Paramount Resources Ltd.

# Paramount Provides Operational Update and Announces Equity Offerings Totaling \$350 Million CALGARY, ALBERTA - June 26, 2014 /CNW/-

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Paramount Resources Ltd. ("Paramount" or the "Company") (TSX:POU) is pleased to announce:

- Commissioning of the Company's wholly-owned 200 MMcf/d Musreau Deep Cut Facility is complete. The facility has been handed over to Paramount's operations team and final start-up activities are underway to begin delivering sales volumes.
- The Company is expanding the development of its liquids-rich Montney lands in the Kaybob area. To provide incremental natural gas processing capacity, Paramount has sanctioned the construction of two new wholly-owned 100 MMcf/d refrigeration plants. The first new plant is scheduled to be on-stream in the second half of 2016 and the second plant approximately six months later.
- Paramount's sales volumes are projected to surpass 100,000 Boe/d by the end of 2016 and 125,000 Boe/d in 2017 once both new plants are on-stream.
- Fox Drilling has commenced the construction of two new walking rigs to support the Company's expanded drilling program.
- Paramount has drilled its first horizontal Duvernay well in the Willesden Green area of Alberta. The Company has also
  entered into a joint venture agreement that will increase its Willesden Green Duvernay land position to 86 (43 net)
  sections.
- Cavalier Energy Inc. has received regulatory approval for the initial 10,000 Bbl/d phase of its Hoole Grand Rapids development.
- Paramount's 2014 capital budget has been increased by \$150 million to \$800 million.
- In the second quarter, the Company received approximately \$90 million cash from the sale of a 50 percent interest in its Birch property.
- Based on the results of Paramount's Deep Basin development programs, the Company's bank credit facility was increased from \$600 million to \$700 million following a scheduled mid-year review.
- The Company has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters for a bought deal offering of 4,600,000 Class A Common Shares at a price of \$60.00 per share and a guaranteed agency offering of 900,000 Class A Common Shares to be issued on a flow-through basis at a price of \$74.40 per share and also intends to issue an additional 100,000 Class A Common Shares on a flow-through basis pursuant to a concurrent private placement.

# **MUSREAU DEEP CUT FACILITY**

Paramount is pleased to announce that commissioning of its wholly-owned 200 MMcf/d Musreau Deep Cut Facility is complete and the facility has been handed over to the Company's operations team for start-up. The Company is in the final stages of purging the facilities with nitrogen and pressuring the system up to operating levels so that raw gas can be introduced into the plant and first sales can begin. This deep cut processing plant allows Paramount to ramp-up production from its behind-pipe wells in the Musreau area.

The Company expects to more than double its sales volumes to reach approximately 50,000 Boe/d later in 2014 and more than triple its sales volumes to approximately 70,000 Boe/d in 2015 as third-party downstream NGLs facilities expansions are completed and new wells are brought-on production. Over the same period, Paramount's production mix is anticipated to increase from approximately 15% liquids / 85% natural gas to approximately 45% liquids / 55% natural gas.

## **EXPANSION OF KAYBOB AREA DEVELOPMENT**

The Company is expanding the development of its liquids-rich Montney lands in the Kaybob area. To provide incremental natural gas processing capacity, Paramount has sanctioned the construction of two new wholly-owned 100 MMcf/d refrigeration plants. The first new plant is scheduled to be on-stream in the second half of 2016 to align with the anticipated completion of expansions to third-party transportation and fractionation facilities in which Paramount has secured long-term firm capacity. The second new plant is scheduled to be on-stream approximately six months later. Paramount's total sales volumes are projected to surpass 100,000 Boe/d by the end of 2016 and 125,000 Boe/d in 2017 once the second new plant is on-stream.

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The new facilities will utilize a refrigeration process to extract propane, butane and heavier hydrocarbons, with ethane remaining in the gas stream and being sold as higher heat content natural gas. The plants are expected to cost approximately \$180 million each, and will include an oversized condensate stabilization system, on-site natural gas power generation and an amine processing train. Each of the new plants is being designed to allow for future expansions to double capacity to 200 MMcf/d. Front-end engineering and design for the new facilities is currently being finalized, and the Company plans to place orders for long-lead-time items in the near future. Pending regulatory approvals, site work is targeted to commence in the fall of 2014 with construction to begin in the first half of 2015. To ensure access to downstream transportation and fractionation, Paramount has

secured additional long-term firm service capacity for the transportation of natural gas, NGLs and condensate to be delivered from the new plants, as well as C3+ fractionation capacity at Fort Saskatchewan.

