

## Horn Petroleum 2012 Financial and Operating Results

### HORN PETROLEUM 2012 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - March 26, 2013) - Horn Petroleum Corporation (TSX VENTURE:HRN)("Horn" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its financial and operating results for the year ended December 31, 2012.

- During the year ended December 31, 2012, Horn increased its investment in intangible exploration assets by \$34.3 million. The majority of the costs incurred during 2012 related to drilling the Shabeel-1 and Shabeel North-1 exploration wells in the Dharoor Valley block. The remaining expenditures are PSA related expenditures and general and administrative costs. The Company and its Partners fulfilled the initial exploration period work commitments under the Dharoor Valley and Nugaal Valley PSAs with the drilling of the Shabeel wells.
- While the Company was disappointed that the first two exploration wells in Puntland (Somalia) did not flow oil, the Company remains highly encouraged that all of the critical elements exist for oil accumulations. Horn recently completed demobilization of the drilling rig and associated equipment and both well sites have been restored to original condition.
- Horn and its partners have entered into the next exploration period in both the Dharoor Valley and Nugaal Valley PSA's which each carry a commitment to drill one exploration well in each block by October 2015.
- Efforts are now focused on making preparations for a seismic acquisition campaign in the Dharoor Valley area which will include a regional seismic reconnaissance grid in the previously unexplored eastern portion of the basin as well as prospect specific seismic to delineate a drilling candidate in the western portion of the basin where an active petroleum system was confirmed by the recent drilling at the Shabeel-1 and Shabeel North-1 locations.
- As at December 31, 2012, the Company had cash of \$9.5 million and working capital of \$4.4 million as compared to cash of \$27.6 million and working capital of \$25.9 million at December 31, 2011. The Company's liquidity and capital resource position has been reduced during 2012 primarily due to expenditures incurred on the drilling of the Shabeel-1 and Shabeel North-1 exploration wells offset partially by the non-brokered private placement which raised CAD\$15.0 million in June 2012.
- Horn continues to investigate potential joint venture partnerships and also is reviewing new venture opportunities in the region.

Horn President and CEO, David Grellman, commented, "We remain very encouraged by the exploration potential of our Jurassic rift basins in Puntland. We have committed to the next exploration phase in both PSAs and plan to aggressively explore both areas to confirm this potential. We are also optimistic that the political progress in Somalia will continue and allow oil and gas exploration in the region to expand."

#### 2012 Financial and Operating Highlights

##### Consolidated Statement of Net Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Thousands of United States Dollars)

<i>For the years ended</i>	<i>December 31, 2012</i>	<i>December 31, 2011</i>
<i>Operating expenses</i>		
<i>Salaries and benefits</i>	<i>\$ 250</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
<i>Stock-based compensation</i>	<i>836</i>	<i>646</i>
<i>Management fees</i>	<i>901</i>	<i>258</i>
<i>Office and general</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>408</i>
<i>Professional fees</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>492</i>
<i>Stock exchange and filing fees</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>45</i>
	<i>2,416</i>	<i>1,905</i>
<i>Loss on reverse acquisition</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4,579</i>
<i>Finance expense</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,152</i>
<i>Finance income</i>	<i>(5,395)</i>	<i>(6,538)</i>
<i>Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)</i>	<i>2,979</i>	<i>(1,098)</i>

*attributable to common shareholders*  
*Net income (loss) per share*

<i>Basic</i>	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.05)
<i>Diluted</i>	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.05)
<i>Weighted average number of shares outstanding for the purpose of calculating earnings per share</i>		
<i>Basic</i>	87,719,157	21,150,002
<i>Diluted</i>	87,919,279	21,195,275

Operating expenses increased \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company paid a \$0.3 million bonus payment to key management in 2012. Stock option expenses increased due to stock options granted in the fourth quarter of 2012. The management fee increased in 2012 due to a full year of management services provided by AOC in 2012 versus just over three months of management services provided by AOC in 2011. In 2011, the Company made a \$0.4 million donation to the Lundin Foundation, a registered Canadian non-profit organization that provides grants and risk capital to organizations dedicated to alleviating poverty in developing countries. Professional fees associated with the Horn Transaction in 2011 resulted in higher professional fees in 2011.

Financial income and expense is made up of the following items:

	<i>December 31, 2012</i>	<i>December 31, 2011</i>
<i>Fair market value adjustment - warrants</i>	\$ (4,874)	\$ (6,488)
<i>Interest and other income</i>	(65)	(50)
<i>Foreign exchange (gain) loss</i>	(456)	1,152
<i>Financial Income</i>	\$ (5,395)	\$ (6,538)
<i>Financial expense</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,152

At December 31, 2012, 53.4 million warrants were outstanding. The Company incurred a \$4.9 million gain on the revaluation of warrants during the year ended December 31, 2012 due to a significant decrease in the share price of during the year.

The foreign exchange gains and losses are the direct result of changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in comparison to the US dollar. The Company's cash holdings are primarily in US and Canadian currency.

Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(Thousands United States Dollars)

	<i>December 31, 2012</i>	<i>December 31, 2011</i>
<i>ASSETS</i>		
<i>Current assets</i>		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 9,545	\$ 27,614
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	596	256
<i>Prepaid expenses</i>	109	20
<i>Due from related party</i>	-	1,488
	10,250	29,378
<i>Long-term assets</i>		
<i>Intangible exploration assets</i>	87,302	53,041
	87,302	53,041
<i>Total assets</i>	\$ 97,552	\$ 82,419

*LIABILITIES AND EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON  
SHAREHOLDERS*

*Current liabilities*

<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	\$ 2,741	\$ 3,118
<i>Due to related party</i>	-	379
<i>Current portion of warrants</i>	3,080	-
	5,821	3,497
<i>Long-term liabilities</i>		
<i>Warrants</i>	1,056	3,813
	1,056	3,813
<i>Total liabilities</i>	6,877	7,310
<i>Equity attributable to common shareholders</i>		
<i>Share capital</i>	86,494	75,782
<i>Contributed surplus</i>	2,521	646
<i>Retained earnings (deficit)</i>	1,660	(1,319)
<i>Total equity attributable to common shareholders</i>	90,675	75,109
<i>Total liabilities and equity attributable to common shareholders</i>	\$ 97,552	\$ 82,419

The increase in total assets from 2011 to 2012 is the result of intangible exploration expenditures during the year relating to the drilling of Shabeel-1 and Shabeel North-1 exploration wells. The decrease in net working capital from 2011 to 2012 is due to intangible exploration expenditures during 2012, offset partially by the CAD\$15.0 million non-brokered private placement which was completed in June 2012.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows  
(Thousands United States Dollars)

<i>For the years ended</i>	<i>December 31, 2012</i>	<i>December 31, 2011</i>
<i>Cash flows provided by (used in):</i>		
<i>Operations:</i>		
<i>Net income (loss) for the year</i>	\$ 2,979	\$ (1,098)
<i>Item not affecting cash:</i>		
<i>Stock-based compensation</i>	836	646
<i>Loss on reverse acquisition</i>	-	4,579
<i>Fair market value adjustment - warrants</i>	(4,874)	(6,488)
<i>Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss</i>	(305)	467
<i>Changes in non-cash operating working capital</i>	(20)	1
	(1,384)	(1,893)
<i>Investing:</i>		
<i>Intangible exploration expenditures</i>	(34,261)	(14,198)
<i>Cash received on business acquisitions</i>	-	40,506
<i>Changes in non-cash investing working capital</i>	(738)	3,246
	(34,999)	29,554
<i>Financing:</i>		
<i>Common shares and warrants issued, net of issuance costs</i>	16,948	-
<i>Advances from related party</i>	1,491	8,846
<i>Payments to related party</i>	(1,918)	(8,842)
<i>Repayment of an advance issued to a related party</i>	1,488	-
	18,009	4
<i>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currency</i>	305	(467)
<i>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>	(18,069)	27,198

<i>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year</i>	<i>\$ 27,614</i>	<i>\$ 416</i>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year</i>	<i>\$ 9,545</i>	<i>\$ 27,614</i>
<i>Supplementary information:</i>		
<i>Interest paid</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Taxes paid</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

The decrease in cash in 2012 is mainly the result of intangible exploration expenditures and operating expenses offset partially by funds raised on the non-brokered private placement completed in June 2012.

Consolidated Statement of Equity  
(United States Dollars)

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Share capital:		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 75,782	\$ 12
Adjustment to remove Canmex shares	-	(12)
Denovo shares outstanding post consolidation	-	34,605
Issued to Africa Oil Corp pursuant to Agreement	-	41,177
Private placement, net of issue costs	8,941	-
Exercise of warrants	1,331	-
Exercise of options	440	-
Balance, end of year	86,494	75,782
Contributed surplus:		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 646	\$ -
Exercise of warrants	1,148	-
Stock-based compensation	836	646
Exercise of options	(109)	-
Balance, end of year	2,521	646
Earnings (deficit):		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (1,319)	\$ (221)
Net income (loss) for the year	2,979	(1,098)
Balance, end of year	1,660	(1,319)
Equity attributable to common shareholders	\$ 90,675	\$ 75,109

The Company's consolidated financial statements, notes to the financial statements, management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the 2011 Annual Information Form have been filed on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and are available on the Company's website ([www.hornpetroleum.com](http://www.hornpetroleum.com)).

## Outlook

Based on the encouragement provided by the Shabeel wells, the Company and its partners entered the next exploration period in both the Dharoor Valley and Nugaal Valley PSAs which carry a commitment to drill one well in each block within an additional three year term ending October 2015. The current operational plan is to contract a seismic crew to acquire additional data in the Dharoor Valley block and to hold discussions with the Puntland Government regarding drill ready prospects in the Nugaal Valley block. The focus of the Dharoor Valley block seismic program will be to delineate new structural prospects for the upcoming drilling campaign.

Horn holds a 60% working interest in the Dharoor and Nugaal Valley blocks and is the operator. The other partners in the blocks are Range Resources (20%) and Red Emperor (20%). Africa Oil Corporation holds an approximate 45% equity interest in Horn.

*Horn Petroleum Corporation is a Canadian oil and gas company with assets in Puntland, Somalia. The*

*Corporation holds a 60% interest and operatorship in the Dharoor and Nugaal blocks encompassing a Jurassic Rift Basin on trend and analogous to the large oil fields in Yemen. The Corporation's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "HRN".*

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David Grellman, President and CEO

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