

Oryx Petroleum Q2 2019 Financial and Operational Results

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CALGARY, July 30, 2019 - [Oryx Petroleum Corporation Ltd.](#) ("Oryx Petroleum" or the "Corporation") today announces its financial and operational results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019. All dollar amounts set forth in this news release are in United States dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

Financial Highlights:

- Total revenues of \$39.9 million on working interest sales of 671,300 barrels of oil ("bbl") and an average realised price of \$53.47/bbl for Q2 2019
 - 123% increase in revenues versus Q2 2018 and 17% increase in revenues versus Q1 2019
 - The Corporation has received full payment in accordance with production sharing contract entitlements for a number of oil deliveries into the Kurdistan Region Export Pipeline through April 2019
- Operating expenses of \$6.9 million (\$10.33/bbl) and an Oryx Petroleum Netback¹ of \$14.6 million (\$21.71/bbl) for Q2 2019
 - 26% decrease in operating expenses per barrel versus Q2 2018
 - Record quarterly Oryx Petroleum Netback¹
- Profit of \$2.3 million (\$0.00 per common share) in Q2 2019 versus loss of \$3.5 million in Q2 2018 (\$0.01 per common share)
- Improvement primarily attributable to higher Oryx Petroleum Netback
- Net cash generated by operating activities in Q2 2019 was \$11.4 million versus net cash used in operating activities of \$1.0 million in Q2 2018 and is comprised of Operating Funds Flow² of \$11.9 million partially offset by a \$0.5 million increase in non-cash working capital
- Net cash used in investing activities during Q2 2019 was \$8.6 million including payments related to drilling and development in the Hawler license area, preparation for drilling in the AGC Central license area, and an increase in non-cash working capital
- \$16.8 million of cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2019

1	Oryx Petroleum Netback is a non-IFRS measure. See the table below for a definition of and other information related to the term.
2	Operating Funds Flow is a non-IFRS measure. See the table below for a definition of and other information related to the term.

Operations Update:

- Average gross (100%) oil production of 11,300 bbl/d (working interest 7,400 bbl/d) for Q2 2019 versus 4,400 bbl/d (working interest 2,900 bbl/d) for Q2 2018
 - 156% increase in gross (100%) oil production in Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018; 6% increase in gross (100%) oil production in Q2 2019 versus Q1 2019
 - Average gross (100%) oil production of 11,900 bbl/d in June 2019
 - Commencement of oil production from the Banan-6 well and modest increases from other existing wells at the Banan and Banan fields partially offset by declines at the Zey Gawra field
- The Banan-6 appraisal well targeting the Cretaceous reservoir was spudded in March 2019, was drilled to a maximum depth of 1,840 metres and was completed as a producing well in late May
- Drilling of a horizontal sidetrack of the Demir Dagh-5 well targeting the Cretaceous reservoir has been completed and stimulation is planned in the coming weeks in order to facilitate oil production
- The Banan-7 well targeting the Cretaceous reservoir will be spudded in the coming weeks
- Initial planning and preparations for an exploration drilling campaign in the AGC Central license area are ongoing and environmental and social impact assessment is progressing.

2H 2019 Forecasted Work Program and Capital Expenditures:

- 2019 capital expenditures have been re-forecast to \$43 million (versus \$42 million previous forecast). Capital expenditures for the second half of 2019 are forecasted to be \$30 million. Forecast activities in the second half of 2019 consist of:
 - \$24 million dedicated to the Hawler license area: seven wells including two short radius sidetracks of previous wells targeting the Demir Dagh Cretaceous reservoir (including the Demir Dagh-5 well), two wells targeting the Cretaceous reservoir, two wells targeting the Banan Tertiary reservoir, and a test of the previously suspended Safra-2 well; flowlines and required facilities modifications needed to accommodate incremental production
 - \$6 million dedicated to the AGC Central license area including preparations for exploration drilling in 2020

Liquidity Outlook:

- The Corporation expects cash on hand as of June 30, 2019 and cash receipts from net revenues and export sales to fund its forecasted capital expenditures and operating and administrative costs through the end of 2019. Additional capital is expected to be required to be able to both meet contingent consideration obligations projected to become payable in 2019 and 2020 and to fund drilling in the AGC Central license area planned in 2020.

