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## **TAG Oil Provides Operations Update**

Vancouver, B.C. – March 22, 2016 – TAG Oil Ltd. (TSX: TAO and OTCQX: TAOIF) announces that the operator of the offshore Kaheru permit (New Zealand Oil & Gas) has submitted an application to the regulator to surrender the permit on behalf of the PEP 52181 joint venture, upon which TAG holds a 40% interest (New Zealand Oil & Gas 35% and Beach Energy 25%). The economic conditions in the current global energy market could not support drilling the prospect before the commitment date of May 2016. The decision to proceed with submitting an application to surrender the permit transpired after the joint venture explored options to defer or amend work obligations, as was previously disclosed.

Toby Pierce, CEO commented, “The relinquishment of the block containing the Kaheru prospect is the last of several divestments, which have substantially reduced our future liabilities. From this point forward, we’re now in growth mode and plan to participate in the recently announced 2016 New Zealand block offer. Further, we continue to work on joint ventures and acquisitions to grow our portfolio of opportunities. Finally, I’d like to thank our joint venture partners for their work and efforts in trying to move Kaheru forward. Ultimately, the economics just didn’t stack up in today’s commodity markets.”

### **TAG Oil Ltd.**

TAG Oil Ltd. (<http://www.tagoil.com/>) is a development-stage Australasian focussed oil and gas production and exploration company with extensive operations and production infrastructure in the Taranaki Basin region of New Zealand. As one of New Zealand’s leading operators, TAG is positioned for reserve-based growth with high impact exploration upside in the lightly explored Taranaki discovery fairway. As a low cost, high netback oil and gas producer, TAG is debt-free and reinvests its cash flow into development opportunities and exploration drilling along trend with the Company’s existing production.

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