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#### **Press release**

# **Africa Energy Reports First Quarter 2019 Results**

May 9, 2019 – Africa Energy Corp. (TSX Venture: AFE) (Nasdaq First North: AEC) ("Africa Energy" or the "Company"), an oil and gas company with exploration assets offshore South Africa and Namibia, announces financial and operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2019.

Garrett Soden, the Company's President and CEO, commented, "The large Brulpadda gas condensate and light oil discovery announced in the first quarter opens a new world-class oil and gas play offshore South Africa with substantial follow-on potential. We recently completed the first phase of the 3D seismic program over the Paddavissie Fairway, and we are in advanced negotiations to secure a drilling rig for the next exploration well planned on Block 11B/12B in early 2020."

#### HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTLOOK

In the first quarter of 2019, the Brulpadda well was drilled in approximately 1,400 meters of water by the Odfjell Deepsea Stavanger semi-submersible rig. The well targeted two objectives in a deep marine fan sandstone system within combined stratigraphic/structural closure. Following the success of the main objective, the well was deepened to a final depth of 3,633 meters and was successful in the Brulpadda-deep prospect. The well encountered a total of 57 meters of net gas condensate pay over two Lower Cretaceous high-quality reservoirs. The well also encountered oil pay in the upper reservoir. Core samples were taken in the upper reservoir, and a comprehensive logging and sampling program was performed over both reservoirs. The success at both the Brulpadda primary and secondary targets significantly de-risks other large prospects on Block 11B/12B.

The joint venture partnership for Block 11B/12B recently completed the first phase of the 3D seismic acquisition program with the Polarcus Asima vessel that commenced in the first quarter. The joint venture partnership continues to assess the Brulpadda well results and will focus its efforts on integrating these results with the recently acquired 3D seismic in advance of the upcoming drilling program.

The Company exited the quarter with \$3.6 million in cash. In addition, Main Street 1549, an entity owned 49% by Africa Energy, held \$2.6 million in cash and \$28.8 million in escrow at March 31, 2019 in order to cover Main Street 1549's portion of future cash calls and exploration expenditures on Block 11B/12B.

|   | Three months<br>ended<br>March 31,<br>2019 | Three months      |  |
|---|--|-------------------|--|
|   |  | ended             |  |
|   |  | March 31,<br>2018 |  |
|   |  |                   |  |
| Operating expenses  | 2,268                                      | 1,049             |  |
| Net loss  | (2,239)                                    | (1,054)           |  |
| Net loss per share (basic and diluted)                            | (0.00)                                     | (0.00)            |  |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding (basic and diluted) | 683,432                                    | 319,191           |  |
| Number of shares outstanding                                      | 683,489                                    | 319,195           |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operations                       | (1,442)                                    | (1,596)           |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing                        | 2,037                                      | (29)              |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing                        | 15   | 1                 |  |
| Total change in cash and cash equivalents                         | 610  | (1,637)           |  |
| Change in share capital   | 26   | 3                 |  |
| Change in contributed surplus                                     | 756  | 36                |  |
| Change in deficit   | 2,239                                      | 1,054             |  |
| Total change in equity  | (1,457)                                    | (1,015)           |  |

|  | March 31, |     | December 31, |
|--|-----------|-----|--------------|
|  | 2019      |     | 2018         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | 3,619     | (1) | 3,009        |
| Total assets                                     | 42,945    |     | 44,300       |
| Total liabilities                                | 180       |     | 78           |
| Total equity attributable to common shareholders | 42,765    |     | 44,222       |
| Working capital                                  | 3,658     |     | 3,197        |

(1) At March 31, 2019, Main Street 1549, an entity accounted for as an Investment in Associates and owned 49% by Africa Energy, held \$2.6 million in cash and \$28.8 million in escrow to cover Main Street 1549's portion of future cash calls and exploration expenditures on Block 11B/12B.

The financial information in this table was selected from the Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2019 (the "Financial Statements"), which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and the Company's website www.africaenergycorp.com.

# EARNINGS TREND AND FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited; US dollars)

The Company's operating expenses increased \$1.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 due mainly an increase in stock-based compensation resulting from the issuance of 13.7 million stock options to directors, officers and employees of the Company, as well as an increase in salary costs because the Company approved annual bonuses in the quarter.

As at March 31, 2019, the Company had cash of \$3.6 million and working capital of \$3.7 million compared to cash of \$3.0 million and working capital of \$3.2 million at December 31, 2018. In addition, Main Street 1549, an entity owned 49% by Africa Energy, held \$2.6 million and working capital of \$5.5 million at March 31, 2019. Working capital in Main Street 1549 included \$28.8 million in escrow (other current assets) in favor of Total and CNRI to cover Main Street 1549's portion of future cash calls and exploration expenditures for Block 11B/12B, and current liabilities included a \$5.0 million obligation to

fund Total's and CNRI's portion of the 3D seismic costs and \$5.0 million of Total's and CNRI's portion of the drilling costs for the next exploration or appraisal well.

## **NEXT EARNINGS REPORT RELEASE**

The Company plans to report results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 on August 14, 2019.

### **About Africa Energy Corp.**

Africa Energy Corp. is a Canadian oil and gas company with exploration assets offshore South Africa and Namibia. The Company is listed on TSX Venture Exchange (ticker "AFE") and Nasdaq First North Stockholm (ticker "AEC"). Africa Energy Corp. is part of the Lundin Group of Companies.

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## **Important information**

This information is information that Africa Energy is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact persons set out above on May 9, 2019 6:00 p.m. Toronto Time.

The Company's certified advisor on Nasdaq First North Stockholm is Pareto Securities AB, +46 8 402 5000, certifiedadviser.se@paretosec.com.

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