

Surge Energy

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**Zapata Energy Corporation** ("Zapata" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:ZCO) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by National Bank Financial Inc. and including 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. to issue, on a bought deal basis, 6,945,000 common shares ("Common Shares") at a price of \$7.20 per Common Share for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$50,004,000.

Zapata has also granted the underwriters an option (the "Over-Allotment Option") to purchase up to an additional 1,042,000 Common Shares to cover over-allotment, if any, 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 closing of the Offering.

Proceeds of the offering will be used for the expansion of the capital program, repayment of debt and general corporate purposes. The Common Shares will be offered in certain provinces of Canada by way of a short form prospectus.

Closing is expected to occur on or about May 5, 2010 and is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

*The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.*

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