

ShaMaran Reports Atrush 2P Reserves Replacement Ratio of 108% and Provides 2021 Guidance

VANCOUVER, BC, Feb. 15, 2021 /CNW/ - **ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. ("ShaMaran" or the "Company")** (TSXV: [SNM](#)) (Nasdaq First North Growth Market: SNM) is pleased to report an increase in the Atrush Property Gross 2P reserves to 109.9 MMbbls at December 31, 2020, up from 108.5 MMbbls at the end of 2019. Taking into account 2020 production, this equates to a 2P reserves replacement ratio of 108% and an increase in the Company's gross 2P reserves from 29.9 MMbbls to 30.3 MMbbls. Reserves and contingent resources estimates were provided by McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd. ("McDaniel"), the Company's independent qualified resources evaluator, and were prepared in accordance with standards set out in the Canadian National Instrument NI 51-101 and Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (COGEH). [View PDF version.](#)

The Atrush field achieved a cumulative production milestone of 40 MMbbls on January 4, 2021 despite a significantly reduced 2020 development program due to the global pandemic and the collapse of crude oil prices. Of that volume over 16.5 MMbbls were produced during 2020 which included over 1.3 MMbbls of heavy oil.

2021 GUIDANCE

With improving oil prices in 2021 we anticipate a continuation of strong operating cash flow that will be supported with prudent capital deployment in the coming year.

- Atrush field gross average daily production is expected to range from 39,000 barrels of oil per day ("bopd") to 44,000 bopd. Resumption of deferred drilling and completion spending in 2021 is expected to generate quarter-on-quarter production growth;
- The Atrush capital expenditures for 2021 are planned at US\$53.2 million (US\$14.7 million net to ShaMaran), pending final approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq ("KRG"). The Atrush 2021 capital program includes drilling and completion of a production well with targeted offtake rates of over 4,000 bopd and initiation of the gas solution project which will significantly reduce emissions and operating costs from reliance on diesel use;
- The Atrush operating expenditure is forecast to be US\$80 million (US\$22 million net to ShaMaran) for 2021, in line with 2020 actual operating costs;
- Atrush average lifting costs per barrel are estimated to range from US\$4.70 to US\$5.70. Atrush lifting costs are mainly fixed costs and dollar-per-barrel estimates should decrease with increasing levels of production and operational efficiencies;
- Payments from the KRG for oil delivered in 2021 are expected to continue to be made one month after production. Recovery of the US\$41.7 million receivable owed to the Company by the KRG for November 2019 to February 2020 entitlements has started as per the KRG's December 2020 proposed repayment mechanism of sharing equally the incremental revenue if Brent prices exceed US\$50 per barrel in any month;
- ShaMaran will continue to implement prudent management of its cashflow in 2021 with an annual corporate budget of US\$5.6 million, a 30% reduction in spending over 2020; and
- Following the amendment of the ShaMaran bond terms in January 2021 the Company intends to use its free cash flow to buy its bonds should commercially attractive rates be available in the market and as a result will be reducing its debt burden over the coming year and will update the market of such activity on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Adel Chaouch, President and Chief Executive Officer of ShaMaran, stated, "We continue to be cautiously optimistic that 2021 will see sustainable production in the Atrush field and to progress plans which meet our commitment towards the environment. We expect 2021 will again be a year of cash flow harvest and measured capital deployment to continue to give our shareholders a clear and socially responsible path to sustained production and reserves maturation."

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