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Sundance Energy Provides December 2018 Operational Update

Sundance Energy Australia Limited (ASX: SEA) (NASDAQ: SNDE) ("Sundance" or the "Company"), a U.S. onshore oil and gas exploration and production company focused on the Eagle Ford shale, today provided an update regarding the Company's recent development activities and outlook regarding its 2019 development plan.

2019 Development Plan

Sundance is in the process of evaluating its 2019 development plan in light of the uncertain commodity price environment, and will release an update once a final determination has been reached. Despite lower commodity prices, the Company's 2018 well results demonstrate its high quality Eagle Ford portfolio characterized by strong full-cycle economics with a break-even of approximately \$30 per boe, inclusive of recovering acquisition costs, development costs, production costs, and all overhead costs.

The Company intends to flex its plan based on commodity prices to operate within cash flow during 2019 while growing production, EBITDA and net asset value, both on an absolute and per share basis. Management will proceed with an appropriately flexible capital plan aimed at these goals while maintaining liquidity and protecting our balance sheet. The Company has no debt maturities until late 2022, significant liquidity, and a strong hedge book to protect payback on already invested capital.

Production

Sundance brought the Live Oak County 4-well James Keith Esse pad online in November and the 2-well McMullen County Hoskins pad online during the first week of December. Quarter to date, Sundance has brought 8 wells online in total.

Drilling Activities

Sundance is currently drilling the 4-well Roy Esse 15H, 16H, 17H and 18H pad in Live Oak County and the 2-well Red Ranch 18H and 19H pad in Dimmit County. The Red Ranch pad is being drilled with a spot Patterson rig, which will be released upon completion of that pad.

Completions Activities

Sundance is currently completing the 3-well Harlan Bethune 22H, 23H and 24H pad in Live Oak County and anticipates turning the pad to sales in mid-December. This will bring the total number of fourth quarter wells brought online to 11.

Beginning with the recent Hoskins pad, Sundance has transitioned to using Schlumberger for completion services in order to achieve material cost savings including the ability to utilize locally sourced sand.

Recent Initial Well Results

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|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | Completed | 30-Day IP | 30-Day / | % | | | | | | |
| Well Name | County | IP Date | Lat Length | (boepd) | 1,000' ft | Oil | | | | | | |
| Idylwood 04H | Live Oak | 16-Oct | 6,445 | 1,028 | 159 | 85% | | | | | | |
| Idylwood 05H | Live Oak | 16-Oct | 5,487 | 1,202 | 219 | 83% | | | | | | |
| James Keith Esse 06H | Live Oak | 13-Nov | 5,175 | 1,212 | 234 | 75% | | | | | | |
| James Keith Esse 07H | Live Oak | 13-Nov | 5,178 | 867 | 167 | 79% | | | | | | |
| James Keith Esse 08H | Live Oak | 13-Nov | 5,180 | 1,095 | 211 | 73% | | | | | | |
| James Keith Esse 09H | Live Oak | 13-Nov | 5,164 | 1,339 | 259 | 76% | | | | | | |
| Hoskins 20H | Mc Mullen | 2-Dec | 7,266 | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Hoskins 21H | Mc Mullen | 2-Dec | 7,116 | - | - | - | | | | | | |

