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# Bengal Energy Announces Results for the Year Ended March 31, 2011 – Company Accelerates Growth Through Onshore Drilling and Offshore Upside

**Calgary, Alberta – Bengal Energy Ltd. (TSX: BNG)** ("Bengal" or the "Company") today announced its financial and operating results for the year ended March 31, 2011.

Since the start of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, Bengal has raised \$46.5 million (gross) through three fully-subscribed share offerings, added international expertise to its board of directors, brought one oil discovery on production, drilled three additional wells and continued exploration efforts on its 2.2 million net acres of undeveloped land in Australia and India.

Bengal is now well capitalized to accelerate growth through drilling and exploration efforts in three core areas: low-risk development drilling in Australia's Cooper Basin, high-impact drilling offshore Australia on Bengal's 10% permit AC/P24, exploration on the Company's 100% block AC/P 47 in the Australian Timor Sea, and onshore and offshore exploration on two blocks in India's Cauvery Basin. All three areas offer large land positions in proven, producing basins with strong regulatory frameworks and Brent pricing for crude oil. Bengal operates 89% of its total net acreage.

# **Recent Highlights:**

- Raised \$12 million on September 29, 2010, \$9 million on January 28, 2011 and \$25.5 million on April 14, 2011, through three equity financings, for total gross proceeds of \$46.5 million. The proceeds will help accelerate plans for development of the Company's oil and gas properties.
- Commenced production in May 2010 from the Cuisinier oil discovery well ("Cuisinier 1") in Australia located on the Barta sub-block ("the Barta Block") of the Cooper Basin on Authority to Prospect ATP 752P. The well continues to produce clean oil at 52 degrees API. Although the well is capable of producing more than 350 barrels per producing day (88 net), production has been restricted over the last few months due to logistical problems related to severe flooding earlier this year in Queensland, Australia. The operator is investigating options to improve oil sales and thus reduce down times.
- Drilled three additional wells on the 360,000 acre Barta Block in fiscal 2011, including two wells offsetting Cuisinier 1 and one exploration well four kilometres southwest of Cuisinier 1 (the "Barta North 1") achieving a 100% drilling success rate. Each new well has been cased as a potential oil well. Barta North 1 encountered oil pay in the Cretaceous Murta Sandstone. This suggests the existence of a wide fairway for Murta oil prospects offsetting the Cuisinier 1 oil discovery. Bengal expects to complete and test the wells in mid-2011. Bengal now has a 25% working interest in the Barta Block.
- Received the Ministerial Grant of Authority to Prospect 732P ("ATP 732P") from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines in Queensland, Australia with an effective date of April 1, 2011. ATP 732P is in Australia's Cooper/Eromanga Basin. Bengal has a 100% working interest and operatorship of ATP 732P, a lightly explored permit measuring 654,321 acres. Only eight exploration wells have been drilled on the permit, three of which had hydrocarbon shows. The permit is adjacent to blocks with producing oil and gas fields from numerous depths. Seismic is planned for the fourth quarter of this year and the Company plans to undertake a multi-well drilling program commencing in early 2012.
- Obtained an independent Resource Evaluation Report of ATP 732P from Ryder Scott Company-Canada with an effective date of February 1, 2011. The results were summarized in a news release on March 1, 2011. The Company believes the opportunities identified on ATP 732P support an accelerated exploration program.

