

Africa Oil Announces Commencement of Drilling on Erut Prospect in Kenya

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Dec. 19, 2016) - Africa Oil Corp. (TSX:AOI) (OMX:AOI) ("Africa Oil", "AOC" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the resumption of drilling on Block 13T in Kenya. The Erut-1 well, which spudded on December 18th, is located on a large structural feature in the northern part of the South Lokichar basin and is intended as a follow up well to the successful Etom-2 well which discovered 102m of net pay that had some of the best reservoir characteristics seen to date in the basin. This is the first well in a firm four well program, with the potential for an additional four contingent follow on wells, which is expected to continue through the first half of 2017.

Africa Oil CEO Keith Hill commented, "We are excited to get back to drilling and particularly interested in the first two wells in the program which will test exploration prospects in the northern portion of the Lokichar Basin opened up by the Etom discovery. These wells, and the follow up appraisal wells at Amosing and Ngamia, are important steps in moving the Lokichar development project forward."

About Africa Oil Corp.

Africa Oil Corp. is a Canadian oil and gas company with assets in Kenya and Ethiopia. The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on Nasdaq Stockholm under the symbol "AOI".

Additional Information

The information in this release is subject to the disclosure requirements of Africa Oil Corp. under the EU Market Abuse Regulation and the Swedish Securities Market Act. This information was publicly communicated on December 19, 2016 at 6:30 a.m. Pacific Time.

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