CEO's Comment

Commenting today, Oryx Petroleum's Chief Executive Officer, Vance Querio, stated:

"The second quarter of 2019 was an active and productive quarter for Oryx Petroleum. We were able to achieve record daily production for the quarter due primarily to the successful completion of the Banan-6 well as a producer in May. We completed drilling of a horizontal sidetrack of the Demir Dagh-5 well and expect to bring the well onto production in the next few weeks. We are moving ahead with the next wells in our 2019 drilling program starting with the Banan-7 well targeting the Cretaceous reservoir.

Our capital expenditure program for the second half of 2019 in the Hawler license area includes the drilling or re-entry of several wells. The program has been designed to allow us to significantly increase production and to refine our understanding of the development potential of the four fields in the Hawler license.

In the AGC Central license area we continue planning and preparation for an exploration drilling campaign. An environmental and social impact assessment is underway with exploration drilling expected to follow the completion and formal approval of the assessment.

During Q2 2019 we generated operating funds flow which exceeded cash used in investing activities. We expect that cash on hand and cash receipts from net revenues and export sales will fund forecasted capital expenditures and operating and administrative costs in 2019, although additional capital may be required to fund contingent consideration obligations, which may become payable, and exploration drilling in the AGC Central license area planned in 2020.

We look forward to continuing to implement our plans in 2019 and to achieve higher production in the Hawler license area and continuing preparations for an exploration drilling program in the AGC Central license area."

Selected Financial Results

Financial results are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the reporting currency is US dollars. References in this news release to the "Group" refer to Oryx Petroleum and its subsidiaries. The following table summarises selected financial highlights for Oryx Petroleum for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018 as well as the year ended December 31, 2018.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Year Ended
	June 30	June 30	June 30	June 30	December 31
(\$ in millions unless otherwise indicated)	2019	2018	2019	2018	2018
Revenue	39.9	17.9	73.9	31.8	97.6
Working Interest Oil Production (bbl)	669,200	261,700	1,303,000	483,800	1,541,900
Average WI Oil Production per day (bbl/d)	7,400	2,900	7,200	2,700	4,200
Working Interest Oil Sales (bbl)	671,300	262,000	1,304,700	484,700	1,542,300
Average Realised Sales Price (\$/bbl)	53.47	61.51	50.98	59.12	57.00
Operating Expense	6.9	3.6	14.2	6.8	19.2
Field Production Costs (\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	7.90	10.60	8.33	10.66	9.54
Field Netback (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾	18.22	19.45	16.57	18.22	18.30
Operating Expenses (\$/bbl)	10.33	13.86	10.89	13.94	12.48
Oryx Petroleum Netback (\$/bbl) ⁽³⁾	21.71	23.00	19.66	21.49	21.68
Net Profit (Loss)	2.3	(3.5)	3.9	(7.8)	43.8
Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share (\$/sh)	0.00	(0.01)	0.01	(0.02)	0.09
Operating Funds Flow ⁽⁴⁾	11.9	4.3	21.0	5.7	23.2
Net Cash Generated by / (used in) Operating Activities	11.4	(1.6)	20.0	(4.2)	8.1
Net Cash used in Investing Activities	8.6	5.0	17.6	12.3	32.8
Capital Expenditure	10.6	8.8	13.0	14.9	36.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	16.8	21.3	16.8	21.3	14.4
Total Assets	821.6	744.4	821.6	744.4	813.0
Total Liabilities	206.6	197.5	206.6	197.5	203.4
Total Equity	615.0	546.8	615.0	546.8	609.5

(1)	Field Production Costs represent Oryx Petroleum's working interest share of gross production costs and exclude the partner share of production costs carried by Oryx Petroleum.
(2)	Field Netback is a non-IFRS measure that represents the Group's working interest share of oil sales net of the Group's working interest share of royalties, the Group's working interest share of operating expenses and the Group's working interest share of taxes. Management believes that Field Netback is a useful supplemental measure to analyse operating performance and provides an indication of the results generated by the Group's principal business activities prior to the consideration of production sharing contract and joint operating agreement financing characteristics, and other income and expenses. Field Netback does not have a standard meaning under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies.
(3)	Oryx Petroleum Netback is a non-IFRS measure that represents Field Netback adjusted to reflect the impact of carried costs incurred and recovered through the sale of cost oil during the reporting period. Management believes that Oryx Petroleum Netback is a useful supplemental measure to analyse the net cash impact of the Group's principal business activities prior to the consideration of other income and expenses. Oryx Petroleum Netback does not have a standard meaning under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies.
(4)	Operating Funds Flow is a non-IFRS measure that represents cash generated from operating activities before changes in non-cash assets and liabilities. The term Operating Funds Flow should not be considered an alternative to or more meaningful than "cash flow from operating activities" as determined in accordance with IFRS. Management considers Operating Funds Flow to be a key measure as it demonstrates the Group's ability to generate the cash flow necessary to fund future growth through capital investment. Operating Funds Flow does not have any standard meaning under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies.

