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Baraka Spuds its Oil Shale play in the Georgina Basin - Australia

Baraka Energy & Resources Ltd (ASX:BKP) and (Frankfurt Exchange: RBD:GR) ("Baraka" or "The Company") is pleased to announce that it's operator partner, Petrofrontier Corp, have on Friday night the 28th October 2011, spud the MacIntyre-2 well of which Baraka has a 25% undivided working interest.

The well is located on EP127 and the "HOT SHALE" Basel Arthur Creek Shale, the zone, commences at a depth of approx.770 metres vertical depth. It is then intended to drill a minimum of 500m horizontally into the Shale. Baraka also retains an undivided 75% working interest in approximately75kms2 around the Elkedra-7 well on EP127, where previous drilling has indicated Oil shows. This zone could be of significant value in the event of a successful discovery.

Petrofrontier themselves have recently successfully completed a well at Baldwin-2 in the Georgina Basin on EP103, only some 60km away, and the results are posted on our Website, together with a number of other research reports and other relevant information to the program and the project area, which we strongly recommend our shareholders and investors read in detail. www.barakaenergy.com.au

Once the MacIntyre-2 has been drilled, Petrofrontier intends to frac and complete the well using multi-stage open hole techniques. Final results will then be released from MacIntyre-2 and the completions crew will subsequently return to Baldwin-2 to conduct a similar program there.

PetroFrontier intends to use Schlumberger, the Australian representatives of Packers Plus, to run the multistage open hole completion string and conduct the fracture stimulation program. PetroFrontier is believed to be the first company to introduce to Australia these open hole horizontal and multi-stage fracing technologies to unlock unconventional oil potential.

These technologies have been widely successful in unlocking North American unconventional oil reservoirs such as the **Bakken formation**. The use of these technologies is expected to give Baraka and PetroFrontier every chance of establishing commercial production.

Ryder Scott Report on Potential Oil Resource Estimates

Baraka is pleased to provide the Ryder Scott Company Petroleum Consultants (Ryder Scott), Canadian fully compliant N151-101, report entitled Evaluation of the Hydrocarbon Resource Potential Pertaining to Certain Acreage Interests in the Southern Georgina Basin. This report on our website in full, evaluates the potential oil resources of the Baraka tenements in the Southern Georgina Basin, NT (EP 127 and EP128), where it owns an undivided 25% interest in joint venture with a Canadian partner. This report has been prepared by the internationally recognised independent resource-evaluation firm, Ryder Scott and is contained in our various reports on our website.

The following summarises the resources from the Lower Arthur Creek "Hot Shale" on Baraka's lands according to Ryder Scott:

Table 4 B (Oil Volumes)
Unrisked Estimates of Undiscovered OOIP and Prospective Recoverable Oil Resources in the Lower Arthur Creek "Hot Shale"
Southern Georgina Basin – Northern Territory, Australia

As of November 1, 2010

Prospect	Unrisked Undiscovered OOIP (BBbls)			Unrisked Prospective (Recoverable) Oil Resources (BBbls)		
	Low	Best	High	Low	Best	High
EP 127	19.789	27.715	37.190	1.753	2.723	4.009
EP 128	34.969	48.934	65.718	3.097	4.812	7.084
Total EP 127, EP 128	**54.758**	**76.649**	**102.908**	**4.850**	**7.535**	**11.093**

Baraka's interest in the above Prospect Lower Arthur Creek "Hot Shale" oil volumes is 25%

Whilst Baraka will be receiving regular drilling results from the Operators, it is only intended to give weekly updates, unless an event occurs of a material nature, in which case Petrofrontier and Baraka will make simultaneous announcements to their respective exchanges (The TSX, ASX and the Frankfurt Exchange) in accordance with their listing obligations.

