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DIA Announces Additional Oil and Gas Resource Development on Airport Property

Denver International Airport has given the go-ahead to expand development of its oil and natural gas resources on 22,000 acres of airport property, DIA officials announced Monday.

"This is part of our continuing effort to increase non-airline revenue," said Stan Koniz, DIA chief financial officer and deputy manager/business and technologies. "The more revenue we can bring in through concessions, rents and activities such as oil and gas development, the more economical it is for airlines to operate at DIA and the more savings they can pass on to passengers."

DIA's resources are being developed by Petro-Canada Resources (USA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Calgary-based Petro-Canada, one of the largest oil and gas companies in Canada. Petro-Canada has an office in Denver and currently operates approximately 600 wells in Colorado, 10 of which are at DIA.

"We're looking forward to Petro-Canada's expansion of its work at DIA," said Turner West, manager of DIA. "This partnership is good for the people of Denver and good for the airport."

When the City and County of Denver acquired the land for DIA, there were 90 wells on the property. Today there are 53 operational wells at the airport, mainly in the eastern half and northwestern corner. New drilling will be in those areas and in the southwestern part of airport property. DIA is on the southern end of the DJ Basin, which produces primarily gas but some oil. The D and J-sands that are most likely to produce gas and oil are found at depths of 8,000 to 8,500 feet. The wells will not impact airport operations.

"Oil and gas exploration is not an exact science, so we can't say for sure how much revenue these operations will bring in to the airport," Koniz said. "But the existing wells produced \$3.8 million for DIA in calendar year 2005."

"We're looking forward to doing additional work at DIA," said Chuck Pollard, Petro-Canada's vice president for engineering and operations. "We currently have 10 wells at DIA and they've been good producers. Our contacts at DIA are all very professional and have been great to work with."

Petro-Canada, which began operating in Colorado and Wyoming when it acquired Prima Oil & Gas Co. in 2004, plans to start drilling at DIA in early May and should have eight new wells by yearend, Pollard said. He said the company "will be targeting the J-sands and primarily going after gas, but we will produce some oil, too."

DIA owns approximately 34,000 acres and is the largest U.S. airport in land area. The next largest is Dallas-Fort Worth with approximately 18,000 acres.

Earlier this month, airport officials announced that CMCB had won the development rights to a retail center on a 17-acre site along Peña Boulevard. That project is the first phase of a potential 500-acre commercial development.

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