



Harvest Natural Resources Commences Drilling Operations - Qarn Alam Block 64, Oman

HOUSTON, Nov. 2, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Harvest Natural Resources, Inc. (NYSE: HNR) announced today commencement of drilling operations of the Mafraq South-A (MFS-A) exploration well onshore Oman. This is the first of a two-well exploratory program utilizing the MB Petroleum Services LLC Rig #113 drilling unit.

The MFS-A well will test the Mafraq South structure, which is a large salt-supported high with stacked reservoir targets in the Barik, Miqrat and Amin reservoirs. Targets are both in the footwall and hanging wall fault blocks which comprise four segments (north, west, south and east). Mean prospective resources for the targeted south segment total 1.25 TCF of gas with 46 MMBBLS of condensate. The geological chance of success for a discovery in the Barik is estimated to be 28 percent. The MFS-A well will be drilled to a total vertical depth of approximately 12,000 feet to test coincident fault bounded dip closure at all three reservoir levels.

About Harvest Natural Resources

Harvest Natural Resources, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is an independent energy company with principal operations in Venezuela, exploration assets in the United States, Indonesia, Gabon, China and Oman and business development offices in Singapore and the United Kingdom. For more information visit the Company's website at www.harvestnr.com.

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