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VAALCO Provides Update on Drilling of Etame 9H Development Well and the Etame 9P Appraisal Wellbore

HOUSTON, Oct. 30, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- VAALCO Energy, Inc. (NYSE: EGY; LSE: EGY) (the Company) today provided an update on its 2019/2020 drilling program Offshore Gabon.

At the Etame field, the Company has begun drilling the Etame 9H horizontal development well targeting the Gamba formation, as planned. If successful, the Etame 9H well is expected to result in additional production coming online in December. As previously disclosed, the Etame 9P appraisal wellbore was successfully drilled and encountered both the Gamba and Dentale reservoirs at targeted depths as anticipated.

After reaching total depth in the Etame 9P appraisal wellbore, the drillpipe and tools became stuck. VAALCO was able to cut and pull the majority of the drillpipe but was unable to recover a portion of the drillpipe and tools at the bottom of the wellbore. The Etame 9P appraisal wellbore was successfully plugged back to a shallower depth, and the Company is currently drilling the Etame 9H development well as expected. The Etame 9P appraisal wellbore fulfills the commitment for one of the two appraisal wellbores agreed to under the Company's PSC Extension and the Etame 9H development well will fulfill the Company's commitment for one of the two development wells agreed to under the Company's PSC Extension.

Based on further analysis, the Company now has additional positive information regarding the previously-announced results from the reservoir analysis. The Company now estimates that there is at least a 45-foot oil column in the Gamba reservoir with no oil-water contact. This oil column is thicker than predrill expectations and may result in higher ultimate oil recovery from the planned Etame 9H and Etame 11H development wells versus predrill expectations. In addition, preliminary analysis now indicates that VAALCO encountered at least 45 feet of good-quality Dentale oil sands with estimated gross recoverable oil resources of 3.9 to 14.9 million barrels of oil present in subcropping Dentale reservoirs.

Cary Bounds, Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are pleased to have begun drilling the Etame 9H, our first development well in our 2019/2020 program which should add additional production in December. Furthermore, we are encouraged by the updated analysis of the data we obtained on the Gamba and Dentale reservoirs from the Etame 9P appraisal wellbore which should positively impact the estimated ultimate recoverable reserves and resources from the field. We are in the midst of an active work program drilling the Etame 9H development well which will be followed by the Etame 11H development well in the same Gamba reservoir. We look forward to providing further details on our 2019/2020 drilling program during our upcoming third quarter conference call scheduled for November 7."

About VAALCO

VAALCO, founded in 1985, is a Houston, USA based, independent energy company with production, development and exploration assets in the West African region.

The Company is an established operator within the region, holding a 31.1% working interest in the Etame Marin Block, located offshore Gabon, which to date has produced over 110 million barrels of crude oil and of which the Company is the operator.

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These and other risks are further described in VAALCO's annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and other reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") which can be reviewed at <http://www.sec.gov>, or which can be received by contacting VAALCO at 9800 Richmond Avenue, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77042, (713) 623-0801. VAALCO disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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This announcement contains inside information as defined in Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 on market abuse (“MAR”) and is made in accordance with the Company’s obligations under article 17 of MAR.

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