- Revenue increased to \$39.9 million in Q2 2019 versus \$17.9 million in Q2 2018 due to a 156% increase in oil sales partially offset by a 13% decrease in average oil sales prices. Gross (working interest) production and sales of oil were 669,200 barrels and 671,300 barrels, respectively, versus 261,700 and 262,000 barrels, respectively, for Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018. Average oil sales price realised in Q2 2019 was \$53.47 per barrel versus \$61.51 for Q2 2018. In addition to oil sales, the net revenue includes the recovery of carried costs.
- Operating expenses for the period increased 91% to \$6.9 million in Q2 2019 versus \$3.6 million in Q2 2018 due to increased costs associated with a full quarter of operations at the Banan field in Q2 2019 versus a partial quarter in Q2 2018 (the Banan field commenced operations during Q2 2018) and the expansion of production operations at the Zey and Banan fields during the second half of 2018 and the first half of 2019. Operating expenses on a per barrel basis decreased in Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018 as increased volumes more than offset the increase in expenses. Per barrel operating expenses are expected to continue to improve in the near term as production increases. Oryx Petroleum currently carries the Regional Government's share of production costs. The Oryx Petroleum Netback achieved in Q2 2019 of \$21.71 per barrel reflects the Field Netback plus adjustments for carried costs.
- General and administrative expenses increased to \$3.4 million in Q2 2019 versus \$2.4 million in Q2 2018 due primarily to an increase in personnel costs resulting from higher estimated performance based compensation than assumed in Q2 2018.
- Profit for the quarter was \$2.3 million in Q2 2019 as compared to a loss of \$3.5 million in Q2 2018. The improved performance was primarily attributable to an increase in net revenue of \$12.3 million. The increase in net revenues was partially offset by a \$3.3 million increase in operating expenses, and ii) a \$2.4 million increase in the depletion charge during Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018 from higher production, partially offset by a lower depletion charge per barrel.
- Operating Funds Flow was \$11.9 million for Q2 2019 compared to \$4.3 million in Q2 2018. The increase in Operating Funds Flow is primarily due to higher net revenues in Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018 partially offset by higher operating costs.
- Net cash generated by operating activities was \$11.4 million in Q2 2019 as compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$1.6 million in Q2 2018. The increase in Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018 reflects higher revenues and a smaller increase in non-cash working capital, partially offset by higher operating costs.
- Net cash used in investing activities increased to \$8.6 million in Q2 2019 as compared to \$5.0 million in Q2 2018. The increase reflects higher cash outflows for capital investment during Q2 2019 versus Q2 2018 and an increase in non-cash working capital in Q2 2019 versus a decrease in Q2 2018.
- Capital expenditures in Q2 2019 totalled \$10.6 million as compared to \$8.8 million in Q2 2018. In Q2 2019, \$10.4 million of capital expenditures were incurred in the Hawler license area primarily on drilling and facilities activities at the Banan and Demir Dag fields. Q2 2019 capital expenditures also included \$0.2 million related to preparation for drilling in the Demir Dag license area.
- Cash and cash equivalents increased to \$16.8 million at June 30, 2019 from \$14.1 million at March 31, 2019 reflecting an increase in Operating Funds Flow partially offset by capital expenditures and movements in non-cash working capital.
- In March 2015, Oryx Petroleum entered into a Loan Agreement with AOG whereby AOG committed to provide a \$10 million unsecured credit facility to Oryx Petroleum. As at June 30, 2019, the balance owing under the facility totalled \$81 million including \$5.1 million in accrued interest which will be settled through the issuance of common shares.

