## Bengal Energy Ltd. and Santos Agree to Farmin Terms and the Drilling of a High Impact Exploration Well in Cooper Eromanga Basin

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Calgary, July 28, 2020 - <u>Bengal Energy Ltd.</u> (TSX: BNG) ("Bengal" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has agreed the terms of a Farmin Agreement with Santos QNT Pty Ltd. ("Santos") covering a portion of Bengal's ATP 934 oil and gas exploration tenement in south western Queensland.

Under the terms of the Farmin Agreement, Santos will pay 100% of the well costs of a one well work program with an estimated cost of AUS\$ 2.7 million. Bengal's ATP 934 exploration project and development PLs area covers approximately 1,729 square kilometres (427,000 acres) as shown in Figure 1 below.

Under the Farmin Agreement, Santos has the right to earn a 60% interest in approximately 420 square kilometres in the southern portion of the ATP 934 tenement (the "Farmin Lands"), offsetting recent successful Santos operated exploration wells. The remainder of Bengal's ATP 934 exploration and development portfolio is not subject to, or affected by, this Farmin Agreement. Bengal intends to continue its own exploration campaign on the remaining area having successfully commuted its commitments into the next term of ATP 934 through a special amendment approved by the regulators.

Under the terms of the Farmin Agreement, Santos will be named operator of the Farmin Lands. Drill timing is subject to surface access and rig availability but is expected in calendar Q3/4 2021.

Bengal's CEO, Chayan Chakrabarty said "We are pleased to enter into this Farmin Agreement with Santos on a portion of the 100% Bengal owned ATP 934 tenement. This agreement marks the start of another extremely exciting chapter for Bengal. Ongoing exploration in this region given recent very successful drilling results offsetting ATP 934 to the south has the potential to add value for Bengal shareholders by de-risking our own exploration targets and creating optionality in accessing infrastructure for the PLs to deliver into the attractive eastern Australian natural gas market".

Map 1: ATP 934 Santos Farm-In

To view an enhanced version of Map 1, please visit: https://orders.newsfilecorp.com/files/2631/60682\_bengal.jpg

**About Bengal** 

Bengal Energy Ltd. is an international junior oil and gas exploration and production company with assets in Australia. The Company is committed to growing shareholder value through international exploration, production and acquisitions. Bengal's common shares trade on the TSX under the symbol "BNG". Additional information is available at www.bengalenergy.ca.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements or information ("forward-looking statements") as defined by applicable securities laws that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Bengal's control. These statements relate to future events or our future

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Forward-looking statements contained herein include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- Bengal's intent to continue an exploration campaign on the remaining area of ATP 934 and
- The expected timing of the one well program on a portion of the ATP 934 block.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are subject to numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause Bengal's actual financial results, performance or achievement in future periods to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements, including but not limited to, risks associated with: the failure to obtain required regulatory approvals or extensions; the failure to satisfy the conditions under farm-in and joint venture agreements; the failure to secure required equipment and personnel; changes in general global economic conditions including, without limitations, the economic conditions in North America and Australia; increased competition; the availability of qualified operating or management personnel; fluctuations in commodity prices, foreign exchange or interest rates; changes in laws and regulations including, without limitation, the adoption of new environmental and tax laws and regulations and changes in how they are interpreted and enforced; the results of exploration and development drilling and related activities; the ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources; and stock market volatility. Readers are encouraged to review the material risks discussed in Bengal's annual information form for the year ended March 31, 2020 under the heading "Risk Factors" and in Bengal's management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ending March 31,2020 under the heading "Risk Factors". The Company cautions that the foregoing list of assumptions, risks, and uncertainties is not exhaustive. The forward-looking statements contained in this news release speak only as of the date hereof and Bengal does not assume any obligation to publicly update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be require pursuant to applicable securities laws.

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Q1 - three months ended June 30

Q3 - three months ended September 30

Q4 - three months ended December 31

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