



Harvest Natural Resources Announces Pricing of Senior Convertible Notes Offering

HOUSTON, Feb 11, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- [Harvest Natural Resources, Inc.](#) (NYSE: HNR) today announced that it has successfully priced its senior convertible notes offering.

[Harvest](#) announced that it has entered into definitive agreements with select institutional investors to raise gross proceeds of up to \$32 million, before deducting placement agents' fees and other estimated offering expenses, in a registered direct offering of 8.25% senior convertible notes due 2013. In contemplation of this offering, [Harvest](#) entered into a placement agent agreement with [Lazard Capital Markets LLC](#), as lead placement agent, and [Madison Williams and Company LLC](#), as co-placement agent.

Under the terms of the notes, [Harvest](#) will pay interest semi-annually and the notes will mature on March 1, 2013, unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted as described below. The notes are convertible into shares of [Harvest](#) common stock at a conversion rate of 175.2234 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of convertible notes, equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$5.71 per share of common stock, subject to adjustment. The notes will be [Harvest's](#) general unsecured obligations, ranking equally with all of its other unsecured senior indebtedness, if any, and senior in right of payment to any of its subordinated indebtedness, if any. The notes are also redeemable in certain circumstances at the option of [Harvest](#) and may be repurchased by [Harvest](#) at the purchaser's option in connection with occurrence of certain events. The closing of the offering is expected to take place on February 17, 2010, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Harvest intends to use the estimated net proceeds of \$30 million from the offering to fund capital expenditures, working capital needs and for general corporate purposes.

A shelf registration statement relating to the notes issued in the offering (and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes) has been filed with the [Securities and Exchange Commission](#) (the "SEC") and has been declared effective. A prospectus supplement relating to the offering will be filed with the [SEC](#). Before you invest, you should read the prospectus and prospectus supplement in that registration statement and other documents that Harvest has filed with the [SEC](#) for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. Copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus may be obtained directly from the Company by contacting Ivy Nulisch at (281) 899-5700 or at the [SEC's](#) website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Alternatively, a copy of the prospectus and the prospectus supplement for the notes offering may be obtained from Lazard Capital Markets LLC at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 60th Floor, New York, NY 10020 or via telephone at (800) 542-0970.

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About Harvest Natural Resources

[Harvest Natural Resources, Inc.](#) headquartered in Houston, Texas, is an independent energy company with principal operations in [Venezuela](#), producing and exploration assets in the [United States](#), exploration assets in [Indonesia](#), [West Africa](#), [China](#) and [Oman](#) and business development offices in Singapore and the United Kingdom. For more information visit the Company's website at <http://www.harvestnr.com>.

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