

CALGARY, ALBERTA--(Marketwired - Mar 15, 2017) - [Traverse Energy Ltd.](#) ("Traverse" or "the Company") (TSX VENTURE:TVL) provides an operations update and presents its 2016 year-end reserves. Traverse's independent reserve report, dated February 21, 2017, was prepared by Sproule Associates Limited ("Sproule") in accordance with National Instrument 51-101 effective December 31, 2016.

Operations update

In 2016 Traverse reduced its capital program in response to the continuing weak commodity markets. Traverse drilled two wells in 2016, completed and commissioned a water disposal facility and completed a program of recompletions and workovers to optimize production. Total capital expenditures for 2016 were approximately \$6.6 million. Traverse's production averaged 605 BOE/day during the fourth quarter of 2016 and 690 BOE/day for the year (49% oil and NGL). Undeveloped land holdings at December 31, 2016 were 181,600 gross (180,700 net) acres. At December 31, 2016 the Company had working capital of approximately \$1.7 million and unutilized credit facilities of \$7.0 million.

The Board of Directors has approved an initial exploration and development program for 2017 of \$14 million to be financed by cash flow, working capital and new equity issues or debt as appropriate. The 2017 capital program is weighted towards the second half of the year and consistent with 2016 will be adjusted throughout the year in response to both commodity prices and exploration results.

In the Coyote area, one horizontal development well and one vertical exploratory well were drilled in January 2017. The horizontal well was drilled to a measured depth of 2,451 meters into the Upper Mannville formation. The horizontal leg of 1,100 meters was fracture stimulated using 30 stages. The well was tied into existing infrastructure in mid-February and has averaged 360 BOE/day comprised of 300 bbls/day oil and 360 mcf/day sales gas in the first 21 days of production. The well is currently flowing at approximately 315 BOE/day (83% oil). The vertical exploration well was drilled several miles west of the existing Coyote production on recently acquired freehold lands. The well was completed in the Mannville and is currently being production tested. Further exploratory and development drilling is planned for the Coyote area in 2017. One gas well that was production tested in November is still awaiting tie-in pending a pipeline acquisition or pipeline construction after break-up.

In the Watts area, a vertical exploratory well was drilled in January and is currently waiting on services to fracture treat the well to evaluate its productivity. An oil well and a gas well previously tied in during the fourth quarter of 2016 were placed on production in early February. The oil well has averaged 143 BOE/day comprised of 100 bbls/day oil and 260 mcf/day sales gas in its first 39 days of production. Current production is 115 BOE/day (65% oil). The gas well is currently being recompleted in a Mannville zone and is waiting on services to fracture treat the zone. Additional activities for the Watts area in 2017 include seismic acquisition and additional drilling.

In the Turin area, two previously acquired vertical wells were completed in late 2016 and placed on production in mid-January. The oil well's current production is 35 BOE/day (69% oil). The other well, which was originally completed as a gas well, is currently shut in and will be recompleted in uphole zones.

Summary of oil and gas reserves

- Company proved reserves of 1,713.0 MBOE - 6% decrease year over year
- Company proved plus probable reserves of 2,158.4 MBOE - 6% decrease year over year
- Company proved developed producing reserves represent 52% of total proved reserves
- Company proved reserves constitute 79% of total proved plus probable reserves
- Net present value of future net revenue attributable to the reserves (before tax) discounted at 10% is \$26.5 million for the proved reserves and \$33.7 million for the proved plus probable reserves
- Undiscounted total future development capital for the proved and proved plus probable reserves is \$7.6 million
- Company proved plus probable reserves are comprised of 55% oil and natural gas liquids and 45% natural gas

The following tables are a summary of Traverse's petroleum and natural gas reserves, as evaluated by Sproule, effective December 31, 2016, using Sproule's forecast prices and costs. It should not be assumed that the estimates of future net revenue presented in the tables below represent the fair market value of the reserves. There is no assurance that the forecast prices and cost assumptions will be attained and variances could be material. The recovery and reserve estimates of the Company's crude oil, natural gas liquids, and natural gas reserves provided herein are estimates only and there is no guarantee that the estimated reserves will be recovered. Actual reserves may be greater or less than the estimates provided herein. Reserves information may not add due to rounding.

Reserve Category	Light and Medium Crude Oil		Conventional Natural Gas		Natural Gas Liquids		Oil Equivalent	
	Gross ⁽¹⁾ (Mbbbl)	Net ⁽²⁾ (Mbbbl)	Gross ⁽¹⁾ (MMcf)	Net ⁽²⁾ (MMcf)	Gross ⁽¹⁾ (Mbbbl)	Net ⁽²⁾ (Mbbbl)	Gross ⁽¹⁾ (MBOE)	Net ⁽²⁾ (MBOE)
Proved Developed Producing	378.7	363.4	2,827	2,505	38.0	26.1	887.9	807.0
Proved Developed Non-producing	99.4	90.9	717	667	11.6	9.3	230.5	211.4
Proved Undeveloped	386.1	345.8	1,124	1,061	21.4	19.1	594.8	541.7
Total Proved	864.2	800.0	4,668	4,233	70.9	54.4	1,713.0	1,560.1

Probable	221.8	191.4	1,229	1,098	18.7	14.1	445.4	388.5
Total Proved Plus Probable	1,086.0	991.5	5,897	5,331	89.6	68.6	2,158.4	1,948.6

Notes:

1. Gross reserves are Traverse's working interest reserves before deduction of any royalties and before consideration of Traverse's royalty interests.
2. Net reserves are Traverse's working interest reserves after deduction of royalties, plus Traverse's royalty interests.

