

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRODUCING SAGD OIL ASSET ACQUISITION

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Southern Pacific Resource Corp. ("**Southern Pacific**" or the "**Corporation**") (STP – TSX-V) is pleased to provide additional information on the recently announced (October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009) acquisition of steam assisted gravity drainage ("**SAGD**") producing heavy oil interests ("the **Senlac Acquisition**"). These assets have averaged a daily oil production rate of 5,000 barrels per day ("**bbl/d**") since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, which is the effective date of the acquisition. The acquisition is expected to close on or about November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 with a net acquisition price of about \$90 million.

The Senlac Acquisition will dramatically alter Southern Pacific by adding facilities, operations, relevant experience and significant cash flow, all of which will directly complement the existing oil sands assets of the Corporation. The Senlac Acquisition has produced more than 13 million barrels of heavy oil using SAGD technology over the past 12 years and the Corporation expects a remaining projected life of approximately 15 years. The assets are currently producing more than 6,000 bbl/d. Southern Pacific expects to continue the development of the Senlac Acquisition by drilling additional SAGD well pairs throughout the remaining project life.

The netbacks for the SAGD heavy oil produced at Senlac are typically better than netbacks from SAGD projects in the Athabasca oil sands. The oil is lighter, and requires less steam to mobilize the oil; the current steam/oil ratio for the project is currently below 2.0 bbl/bbl. The 12-13 degree API oil also requires less diluent for blending.

The estimated cashflow over the twelve months following the close of the Senlac Acquisition is expected to be in excess of \$51 million, which post financing equates to approximately \$0.23 per share. With this level of cashflow, based upon the forward strip price for WTI, the payback on the acquisition is expected to take less than two years.

This cashflow will be utilized to:

- advance the Corporation's STP-McKay project, which has been designed to recover 12,000 bbl/d (9,600 bbl/d net to the Corporation at an 80% working interest)
- fund the upcoming winter's exploration core hole programs at Hangingstone and McKay South
- fund the next phase of development at Senlac

Southern Pacific has posted a new presentation on its website that fully describes the Senlac Acquisition and the impact it will have on the Corporation. Visit the website at www.shpacific.com to view this presentation.

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Barrel of Oil Equivalent: Where amounts are expressed on a barrel of oil equivalent ("boe") basis, natural gas volumes have been converted to boe at a ratio of 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil equivalent. This conversion ratio is based upon an energy equivalent conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent value equivalence at the wellhead. Boe figures may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation.

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