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Dorchester Minerals, L.P. Announces Second Quarter Results

DALLAS, TX -- (Marketwire) -- 08/08/12 -- Dorchester Minerals, L.P. (the "Partnership") (NASDAQ: DMLP) announced today the Partnership's net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 of \$8,680,000, or \$0.27 per common unit.

A comparison of the Partnership's consolidated results for the periods ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 are set forth below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Operating Revenues	\$15,242,000	\$16,434,000	\$28,675,000	\$30,723,000
Net Earnings	8,680,000	9,770,000	15,978,000	17,510,000
Net Earnings Per Common Unit \$	0.27 \$	0.31 \$	0.50 \$	0.55

The Partnership previously declared its second quarter distribution in the amount of \$0.456351 per common unit paid on August 2, 2012 to common unit holders of record as of July 23, 2012. The Partnership's cash distributions are not comparable to its net earnings due to timing and other differences including depletion.

Dorchester Minerals, L.P. is a Dallas based owner of producing and non-producing crude oil and natural gas mineral, royalty, overriding royalty, net profits, and leasehold interests and its common units trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol DMLP.

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