- ● Maturity date: July 1, 2020
- Interest accrued from May 11, 2017 to June 30, 2019 is paid out in common shares approximately every six months at the then current five day volume-weighted average trading price for the common shares. After June 30, 2019, interest shall compound every six months and be payable in cash, if permissible under other corporate agreements. If not permissible, accrued interest will be added to the principal balance outstanding and will itself accrue interest from the date of compounding and maturity.
- The Corporation is obligated to make further payments to the vendor of the Hawler license area most of which are due upon declaration of a second commercial discovery in the Hawler license area.
- ● In the fourth quarter of 2018, Oryx Petroleum agreed with the vendor of the Hawler license area to amend the original share purchase agreement (the "2018 Amendment"). The 2018 Amendment provides for an \$11.4 million deferral payment which Oryx Petroleum expects to make upon execution of the 2018 Amendment. Contingent upon declaration of a second commercial discovery in the Hawler license area, the 2018 Amendment also provides for payments of principal plus interest scheduled as follows: \$20.0 million plus accrued interest in September 2020, \$20.0 million plus accrued interest in September 2021, and \$11.0 million plus accrued interest in September 2022. The estimated fair value of the contingent consideration as at March 31, 2019 and assuming payments scheduled in accordance with the 2018 Amendment was \$72.4 million (including the \$11.4 million pending deferral payment). As at June 30, 2019, the total balance of principal and accrued interest potentially owed under the contingent consideration obligation was \$77.2 million (including the \$11.4 million pending deferral payment).
- Although Oryx Petroleum has executed the 2018 Amendment, execution of the agreement by the vendor of the Hawler license area has been delayed due to administrative reasons. If the Corporation has not declared a second commercial discovery by September 30, 2019, the instalment payment schedule will no longer apply and the contingent consideration obligation, if subsequently triggered by a second commercial discovery, will revert to a lump-sum payment of \$11.4 million.
- As at July 30, 2019, 515,031,222 common shares are outstanding. As at July 30, 2019 there are: i) unvested Long-Term Incentive Plan awards which are expected to result in the issuance of up to an additional 19,670,514 common shares upon vesting; ii) 6,132,804 warrants outstanding issued in connection with an amendment to the Loan Agreement with AOG executed in December 2018; and 23,901,430 common shares issuable to AOG to settle interest on the balance of the AOG facility provided by AOG.

2H 2019 Capital Expenditure Forecast

Oryx Petroleum forecasted capital expenditures for the second half of 2019 are \$30 million as summarised in the following table:

Location	License/Field/Activity	2H 2019 Forecast
		\$ millions
Kurdistan Region Hawler		
	Zey Gawra-Drilling	-
	Demir Dagh-Drilling	4
	Ain Al Safra-Drilling	2
	Banan-Drilling	14
	Facilities	2
	Other ⁽¹⁾	2
	Total Hawler	24
West Africa	AGC Central--Drilling Prep	3
	AGC Central--Other	3
Capex Total ⁽²⁾		

Note:	
(1)	Other is comprised primarily of license maintenance costs
(2)	Totals may not add-up due to rounding.

Kurdistan Region of Iraq -- Hawler License Area

Demir Dagh drilling – consists of forecast costs related to short radius sidetrack wells of the previously drilled Demir Dagh-5 and Demir Dagh-9 wells. The Demir Dagh-5 sidetrack has been drilled and is expected to be completed as a producer in the third quarter of 2019 with the Demir Dagh-9 sidetrack to be drilled in the fourth quarter.

Banan drilling – consists of two wells targeting the Banan Cretaceous reservoir and two wells targeting the Tertiary reservoir. One of the two wells targeting the Tertiary reservoir will be used as a surveillance well. One of the wells targeting the Banan Cretaceous reservoir that was not previously planned will be a sidetrack of the previously drilled Banan-1 well.

Zey Gawra drilling – no drilling planned. The previously planned sidetrack of the Zab-1 well targeting the Tertiary reservoir has been deferred to 2020.

Ain Al Safra drilling – consists of costs related to the testing of the Ain Al Safra-2 well targeting the Triassic reservoir. The Ain Al Safra-2 well was suspended in 2014 prior to testing due to security developments. The testing of the Ain Al Safra-2 well is expected to be completed in the second half of the year.

Facilities – comprised of minor infrastructure works at the Demir Dagh field and new drilling pads and infrastructure at the Banan field needed to accommodate drilling plans and additional appraisal and production.

AGC Central License Area

Consists of preparation costs for drilling, including an environmental and social impact assessment, studies and license maintenance costs.

