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**SAHARA ENERGY ANNOUNCES
CLOSING OF FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CALGARY, ALBERTA – December 22, 2006, Sahara Energy Ltd. ("Sahara" or the "Company") is pleased to announce today the closing of the first tranche of its previously announced brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") of 211,005 units (the "Units") each Unit consisting of two (2) flow-through shares, each representing \$1.60 of Canadian Development Expenses and one (1) flow through share representing \$1.70 of Canadian Exploration Expenses for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,033,924.50.

The Private Placement was brokered by Leede Financial Markets Inc. and Blackmont Capital Inc.

The shares issued pursuant to the Private Placement are subject to a four-month hold period expiring April 23, 2007.

Proceeds of the Private Placement will be used to fund expenditures related to Sahara's exploration and development activities.

Sahara is a junior oil and gas company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas in western Canada.

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