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Gear Energy Ltd. ("Gear" or the "Company") (TSX:GXE) is pleased to announce the closing of its previously announced bought deal financing. Pursuant to the financing, Gear has issued and sold through a syndicate of underwriters led by Peters & Co. Limited an aggregate of 28,750,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.70 per common share, which includes 3,750,000 common shares issued pursuant to the exercise in full of the over-allotment option, for gross proceeds of \$20,125,000 (the "Offering").

The net proceeds from the Offering will initially be used to repay outstanding bank indebtedness thereby freeing up borrowing capacity which may be used to fund a portion of the Company's ongoing capital program and for working capital purposes.

Gear Energy Ltd. is a Canadian exploration and production company with predominantly horizontal 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.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

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