

# Lucas Energy Announces Fiscal 2015 First Quarter Financial Results

HOUSTON, Aug. 14, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Lucas Energy, Inc. (NYSE MKT: LEI)("Lucas" or the "Company"), an independent oil and gas company with its main operations in Texas, today announced its fiscal 2015 first quarter results for the three-month period ending June 30, 2014 and the filing of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q on August 14, 2014.

"We continue to pursue strategic alternatives to reposition the Company to initiate development of the Eagle Ford shale and throughout this process have maintained a focus on controlling costs and stabilizing production," said Anthony C. Schnur, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who continued, "However, four of our larger producing wells in the Austin Chalk were offline for significant periods of time during the first quarter which contributed to the 36% decline in revenue. These wells have since returned to production. Partially offsetting the lower revenues was a 21% drop in total operating expenses. While our fiscal 2015 first quarter performance was disappointing, it was an expected outcome during this transitional period. Separately, we are very pleased that the NYSE MKT exchange has accepted our plan of compliance which detailed the strategic actions that we have taken or are in the process of taking." Mr. Schnur continued, "The exchange has agreed to continue our listing under an extension granted until October 31, 2014. Please refer to a separate release that we posted earlier today regarding our extension. We have made significant progress on the strategic front, and hope to finalize one or more transactions by the end of the 2014 calendar year. While this process has taken longer than anticipated, we want to ensure that our actions are in the best interests of our shareholders," Mr. Schnur concluded.

### **Fiscal 2015 First Quarter Results**

For the fiscal 2015 first quarter, Lucas reported a net loss of \$1.3 million, or (\$0.04) per diluted share, compared to a loss of \$0.9 million, or (\$0.04) loss per diluted share, in same quarter last year and a sequential loss of \$1.1 million, or (\$0.04) per diluted share, for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2014. Revenues in the fiscal 2015 first quarter were \$0.9 million, all of which were derived from crude oil sales, compared to revenues of \$1.5 million in the fiscal 2014 first quarter and \$1.1 million for the fiscal 2014 fourth fiscal quarter.

Overall expenses in the fiscal 2015 first quarter fell significantly from the same period a year ago as a result of ongoing cost cutting initiatives and improved operating efficiencies. General and administrative (G&A) expenses of \$0.9 million in the fiscal 2015 first quarter were 22% less than G&A expense in the fiscal 2014 first quarter and lease operating expense decreased by 3% to \$0.5 million from last year's first quarter lease operating expenses.

Cash used in operating activities was approximately \$0.8 million or 51% less than cash used during the same period last year. Last year's first quarter operating activities included a \$1.3

million repayment of outstanding advances to working interest owners under a legal settlement. Cash used in investing activities was 11% less for the first quarter of 2015, compared to the first quarter of 2014, reflecting the additions to oil and gas properties, and cash provided by financing activities was 25% lower, for a total net increase in cash by almost three-fold of \$0.2 million compared to a \$0.1 million decrease in the same period last year.

#### **SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

INCOME STATEMENT (\$000s) Net Operating Revenues Operating Expenses	<b>6/30/2014</b> \$942	<b>6/30/2013</b> \$1,482
Lease Operating Expenses G&A Other Operating Expenses	453 860 464	466 1,098 681
Total Operating Expense	<u>1,778</u>	<u>2,245</u>
Total other expenses	(418)	(182)
Net Loss	(\$1,254)	(\$945)
SELECT BALANCE SHEET DATA (\$000s)	6/30/2014	3/31/2014
ASSETS		
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$707	\$522
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# **About Lucas Energy, Inc.**

Lucas Energy (NYSE MKT: LEI) is engaged in the acquisition and development of crude oil and natural gas from various known productive geological formations, including the Austin Chalk, Eagle Ford and Buda / Glen Rose. Based in Houston, Lucas Energy's management team is committed to building a platform for growth and the development of its five million barrels of proved Eagle Ford and other oil reserves while continuing its focus on operating efficiencies and cost control.

For more information, please visit the updated Lucas Energy web site at <a href="https://www.lucasenergy.com">www.lucasenergy.com</a>.

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