Summary of net present value of future net revenue as of December 31, 2016:

Reserve Category	Value Before Income Taxes Discounted at (%/Year) ⁽¹⁾					Unit Value Before Income Taxes
	0 (M\$)	5 (M\$)	10 (M\$)	15 (M\$)	20 (M\$)	10% \$/BOE
Proved Developed Producing	18,114	15,487	13,435	11,856	10,626	16.65
Proved Developed Non-producing	3,898	3,798	3,641	3,468	3,296	17.24
Proved Undeveloped	15,345	11,874	9,399	7,596	6,243	17.35
Total Proved	37,358	31,160	26,475	22,919	20,166	16.97
Probable	13,701	9,632	7,219	5,701	4,685	18.57
Total Proved Plus Probable	51,059	40,793	33,694	28,620	24,850	17.29

Summary of net present value of future net revenue as of December 31, 2016 (continued):

Reserve Category	Value After Income Taxes Discounted at (%/Year) ⁽¹⁾				
	0 (M\$)	5 (M\$)	10 (M\$)	15 (M\$)	20 (M\$)
Proved Developed Producing	18,114	15,487	13,435	11,856	10,626
Proved Developed Non-producing	3,898	3,798	3,641	3,468	3,296
Proved Undeveloped	12,030	9,406	7,492	6,079	5,006
Total Proved	34,042	28,692	24,568	21,402	18,929
Probable	10,035	7,071	5,301	4,190	3,450
Total Proved Plus Probable	44,078	35,764	29,869	25,592	22,378

Note:

1. Includes future development capital of \$7.6 million (undiscounted).

Reserve reconciliations

The following tables reconcile Traverse's gross reserves by principal product type. Gross reserves are Traverse's working interest reserves before deduction of any royalties and before consideration of Traverse's royalty interests.

Gross Reserves	Light and Medium Crude Oil			Conventional Natural Gas		
	Proved	Probable	Proved Plus Probable	Proved	Probable	Proved Plus Probable
	Mbbl	Mbbl	Mbbl	MMcf	MMcf	MMcf
December 31, 2015	945.5	237.2	1,182.7	4,837	1,279	6,116
Discoveries	82.5	20.2	102.7	446	115	561
Technical revisions	(31.0)	(33.3)	(64.3)	282	(153)	129
Economic factors	(20.1)	(2.3)	(22.4)	(136)	(12)	(148)
Production	(112.7)	0.0	(112.7)	(761)	0	(761)
December 31, 2016	864.2	221.8	1,086.0	4,668	1,229	5,897
Gross Reserves (continued)	Natural Gas Liquids			Oil equivalent		
	Proved	Probable	Proved Plus Probable	Proved	Probable	Proved Plus Probable
	Mbbl	Mbbl	Mbbl	MBOE	MBOE	MBOE
December 31, 2015	70.3	18.6	88.9	1,822.0	468.8	2,290.8
Discoveries	7.2	1.9	9.1	164.0	41.2	205.2
Technical revisions	6.2	(1.7)	4.5	22.0	(59.9)	(37.9)
Economic factors	(2.1)	(0.1)	(2.2)	(44.7)	(4.7)	(49.4)
Production	(10.7)	0.0	(10.7)	(250.3)	0.0	(250.3)
December 31, 2016	70.9	18.7	89.6	1,713.0	445.4	2,158.4

BOE equivalent

The term "BOE" or barrels of oil equivalent may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A BOE conversion ratio of six

thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil equivalent (6 Mcf: 1 bbl) is based upon an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent value equivalency at the wellhead. Additionally, given that the value ratio based on the current price of crude oil, as compared to natural gas, is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6:1, utilizing a conversion ratio of 6:1 may be misleading as an indication of value.

Forward-looking information

This news release contains forward-looking information which is not comprised of historical fact. Forward-looking information involves risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events, results, performance, prospects and opportunities to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Forward-looking information in this news release includes the Company's statements with respect to additional drilling in the Coyote and Watts area; Traverse's 2017 capital budget; the volumes of reserves attributable to the Company's assets; and the estimate of the net present value of the future net revenue attributable thereto. This forward looking information is subject to a variety of substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or outcomes to differ materially from those anticipated or implied by such forward looking information. The Company's Annual Information Form filed on April 14, 2016 with securities regulatory authorities (accessible through the SEDAR website www.sedar.com) describes the risks, material assumptions and other factors that could influence actual results and which are incorporated herein by reference.

Although the Company believes that the material assumptions and factors used in preparing the forward-looking information in this news release are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on such information, which only applies as of the date of this news release, and no assurance can be given that such events will occur. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or review any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by law.

The Company's 2016 year end audited financial statements, the related management's discussion and analysis and Annual Information Form are expected to be filed on or about April 11, 2017.

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