PetroFrontier Corp, (TSXV:PFC)

("PetroFrontier"), will be hosting a conference call from 2:30 to 3:00p.m. Canadian Mountain Time on Monday October 31, 2011 for all investors, financial analysts, media and any interested stakeholders to discuss its current operations.
The conference call dial-in numbers for Canada and the U.S. are 647-427-7450 or 888-231-8191. For interested parties outside of North America please use +1-647-427-7450. A recording of the conference call will be available for replay until November 7, 2011 at 11:59pm. ET. To access the replay, please dial either 416-849-0833 or 855-859-2056 and enter the password 22833592. For those outside of North America please use +1-416-849-0833.

Frankfurt Exchange

Baraka is pleased to advise that their application to list on the Frankfurt Exchange (FSE) has been approved and is now trading under the code (RBD:GR).

Having initially assessed the benefits that could flow to Baraka and their current shareholders from a greater exposure to large cash rich Fund Managers, investors and Institutions in Europe, and possible capital raisings, the Company carried out serious dialogue and costing to analyse the cost - reward benefits of the listing, and resolved to do so which only took a matter of weeks with the assistance of selected specialists.

The Frankfurt Stock Exchange is now part of the largest market in the world following the current Merger with the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), with direct access to greater than one third of the world's investment capital.

The liquidity of stocks listed on the FSE is the highest in all of Europe, including London and Paris Stock Exchanges and is third in the entire world. Around 3,000 USA Companies and even more Asian and non-German European companies have chosen FSE Listings. The FSE has more than 250 international trading institutions and has over 11,800 companies listed on the exchange.

The Frankfurt Stock Exchange offers one of the most advanced electronic trading capabilities through its highly advanced electronic trading platform, Xetra®.

Xetra® enables cross-border trading for international investors whereby orders from any point in the globe are automatically input into the order book on the central computer.

The Board is of the opinion, that considering Baraka's current activities, and anticipated expansion plans, including potential diversification, the Company would appeal to the European investors because of the strength of the Australian currency, and the potential success of Baraka's oil shale project in the Northern Territory, accompanied by our cash reserves, nil liabilities, prudent management and possible acquisition/joint venture of other assets in due course, currently being assessed.

The Board intends to commence a marketing and promotional program throughout Europe to educate the European investors on Baraka's financial position and project potential, possibly with a follow up road show to selected interested Institutions either this year or in the New Year.

Jakarta Representative Office.

Baraka has, as previously announced, opened a "Representative Office" in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Company has secured a full time geologist with previous Government experience to represent Baraka as the Chief Representative Manager in the office, located in the Indonesian Stock Exchange Building.

The Baraka Board believe Indonesia will be a resource powerhouse in years to come and generate substantial cash flow for the benefit of Baraka shareholders when they secure a project that complies with their strict guidelines.

Indonesia is the fourth most populated nation in the world, has a very high growth rate, and is the biggest thermal coal exporter in the world. Furthermore, Indonesia has a young and willing work force who are prepared to work hard at realistic costs.

Geographically, Indonesia is close to Australia, China and India, all of whom are increasing their presence.

Indonesia is also in the top six copper producers in the world and is currently in transition of amending its mining laws to enable foreign investment, and reduce corruption. This will provide a safer and more secure investment into all sorts of metals and minerals by genuine investors.

Baraka have for some time been carrying out research and due diligence into numerous projects in Indonesia. In doing so the Baraka Board has come to the conclusion that the Company should be represented at ground level to maximise its exposure and create a closer relationship with various authorities, and influential parties in order to assist in the acquisition or joint venture of quality projects.

Baraka has now commenced a promotional campaign throughout Indonesia, through various media organisations to promote Baraka and inform the various resource owners and investors of our presence in Indonesia and our intentions, as well as promote the benefits of Baraka to various Financial institutions in Indonesia, Singapore and Globally.

It will also allow Baraka to utilise the benefit of the current strong Australian dollar to establish itself in Indonesia. Baraka has some A$5.7m of cash and liquid assets currently uncommitted, extremely low overhead expenses, nil liabilities and is seeking investments and projects to add value to its shareholders investment.

We look forward to bringing you regular reports on the drilling program, and our other activities already outlined herein, and others as they unfold.

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