

BENCHMARK ENERGY CORP. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Benchmark Energy Corp. ("Benchmark" or the "Company" - TSX Venture: BEE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Brian Petersen to the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Petersen has been in the investment banking business for 18 years including 16 years with RBC Capital Markets in Toronto, Calgary and Houston. He has been an advisor to numerous energy companies in Canada, the US and internationally, having been involved in over \$20 billion of mergers and acquisitions and over \$23 billion of equity financings.

He holds a Bachelors of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia, and also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Benchmark also wishes to announce that it has granted a total of 275,000 options to purchase capital stock of the Company at a price of \$0.55, for a period of five years to Mr. Petersen, pursuant to the Company's stock option plan.

Options granted to directors and officers vest as to 1/3 of the total number of options six months after the date of grant, a further 1/3 of the total number of options one year after the date of grant, and the remaining 1/3 of the total number of options eighteen months after the date of grant.

Benchmark is a junior Canadian oil and gas exploration Company, focused internationally.

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