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**BENCHMARK HIRES NEW PRESIDENT**

Vancouver, British Columbia – **Benchmark Energy Corp.** (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of David Harrison as the new President of the Company. Mr. Jean-Claude Boubée has agreed to step down as president and will remain as a director of the Company.

Mr. Harrison has been involved with several public companies over the past twelve years principally focused on corporate governance, including all public and regulatory affairs and business operations. In addition, Mr. Harrison has been extensively involved in a corporate finance role and has raised significant equity for the various public companies he has been involved in. Mr. Harrison has also consulted to other oil and gas companies on matters concerning investor relations and corporate governance.

David has acted as Vice President, administration and Corporate Secretary for Eastshore Energy Ltd., Vice President and Corporate Secretary for Tracer Petroleum Corporation, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Odyssey Petroleum Corporation and Vice President Corporate Communications for Arakis Energy Corporation. David studied economics at the University of British Columbia.

The Company also has granted a total of 675,000 options to purchase capital stock of the Company at a price of \$0.35 for a period of five years to its Directors, officers and consultants.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BENCHMARK ENERGY CORP.**

Jean-Claude Boubée  
Director

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