



For the period ending March 31, 2010

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Bankers
PETROLEUM LTD.

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BANKERS PETROLEUM ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS

Current production exceeds 10,000 bopd

CALGARY, May 14, 2010 – Bankers Petroleum Ltd. (“Bankers” or the “Company”) (TSX: BNK, AIM: BNK) is pleased to provide its first quarter 2010 Financial and Operational Results, together with its Management’s Discussion and Analysis. The complete reporting package, consisting of Management’s Discussion and Analysis along with Financial Statements and Notes, is posted on the Company’s website www.bankerspetroleum.com and SEDAR www.sedar.com.

Abby Badwi, President and Chief Executive Officer: “We are very pleased with the results. 10,000 bopd is a significant milestone in the growth of the Company. With the addition of a second drilling rig in January, the Company doubled its capacity to drill horizontal wells and increase production significantly over the quarter as a result.”

	Q1 - 2010	Q4 - 2009	Q1 - 2009
Production (bopd)	8,282	7,234	5,864
Brent Oil Price \$/bbl	76.36	74.53	44.40
Patos-Marinza Oil Price \$/bbl	47.16	45.10	24.73
Operating Costs \$/bbl	10.63	11.18	10.44
Transportation \$/bbl	5.90	5.56	2.70
Royalties \$/bbl	9.65	9.35	6.61
Netback \$/bbl	20.98	19.01	4.98

HIGHLIGHTS

- Oil revenue increased 17% from \$30.0 million during the previous quarter to \$35.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 as a result of increased production and more favourable oil prices. Sales were \$13.1 million for the first quarter of 2009.
- Production at the end of March 31, 2010 was approximately 9,500 bopd, averaging 8,282 bopd over the first quarter, an increase of 41% compared to the first quarter 2009 average. Current production is in excess of 10,000 bopd. The Company’s netback (revenue less royalties, operating, sales and transportation expenses) increased 10% to \$20.98/bbl (44% of the average

price) compared to \$19.01/bbl (42% of the average price) in the fourth quarter of 2009. The netback for the first quarter of 2009 was \$4.98/bbl (20% of the average price). The changes in netback were primarily due to more favourable average prices received from export sales and the fluctuation in commodity prices.

- Funds generated from operations increased to \$13.8 million in the first quarter of 2010 from \$10.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2009.
- Capital expenditures were \$26.7 million during the quarter, an increase of 55% from the previous quarter spending of \$17.2 million, compared to \$2.8 million of expenditures in the first quarter of 2009.
- Operating expenditures decreased to \$10.63 per barrel during the quarter from \$11.18 per barrel in the previous quarter, primarily due to increased production and efficiencies.
- Liquidity as of March 31, 2010 saw the company in a position of financial strength, with working capital of \$66.0 million and cash of \$62.7 million. An additional \$15 million was received in April and May 2010. The Company had also drawn \$26.4 million from its \$139.6 million in available credit facilities.

Results at a Glance (<i>US\$000s</i>)	Three months ended		
	March 31 2010	March 31 2009	December 31 2009
Oil revenue	35,149	13,052	30,014
Net operating income	15,639	2,628	12,650
Net income (loss)	470	(2,492)	2,313
Funds generated from operations	13,819	1,265	10,788
Capital expenditures	26,700	2,835	17,259
	March 31 2010	March 31 2009	December 31 2009
Cash and deposits	62,712	14,048	68,270
Working capital (deficiency)	65,987	(10,166)	75,414
Total assets	330,371	210,674	304,820
Bank loans	26,418	26,948	28,085
Shareholders' equity	225,548	123,622	213,960

OUTLOOK

Throughout the remainder of 2010, the Company will remain focused on achieving its priorities and implementing its capital programs in Albania:

- In January 2010, a second drilling rig commenced drilling in the Patos-Marinza oilfield and a third rig has now been contracted to start drilling in July 2010. The Company plans to drill a total of 52 horizontal and 5 vertical wells in 2010. Additionally, the Company plans to drill up to 3 vertical wells in Block F in 2010.
- With the current 10,000 bopd production level and expected production from the remaining horizontal drilling program, Bankers projected 2010 year-end production target is 15,000 bopd.
- Construction of an additional 80,000 barrels of storage capacity at the Vlore export terminal has commenced and is expected to be ready by year-end. To improve its “off-take” capacity, Bankers has initiated a pipeline project that will be implemented in two phases. Phase one, a 14 kilometre oil pipeline connecting the oilfield by rail to the export terminal, is underway and is expected to supplement current truck transport capacity of 15,000 bopd with an additional 9,500 bopd through rail transport by early 2011. Phase two, a 30 kilometre, 70,000 bopd pipeline connecting the oilfield to the export terminal, is planned for construction starting in 2011.
- The full collection in April of the \$11.8 million outstanding payments owing from the Albanian refineries operated by Albanian Refining & Marketing of Oil Sh.A (“ARMO”) has resulted in Bankers resuming of oil sales into the domestic market at an equivalent-to-export price.
- The 2009 year-end independent assessment of the 1.2 billion barrels of Contingent and Prospective resources at Patos-Marinza validates the Company’s plans for a thermal pilot proposed for the 2010 capital program. Success of such initiatives may lead to the conversion of significant volumes of these resources to recoverable reserves and the subsequent implementation of a commercial field expansion in 2012 and beyond. A waterflood program is also planned for the Kuçova oilfield in 2010.
- Bankers expects to fund its \$152 million 2010 capital program using funds generated from operations, existing cash resources and a portion of its unutilized \$110 million credit facilities.
- The second quarter 2010 operations update is expected to be released on July 8. The Financial and Operating results for Q2/10 and Q3/10 will be released on August 13, 2010 and November 12, 2010, respectively.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on May 26, 2010 at 3:00pm MDT (5:00pm EDT) at the Hotel Arts in Calgary, AB, Canada. The AGM will include a general corporate update and will be available via webcast at:

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/webcast/viewEvent.cgi?eventID=3042380>

Bankers updated Corporate Presentation is now available at www.bankerspetroleum.com

BANKERS PETROLEUM LTD.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited, expressed in thousands of US dollars)

	ASSETS	
	March 31 2010	December 31 2009
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 52,137	\$ 59,495
Short-term deposits	9,075	7,275
Restricted cash	1,500	1,500
Accounts receivable	25,295	23,358
Inventory	2,767	2,031
Deposits and prepaid expenses	6,916	5,899
	97,690	99,558
Note receivable	2,749	2,749
Deferred financing costs	13,853	14,383
Property, plant and equipment	216,079	188,130
	\$ 330,371	\$ 304,820
	LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 27,064	\$ 19,505
Current portion of long-term debt	4,639	4,639
	31,703	24,144
Long-term debt	21,779	23,446
Asset retirement obligations	4,275	3,856
Future income tax liability	47,066	39,414
	SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Share capital	211,541	206,058
Warrants	1,624	1,739
Contributed surplus	22,562	16,812
Deficit	(10,179)	(10,649)
	225,548	213,960
	\$ 330,371	\$ 304,820

BANKERS PETROLEUM LTD.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
AND DEFICIT

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31

(Unaudited, expressed in thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenue		
Oil revenue	\$ 35,149	\$ 13,052
Royalties	(7,190)	(3,486)
Interest	149	257
	<u>28,108</u>	<u>9,823</u>
Expenses		
Operating	7,925	5,512
Sales and transportation	4,395	1,426
General and administrative	1,926	1,204
Interest and bank charges	311	307
Interest on long-term debt	379	170
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(1,504)	253
Stock-based compensation	3,798	562
Amortization of deferred financing costs	683	-
Depletion, depreciation and accretion	4,975	4,010
	<u>22,888</u>	<u>13,444</u>
Income (loss) before income tax	5,220	(3,621)
Future income tax (expense) recovery	(4,750)	1,129
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the period	470	(2,492)
Deficit, beginning of period	(10,649)	(10,499)
Deficit, end of period	\$ (10,179)	\$ (12,991)
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.002	\$ (0.014)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.002	\$ (0.014)

BANKERS PETROLEUM LTD.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31
(Unaudited, expressed in thousands of US dollars)

	2010	2009
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities		
Net income (loss) for the period	\$ 470	\$ (2,492)
Items not involving cash:		
Depletion, depreciation and accretion	4,975	4,010
Amortization of deferred financing costs	683	-
Future income tax expense (recovery)	4,750	(1,129)
Stock-based compensation	3,798	562
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss	(857)	314
	<u>13,819</u>	<u>1,265</u>
Change in non-cash working capital	(1,153)	(2,249)
	<u>12,666</u>	<u>(984)</u>
Investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(26,700)	(2,835)
Change in non-cash working capital	5,022	(791)
	<u>(21,678)</u>	<u>(3,626)</u>
Financing activities		
Issue of shares for cash	4,416	42
Short-term deposits	(1,800)	1,000
Financing costs	(152)	-
Decrease in long-term debt	(1,667)	(1,177)
	<u>797</u>	<u>(135)</u>
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash and cash equivalents	<u>857</u>	<u>(314)</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(7,358)</u>	<u>(5,059)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>59,495</u>	<u>15,607</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 52,137</u>	<u>\$ 10,548</u>

Bankers Petroleum Ltd is a Canadian oil company with assets and operations in Albania. The Company operates the Patos-Marinza oilfield, the largest onshore field in Europe. Led by a team of experienced heavy oil specialists, the Company strives to maximize shareholder value through continual growth in production and reserves from this known oil accumulation.

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