

Pan Orient Announces 2017 Year-End Thailand Reserves Update

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CALGARY, Alberta, Jan. 31, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Pan Orient Energy Corp.](#) ("Pan Orient") (TSX-V:POE), on behalf of Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. ("POS"), announced the results of its December 31, 2017 independent reserves evaluation for Thailand on-shore Concession L53/48 where POS is the operator and has a 100% working interest. Pan Orient has a 50.01% equity interest in POS, which is classified as a Joint Venture under International Financial Reporting Standards and accounted for using the equity method. Pan Orient's 50.01% equity interest in the assets, liabilities, working capital, operations and capital expenditures of POS are recorded in Investment in the Thailand Joint Venture.

The evaluation for the Thailand assets as at December 31, 2017 was conducted by Sproule International Limited of Calgary ("Sproule") and was prepared in accordance with Canadian Securities Administrators National Instrument 51-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities*.

Please note that all amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated and BOPD refers to barrels of oil per day. Reserves volumes reported below are "Company Gross Reserves", a classification of reserves used in the evaluation which represents production and reserves before deduction of royalties.

Summary of Thailand Reserves at December 31, 2017 for Concession L53/48

- Thailand reserves and values at December 31, 2017 of POS (representing the 100% working interest of POS in Concession L53/48):
 - Proved crude oil reserves of 545,000 barrels at December 31, 2017 from conventional sandstone reservoirs is unchanged from December 31, 2016.
 - Proved plus probable crude oil reserves of 1,093,000 barrels at December 31, 2017 from conventional sandstone reservoirs, compared with proved plus probable oil reserves of 1,140,000 barrels at December 31, 2016. The 4.1% decrease in 2017 reflects the following changes during 2017:
 - 2017 oil sales of 185,117 barrels (507 BOPD), with 115,334 barrels (316 BOPD) from the L53G field, 22,365 barrels (61 BOPD) from the L53D field, 47,386 barrels (130 BOPD) from the L53A field and 33 barrels from the L53B field. The L53B field produced 33 barrels as test production in January 2017 and POS was granted a production license for the L53B field on May 5, 2017.
 - A positive technical revision of 138,000 barrels, most significantly at the L53G field.
 - Net present value (after tax) of Thailand proved plus probable crude oil reserves at December 31, 2017, using forecast prices and costs discounted at 10% per year, of Cdn\$28.0 million. The 6% increase in the net present value (after tax) of Thailand proved plus probable crude oil reserves from \$26.4 million at December 31, 2016 results primarily from a 14% increase in average oil sales prices offsetting the 4.1% reduction in oil reserves and the higher royalty and income tax expenses associated with the higher oil revenue.
- Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% equity interest in POS:
 - Pan Orient does not have any direct interest in, or control over, the crude oil reserves or operations of on-shore Concession L53/48. The values at December 31, 2017 identified as "Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% Equity Interest in Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd." represent 50.01% of POS reserves and values.
 - Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% equity interest in POS, proved plus probable crude oil reserves of 546,500 barrels at December 31, 2017 from conventional sandstone reservoirs.
 - Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% equity interest in POS, net present value (after tax) of Thailand proved plus probable crude oil reserves at December 31, 2017, using forecast prices and costs discounted at 10% per year, of Cdn\$14.0 million, or \$0.25 per Pan Orient share based on the current 54.9 million Pan Orient shares outstanding.

Summary of Thailand Crude Oil Reserves as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% Interest in Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd.

Marketable Reserves & Company Gross (thousands of barrels)	Light and Medium Oil	Heavy Oil
Proved	230	222
Probable	225	295
Total Proved plus Probable	455	517

Summary of Thailand Net Present Values (After Income Tax) as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule

Net to Pan Orient's 50.01% Interest in Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd.

