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**ZAPATA ENERGY CORPORATION COMPLETES \$50 MILLION
BOUGHT DEAL FINANCING**

Zapata Energy Corporation ("**Zapata**" or the "**Company**") (ZCO – TSX-V) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced equity offering, pursuant to which it issued 6,945,000 common shares at a price of \$7.20 per share for gross proceeds of \$50,004,000. The syndicate of underwriters was led by National Bank Financial Inc. and included FirstEnergy Capital Corp., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., GMP Securities L.P., CIBC World Markets Inc., Cormark Securities Inc., Peters & Co. Limited and Wellington West Capital Markets Inc.

The underwriters have an over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional 1,042,000 Common Shares at a price of \$7.20 per Common Share for additional gross proceeds of approximately \$7,502,400. The Over-Allotment Option is exercisable in whole or in part for a period of 30 days following the date hereof.

Proceeds of the offering will be used for the expansion of the capital program, repayment of debt and general corporate purposes. Zapata Energy Corp. now has 30.8 million common shares and 34.1 million fully diluted common shares outstanding.

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