Divestment of Interest in the Haute Mer B License Area

On April 23, 2018, a subsidiary of Oryx Petroleum entered into an agreement providing for the transfer of Oryx Petroleum's 30% participating interest in the Haute Mer B license offshore Congo (Brazzaville) to a subsidiary of [Total S.A.](#) The agreement provides for Oryx Petroleum to receive cash consideration of \$8.0 million plus \$5.3 million reimbursement of costs incurred by Oryx Petroleum in 2018 in relation to the interest. Notwithstanding Oryx Petroleum's position that all conditions to closing have been either satisfied or waived, the counter-party has not agreed to close the transaction and has purported to terminate the agreement. During the second quarter of 2019, [Total S.A.](#) and other members of the HMB License contractor group have relinquished their rights to explore and produce crude oil from the license area. Oryx Petroleum has hired external counsel and initiated arbitration to settle the dispute and believes strongly in the merits of its position. Notwithstanding, the arbitration panel may decide against Oryx Petroleum or Oryx Petroleum may otherwise be unsuccessful in realizing the contracted amounts. If the transaction does not close and the agreement is terminated, Oryx Petroleum may be adjudged to have an obligation to fund its share of the Haute Mer B costs which have been carried by [Total S.A.](#) since April 23, 2018 and amount to \$14.0 million as of June 30, 2019. Oryx Petroleum expects the arbitration process and resolution of the dispute to be concluded in the next 9 months.

Regulatory Filings

This announcement coincides with the filing with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities of Oryx Petroleum's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 and the related management's discussion and analysis thereon. Copies of these documents filed by Oryx Petroleum may be obtained via www.sedar.com and the Corporation's website, www.oryxpetroleum.com.

ABOUT ORYX PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED

Oryx Petroleum is an international oil exploration, development and production company focused in Africa and the Middle East. The Corporation's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "OXC". The Oryx Petroleum group of companies was founded in 2010 by The Addax and Oryx Group P.L.C. Oryx Petroleum has interests in two license areas, one of which has yielded an oil discovery. The Corporation is the operator of the two license areas. One license area is located in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and one license area is located in West Africa in the AGC administrative area offshore Senegal and Guinea Bissau. Further information about Oryx Petroleum is available at www.oryxpetroleum.com or under Oryx Petroleum's profile at www.sedar.com.

Reader Advisory Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Certain statements in this news release constitute "forward-looking information", including statements related to the forecast work program and capital expenditure for the second half of 2019, drilling and other well intervention plans, development plans and schedules and chance of success, future drilling of wells and the reservoirs to be targeted, expectations that the Demir Dagh-5 well will be brought onto production in the coming weeks, plans to achieve higher production, ultimate recoverability of current and long-term assets, possible commerciality of our projects, future expenditures and sources of financing for such expenditures, expectations that cash on hand as of June 30, 2019 and cash receipts from net revenues and export sales will allow the Corporation to fund forecasted capital expenditures and operating and administrative costs through the end of 2019, plans to undertake an environmental impact assessment and prepare for drilling in the AGC Central license area, the issuance of shares as a result of the vesting of Long Term Incentive Plan awards, in consideration of interest under the Loan Agreement with AOG and potential exercise of outstanding warrants, future requirements for additional funding, the arbitration process relating to the Haute Mer B transaction and expected outcomes and timing for resolution of the dispute, estimates for the fair value of the contingent consideration arising from the acquisition of OP Hawler Kurdistan Limited in 2011, the expected timing for settlement of liabilities including the credit facility with AOG and the contingent consideration arising from the acquisition of OP Hawler Kurdistan Limited in 2011, and expectations regarding per barrel operating costs. In addition, statements that contain words such as "may", "will", "could", "should", "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "expect", "plan", "estimate", "potentially", "project", or the negative of such expressions and statements relating to matters that are not historical fact, constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation.

Although Oryx Petroleum believes these statements to be reasonable, the assumptions upon which they are based may prove to be incorrect. For more information about these assumptions and risks facing the Corporation, refer to the Corporation's annual information form dated March 23, 2019 available at www.sedar.com and the Corporation's website at www.oryxpetroleum.com. Further, statements including forward-looking information in this news release are made as at the date they are given and, except as required by applicable law, Oryx Petroleum does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. If the Corporation does update one or more statements containing forward-looking information, it is not obligated to, and no inference should be drawn that it will make additional updates with respect thereto or with respect to other forward-looking information. The forward-looking information contained in this news release is expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

Reader Advisory Regarding Certain Figures

Unless provided otherwise, all production and capacity figures and volumes cited in this news release are gross (100%) values, indicating that figures (i) have not been adjusted for deductions specified in the production sharing contract applicable to the Hawler license area, and (ii) are attributed to the license area

as a whole and do not represent Oryx Petroleum's working interest in such production, capacity or volumes.

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