



News release

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## **Parex Resources Announces Approval of Normal Course Issuer Bid**

### **Calgary, Canada**

Parex Resources Inc. ("**Parex**" or the "**Company**") (TSX:PXT) announced today that the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**") has approved the Company's proposed normal course issuer bid (the "**Bid**") to purchase for cancellation, from time to time, as it considers advisable, up to a maximum of 8,818,165 common shares of the Company. The maximum number of common shares to be purchased pursuant to the Bid represents approximately 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares, which are not held by insiders of the Company, on the date hereof. Purchases pursuant to the Bid will be made on the open market through the facilities of the TSX. The number of common shares that can be purchased pursuant to the Bid is subject to a daily maximum of 46,095 common shares (which is equal to 25% of the average daily trading volume from September 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013). The price that Parex will pay for any common shares under the Bid will be the prevailing market price on the TSX at the time of such purchase. Common shares acquired under the Bid will be cancelled.

The Bid will commence on March 18, 2013 and will terminate on March 17, 2014 or such earlier time as the Bid is completed or terminated at the option of Parex. FirstEnergy Capital Corp. has agreed to act on the Company's behalf to make purchases of common shares pursuant to the Bid. A copy of the Form 12 Notice of Intention to Make a Normal Course Issuer Bid filed by the Company with the TSX can be obtained from the Company upon request without charge.

Parex believes that the common shares have been trading in a price range which does not adequately reflect their value in relation to Parex' current operations and its growth prospects, and that, at such times, the purchase of common shares for cancellation will increase the proportionate interest of, and be advantageous to, all remaining shareholders.

As of the close of business on February 28, 2013, the Company had 108,564,251 common shares issued and outstanding.

### **Corporate Overview**

Parex, through its direct and indirect subsidiaries, is engaged in oil and natural gas exploration, development and production in South America and the Caribbean region. Parex is conducting exploration activities on its 1,349,000 gross acre holdings primarily in the Llanos Basin of Colombia and 219,000 gross acre holdings onshore Trinidad. Parex is headquartered in Calgary, Canada.

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