

# Africa Oil Announces Strategic Farm Down Agreement for Its Orange Basin Block 3B/4B

**VANCOUVER, BC, March 6, 2024 /CNW/ - (AOI-TSX, AOI-Nasdaq-Stockholm) – Africa Oil Corp.** (“Africa Oil”, or the “Company”) is pleased to announce its wholly-owned subsidiary, Africa Oil SA Corp. (“AOSAC”) has signed a strategic farm down agreement (“Agreement”) with TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. (“TotalEnergies”) and QatarEnergy International E&P LLC (“QatarEnergy”) for the Orange Basin Block 3B/4B, offshore South Africa. Through AOSAC, the Company currently has an operated 26.25% interest in Block 3B/4B and has entered the Agreement jointly with its partners Eco (Atlantic) Oil & Gas Limited (“Eco”) and Ricocure (Proprietary) Ltd (“Ricocure”), through their respective subsidiaries. On completion of the transaction, Africa Oil will retain a 17.00% interest and the operatorship of Block 3B/4B will transfer to TotalEnergies.

## **Transaction Highlights:**

- Maximum transaction value of up to \$46.8 million to Africa Oil.
- Africa Oil will receive, subject to achieving certain milestones defined in the Agreement, staged payments for a total cash amount of \$10.0 million, of which \$3.3 million is payable at Completion, as defined below, and the remaining balance in two successive payments conditional upon achievement of key operational and regulatory milestones.
- Africa Oil will also receive a full carry of its 17.00% retained share of all JV costs, up to a cap, that is repayable to TotalEnergies and QatarEnergy from production, and which is expected to be adequate to fund the Company's share of drilling for up to two wells on the licence.

Completion of the Agreement (“Completion”) is subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions precedent, including approvals from the government of South Africa.

**Africa Oil Chief Executive Officer, Dr Roger Tucker, commented:** “Attracting TotalEnergies and QatarEnergy as our new partners in Block 3B/4B is an endorsement of the exploration potential of the block. These opportunities are on trend with the discoveries in Namibia's Orange Basin, including Venus in Block 2913B. Both companies have deep geological knowledge of the basin with successful nearby discoveries. TotalEnergies, as the new operator, also brings extensive deepwater drilling and development expertise.

Africa Oil has an unrivalled position amongst its Independent E&P peer group in this world-class basin. This includes our indirect interest in the Venus discovery and the on-going appraisal and exploration campaign on Block 2913B.”

## **About Block 3B/4B**

Block 3B/4B covers an area of 17,581 km<sup>2</sup> within the Orange Basin offshore South Africa in water depths ranging between 300m and 2,500m. This block lies to the southeast and on trend with number of oil discoveries including Venus and Graff. AOC has approximately 14,000 km<sup>2</sup> of 2D seismic and 10,800 km<sup>2</sup> of 3D seismic over Block 3B/4B and has identified a large opportunity set of exploration prospects, with the majority of the prospects lying in approximately 1,500m of water.

Africa Oil currently has a 26.25% interest in Block 3B/4B with Eco holding a 20.00% interest and Ricocure with a 53.75% interest. On the completion of the farm down transaction, which is subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions precedent, including approvals from the government of South Africa, the interests in Block 3B/4B will be comprised of: 17.00% held by Africa Oil; 33.00% held by TotalEnergies; 24.00% held by QatarEnergy; 19.75% held by Ricocure; and 6.25% held by Eco. Africa Oil will transfer its operatorship of Block 3B/4B to TotalEnergies on Completion.

## **Additional Information**

This information is information that Africa Oil is obliged to make public pursuant to the Swedish Financial Instruments Trading Act. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact persons set out above, at 02:00 a.m. EST on March 6, 2024.

All dollar amounts are in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

## **Forward Looking Information**

Certain statements and information contained herein constitute “forward-looking information” (within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation), including in respect of Block 3B/4B, completion of the farm down transaction for Block 3B/4B, and the potential of the Venus discovery or the broader Orange Basin. Such statements and information (together, “forward looking statements”) relate to future events or the Company's future

performance, business prospects or opportunities.

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## **About Africa Oil**

Africa Oil Corp. is a Canadian oil and gas company with producing and development assets in deepwater Nigeria and an exploration/appraisal portfolio in west and south of Africa, as well as Guyana. The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on Nasdaq Stockholm under the symbol "AOI".