



Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC ("Aurelian" or "the Company")

Russian Ukraine gas dispute

Aurelian Oil & Gas (AIM: AUL) notes the ongoing gas dispute between Russia and Ukraine, which is now seriously affecting gas supplies into Central, Eastern and Western Europe. The escalating crisis demonstrates precisely why Aurelian's work to develop the region's significant domestic oil and gas resources plays an important part of European efforts to secure regional energy security. The situation validates the Company's strategy, its regional focus and the prescience of its senior management.

Aurelian is a leading independent oil and gas company in Central and Eastern Europe and its senior executives each have over 20 years of experience in the region. The Company has projects along the Carpathian Mountains with assets in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovakia. The two key projects are :

The Poznan Concessions in Poland:

The Trzek-1 well drilled by the Company in 2007 discovering a 90-metre gas column confirming the gas potential of the Siekierki area. An independent valuation early in 2008 indicated contingent resources of 190 bcf and two appraisal wells should be spudded in the first half of 2009. Canamens Energy has recently farmed into this project, agreeing to pay 80% of the next €50 million of gross costs up to a maximum of €40 million in order to acquire a 40% stake in the project.

3D seismic was acquired during 2008 and the results of the interpretation are expected to be announced soon.

The Bilca gas fields in Romania:

The Company has production of 1.5 mmscfd from the Bilca Production Area. This will increase after the tie-in of the successful drilling during 2008 of Fratauti-2 and Vicsani-1.

The Liliaci-1 well on the Bacau concession is also currently being tested with results expected later this month. Voitin-1, an exciting prospect on the Brodina concession, is ready for drilling later this year.

In addition, Aurelian is exploring twelve concessions in the area which are all close to known production and where modern technology has not so far been available. Aurelian's exploration and development programme is funded through 2010.

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Michael Seymour, Managing Director commented,
"With Central European countries all net importers of gas with Gazprom as their main supplier, the current dispute again highlights the precarious nature of their energy situation. Aurelian was set up specifically to work with these countries to develop an independent energy supply from the prolific resources that they potentially hold. There is therefore a huge opportunity for us working in these areas, and also a chance for us to help those countries that are dependent on Gazprom to develop an independent future."

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Notes to Editors:

Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC, was founded in December 2002, by Managing Director, Michael Seymour and is focused on the re-emerging Central and Eastern European oil and gas markets, the oldest producing oil province in the world.

The Company has developed a diversified portfolio throughout the region. Currently Aurelian has a wide portfolio of concessions in Poland (14), Slovakia (3), Romania (4) and Bulgaria (2), and a range of production, appraisal and exploration projects.

The Company is backed by Canamens Energy (principal investor Goldman Sachs) which recently farmed into Aurelian's Poznan concessions and by Jan Kulczyk, one of Poland's leading businessmen, whose investment company now holds a 13% interest in Aurelian.

Aurelian's near-term focus is to establish substantial production from existing assets while continuing to assess and identify future dynamic exploration programmes across the region.