

NEWS RELEASE

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SHAMARAN: ATRUSH REPORTS PAYMENT FOR ATRUSH DELIVERIES

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. ("ShaMaran" or the "Company") (**TSX VENTURE: SNM**) (**OMX: SNM**) reports that TAQA Atrush BV has received USD 7.7 million on behalf of the Atrush co-venturers from the Kurdistan Regional Government ("KRG") as payment towards October 2017 crude oil deliveries to the export market from the Atrush license which were invoiced at USD 7.1 million and USD 0.6 million related to the unpaid portion of the September payment.

The Atrush co-venturers reached an agreement with the KRG as to the payments in respect of amounts invoiced to the KRG for the Atrush Feeder Pipeline Cost and Atrush Development Cost loans and for the KRG's working interest share of payables. The November and December 2017 Atrush Feeder Pipeline Cost and Atrush Development Cost loan repayments will be offset against payments due to the KRG for first oil bonus and certain costs related to the Oil Police Force which provides security at the Atrush field. The January 2018 and subsequent invoices will be paid in line with the current practice for crude oil sales payments. The January 2018 invoice is therefore expected to be paid in April 2018.

Working interest share of payables invoices will be paid after the Atrush co-venturers have approved and paid such costs and in the month those costs are expected to occur. The November 2017 invoice is expected to be paid in February 2018.

Chris Bruijnzeels, President and CEO of ShaMaran, commented, *"I am pleased that we now have clarity with the KRG on how our loan invoices will be treated."*

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ABOUT SHAMARAN

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. is a Kurdistan focused oil development and exploration company with a 20.1% direct interest in the Atrush oil discovery. The Atrush Block is currently undergoing an appraisal and development campaign.

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