Paramount's wholly-owned drilling subsidiary, Fox Drilling, has commenced the construction of two new triple-sized built-for-purpose walking rigs to support the expanded Kaybob drilling program. The new rigs are expected to cost approximately \$25 million each and enter service in the second half of 2015.

Upon completion of the Company's new plants, Paramount's net owned and firm service gas processing capacity in the Kaybob area will increase to over 500 MMcf/d, providing potential sales volumes of over 135,000 Boe/d, depending on the liquids content of the natural gas processed. This capacity will be used to process Paramount's production as well as unavoidably commingled third-party volumes for a fee. The Company's natural gas processing capacity and capacity under construction in the Kaybob area is shown below:

	Gross Raw Gas Capacity	Net Paramount Raw Gas Capacity	Potential Sales Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>
	(MMcf/d)	(MMcf/d)	(Boe/d)
Processing Capacity			
Musreau Deep-Cut Facility	200	200	50,000
Musreau Refrig Facility	45	45	8,500
Smoky Facility	100	10	2,500
Other Musreau area capacity	70	24	4,500
Subtotal	415	279	65,500
Capacity Under Construction			
Musreau Condensate Stabilizer Expansion	-	-	15,000
Smoky Deep-Cut Facility	200	30	7,500
6-18 Plant	100	100	25,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
3-15 Plant	100	100	25,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
Subtotal	400	230	72,500
Projected Total	815	509	138,000

- (1) Refer to the heading "Potential Sales Volumes" in the Advisories section for further information.
- These volumes exclude approximately 5,000 Bbl/d of potential sales volumes that could be produced from each of the 6-18 Plant and the 3-15 Plant through their condensate stabilization systems which, once constructed, will have oversized capacity to provide operational flexibility to accommodate potential higher condensate yields and stabilization capacity for potential future expansions.

#### **WILLESDEN GREEN DUVERNAY**

During the first half of 2014, Paramount drilled its first exploratory Duvernay well in the Willesden Green area of Alberta. The well was initially drilled to a vertical depth of 3,200 meters, cored and logged. Based on the encouraging results, a 2,400 meter horizontal leg was drilled and the Company plans to complete and tie-in the well in the second half of 2014.

Paramount also entered into a joint venture agreement in the second quarter that will increase its Willesden Green Duvernay land position to 86 (43 net) sections, after the completion of earning obligations.

By the end of 2014, Paramount expects that it will have drilled and completed two horizontal Duvernay wells and spud a third horizontal Duvernay well in the Willesden Green area. The Company intends to invest an incremental \$50 million in the Willesden Green area in 2014 relative to its original 2014 budget.

## **CAVALIER ENERGY**

Cavalier Energy Inc. ("Cavalier"), Paramount's wholly-owned subsidiary, has received regulatory approval for the initial 10,000 Bbl/d phase of its Hoole Grand Rapids project. Development of this phase is dependent upon Cavalier securing financing and sanctioning by Cavalier's Board of Directors. Cavalier is continuing to evaluate funding alternatives. Its current activities are being funded with drawings on its \$40 million bank credit facility.

#### **2014 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Paramount's 2014 capital budget for exploration and development and strategic investments, excluding land acquisitions and capitalized interest, has been increased by \$150 million to \$800 million. The updated capital budget includes incremental spending of approximately \$70 million for the two new refrigeration plants, \$50 million for Willesden Green Duvernay activities and \$20 million to commence construction of the two new walking drilling rigs.

#### **BIRCH**

In the second quarter, Paramount received approximately \$90 million cash for the sale of a 50 percent interest in approximately 65 sections of land and three producing wells at Birch in northeast British Columbia. Paramount plans to drill 4 (2.0 net) wells at Birch in the second half of 2014.

#### **CREDIT FACILITY INCREASE**

Based on the results of Paramount's Deep Basin development programs, the Company's bank credit facility (the "Facility") was increased from \$600 million to \$700 million following a scheduled mid-year review. The credit limit of Tranche A of the Facility was increased by \$100 million to \$600 million and the credit limit of Tranche B of the Facility remains at \$100 million. All other terms of the Facility remain unchanged.

