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## **DELPHI EXTENDS MONTNEY PLAY WESTWARD WITH THE 15-21 WELL**

CALGARY, ALBERTA – January 27, 2014 – Delphi Energy Corp. (“Delphi” or the “Company”) provides the following operations update on its Montney capital program.

Delphi is pleased to announce completion and clean-up test results of its delineation well at 15-21-60-23 W5M (“15-21”) at East Bigstone. The 15-21 Montney well was drilled to a total depth of 5,875 metres with a horizontal lateral length of 2,886 metres and stimulated with a 30 stage slickwater hybrid completion. The well was produced on clean-up over a seven day period, recovering approximately 25 percent of the initial load frac water and is now shut-in to equip and pipeline connect the well for production. After running production tubing, the well produced over the final 24 hours at an average rate of 5.5 million cubic feet per day (“mmcf/d”) of raw gas, 665 barrels per day (“bbls/d”) of wellhead condensate (122 bbls/mmcf of raw gas) and approximately 384 bbls/d of load frac water. With an estimated plant NGL yield of 39 bbls/mmcf of raw gas, total production for the 15-21 well over the final 24 hour period was approximately 1,686 barrels of oil equivalent per day (“boe/d”), (52 percent field and plant NGL’s). The well is expected to commence production in February and consistent with the previous slickwater fracture stimulated wells, will continue to recover load frac water over the next few months.

The 15-21 well is the farthest west Montney well drilled to date on the Company’s East Bigstone lands and is located approximately seven kilometres west of the previously announced 15-30-60-22W5 (“15-30”) well that averaged 2,076 boe/d over its first 30 days of production. The Company owns 124.5 gross sections (109 net) of Montney lands in the Bigstone area.

The 15-21 well is also the Company’s fifth extended-reach horizontal Montney well utilizing a 30 stage slickwater hybrid completion. The first four Montney wells at East Bigstone stimulated with the same 30 stage slickwater hybrid fracturing technique continue to exceed the Company’s type well expectations.

Field operations continue in East Bigstone with a total of three gross (2.7 net) Montney wells planned to be drilled and completed prior to break-up in 2014. The 13-30-60-22 W5M (“13-30”) extended-reach horizontal well is scheduled to be completed in the first two weeks of February. The well set a new Company record for drilling days with drilling costs also setting a new low of approximately \$4.75 million. Drilling times for the Company’s Montney wells have decreased 35 percent and drilling costs have been reduced by more than 25 percent. The drilling rig has commenced operations on the third well of the winter drilling program at 2-1-60-23 W5M.

To handle the rapidly growing Montney production volumes, the Company is continuing with construction to expand its 7-11 facility to handle 45 mmcf/d of raw gas as well as increased field condensate volumes, with the installation of larger inlet separation, increased condensate storage tank capacity and additional compression. The facility expansion is expected to be completed by the end of February.

Corporate production during the month of December 2013 averaged 9,500 boe/d based on field estimates. Montney production during the month averaged approximately 5,000 boe/d, a 615 percent increase from approximately 700 boe/d recorded in January 2013 from the initial three wells. The Company has achieved a step change in well performance from its extended-reach horizontal lateral sections stimulated with the slickwater hybrid fracturing technique as compared to conventional gelled oil fracs. The wells continue to exceed the Company’s initial type curve expectations. Given the exceptional well performance to date, Delphi plans to re-evaluate its base type curve assumptions after the winter drilling program.

*Delphi Energy is a Calgary-based company that explores, develops and produces oil and natural gas in Western Canada. The Company is managed by a proven technical team. Delphi trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol DEE.*

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