

QGEP Participações S.A.
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MATERIAL FACT

–Preventive maintenance in Manati field, with expected production in 2011 maintained at 6 MMm³/day–

Pursuant to article 2 of CVM Instruction 358/2002, QGEP Participações S.A. (BM&FBovespa: QGEP3) hereby announces that the Operator of the Manati field, Petrobras, has notified the members of the consortium that it has completed the inspection of the platform risers. QGEP retains a 45% interest in the field.

As a result of this inspection, the Operator, in agreement with the consortium partners, decided to close three wells in addition to the two closed previously for temporary maintenance purposes. Consequently, the field is only producing through one of the six existing wells, causing a temporary reduction in output.

According to the Operator, two wells will resume operations in seven days, reaching a total capacity of 4.3 MMm³/day. The Manati field's full production capacity will be restored by the end of May in accordance with the following schedule: (i) 5.3 MMm³/day by the end of March, (ii) 7 MMm³/day by the end of April, and (iii) 8 MMm³/day by the end of May. According to the Operator's preliminary estimates, the maintenance cost is expected to be approximately US\$ 20 million (US\$9 million for the Company).

Despite the current maintenance plans, the Operator maintains its average production estimate for 2011 at 6 MMm³/day (2.7 MMm³/day net for the Company).

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About QGEP Participações

QGEP Participações S.A. or the "Company" is the largest privately-held Brazilian company in the Exploration and Production (E&P) sector in barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day, according to 2010 data from the country's National Petroleum Agency (ANP). It is also the only privately-held Brazilian company in the E&P sector to be certified by ANP, in the last two rounds of bidding in 2007 and 2008, to operate as an A Operator in Deep and Ultra-Deep Waters. The Company has a diversified portfolio of top quality assets with excellent exploration and production potential, consisting of concession rights to exploratory blocks along Brazil's coast, including pre-salt reserves located in the Santos, Jequitinhonha and Camamu Basins. The Company also holds 45% interest in the concession for the Manati Field located in the Camamu Basin, the largest non-associated natural gas field in production in Brazil, according to ANP data for November 2010, covering an area of about 76 km², with production capacity of 50,300 boe per day, and has been operational since 2007. For more information, visit www.qgep.com.br/ri

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