#### **EQUITY OFFERINGS**

Paramount has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by BMO Capital Markets to sell: (i) on a bought deal basis, 4,600,000 Class A Common Shares of Paramount (the "Common Shares") to be issued at a price of \$60.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$276,000,000; and (ii) on a guaranteed agency basis, 900,000 Class A Common Shares of Paramount to be issued on a "flow-through" basis in respect of Canadian exploration expenses (the "Flow-Through Shares") at a price of \$74.40 per share for gross proceeds of \$66,960,000. Both the Common Shares and the Flow-Through Shares will be offered for sale by the underwriters in each of the provinces of Canada other than Quebec by a prospectus supplement to Paramount's short form base shelf prospectus dated November 14, 2012, as amended. Closing of this offering is expected to occur on or about July 9, 2014.

In conjunction with this offering, Paramount also intends to issue, through a non-brokered private placement, to Clayton H. Riddell and/or companies controlled by Mr. Riddell, Paramount's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, 100,000 Class A Common Shares of Paramount to be issued on a flow-through basis in respect of Canadian exploration expenses at the same price per share as the Flow-Through Shares for gross proceeds of \$74.40. This private placement is expected to occur on or before the closing date of the public offering.

The net proceeds from the offering of Common Shares will be applied to Paramount's exploration and development activities which are primarily focused on its Kaybob Deep Basin lands, including its expanded drilling program and the construction of the two new wholly-owned 100 MMcf/d refrigeration gas processing plants, and for general corporate purposes. The gross proceeds from the offering of Flow-Through Shares and the private placement will be used by Paramount to incur eligible Canadian exploration expenses. The completion of the offerings will be subject to Paramount receiving all necessary regulatory approvals. Paramount will initially use the net proceeds from the offerings to temporarily reduce indebtedness under the Company's revolving bank credit facility.

The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy nor will there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

#### **ABOUT PARAMOUNT**

Paramount is an independent, publicly traded, Canadian corporation that explores for and develops conventional petroleum and natural gas prospects, pursues longer-term non-conventional exploration and pre-development projects and holds investments in other entities. The Company's principal properties are primarily located in Alberta and British Columbia. Paramount's Class A Common Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "POU".

## **ADVISORIES**

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements in this document constitute forward-looking information under applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking information typically contains statements with words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "will", "expect", "plan", "schedule", "intend", "propose", or similar words suggesting future outcomes or an outlook. Forward-looking information in this document includes, but is not limited to:

- projected production and sales volumes and growth and the timing thereof (including the liquids component of such volumes);
- · forecast capital expenditures;
- exploration, development, and associated operational plans and strategies and the anticipated timing and costs of such activities:
- projected timelines for, and anticipated costs of, constructing, commissioning and/or starting-up new and expanded
  natural gas processing and associated facilities, and the Kaybob area processing capacity and potential sales volumes
  following the completion of such facilities;
- projected timelines for, and the anticipated costs of, constructing new drilling rigs;
- the projected availability of third party processing, transportation, fractionation, de-ethanization and other facilities;
- closing of the offerings of Common Shares and Flow-Through Shares and the expected timing thereof and the use of proceeds therefrom; and
- · business strategies and objectives.

Such forward-looking information is based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect. Assumptions have been made with respect to the following matters, in addition to any other assumptions identified in this document:

- future oil, bitumen, natural gas, NGLs and other commodity prices;
- royalty rates, taxes and capital, operating, general & administrative and other costs;
- · foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- · general economic and business conditions;
- the ability of Paramount to obtain the required capital to finance its exploration, development and other operations;
- the ability of Paramount to obtain equipment, services, supplies and personnel in a timely manner and at an acceptable cost to carry out its activities;
- the production mix of new and existing wells and related sustained production volumes therefrom;
- the ability of Paramount to secure adequate product processing, transportation, fractionation, de-ethanization and storage capacity on acceptable terms;
- the ability of Paramount to market its oil, bitumen, natural gas and NGLs successfully to current and new customers;
- the ability of Paramount and its industry partners to obtain drilling success (including in respect of anticipated production volumes, reserves additions and NGLs yields) and operational improvements, efficiencies and results consistent with expectations:
- the timely completion of third-party downstream NGLs facilities expansions;
- the timely receipt of required governmental and regulatory approvals; and
- anticipated timelines and budgets being met in respect of drilling programs and other operations (including well completions and tie-ins, drilling rigs and the construction, commissioning and start-up of new and expanded facilities).

