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PRESS STATEMENT

PETRA ENERGY TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES IN BROWN FIELD OPERATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 JUNE 2008 – Integrated oil & gas brown field services provider, Petra Energy Berhad (“Petra Energy”), plans to expand its role in line with the growing need for brown field services in the domestic and regional markets of the oil & gas industry.

This comes in the wake of increased number of field re-development opportunities, ageing offshore facilities, new facilities being installed and trends in outsourcing larger contracts. This is supported by PETRONAS’ drive to increase extraction rates of existing and marginal fields.

“In line with these developing trends, the Company is pacing itself with new strategies that would include looking at new collaborations with other services companies to further enhance its operational capabilities.

“We are looking at three or four brown field and engineering consultancy companies. However at this point in time, no firm decision has been made. Our main objective is to provide complete integrated support for all brown field activities.

“The JV with Advanced Well Technologies (AWT) is one such example where we provide complete solutions in sub-surface activities of the brown field sector. Our current focus is to expand our services in the sub-surface category of brown field services”, said Tengku Dato’ Ibrahim Petra, Executive Chairman, Petra Energy Berhad at a media briefing following the company’s Second Annual General Meeting today.

“To-date there are about 270 platforms in the country of which about 150 are over 20 years of age and require retrofitting works. Retrofitting of oil & gas platforms would enable oil & gas majors to increase production output, and given the high oil prices today, we are optimistic that this business sector will perform well in the current and years ahead. I am optimistic there would be more new opportunities for retrofitting works, which is one of our key strengths in brown field operations.

Meanwhile, Petra Energy’s Executive Director, Lee Mee Jiong, who oversees the operations in East Malaysia said that the company under its wholly owned subsidiary, Petra Resources Sdn Bhd (“PRSB”), is currently working on a Project awarded by Petronas Carigali.



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The contract is for the provision of multi-discipline subsurface geological, geophysical, reservoir, production and facility studies of the SIWA Field offshore Sarawak. PRSB will assume overall project management and will work with AWT and other partners to fulfil the requirements of the contract.

The Company is also involved in the Topside Major Maintenance Hook-Up Commissioning and Construction project (awarded by Shell in late 2004), and on an engine maintenance contract also awarded by Shell in late October last year.

For the 1st Quarter of 2008, the Group recorded a turnover of RM120.8 million an increase of 16.6% compared with RM103.6 million reported in the preceding year corresponding period. However, profit before tax (PBT) decreased by 23.9% from RM19.7 million in the preceding year corresponding period compared to RM15.0 million for the current quarter. The decrease in PBT in the current quarter in spite of the increase in turnover is due to the lower margin contribution of sales mix.

The Group recorded a net profit of RM50.9 million or net earnings per share of 26.11 sen on the back of a turnover of RM539.7 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

Petra Energy Berhad, which was listed on 26 July 2007 on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, provides integrated brown field services for the upstream oil and gas industry. Petra Energy's business activities include:

- Top-side major maintenance, hook-up, commissioning & construction
- Engineering Operations & Maintenance
- Oil Field Optimisation
- Equipment packaging & manufacturing
- Design & fabrication of process equipment and boilers

Its parent company Petra Perdana Berhad, which owns 60% equity in Petra Energy Berhad, is involved in the provision of offshore marine services for the upstream oil & gas industry.

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