Present Value - After Tax (Cdn\$ million)	Undiscounted	5%	10%	15%
Proved	10	9	9	8
Probable	8	6	5	4
Total Proved plus Probable	18	16	14	13
Per Pan Orient share (Note)	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.23

Note: Per share values were calculated based on 54,900,407 Pan Orient shares currently outstanding

Summary of Thailand Crude Oil Reserves as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule
Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. (with a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48)

Marketable Reserves & Company Gross (thousands of barrels)	Light and Medium Oil	Heavy Oil	Total
Proved	461	84	545
Probable	450	98	548
Total Proved plus Probable	910	183	1,093

Summary of Thailand Crude Oil Proved plus Probable Reserves as of December 31, 2017, by Major Field as provided by Sproule & Company Gross (thousands of barrels)

Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. (with a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48)

Concession	Major Field	Proved	Probable	Proved plus Probable
L53/48	L53A Field	143	130	272
	L53B Field	83	100	183
	L53D Field	174	160	334
	L53G Field	144	159	303
		545	548	1,093

Reconciliation of Changes in Thailand Crude Oil Reserves as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule & Company Gross (Light and Medium Oil and Heavy Oil)

Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. (with a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48)

(thousands of barrels)	Proved	Probable	Proved plus Probable
December 31, 2016	545	595	1,140
Extensions	-	-	-
Improved Recovery	-	-	-
Technical Revision	185	(47)	138
Discoveries	-	-	-
Acquisitions	-	-	-
Dispositions	-	-	-

Economic Factors	-	-	-
Production	(185)	185
December 31, 2017	545	548	1,093

Summary of Thailand Net Present Values (After Income Tax) as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule

Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. (with a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48)

Present Value - After Tax (Cdn\$ million)	Undiscounted	5%	10%	15%
Proved	21	19	18	16
Probable	16	13	10	9
Total Proved plus Probable	36	32	28	25

Thailand Concession L53/48 Reserves Evaluation as of December 31, 2017, as provided by Sproule
Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. (with a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48)

1) Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd. is the operator and 100% working interest owner of Concession L53/48. Pan Orient holds a 50.01% equity interest in Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd.

Thailand reserves and values at December 31, 2017 shown as "100% working interest of Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd." represent a 100% working interest in Concession L53/48.

2) Reserves volumes reported above are "Company Gross Reserves", a classification of reserves used in the evaluation which represents production and reserves before deduction of royalties.

3) The tables shown have assessed reserves at forecast crude oil reference prices & costs.

4) The US\$ reference price for crude oil per barrel (US\$ UK Brent per barrel) is \$58.00 for 2018, \$67.00 for 2019, \$72.00 for 2020, \$75.00 for 2021, \$76.50 for 2022 and prices increase at 2.0% per year thereafter.

5) Oil revenue for these reserves is based on 90% of the forecast crude oil Brent reference price.

6) Tables show assessed reserves with a foreign exchange rate of CDN\$1=US\$0.79 for 2018, CDN\$1=US\$0.82 for 2019, CDN\$1=US\$0.85 thereafter.

7) The capital cost inflation rate starting in 2019 is 2.0% per year. The operating expense inflation rate starting in 2019 is 2.0% per year.

8) Estimated future undiscounted development costs, in nominal dollars, at December 31, 2017 were Cdn\$6.7 million for proved reserves and Cdn\$11.5 million for proved plus probable reserves.

9) Net present values after income tax are after deduction of the SRB (Special Remuneratory Benefit tax) and income tax in Thailand. SRB tax rate is forecast to be zero percent per year based on the forecast oil rates and prices.

10) Well abandonment and reclamation costs of Cdn\$3.5 million for the proved plus probable case were included in this report and include abandonment and reclamation costs for all existing and future wells. No allowances for reclamation or salvage values were made.

11) The net present values disclosed may not represent fair market value.

12) Totals may not add exactly due to rounding.

Pan Orient is a Calgary, Alberta based oil and gas exploration and production company with operations currently located onshore Thailand, Indonesia and in Western Canada.

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