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Bengal announces Commencement of Operated Tookoonooka drilling campaign in the Cooper Basin, Australia

Calgary, Alberta – Bengal Energy (TSX: BNG) (“Bengal”, or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that drilling operations on Caracal-1, the first well of the Tookoonooka drilling campaign on the Company’s 100%-owned Authority to Prospect or (“ATP”) 732P (“Tookoonooka permit”) commenced on October 2, 2012.

The Tookoonooka drilling program, which will be completed using Bengal’s recently purchased drilling rig, includes up to three exploration wells initially, all with primary zone targets that are fully independent of each other. Each well is targeting a separate play type on different parts of the 654,335 acre Tookoonooka permit. The well locations contain potential for Cretaceous and Jurassic oil as well as Permian gas and were chosen based on their multi-zone potential with as many as four prospective zones on each location. Total drill depth on these wells range from 1,600 m to 2,000 m.

The Tookoonooka permit is located on the southeast flank of the Cooper Basin in Australia in an area of established oil and gas production and infrastructure.

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About Bengal

Bengal Energy Ltd. is an international junior oil and gas exploration and production company based in Calgary, Alberta. The Company is committed to growing shareholder value through international exploration, production and acquisitions. Bengal trades on the TSX under the symbol BNG. Additional information is available at www.bengalenergy.ca.

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