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**PEYTO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP. CONFIRMS DIVIDENDS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2012 AND MANAGEMENT CHANGE**

CALGARY, ALBERTA- Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. ("Peyto") declares the following dividends, payable to shareholders of its common shares at the close of business on the record dates indicated.

Dividend Amount per Common Share	Record Date	Ex-Dividend Date	Payment Date
\$0.06	January 31, 2012	January 27, 2012	February 15, 2012
\$0.06	February 29, 2012	February 27, 2012	March 15, 2012 <sup>(*)</sup>
\$0.06	March 31, 2012	March 28, 2012	April 13, 2012 <sup>(*)</sup>

<sup>(\*)</sup> Dividends are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and subject to change.

Dividends paid by Peyto to Canadian residents are eligible dividends for Canadian income tax purposes.

### **Management Change**

Peyto's Vice President of Land, Glenn Booth, has retired from Peyto, culminating 36 successful years in the industry. Mr. Booth was an integral part of the Peyto team from 2005 through 2011. On behalf of the directors, staff and shareholders of Peyto, management would like to sincerely thank Mr. Booth for his substantial contributions during that time and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Effective January 16, 2012, Mr. Timothy Louie joins Peyto as the Vice President of Land. Mr. Louie brings to Peyto over 20 years of industry experience with several years of recent experience in the Deep Basin of Alberta. Peyto is excited to have Mr. Louie join the management team and look forward to his contributions to Peyto's future growth.

Shareholders and interested investors are encouraged to visit the Peyto website at [www.peyto.com](http://www.peyto.com) to learn more about what makes Peyto one of North America's most exciting energy companies. For further information please contact:

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