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Victory Energy Reports Full Year 2014 Results and Lucas Energy Business Combination Update

Victory Energy Corporation, (VYEV) ("Victory" or "the Company"), a Permian Basin focused oil and gas company, today announced financial and operating results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and provided an update for the company's planned business combination with Lucas Energy (NYSE MKT: LEI) ("Lucas").

2014 Full Year Highlights and Subsequent Events:

The Business Combination with Lucas Energy

• On February 4, 2014 the Company entered into a letter of intent and term sheet with Lucas for a proposed business combination.

• On February 26, 2015 the Company entered into collaboration and funding agreements with Lucas valued at \$12 million.

Among other things, these agreements provide for the assignment of a 50% working interest in two high-grade Eagle Ford well bores, located in Karnes County, Texas in exchange for funding the drilling and completion of these two wells prior to the merger of the two companies.

• Based on nearby EOG Resources and Marathon Oil well production volumes, production revenue from these combined wells will initially exceed \$.5 million per month to the Company

interest (assuming \$50 a barrel oil) and add significant proved producing reserves to the combined 2015 company portfolio.

The Company and Lucas are working collaboratively to file a registration statement on Form S-4 that will register the securities to be issued in connection with the merger and contain a joint proxy statement for the meetings of the shareholders of Victory and Lucas relating to the approval of the merger. Victory expects the merger to be consummated in the second half of 2015.

The Company is currently engaged in conversations with separate third-party funding sources to provide additional capital for the acquisition of proved producing properties (cash-flow) and for the development of proven undeveloped well locations held by Lucas, that remain economically viable at today's NYMEX Strip prices.

Highlights

Cost of production (LOE) for fiscal 2014 decreased 6.4%

Sold interest in the Lightnin' property for approximately \$4 million in cash and recorded a \$2.2 million gain.

Research Coverage Initiated by See Thru Equity with a target price of \$1.27

Upgraded our stock trading platform from the OTCQB to the more transparent and investor friendly OTCQX.

Upgraded and supplemented our staff including the hiring of a CFO to help guide the financial success of the company effective June 2, 2014.

"We made significant progress in the last two quarters of 2014 to deal with the new economic realities of the marketplace. The divestiture of the Lightnin' Property (\$4.0 million in proceeds) just prior to the acceleration of the oil and gas price collapse allowed us to have the capital we needed to finish the year and ready ourselves for the future," said Kenny Hill, Victory Energy's CEO. "In early Q3 we began shifting our focus from drilling new wells towards acquisitions of proved producing properties. This shift exposed us early on to the economic valuation gap that was taking place between buyers and sellers and eventually led us to the opportunity to combine with Lucas Energy. By combining the two companies, we believe that we can collectively bring together approximately \$36 million in PV-10 reserves at current prices, drill and complete two Eagle Ford wells before the merger is complete and increase combined company production revenue to over \$.7

million by the third quarter of this year (assuming \$50 a barrel oil). We believe that the combination with Lucas Energy will bring stability to the company and de-risk the opportunity for access to development and acquisition capital. We look forward to the consummation of the merger, which is conditioned upon, among other things, an up-listing to the NYSE MKT."

Revenues for fiscal 2014 decreased 5.5% year-over-year to \$695,318 due primarily to the decrease in the average price received for oil and natural gas sales. Total net production was 38.6 BOE/D, up 6.0% from 36.4 BOE/D in fiscal 2013.

Cost of production (LOE) for fiscal 2014 was \$190,207, a decrease of 6.4% from \$203,132 in fiscal 2013. Net loss attributable to Victory Energy was \$3,209,932 or \$0.11 per share, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to a loss of \$1,686,627 and \$0.06, respectively, in fiscal 2013. The weighted-average shares outstanding at December 31, 2014 were 28.5 million shares compared to 27.6 million at December 31, 2013.

General and administrative expenses were \$2,687,405, up from \$1,507,740 in fiscal 2013. General and administrative expenses increased because of business growth related expenses associated with our combined acquisition and divestiture of approximately \$8 million in property transactions, an expansion in our investor relations and capital markets awareness efforts, additional legal and accounting costs associated with public company reporting requirements, transaction fees associated with the move from the OTCQB to the OTCQX stock trading platform and director/employee stock based compensation utilized for key employee acquisition and retention (all noncash).

Victory had approximately \$2,941 of cash and \$1.2 million of total assets at December 31, 2014. Total shareholders' deficit was \$1.5 million at December 31, 2014. The company's cash on hand is a reflection of management's desire to only draw capital from its partner Navitus Energy Group and from the banking credit facility when needed for asset acquisitions or operations.

On February 20, 2014, Aurora Energy Partners, as borrower, closed a \$25 million revolving credit facility with Texas Capital Bank. The credit facility includes a \$1.45 million adjustable borrowing base, with the remainder available for acquisitions. The senior facility is secured by all the assets of Aurora Energy Partners, with pricing at prime plus 1%. Total debt outstanding at December 31, 2014 from its credit facility was \$800,000.

Operational Updates

• Bootleg Canyon Property in Pecos County, Texas had two producing Ellenberger oil wells and one producing Connell gas well as of December 31, 2014; estimated ten remaining well locations on the property.

• Adams-Baggett Property in Crockett County, Texas had nine wells where Victory Energy holds different working interest and net revenue interest.

• Fairway Project in Howard County, Texas where Victory Energy acquired five producing wells and the related production.

• Victory Energy continues to own a 1.5% working interest and 1.125% net revenue interest in the remaining 2,242 acres of the Clearwater Wolfberry Play in Howard County, Texas.

Outlook

Management's short-term focus is on completing the Lucas merger in the second half of 2015. We plan to work with Lucas and the operator to drill two Eagle Ford wells and bring them into production prior to the consummation of the merger. The two wells of focus are part of a four well proven undeveloped location and are expected to produce IRR's in the 30% range at current oil and gas prices. Additionally, we are evaluating the acquisition of proved producing assets as a vehicle to bring additional cash-flow and proved reserves to the combined company. Third-party funding sources have shown an interest in the drilling development and acquisitions, but financing has not yet been secured. Driving shareholder value is our focus. The Company leverages both internal capabilities and strategic industry relationships to acquire working interest positions in low-to-moderate risk oil and natural gas prospects.

In fiscal 2015, the company plans to:

1. Complete its proposed business combination with Lucas Energy (NYSE MKT: LEI).
2. Grow proved reserves and cash flow by focusing on the development and acquisition opportunities available.

About Victory Energy Corporation

Victory Energy Corporation (VYEQ), is a public held, growth-oriented oil and gas exploration and production company based in Austin, Texas, with additional resources located in Midland, Texas. The company is focused on the acquisition and development of stacked multi-pay resource play opportunities in the Permian Basin that offer predictable outcomes and long-lived reserve characteristics. The company presently utilizes low-risk vertical well development, which offers repeatable and profitable outcomes. Current Company assets include interest in proven formations such as the Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Wolfberry, Mississippian, Cline and Fusselman formations. For additional information on the company, please visit www.vyey.com.

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