter of 2014 versus \$98.79 in the same period of 2013.

Operating income for the second quarter of 2014 was \$115,000 versus \$173,000 for the second quarter of 2013. Net income was \$73,000, or \$0.02 per share, versus \$130,000, or \$0.03 per share, in the 2013 second quarter.

Through the first six months of 2014, revenue was \$2.1 million, versus \$2.2 million the same period of 2013. The Company reported an operating loss for the 2014 six-month period of \$108,000 versus operating income of \$337,000 for the first six months of 2013. The decline was largely due to a \$393,000 increase in general and administrative expense for the first six months of 2014 compared to last year's six-month period. During the first six months of 2014, an increase of \$581,000 in legal and consulting fees associated with the proposed merger agreement between the Company and Yuma Energy, Inc. was partially offset by a \$99,000 reduction in officer and administrative salaries and a \$77,000 reduction in accounting fees. Net loss for the first six months of 2014 was \$86,000, or \$0.02 per share, versus net income of \$243,000, or \$0.05 per share, in the first six months of 2013.

Pyramid closed the second quarter of 2014 with cash and cash equivalents of \$4.4 million. Working capital was \$7.3 million and the Company's current ratio was 12:1. Pyramid also reported long-term assets in the form of certificates of deposit of \$1.1 million. Current liabilities at June 30, 2014, were \$670,000 and total liabilities were \$2.0 million. Stockholders' equity at the end of the 2014 second quarter was \$10.9 million.

Michael D. Herman, Interim President and CEO, said, "We are making continued progress on our planned merger with Yuma Energy. As was recently announced, both companies have set September 10, 2014, as the date for special meetings of their respective stockholders, who will be asked to vote on the transaction and certain other related matters. Provided both companies receive stockholder approval, we expect to complete the merger in the third quarter of 2014."

About Pyramid Oil Company

<u>Pyramid Oil Company</u> has been in the oil and gas business continuously since incorporating in 1909. Pyramid acquires interests in land and producing properties through acquisition and lease, and then drills and/or operates crude or natural gas wells in an effort to discover or produce oil and/or natural gas. More information about the Company can be found at: www.pyramidoil.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Statements that are not strictly historical statements constitute forward-looking statements and may often, but not always, be identified by the use of such words such as "expects," "believes," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "estimates," "potential," "possible," or "probable" or statements that certain actions, events or results "may," "will," "should," or "could" be taken occur or be achieved. The forward-looking statements include statements about the anticipated timing for closing the proposed merger. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and analyses made by Yuma and Pyramid in light of experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual

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results and developments will conform with expectations is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: the possibility that the companies may be unable to obtain stockholder approval or satisfy the other conditions to closing; that problems may arise in the integration of the businesses of the two companies; that the acquisition may involve unexpected costs; the risks of the oil and gas industry (for example, operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas; risks and uncertainties involving geology of oil and gas deposits); the uncertainty of reserve estimates; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future production, costs and expenses; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; health, safety and environmental risks and risks related to weather; fluctuations in oil and gas prices; inability of management to execute its plans to meet its goals, shortages of drilling equipment, oil field personnel and services, unavailability of gathering systems, pipelines and processing facilities and the possibility that government policies may change. Pyramid's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, recent current reports on Form 8-K, and other Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings discuss some of the important risk factors identified that may affect its business, results of operations, and financial condition. Pyramid and Yuma undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

Additional Information About the Transaction

In connection with the proposed transaction, Pyramid has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a proxy statement of Pyramid that also constitutes a prospectus of Pyramid relating to Pyramid common stock to be issued to Yuma stockholders pursuant to the merger. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus includes important information about both Yuma and Pyramid. Pyramid may also file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PYRAMID AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders may obtain these documents when available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the documents filed with the SEC by Pyramid can be obtained free of charge from Pyramid's website at www.pyramidoil.com.

Participants in Solicitation

Pyramid and its executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Pyramid in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Pyramid's directors and executive officers is available in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on March 31, 2014. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are and will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus referred to above and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.

