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## SAHARA ENERGY ANNOUNCES INITIAL DRILLING RESULTS

**CALGARY, ALBERTA** – January 9, 2006. Sahara Energy Ltd. ("Sahara" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the drilling of 12 wells in its previously announced 20 well drilling program in Saskatchewan and central Alberta. The drilling program has resulted in seven dual-zone oil wells (33.33% interest), two oil and gas wells (33.33% interest), two gas wells (25% and 15% interest, respectively) and one oil well (37.5% interest). All of the wells are currently being completed, tested and tied-in for production. The remaining eight wells in Sahara's drilling program are scheduled to be drilled prior to the end of February, 2006.

The Company also announces that it is completing its previously announced private placement of debentures which is scheduled to close on January 17, 2006. The private placement has been increased from \$900,000 to \$1,035,000 on the exercise of the over-allotment option by the Company.

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

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