



NEWS RELEASE

SHAMARAN FINANCING PROPOSAL APPROVED

April 19, 2016 - ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. ("ShaMaran" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE: SNM) (NASDAQ OMX: SNM) is pleased to announce that proposed financing arrangement (the "Proposal") has been approved by the holders ("Existing Bondholders") of the USD 150 million bonds registered under ISIN NO 0010692882 (the "Existing Bonds"). Approval of the Proposal was necessary in order for the Company to complete its share of the estimated 2016 investments required to deliver the Atrush field into production. The Existing Bonds are listed on the Oslo stock exchange and were issued November 13, 2013 by General Exploration Partners, Inc. ("GEP"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ShaMaran which holds a 26.8% interest in the Atrush Block production sharing contract.

The Proposal obtained 86.28% of the votes cast at a meeting (the Bondholders' Meeting) of the Existing Bondholders and was adopted according to the voting requirements of the Existing Bonds agreement. The summons to the Bondholders' Meeting dated April 5, 2016 and notice from the Bondholders' Meeting are available at www.stamdata.no.

The Proposal entails GEP issuing new super senior bonds in the total amount of USD 17-20 million (the "Super Senior Bonds"). The Super Senior Bonds have a maturity date of November 13, 2018 and an 11.5% coupon interest payable semi-annually. GEP has the option to pay the coupon interest on the Super Senior Bonds in cash or in kind by issuing new bonds ("PIK Bonds"). The Super Senior Bonds are offered on a private basis with preferential allocation rights to Existing Bondholders. GEP has an agreement with major shareholders, Lorito Holdings SARL and Zebra Holdings and Investments SARL, companies owned by the Lundin Family Trust, to underwrite the Super Senior Bonds. The subscription period for the Super Senior Bonds is expected to close on April 22 2016. Subscriptions in the Super Senior Bonds should be submitted to Pareto Securities AS (+47 22 87 87 70) (together with proof of ownership of Existing Bonds as of April 19, 2016, in order to qualify for preferential allocation). Settlement Date for the Super Senior Bond is expected to be on or about April 28, 2016.

The Proposal further entails certain amendments to the bond agreement for the Existing Bonds as described in the summons, including that (i) the 2016 coupon interest (USD 17.25 million before considering any conversion as described in next paragraph) is settled by issuing new PIK Bonds; (ii) GEP has the option to pay in cash or in kind (by issuing new PIK Bonds) the post 2016 coupon interest; and (iii) certain other waivers and amendments including the subordination of Existing Bonds' security to the Super Senior Bonds' security and an amendment of terms relating to the book equity ratio. These amendments will be adapted upon settlement of the Super Senior Bonds.

Further, the Company has offered the Existing Bondholders an opportunity to convert up to USD 18 million of Existing Bonds at face value into ShaMaran common shares at CAD 0.105 per share, reflecting the closing price for the shares at TSX Venture Exchange on April 18, 2016. The subscription period for this debt-to-equity offer ends on April 26, 2016 unless extended. An application form will be sent to Existing Bondholders through the VPS-system today and is also available for the Existing Bondholders with Pareto Securities. Subscriptions should be

submitted to Pareto Securities AS (+47 22 87 87 70). The offer is available to Existing Bondholders registered with VPS (including nominee accounts) as of April 26, 2016 ("Record Date"). A full conversion would result in the Company issuing 218,863,000 new common shares. The debt-to-equity offer is subject to final approval by TSX Venture Exchange.

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.

ShaMaran is a Canadian oil and gas company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and the NASDAQ OMX First North Exchange (Stockholm) under the symbol "SNM". Neither the TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release. Pareto Securities AB is the Company's Certified Advisor on NASDAQ OMX First North.

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