

HOUSTON, Oct. 15, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:CRZO) announced today that it has commenced an underwritten public offering of 5,300,000 shares of its common stock. Carrizo has also granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 795,000 additional shares. The underwriters may offer the shares of common stock from time to time for sale in one or more transactions on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Carrizo intends to use the net proceeds from this offering, and any proceeds from the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, to repay borrowings under its revolving credit facility, with the remainder for general corporate purposes, including future potential acquisitions with a primary focus in the Permian Basin.

In connection with the offering, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. are serving as the underwriters. The offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 28, 2014. Copies of the preliminary prospectus for the offering may be obtained from the offices of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, via email: newyork.prospectus@credit-suisse.com; or standard mail at c/o Prospectus Department, One Madison Avenue, New York, NY, 10010; and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., via telephone: (800) 831-9146; email: prospectus@citi.com; or standard mail c/o Broadridge Financial Services, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717.

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[Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc.](#) is a Houston-based energy company actively engaged in the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas from resource plays located in the United States. Carrizo's current operations are principally focused in proven, producing oil and gas plays primarily in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, the Permian Basin in West Texas, the Niobrara Formation in Colorado, the Utica Shale in Ohio, and the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania.

Statements in this news release that are not historical facts, including but not limited to those relating to the proposed public offering, the use of proceeds from the proposed public offering and other matters relating to the public offering, and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations. Although Carrizo believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include results of operations, market conditions, capital needs and uses and other risks and uncertainties that are beyond Carrizo's control, including those described in the prospectus, Carrizo's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made and Carrizo undertakes no obligation to correct or update forward-looking information.

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