

Alberta Star Development Corp. - Drills and Cases Second Well in Phase-2 Drilling Program and Obtains Credit Facility

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 12/17/10 -- [Alberta Star Development Corp.](#) (TSX VENTURE: ASX) (OTCBB: ASXSF) (FRANKFURT: QLD) ('Alberta Star' or the 'Company') is pleased to announce that the Company has successfully drilled and cased a second well in the Company's Phase 2 Drilling Program and has entered into a credit facility agreement with a Canadian chartered bank.

PHASE 2 DRILLING UPDATE - LANDROSE, SASKATCHEWAN

The Company is pleased to announce that the Company has successfully drilled and cased its second well (50% working interest to the Company) in its Phase 2 Drilling Program in Landrose, Saskatchewan. The Company's Phase 2 Drilling Program is scheduled to consist of three in-fill wells, the first well located on Section 16-50-26-W3M and the second and third wells located on Section 6-50-25-W3M. The drilling rig has moved to the third well location and has spudded, with the third well expected to be drilled and completed within the week. The first well, situated on Section 16 was completed last week and is expected to commence production of heavy oil prior to end of December. Production from the newly drilled second well is expected to commence prior to the end of December 2010. The Company holds a 50% working interest in the Phase 2 wells at Landrose, Saskatchewan.

The second and third in-fill wells of the Phase 2 Drilling Program are located adjacent to the Company's three (3) producing heavy oil wells (Phase 1 Drilling Program) located on Section 6-50-25-W3M at Landrose, Saskatchewan.

CREDIT FACILITY

The Company is pleased to announce that it has entered into a credit facility agreement with a Canadian chartered bank located in Calgary, Alberta. The credit facility consists of an operating facility of \$800,000 at an interest rate of bank prime plus 2.0% and a development facility with a \$300,000 limit at an interest rate of bank prime plus 2.5%. These new banking facilities will provide the Company with additional flexibility in respect to its growing day-to-day operations, and to increase its production profile and exploration and drilling activities in 2011. The Company has a strong balance sheet and cash position, has increased its production profile and these factors, combined with the addition of flexible credit facilities are expected to fuel the Company's production growth plans in the oil and gas sector in 2011.

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The Company is a Canadian resource exploration and development company that identifies, acquires and finances oil and natural gas assets in Western Canada and advanced stage mineral exploration projects in North America. The Company has recently made two strategic heavy oil & gas acquisitions in Lloydminster, Alberta and Saskatchewan which has expanded its diversification into the oil and natural gas resource sector with the acquisition of revenue producing resource assets which compliments its existing, advanced stage mining interests. The Company is a junior heavy oil producer that has a growing production base, and is maximizing future production through its exploration drilling activities, production acquisitions and strategic asset acquisition both domestically and in the international arena. The recent, strategic property acquisitions combined with a growing production portfolio has further strengthened the Company's relationship, with an experienced working interest partner and heavy oil industry leader. This strategic partnership will allow for rapid future expansion into the oil and natural gas resource sector through exploration drilling, existing asset development and production asset acquisition. The Company's strong balance sheet is expected to fuel the Company's coming production growth plans in the oil and gas sector.

The Company maintains a strong balance sheet and has a qualified management team in field exploration, exploration drilling, well operations and has the necessary manpower ready for the development of the Company's oil and gas and natural resource properties. The Company is committed to increasing its daily

aggregate oil production, by selecting and acquiring additional strategic oil and gas properties for acquisition, exploration and then developing these petroleum and natural gas resource assets. The Company plans on increasing exploration and development of its existing petroleum and natural gas resource assets and plans on increasing its daily aggregate oil production with these assets. The Company continues to review and seek to acquire additional strategic oil & gas exploration properties in Alberta, Saskatchewan and as well, is seeking to acquire additional international oil and gas production and exploration projects. The Company will also consider advanced stage base and precious metal property acquisitions and will seek to acquire additional exploration and production resource projects.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

Investors are welcomed to contact Benjamin Curry of Progressive I.R. Consultants Corp. at (604) 689-2881, the Company's Investor Relations specialists for all corporate updates, and investor inquiries.

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