

## **BLUE RIDGE PROVED RESERVES MORE THAN DOUBLE - UP 127%; 2P RESERVES TOP 72 MILLION NET BARRELS**

The Directors of Maverick Drilling & Exploration Limited (ASX: MAD) are pleased to announce a significant upgrade to Maverick's independently evaluated oil reserves on its flagship asset, Blue Ridge Dome. The last independent evaluation was conducted approximately seven months ago.

- Proved oil reserves (1P) have more than doubled – increasing by almost 16 million barrels to 28.1 million barrels.
- Proved and Probable reserves (2P) have increased by approximately 20.4 million net oil barrels for Maverick's share of its leases to 72.8 million barrels.
- This independent evaluation came at the same time Maverick began hitting a milestone objective of 1,000 BOPD in intermittent daily flush production in late December. New wells are cleaning up following completion and being put on line with anticipation of seeing stable production within 30-60 days.
- The reserves reflect no barrels equivalent in natural gas and are all true liquid oil barrels.

The reserve upgrade is a result of a combination of new lease acquisitions on Blue Ridge Dome and further analysis of results of Maverick's ongoing drilling program. A comparison to previously disclosed reserves is set out below:

<b>Net Blue Ridge Dome Reserves</b>	<b>Proved 1P (million bbls)</b>	<b>Proved + Probable 2P (million bbls)</b>
At 8 September 2010 - Listing	7.8	25.6
At 29 June 2011	12.4	52.4
Today	28.1	72.8
Increase in last 7 months (%)	127%	39%
Increase since listing (16 months)	260%	184%

Commenting on the upgrade, Maverick's Executive Chairman, Mr Don Henrich said: "When we listed we had around 850 acres in Blue Ridge and began conducting a pilot drilling program across our holdings. As we drilled we hoped for 2P reserves to become 1P reserves. We now hold over 1,700 net acres in Blue Ridge and have drilled almost 50 new wells since listing. This helps the evaluation process, which has clearly been a major success. These are liquid oil barrels where we are receiving over

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\$100 per barrel and not “barrels of oil equivalent” in natural gas where six mcf gets you \$18 these days. Oil has been and remains our focus and our trademark.”

### **“EXPANSION ACROSS THE TWO OTHER FIELDS”**

Mr. Henrich went on to say “Our long term goal is to replicate the drilling, completion, and production systems we are perfecting in Blue Ridge across to Nash, Boling, and other oil fields throughout the Gulf Coast. This is a long term process – a marathon, not a sprint. We are confident we will be as successful on Boling Dome, where we hold over 4,500 net acres and Nash where we hold over 2,700 net acres. We are now beginning to drill in both of these fields. We intend to build Mavericks success, reserves, and production for a long time to come.”

### **NASH COMPLETION UNDERWAY**

As previously disclosed, Maverick has drilled its first well, the Groce #181, on its Nash Dome leases acreage with this well currently under evaluation and completion testing. An additional acquired existing well, the Groce #3, is scheduled to be reactivated as a producer following the work on the #181 well.

### **BOLING DOME DRILLING BEGINS**

In addition, Maverick is currently drilling its first well, the Tabor #272 on its Boling Dome acreage. Maverick now holds eight existing wellbores in the field through an acquisition at year end, and will begin reactivating those wells in combination with substantial new drilling in Boling in 2012.

### **INITIAL RESERVE STUDIES ON BOLING AND NASH FIELDS UNDERWAY**

Maverick expects to have maiden reserve studies completed on these properties before the end of the current financial year.

### **Competent person statement**

The evaluation of reserves the subject of this announcement was undertaken by Mr Richard Pomrenke of Energy Recovery Concepts, LLC in accordance with the Society of Petroleum Engineers Petroleum Resource Management System (SPE-PRMS) 2007. The work carried out by Mr Pomrenke included the assessment of reserves on new acreage acquired by Maverick on Blue Ridge Dome and data from Maverick’s drilling program. The assessment of reserves was conducted on a similar basis to that set out in Mr Pomrenke’s independent reserve report included in Maverick’s IPO prospectus dated 2 July 2010. The reserves estimates are consistent with the definitions of Proved and Probable hydrocarbon reserves defined in the Australian Stock Exchange (**ASX**) Listing Rules. Mr Pomrenke is a qualified person as defined in ASX Listing Rule 5.11 and has consented to the use of the reserves figures in this announcement in the form and context in which they appear.

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**About Maverick Drilling & Exploration Limited (ASX: MAD)**

Maverick is a diversified oil company with existing oil production and reserves focusing on low cost development of low risk drilling prospects. Maverick's flagship assets are leases and oil reserves that it holds over parts of the Blue Ridge Dome, an established producing oil field located south of Houston, Texas in the United States and its wholly owned subsidiary Maverick Drilling Company, a 37 year old contract drilling company based in Texas.