This release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act.

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	Three months	ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,			
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
REVENUES:						
Oil and gas sales	\$ 1,022,757	\$ 1,154,409	\$ 2,066,356	\$ 2,162,212		
COSTS AND EXPENSES:						
Operating expenses	435,837	500,043	932,127	934,481		
General and administrative	272,328	234,862	850,291	457,003		
Taxes, other than income						
and payroll taxes	27,495	37,158	61,104	67,555		
Provision for depletion,						
depreciation and amortization	113,541	148,817	217,511	261,796		

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Accretion expense		14,073		7,932		23,490	18,311
Other costs and expenses		43,989	_	52,973	_	90,079	86,198
		907,263	_	981,785		2,174,602	1,825,344
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	_	115,494	_	172,624	_	(108,246)	336,868
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):							
Interest income		9,736		10,004		19,397	20,315
Other income	_	(321)	_	0	_	6,679	0
		9,415		10,004		26,076	20,315
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	_	124,909	_	182,628	_	(82,170)	357,183
Income tax expense (benefit)							
Current		(186,200)		9,357		(711,200)	15,126
Deferred	_	238,200	_	43,200	_	714,700	99,300
	_	52,000	_	52,557	_	3,500	114,426
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	72,909	\$	130,071	\$	(85,670)	242,757
BASIC INCOME (LOSS)							
PER COMMON SHARE	\$	0.02	\$	0.03	\$	(0.02)	0.05
DILUTED INCOME (LOSS)							
PER COMMON SHARE	\$	0.02	\$	0.03	\$	(0.02)	0.05
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	_	4,754,752	_	4,688,085	_	4,721,418	4,688,085
Diluted average number of common shares outstanding	=:	4,761,614	_	4,688,085	_	4,721,418	4,688,085

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)		December 31, 2013 (Audited)	
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,355,590	\$	4,404,246
Restricted cash		0		967,329
Short-term investments		2,143,028		2,140,822
Trade accounts receivable		486,632		484,468
Income taxes receivable		724,400		12,400
Crude oil inventory		92,524		102,334
Prepaid expenses and other assets		126,839		249,030
Deferred income taxes	_	87,000		711,800
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		8,016,013		9,072,429
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost				
Oil and gas properties and equipment				
(successful efforts method)		19,899,762		19,883,190
Capitalized asset retirement costs		412,612		412,612
Drilling and operating equipment		2,058,744		2,058,744
Land, buildings and improvements		1,098,918		1,098,918
Automotive, office and other				
property and equipment	_	1,158,764		1,136,566
		24,628,800		24,590,030
Less: accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowances	_	(21,529,273)		(21,335,914)
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	_	3,099,527		3,254,116
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS				
Long-term investments		1,146,674		1,131,707
Deferred income taxes		370,000		459,900
Deposits		250,000		250,000
Other Assets	_	11,380		11,380
TOTAL INVESTMENTS OTHER ASSETS		1,778,054		1,852,987
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	12,893,594	\$	14,179,532

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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)		December 31, 2013 (Audited)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$	304,429	\$ 290,930	
Accrued professional fees		12,162	140,711	
Accrued taxes, other than income taxes		0	54,444	
Accrued payroll and related costs		37,572	40,932	
Accrued royalties payable		240,548	226,502	
Liability for deferred compensation		39,166	1,026,655	
Accrued insurance		36,018	 113,480	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		669,895	 1,893,654	
LIABILITY FOR ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS		1,329,352	 1,305,862	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,999,247	 3,199,516	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Preferred stock-no par value; 10,000,000 authorized shares; no shares issued or outstanding		0	0	
Common stock-no par value; 50,000,000 authorized shares; 4,788,085 shares issued andoutstanding		1,847,384	1,847,384	
Retained earnings		9,046,963	9,132,632	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		10,894,347	 10,980,016	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	12,893,594	\$ 14,179,532	

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