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# VAALCO Energy Announces First Production From Granite Wash Well

HOUSTON, Aug. 15, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- VAALCO Energy, Inc. ("VAALCO") (NYSE: EGY) today announced first production from its successful exploration well drilled in Hemphill County, Texas in the Granite Wash formation. The Hefley 90-01H well was drilled during June and July 2011 with fracturing operations completed earlier this month. Initial production rates during the flowback period were 11 MMcfpd and 175 barrels of condensate per day.

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Robert Gerry, Chairman and CEO, commented, "We are excited to report the success of our first well drilled in our recently acquired shale play portfolio. Initial production rates are in-line with our expectations and we have staked out a site for the second well to be drilled on the lease. In addition, VAALCO is developing plans for drilling additional wells on the Granite Wash formation properties in Texas as well as the Bakken formation properties in Montana."

## About VAALCO

VAALCO Energy, Inc. is a Houston based independent energy company principally engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and production of crude oil. VAALCO's strategy is to increase reserves and production through the exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas properties with high emphasis on international opportunities. The company's properties and exploration acreage are located primarily in Gabon and Angola, West Africa and the United States.

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