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### **Athabasca Oil Corporation resumes operations at Hangingstone**

CALGARY – Athabasca Oil Corporation (TSX: ATH) (“Athabasca” or the “Company”) has resumed operations at Hangingstone following a shutdown on May 5<sup>th</sup> due to the wildfires in the Fort McMurray region. There has been no damage to Athabasca’s assets. Prior to the shutdown, production volumes reached in excess of 9,000 bbl/d. The Company expects the reservoir to re-pressurize to normal operating levels over the next several weeks with no anticipated long-term impacts. Athabasca will continue to work closely with the province, region and industry to monitor and manage the fire risk.

#### **About Athabasca Oil Corporation**

Athabasca Oil Corporation is a Canadian energy company with a focused strategy on the development of thermal and light oil assets. Situated in Alberta’s Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, the Company has amassed a significant land base of extensive, high quality resources. Athabasca’s common shares trade on the TSX under the symbol “ATH”. For more information, visit [www.atha.com](http://www.atha.com).

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With respect to forward-looking information contained in this News Release, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: the Company's ability to resume normal Hangingstone operations and to re-pressurize the reservoir to normal operating levels, the amount of time it will take to re-pressurize the reservoir and the characteristics of the reservoir.; and the Company's ability to obtain equipment in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in this forward-looking information as a result of the risk factors set forth in the Company's Annual Information Form ("AIF") dated March 10, 2016 that is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), including, but not limited to: risk associated with the on-going regional fires in the Fort McMurray region and other events of force majeure; risks inherent in Athabasca's operations, environmental risks and hazards; failure to meet start-up schedules; risks and uncertainties inherent in SAGD; the substantial capital requirements of Athabasca's projects and the ability to obtain financing for Athabasca's capital requirements; operational and business interruption risks associated with the Company's facilities; risks related to gathering and processing facilities and pipeline systems; failure by counterparties to perform their operational or other obligations to Athabasca in compliance with the terms of contractual arrangements between Athabasca and such counterparties; factors affecting potential profitability; changes to Athabasca's status given the current stage of development; litigation risk; availability of equipment and limitations on access to Athabasca's assets; increases in costs could make Athabasca's projects uneconomic; the effect of diluent and natural gas supply constraints and increases in the costs thereof; the potential for management estimates and assumptions to be inaccurate; reliance on third party infrastructure; seasonality; insurance risks; claims made in respect of Athabasca's operations, properties or assets; competition for, among other things, capital, export pipeline capacity and skilled personnel; and the failure of Athabasca or the holder of certain licenses, leases or permits to meet specific requirements of such licenses, leases or permits.

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