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Hemisphere Energy Announces 207 BOPD Production Rate From Third Horizontal Well on Jenner Property

Vancouver BC, January 10, 2012. Hemisphere Energy Corporation (TSXV: HME) announces it has completed and equipped its third horizontal well targeting oil in the Glauconitic formation on its Jenner property in southeast Alberta. The new 100% owned and operated horizontal well has been producing for twelve days and the average production rate over the last 72 hours has been approximately 207 barrels-of-oil per day (BOPD).

Hemisphere currently has oil production from its Jenner property in southeast Alberta, natural gas production from its Sylvan Lake and Wainwright properties in central Alberta and liquids-rich natural gas production from its Trutch property in northeast British Columbia. Hemisphere is planning additional wells on its land base in Jenner, where it holds over 6900 net acres of land.

Hemisphere is focused on building and developing core areas that provide low to medium risk drilling opportunities to increase production, reserves and cash flow.

For further information on Hemisphere Energy Corporation, please visit our website or call Don Simmons, President and CEO at (604) 685-9255.

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Don Simmons – P.Geol
President & CEO

Forward-looking Statements

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