

ShaMaran Operations Update

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA-(Marketwired - Aug. 10, 2016) -ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. ("ShaMaran" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:SNM)(OMX:SNM) provides the following operational update.

Following the announcement on May 19, 2016 regarding the changed scope of the feeder pipeline from the Atrush block boundary to a tie in point with the main Kurdistan export pipeline (the "Feeder Pipeline"), TAQA Atrush B.V., General Exploration Partners, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of ShaMaran) and Marathon Oil KDV BV, have been working very closely with the Kurdistan Regional Government and KAR Company regarding a contractual and commercial structure for the construction of the Feeder Pipeline.

Commercial and legal discussions are in an advanced state, but proved to be more complex than initially envisaged and have resulted in a delay in the start of construction of the Feeder Pipeline. This will most likely result in first oil to slip into Q1 2017.

Chris Bruijnzeels, President and CEO of ShaMaran, commented: *"Construction of the Atrush production facilities is substantially complete. Following the change in scope for the Feeder Pipeline, all parties involved have been working diligently towards a common goal to get a contractual and commercial structure in place, to allow construction of the Feeder Pipeline to commence. Unfortunately legal and commercial discussions proved to be more complex and have taken longer than initially envisaged, but are now close to being finalised."*

ABOUT SHAMARAN

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. is a Kurdistan focused oil development and exploration company with a 26.8% direct interest in the Atrush oil discovery until such time that the Kurdistan Regional Government has completed the exercise of its right to acquire up to a 25% interest. The Atrush Block is currently undergoing an appraisal and development campaign.

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