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# LUNDIN PETROLEUM ANNOUNCES EXPLORATION AND IMPAIRMENT EXPENSES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2013 RESULTS

Lundin Petroleum AB (Lundin Petroleum) will incur non-cash exploration expenses of approximately USD 63 million and impairment expenses of approximately USD 82 million for the second quarter 2013 (the Period) results. These expenses will be offset by a deferred tax credit of USD 100 million giving an after tax net impact to the income statement for the Period of USD -45 million.

#### **Exploration expenses:**

During the Period Lundin Petroleum completed the Carlsberg exploration well on PL495, offshore Norway, as a dry hole. The drilling of the well and associated licence costs amounted to USD 45 million which will be expensed to the income statement for the Period. A further USD 18 million of exploration expenses will be charged to the income statement for the Period in relation to costs associated with the drilling of the sidetrack 16/2-17B targeting the Cliffhanger South prospect on PL265, offshore Norway, the Norwegian 22nd Licensing round and certain other exploration related costs.

#### **Impairment expenses:**

Lundin Petroleum has reviewed the carrying value of its assets in Norway and concluded that its carrying value on PL438 Skalle, PL533 Salina and PL088 Peik no longer can be supported for these three gas discoveries resulting in a non-cash impairment charge for the Period, including certain other capitalised licence costs, of USD 82 million.

Ashley Heppenstall, President and CEO of Lundin Petroleum, comments as follow; "We still believe Peik, Skalle and Salina gas discoveries can be commercially developed with the appropriate gas price and transportation solutions. However in view of the recently announced Norwegian tax changes which particularly impact marginal discoveries we feel it is prudent to write down the carrying value of these assets".

The deferred tax credit of USD 100 million represents a lower than normal Norwegian effective tax rate of 69 percent as certain of the impaired carrying values are not tax deductible

Lundin Petroleum is a Swedish independent oil and gas exploration and production company with a well balanced portfolio of world-class assets primarily located in Europe and South East Asia. The Company is listed at the NASDAQ OMX, Stockholm (ticker "LUPE") and at the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) (Ticker "LUP"). Lundin Petroleum has proven and probable reserves of 202 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe).

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### **Reserves and Resources**

Unless otherwise stated, Lundin Petroleum's reserve and resource estimates are as at 31 December 2012, and have been prepared and audited in accordance with National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities ("NI 51-101") and the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook ("COGE Handbook"). Unless otherwise stated, all reserves estimates contained herein are the aggregate of "Proved Reserves" and "Probable Reserves", together also known as "2P Reserves". For further information on reserve and resource classifications, see "Reserves, Resources and Production" in the Company's annual report.

## Contingent Resources

Contingent Resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations using established technology or technology under development, but are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable due to one or more contingencies. Contingencies may include factors such as economic, legal, environmental, political and regulatory matters or a lack of markets. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable for the Company to produce any portion of the Contingent Resources.

### **Prospective Resources**

Prospective Resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from undiscovered accumulations by application of future development projects. Prospective Resources have both a chance of discovery and a chance of development. There is no certainty that any portion of the Prospective Resources will be discovered. If discovered, there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the Prospective Resources.

## BOEs

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