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SM Energy Announces Private Offering of $250 Million of Senior Unsecured Notes Due 2019

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that it has commenced a private offering of $250 million of senior unsecured notes due 2019. SM Energy intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under the Company's credit facility, to fund its ongoing capital expenditure program, and for general corporate purposes.

The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or applicable state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state laws. The notes may be resold by the initial purchasers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act.

This press release is being issued pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act of 1933, and is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities law of any such state or jurisdiction.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

SM Energy Company, formerly named St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development, acquisition, and production of natural gas and crude oil. SM Energy routinely posts important information about the Company on its website. For more information about SM Energy, please visit its website at sm-energy.com.

INFORMATION ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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