### **Financial and Operating Summary**

\$000s except per share, volumes		Three M			Ionths Ended		Twelve Months Ended			
and netback amounts	03/31/11		03/31/10		12/31/10		03/31/11		03/31/10	
Revenue										
Natural gas	\$	125	\$	206	\$	112	\$	488	\$	830
Natural gas liquids		17		22		12		67		163
Oil		549		52		306		1,298		779
Total		691		280		430		1,853		1,772
Royalties		67		39		46		181		231
% of revenue		9.7		13.9		10.5		9.8		13.0
Operating & transportation		295		116		189		883		756
Netback <sup>(1)</sup>		328		125		195		788		785
Cash flow used in operations:		(807)		(493)		(556)		(2,393)		(1,650)
Per share (\$) (basic & diluted)		(0.02)		(0.03)		(0.02)		(0.09)		(0.09)
Funds used in operations <sup>(2)</sup> :		(751)		(626)		(683)		(2,452)		(1,566)
Per share (\$) (basic & diluted)		(0.02)		(0.03)		(0.02)		(0.10)		(0.08)
Net loss:		(1,188)		(1,396)		(1,031)		(3,654)		(4,991)
Per share (\$) (basic & diluted)		(0.03)		(0.08)		(0.03)		(0.14)		(0.27)
Capital expenditures	\$	1,879	\$	553	\$	1,797	\$	3,943	\$	1,401
Property disposition proceeds	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	2,111
Volumes										
Natural gas (mcf/d)		348		377		327		354		568
Natural gas liquids (boe/d)		3		5		3		3		11
Oil (bbl/d)		56		7		36		39		28
Total (boe/d @ 6:1)		117		75		94		101		134
Netback <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/boe)										
Revenue	\$	65.86	\$	41.65	\$	49.93	\$	50.21	\$	36.44
Royalties		6.42		5.79		5.25		4.91		4.74
Operating & transportation		28.13		17.19		21.99		23.93		15.53
Total	\$	31.31	\$	18.67	\$	22.69	\$	21.37	\$	16.17

<sup>(1)</sup> Netback is a non-GAAP measure. Netback per boe is calculated by dividing the revenue and costs in total for the Company by the total production of the Company measured in boe.

Bengal believes its recent equity financings and drilling success set the stage for near-term operating income and long-term growth. Exploration success from high-impact plays at offshore permit AC/P 24 and onshore permit ATP 732P in Australia over 2011 and 2012 should create additional momentum. Long-term plays in India and in the Timor Sea could produce results as early as 2013. Bengal will continue to evaluate accretive production acquisitions and corporate transactions within and proximate to the Company's core areas.

Bengal's Annual Management's Discussion and Analysis and Annual Consolidated Financial Statements can be viewed at www.bengalenergy.ca or www.sedar.com.

# About Bengal

Bengal Energy Ltd. is an international junior oil and gas exploration and production company with assets in Australia and India. The Company is committed to growing shareholder value through international exploration, production and acquisitions. Bengal trades on the TSX under the symbol BNG. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.bengalenergy.ca">www.bengalenergy.ca</a>.

<sup>(2)</sup> Funds from operations is a non-GAAP measure. The comparable GAAP measure is cash flow from operations. A reconciliation of the two measures can be found in Bengal's Annual MD&A.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Bengal's control. These statements relate to future events or our future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein include, without limitation, statements regarding: Bengal's future development and exploration plans and strategy and results thereof; use of proceeds from the equity financings; and the completion of future wells. The projections, estimates and beliefs contained in such forward looking statements are based on management's estimates, opinions, and assumptions at the time the statements were made, including assumptions relating to: the impact of general global economic conditions in Canada and in the United States, industry conditions, changes in laws and regulations including the adoption of new environmental laws and regulations and changes in how they are interpreted and enforced, increased competition, the lack of availability of qualified operating or management personnel, fluctuations in commodity prices, foreign exchange or interest rates, stock market volatility and fluctuations in market valuations of companies with respect to announced transactions and the final valuations thereof, and the ability to obtain required approvals from regulatory authorities. We believe the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable but, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits, including the amount of proceeds, that Bengal will derive therefrom. Bengal's actual financial results, performance or achievement in future periods could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements, including those material risks discussed in Bengal's Annual Information Form under "Risk Factors and in Bengal's MD&A under "Risk Factors". The forward-looking statements herein are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement: The forward-looking statements contained in this release speak only as of the date of this release and Bengal does not assume any obligation to publicly update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be require pursuant to applicable securities laws.

## Barrels of Oil Equivalent

When converting natural gas to equivalent barrels of oil, Bengal uses the widely recognized standard of 6 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) to one barrel of oil (boe). However, a boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf: 1 bbl is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

#### Non-GAAP Measures

Netback and funds from operations are non-GAAP measures. Netback per boe is calculated by dividing the revenue and costs in total for the company by the total production of the company measured in boe. Management considers netback to be an important measure as it demonstrates profitability on a unit of production basis. Funds from operations is calculated as cash flow from operations before deducting changes in non-cash working capital. Management believes funds from operations is a useful supplemental measure as it demonstrates the ability to generate cash necessary to repay debt or fund growth through capital investment before changes in non-cash working capital balances. Investors are cautioned that funds from operations should not be construed as an alternative to cash flow from operations determined in accordance with GAAP.

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