

# Orca Exploration provides operational update

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TORTOLA, July 24, 2019 - [Orca Exploration Group Inc.](#) (TSX-V: ORC.A, ORC.B) ("Orca" or the "Company"), operator of the Songo Songo gas field in Tanzania is pleased to provide an operational update on its current activities in Tanzania.

In early July 2019, Orca's subsidiary, Pan African Energy Tanzania Limited ("PAET"), completed the installation of a refrigeration package within the Songas facilities. The unit is now operational, which has enabled PAET to increase the volumes that can be processed and transported to Dar es Salaam through the Songas facilities to 90 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd). This will be optimised in the coming months and is expected to increase ultimate capacity to 100 MMscfd. Under the terms of the Gas Sales Agreement, signed with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation ("TPDC") in May 2019, we continue to sell volumes over and above the Songas facilities throughput of up to 20 MMscfd through the National Natural Gas Infrastructure ("NNGI").

The on-site work has been undertaken during the rainy season when the run of river hydroelectricity plants operate at capacity and demand for electricity from the gas fired plants tends to be lower. Despite this, we experienced a significant increase of 23 MMscfd of Additional Gas demand during the second quarter over volumes recorded in Q2 2018. It is expected that a new 185 Megawatt ("MW") gas fired generation facility will be commissioned at Kinyerezi in Dar es Salaam in the second half of 2019. PAET is optimally placed to deliver additional volumes to this unit via the NNGI.

During Q2, the Company commenced a low-cost work programme to optimise the configuration of the flow lines that feed gas from the wells to the Songas facilities and/or the NNGI. This is expected to increase overall production capacity by approximately 10 MMscfd. In addition, PAET progressed front end engineering and design work for compressors that are expected to be installed on the Songas facilities mid-2021. These initiatives will help sustain production.

Nigel Friend, Chief Executive Officer of Orca Exploration commented:

*"Given the projected increase in gas demand by the power sector in Tanzania over the next year, the installation of the refrigeration facility is an important milestone for us. We continue to work closely with TPDC and the electricity utility, Tanzania Electric Supply Company, to ensure we are in a position to supply natural gas from the Songo Songo field to fuel the development of Tanzania's growing industrial economy."*

About Orca Exploration Group Inc.

Orca is an international public company engaged in natural gas exploration, development and supply in Tanzania through its subsidiary PAET. Orca trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbols ORC.A and ORC.B. The Company's Project Agreements are more fully described in the Company's 2016 Annual Information Form, and available on [www.orcaexploration.com](http://www.orcaexploration.com).

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