Although Paramount believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking information is reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on it as Paramount can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information is based on expectations, estimates and projections that involve a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by Paramount and described in the forward-looking information. The material risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- fluctuations in oil, bitumen, natural gas, NGLs and other commodity prices;
- · changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- changes in costs for third party services related to the Company's planned facilities and drilling rigs;
- the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future revenue, future production, NGLs yields, royalty rates, taxes and costs and expenses;
- the ability to secure adequate product processing, transportation, fractionation, de-ethanization and storage capacity on acceptable terms;
- operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing crude oil, bitumen, natural gas and NGLs;
- the ability to obtain equipment, services, supplies and personnel in a timely manner and at an acceptable cost;
- potential disruptions or unexpected technical or other difficulties in designing, developing, expanding or operating new, expanded or existing facilities (including third party facilities);
- industry wide processing, pipeline, de-ethanization, and fractionation infrastructure outages, disruptions and constraints;
- risks and uncertainties involving the geology of oil and gas deposits;
- the uncertainty of reserves and resources estimates;
- · general business, economic and market conditions;
- the ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations and obtain financing at an acceptable cost to fund planned exploration, development and operational activities and meet current and future obligations (including costs of anticipated new and expanded facilities and other projects and product processing, transportation, de-ethanization, fractionation and similar commitments);
- changes in, or in the interpretation of, laws, regulations or policies (including environmental laws);
- the ability to obtain required governmental or regulatory approvals in a timely manner, and to enter into and maintain leases and licenses:
- · the effects of weather;

- the timing and cost of future abandonment and reclamation obligations and potential liabilities for environmental damage and contamination:
- uncertainties regarding aboriginal claims and in maintaining relationships with local populations and other stakeholders;
- the outcome of existing and potential lawsuits, regulatory actions, audits and assessments; and
- other risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this document and in Paramount's other filings with Canadian securities authorities.

The foregoing list of risks is not exhaustive. For more information relating to risks, see the section titled "RISK FACTORS" in Paramount's current annual information form. The forward-looking information contained in this document is made as of the date hereof and, except as required by applicable securities law, Paramount undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **OIL AND GAS MEASURES AND DEFINITIONS**

#### Equivalency Measures

This document contains disclosures expressed as "Boe/d". All oil and natural gas equivalency volumes have been derived using the ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil. Equivalency measures may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the well head. The term "liquids" is used to represent oil and natural gas liquids.

During the first quarter of 2014, the value ratio between crude oil and natural gas was approximately 16:1. This value ratio is significantly different from the energy equivalency ratio of 6:1. Using a 6:1 ratio would be misleading as an indication of value.

## Potential Sales Volumes at Kaybob

"Potential Sales Volumes" means the potential volumes of saleable natural gas and NGLs (expressed on a combined basis in Boe/d) that could result from processing the associated quantities of raw natural gas set out in the "Net Paramount Raw Gas Capacity" column. These potential sales volumes should not be construed as a projection of Paramount's Kaybob area production at or by any particular date, as they will include some unavoidably commingled third-party production, and are subject to a number of factors and contingencies including the following: (a) production volumes sufficient to fill Paramount's processing capacity will not be available in all periods and under certain conditions; (b) during maintenance periods and at other times, the processing facilities will not operate at design capacity; and (c) NGLs sales volumes will vary depending on the liquids content of individual wells and the manner in which the facilities are operated.

The potential sales volumes for each facility, other than the 6-18 Plant and 3-15 Plant (the "New Plants"), have been estimated assuming that natural gas processing and condensate stabilization capacity is fully utilized. The potential sales volumes for the New Plants have been estimated assuming that natural gas processing and condensate stabilization capacity is fully utilized, except for approximately 5,000 Bbl/d of potential sales volumes for each New Plant related to oversized condensate stabilization capacity.

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