

**DRILLING SUCCESS ESTABLISHES NEW CORE  
NATURAL GAS AREA FOR TALISMAN ENERGY**

Calgary, Alberta – October 5, 2005 – Talisman Energy Inc. plans to add upwards of 35 mmcf/d of production (net Talisman sales gas) from the Northern Alberta Foothills area over the next 14 months. This forecast is based on six wells that have already tested and are waiting to be tied in.

In the Narraway area, one well tested<sup>1</sup> at 19mmcf/d and three others tested at rates between 7 and 12 mmcf/d each. Two wells in the Grande Cache area tested at approximately 15 mmcf/d each. Talisman's working interest in these wells ranges between 50-68%. Talisman plans to drill 10 additional wells in the area by the end of 2006.

“This development is an example of the application of Talisman's North American deep gas strategy. We have built a significant land position to create this core area, using our technical expertise to find and develop the gas, which we will ship through Talisman owned infrastructure,” said Dr. Jim Buckee, President and Chief Executive Officer. “There is significant natural gas potential in the Northern Alberta Foothills region and Talisman is extremely well-positioned.”

The Northern Alberta Foothills is a new core exploration and development area, mid-way between Talisman's successful structural plays in Northeastern B.C. and the Central Alberta Foothills, with significant high deliverability, multi-zone potential. Talisman is the largest mineral rights holder in the area, having an average 56% working interest in 345,600 gross acres. The Company recently acquired 73,100 gross (66,500 net) acres of prospective land along the trend.

Talisman and its co-venturers have sanctioned and commenced construction of the Lynx Pipeline System which will act as the main trunk system for the Grande Cache area. The system, extending from the Findley area (east of Grande Cache) northwest through the heart of the trend, will consist of 72 km of 12 inch line and will have an initial raw gas capacity of 130 mmcf/d. Regulatory approval has been received and completion of the \$72 million (45% Talisman working interest) project is expected by the fourth quarter of 2006. The Lynx system will deliver raw gas at Findley to a variety of pipelines including Talisman's wholly owned Central Foothills Gas Gathering System (CFGGS), generating incremental transportation and processing revenues for Talisman's Midstream operations.

Talisman is also planning the Palliser Pipeline System which will connect wells in the northernmost part of the Narraway trend to existing pipelines that move gas into British Columbia. The Palliser system will have an initial raw gas capacity of 45 mmcf/d and will cost approximately \$30 million (100% Talisman working interest). Startup is also planned for the fourth quarter of 2006.

<sup>1</sup> all test rates are raw gas volumes

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This news release contains statements concerning estimated volumes and timing of future production, business plans for exploration, development and drilling, construction, capacity and startup of pipeline systems or other expectations, beliefs, plans, goals, objectives, assumptions, information and statements about future events, conditions, results of operations or performance that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation.

Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by the Company and described in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include:

- the risks of the oil and gas industry, such as operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas and market demand;
- risks and uncertainties involving geology of oil and gas deposits;
- the uncertainty of reserves estimates and reserves life;
- the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to production, costs and expenses;
- potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures;
- fluctuations in oil and gas prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- health, safety and environmental risks;
- uncertainties as to the availability and cost of financing;
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- general economic conditions;
- the effect of acts of, or actions against international terrorism; and

- the possibility that government policies or laws may change or governmental approvals may be delayed or withheld.

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