



HEMISPHERE ENERGY CORPORATION COMMENCES SUMMER DRILLING PROGRAM IN JENNER

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July 10, 2012 - Hemisphere Energy Corporation ("Hemisphere" or the "Company") (TSX-V: HME) is pleased to announce the commencement of its summer drilling and 3D seismic acquisition programs within the Jenner property in southeast Alberta.

Hemisphere plans to drill up to three horizontal development wells targeting the oil-bearing sandstones of the Glauconitic formation. Results of the drilling program will be announced as they become available.

Additionally, Hemisphere has started the process of acquiring 3D seismic data over prospective lands in the Jenner area as part of the Company's seismic option and farm-in agreement announced on June 19, 2012.

About Hemisphere Energy Corporation

Hemisphere Energy Corporation is a junior exploration and production company focused on developing core areas that provide low to medium risk drilling opportunities to increase production, reserves and cash flow. Hemisphere's continued growth plan is through drilling existing prospects and executing strategic acquisitions and farm-ins. Hemisphere trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "HME".

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