Year to Date Well Results

| Spud Frac Start IP Lateral 30-Day IP 60-Day IP 90-Day IP | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| Well Name | County | Date | Date | Date | Length | (boe/d) | (boe/d) | (boe/d) | | | |
| Paloma Ranch 7H | McMullen | | 17-May-18 | 2-Jun-18 | 7,690' | 1,345 | 1,017 | 811 | | | |
| Peeler Ranch 8HC | Atascosa | 1-Mar-18 | 28-May-18 | | 5,642' | 484 | 404 | 367 | | | |
| Peeler Ranch 9HC | Atascosa | 24-Mar-18 | 28-May-18 | | 5,820' | 446 | 371 | 314 | | | |
| Allen MCM 1HA | McMullen | 21-Apr-18 | • | 17-Aug-18 | 8,015' | 1,291 | 1,100 | 942 | | | |
| Allen MCM 2HA | McMullen | 13-May-18 | | 17-Aug-18 | 8,234' | 1,132 | 969 | 843 | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 25H | Live Oak | 7-May-18 | | 15-Aug-18 | 4,779' | 1,102 | 1,091 | 974 | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 26H | Live Oak | 11-May-18 | 22-Jul-18 | 15-Aug-18 | 4,073' | 1,234 | 1,066 | 920 | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 27H | Live Oak | 13-May-18 | 22-Jul-18 | 15-Aug-18 | 3,314' | 1,183 | 901 | 750 | | | |
| Justin Tom 05H | Atascosa | 17-Jun-18 | 12-Aug-18 | 3-Sep-18 | 6,258' | 1,296 | 1,146 | 1,003 | | | |
| Justin Tom 06H | Atascosa | 14-Jun-18 | 12-Aug-18 | 3-Sep-18 | 6,299' | 1,042 | 826 | 834 | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 34H | Live Oak | 25-Jun-18 | 3-Aug-18 | 19-Aug-18 | 3,528' | 1,691 | 1,588 | 1,344 | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 35H | Live Oak | 22-Jun-18 | 3-Aug-18 | 19-Aug-18 | 3,702' | 1,738 | 1,579 | 1,321 | | | |
| James Keith Esse 06H | Live Oak | 26-Jul-18 | 12-Oct-18 | 13-Nov-18 | 5,175' | 1,212 | - | - | | | |
| James Keith Esse 07H | Live Oak | 22-Jul-18 | 12-Oct-18 | 13-Nov-18 | 5,178' | 867 | - | - | | | |
| James Keith Esse 08H | Live Oak | 24-Jul-18 | 12-Oct-18 | 13-Nov-18 | 5,180' | 1,095 | - | - | | | |
| James Keith Esse 09H | Live Oak | 20-Jul-18 | 12-Oct-18 | 13-Nov-18 | 5,164' | 1,339 | - | - | | | |
| Idylwood 04H | Live Oak | 3-Aug-18 | 28-Sep-18 | 16-Oct-18 | 6,445' | 1,028 | - | - | | | |
| Idylwood 05H | Live Oak | 3-Aug-18 | 28-Sep-18 | 16-Oct-18 | 5,487' | 1,202 | - | - | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 22H | Live Oak | 17-Sep-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 23H | Live Oak | 21-Sep-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Harlan Bethune 24H | Live Oak | 25-Sep-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Hoskins 20H | McMullen | 25-Sep-18 | 9-Nov-18 | 2-Dec-18 | 7,266' | - | - | - | | | |
| Hoskins 21H | McMullen | 27-Sep-18 | 9-Nov-18 | 2-Dec-18 | 7,116' | - | - | - | | | |
| Roy Esse 15H | Live Oak | 30-Nov-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Roy Esse 16H | Live Oak | 28-Nov-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Roy Esse 17H | Live Oak | 26-Nov-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Roy Esse 18H | Live Oak | 24-Nov-18 | = | - | - | = | - | = | | | |
| Red Ranch 18H | Dimmit | 20-Nov-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Red Ranch 19H | Dimmit | 19-Nov-18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |

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About Sundance Energy Australia Limited

Sundance Energy Australia Limited ("Sundance" or the "Company") is an Australian-based, independent energy exploration company, with a wholly owned US subsidiary, Sundance Energy Inc., located in Denver, Colorado, USA. The Company is focused on the acquisition and development of large, repeatable oil and natural gas resource plays in North America. Current activities are focused in the Eagle Ford. A comprehensive overview of the Company can be found on Sundance's website at www.sundanceenergy.net

Summary Information

The following disclaimer applies to this document and any information contained in it. The information in this release is of general background and does not purport to be complete. It should be read in conjunction with Sundance's periodic and continuous disclosure announcements lodged with ASX Limited that are available at www.asx.com.au and Sundance's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission available at www.sec.gov.

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