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Horn Petroleum Corporation (TSX VENTURE:HRN) ("Horn Petroleum" or the "Company") reports that the private placement announced on May 22, 2012 has closed. The Company sold on a non-brokered private placement basis an aggregate of 18.75 million units at a price of \$0.80 per unit for gross proceeds of \$15 million. The private placement has received regulatory approval and the securities have been issued to the investors.

Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant is exercisable over a period of two years at a price of \$1.20 per share. If Horn Petroleum common shares trade at or above \$1.50 for a period of 30 consecutive days, a forced exercise provision will come into effect. A 5% finder's fee is payable in either cash or units on a portion of the private placement.

Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards the Company's ongoing work program in Puntland, Somalia and for general working capital purposes. Shares issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a four month hold period expiring on October 9, 2012. Shares issued to finders will be subject to a hold period expiring four months from the date of issue. The Company will make commercially reasonable efforts to have the warrants posted for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange after the expiry of the hold period.

*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".*

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

David Grellman, President and CEO

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