



**SOUTHERN PACIFIC CLOSES SENLAC ACQUISITION,
ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE CALL FOR NOVEMBER 4**

November 3, 2009

Calgary, Alberta - Southern Pacific Resource Corp. (“Southern Pacific” or the “Corporation”) (STP – TSX Venture) is pleased to announce that it has closed the acquisition of Senlac Oil Ltd. for a net purchase price of \$89 million. The acquisition includes facilities, personnel and assets that have produced an average of 5,100 barrels of heavy oil per day since the effective date on June 1, 2009. Southern Pacific announced the acquisition of Senlac Oil Ltd. on October 9, 2009 (the “Senlac Acquisition”).

In connection with the Senlac Acquisition, the Corporation is pleased to announce the release from escrow of the proceeds of its previously announced private placement of subscription receipts. As of November 3, 2009, gross proceeds of \$52 million have been released from escrow. This is based on the proceeds of the 104 million subscription receipts issued at \$0.50 per subscription receipt. Common shares of the Corporation have been issued to the holders of the subscription receipts on the basis of one underlying common share for each subscription receipt through the facilities of CDS. Book-Entry Only System customer confirmations will be entered on November 3, 2009. As a result of the foregoing, the subscription receipts are now cancelled, null and void. The Underlying Common Shares are subject to a statutory resale restriction until February 24, 2010. The offering was a bought-deal financing with a syndicate of underwriters led by BMO Capital Markets and including Canaccord Capital Corporation, Raymond James Ltd. and Byron Capital Markets. The net proceeds of the offering were utilized to satisfy a portion of the funding for the Senlac Acquisition. With the closing of the Senlac Acquisition and the conversion of the subscription receipts the Corporation has 225.6 million shares outstanding.

The Corporation has concluded a \$45 million demand revolving credit facility with BMO Capital Markets. The proceeds of the credit facility were used to pay the remaining portion of the purchase price for the Senlac Acquisition and the remainder will be available for operating purposes. As security for the credit facility, the Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Senlac Oil Ltd., have granted security over all of their respective properties in favour of the bank. The \$45 million credit facility has now been drawn to \$37 million, leaving over \$7 million of the facility undrawn.

Acquisition Update

With the completion of the Senlac Acquisition, Southern Pacific has been materially transformed with the addition of significant cash flow, immediate steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) production, experience and technical data. Southern Pacific has successfully hired the full complement of field staff that operate the Senlac Thermal Project. The new Southern Pacific staff will ensure the continued successful operations of the Senlac Thermal Project, and also retain a wealth of transferable knowledge and

experience that will be invaluable as Southern Pacific prepares to construct its first SAGD project in the Athabasca oil sands at STP-McKay. Southern Pacific welcomes the 20 staff members who have joined its team.

The Senlac Thermal Project continues to perform better than forecast by Southern Pacific. Since June 1, 2009, the effective date of the Senlac Acquisition, the heavy oil produced at Senlac has received a plant gate price equivalent to \$C 59.82/bbl, after all heavy differentials, diluent and transportation costs have been deducted. Royalties over the same period have averaged 15.4%, (\$C 9.21/bbl) and operating costs have averaged \$C 7.53/bbl. This has resulted in an average net operating income of \$C 43.08/bbl over the period of June 1 to October 31, 2009.

Using strip pricing and reasonable estimates for input costs and royalties, Southern Pacific has budgeted Senlac to generate \$C 11.5 million in net operating income for the remainder of 2009, and then \$C 56.0 million in 2010. This cash flow will be utilized to fund the next phases of development at Senlac, detailed engineering on the STP-McKay project, and Southern Pacific's winter core hole program.

STP-McKay Update

The Corporation continues to focus on its 12,000 barrel per day SAGD oil sands project at STP-McKay. Southern Pacific is pleased to announce that it has now formalized its ongoing relationship with AMEC-BDR Limited and Drifter Projects Ltd. The next phase of work agreed to with both the aforementioned parties is to complete a front end engineering design (FEED) study for the STP-McKay facilities. This work is expected to take four months to complete and keeps the project on schedule with the timing of the application approval, expected in the third quarter of 2010. Some minor winter activities are ready to go pending freeze-up, including additional geotechnical evaluation of the proposed access road and drilling of groundwater monitoring wells.

Southern Pacific believes the Senlac Acquisition has greatly enhanced its ability to finance and proceed with the STP-McKay project in a timely manner. Further, the experience gained through the Senlac Acquisition should result in operating efficiencies at STP-McKay once the project is completed.

Stock Option Grant

The Corporation has also granted 5,715,000 stock options to eligible participants. A total of 3,100,000 of these stock options were granted to directors and officers of the Corporation. The options will be granted at an exercise price of \$0.56 per common share, which was the closing price of Southern Pacific's shares on the date of grant on October 30, 2009. The options will expire five years from the date of grant. The Corporation has determined that exemptions from the various requirements of TSX Venture Exchange Policy 5.9 are available for the granting of the options.

Southern Pacific is also pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Barefoot to Vice President, Resource Development. Mr. Barefoot has been with the Corporation since June, 2008. In his new capacity and as an officer of the Corporation, Mr. Barefoot will be responsible for the exploration and underground development of Southern Pacific's petroleum assets.

Conference Call

Southern Pacific has scheduled a conference call to discuss the Senlac Acquisition and recent corporate developments. The call is set for 9 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time) on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. To participate, please call 416-695-6616 or 1-800-952-4972. A presentation by Byron Lutes, President & CEO, Southern Pacific, will be followed by a question and answer period. If you are unable to participate, a taped broadcast will be available until November 9, 2009. To access the replay, dial 416-695-5800 or 1-800-408-3053. The pass code is 6106870#.

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