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Red Gully North-1 Completion and Testing plans on schedule to begin in late March

Oil and gas producer Empire Oil and Gas (ASX: EGO) is pleased to advise that completion and testing plans for Empire's recent gas discovery at its 100% owned Red Gully North-1 exploration well (RGN-1) in EP 389 are progressing to plan with all service contracts in place, government approvals submitted and long lead equipment received.

After a competitive market process, a contract has been awarded to Enerdrill Pty Ltd which secures the use of Enerdrill's Completion Rig-1 and will cover well completion activities at RGN-1.

Preparations for the completion and testing program are significantly advanced. The completion equipment has arrived in Perth and is undergoing testing in sub-assemblies prior to running the completion. Land access approvals have been granted and all stakeholders consulted. Empire has also made key submissions to the West Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) including:-

- RGN-1 Completion and Testing Environment Plan Bridging Document;
- RGN-1 Well Completion Safety Management system;
- RGN-1 Well Management Plan Update for completion and testing operations;
- RGN-1 Testing Safety Management System.

Subject to government approvals being received, the completion operations on RGN-1 are expected to begin on 23 March with testing operations expected to start in mid-April. This is in line with the schedule outlined on 29 December when Empire first announced the 53m net pay RGN-1 gas discovery.

The testing objectives include determining the deliverability of gas and condensate and recovering hydrocarbon samples from each zone. A successful production test will allow significant contingent resources to be converted to reserves, thereby commercially justifying an ultimate investment decision to construct a pipeline tie-back to the Red Gully processing plant. A tie-back of RGN1 to the Red Gully plant will support an extension of plant life or the expansion of production capacity.

Empire CEO Ken Aitken said "Empire is pleased to extend our relationship with Enerdrill for completion rig services after their good performance on the drilling of Red Gully North-1 last year. Good progress has been made on the planning and we look forward to a safe and efficient completion and testing program."



Yours sincerely
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About Empire Oil & Gas

Empire Oil & Gas NL ('Empire' or the 'Company') is an onshore conventional gas and condensate producer and explorer listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EGO) with key assets in the Perth Basin in Western Australia. The Company's producing assets at Red Gully are less than 150kms from the city of Perth where there is a strong gas market. Since commencing operations in 2013, the 100% owned Red Gully Processing Facility has produced and delivered over 5,000 Terajoules (TJ) of gas. Gas produced to date has been contracted to Alcoa and delivered through the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP), which lies next to the Processing Facility. Condensate produced is transported via road to BP.

EGO is the holder of the largest net acreage in the highly prospective Perth Basin with its production licenses and permits covering more than 10,000km², representing 48% of the currently granted acreage in the Perth Basin. Close to pipeline infrastructure and with rapid commercialisation opportunities, the Company has significant exploration potential in an underexplored, proven petroleum system.

Empire's vision is to sustainably grow the business into a mid-tier exploration and production company. Empire's strategy is to be the Perth Basin operator of choice, safely supplying WA domestic gas by growing the Red Gully production hub, delivering reserves and production growth by drilling material quality exploration prospects in the high profit margin onshore Perth Basin, enabling Empire to attract quality farm-in partners to assist in accelerating growth plans.