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**Milagro Exploration Announces Completion of Petrohawk Gulf Coast Acquisition**

HOUSTON, Nov. 30 /Business Wire - Milagro Exploration, LLC, a privately held exploration and production company, announced today that it has completed the purchase of the Gulf Coast Division of Petrohawk Energy Corporation (NYSE: HK). The assets acquired in the transaction include approximately 1,000 wells producing approximately 104 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent (“Mmcfe”) per day net to Milagro. Milagro now owns in excess of 264 Bcfe with an additional 400 risked Bcfe of potential reserves identified on the 162,700 net acres owned or controlled by Milagro. As part of the transaction, Milagro acquired rights to an extensive library of over 6,000 square miles of 3-D seismic. In addition to the oil and gas assets, Milagro has assembled a team of experienced oil and gas professionals, including geoscientists, engineers, and landmen many of whom were formerly employed by Petrohawk.

“We are extremely pleased to acquire such high quality assets from Petrohawk. It’s a rare opportunity which provides a strong combination of solid production, significant existing cash flow, as well as tremendous upside growth opportunities”, said Robert L. Cavnar, Milagro’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our familiarity with these properties, along with the team of highly skilled professionals that we have assembled, makes this acquisition the ideal fit for Milagro as we implement our strategy to become one of the premier exploration and production companies in the Gulf Coast region.”

Milagro was backed by a consortium of private investment firms led by an affiliate of ACON Investments and including Guggenheim Investment Management, LLC and West Coast Energy Partners, LLC. The senior credit facility was arranged by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. with additional financing co-arranged by Wells Fargo Energy Capital and Guggenheim Investment Management, LLC.

UBS Investment Bank acted as exclusive financial advisor to Milagro for this transaction and Porter & Hedges LLP acted as the company’s legal counsel.

About Milagro Exploration Milagro was formed in 2005 by the former senior management team of Mission Resources Inc. The Company is led by Robert L. Cavnar, James G. Ivey, and John (Jack) L. Eells. Milagro is focused on building investor value by exploring for, developing, and producing oil and gas reserves in the onshore Gulf Coast region. For more information on the Company, contact at (713) 750-1600 or at [publicrelations@milagroexp.com](mailto:publicrelations@milagroexp.com)

About ACON Investments ACON Investments is a Washington, D.C. based private equity firm with offices in Los Angeles and Madrid. Founded in 1996, ACON manages private equity funds and special purpose investment partnerships with investments in the United States, Europe and Latin America, and has had approximately \$1.5 billion of capital under management. ACON has been a longtime energy investor executing recent investments in power infrastructure, energy services as well as upstream, and midstream oil and gas.

About Guggenheim Investment Management Guggenheim Investment Management was founded in 2001 as Guggenheim Partners’ legal entity for making debt and equity investments and has approximately \$10.7 billion of assets under management invested across a diverse group of industry sectors. Guggenheim Investment Management has invested in excess of \$1.5 billion in energy related investments since 2002.

About West Coast Energy Partners West Coast Energy Partners is a newly formed company backed by a group of strategic investors focused on making opportunistic energy investments.