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## **HARVEST OPERATIONS ANNOUNCES NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OF THE 6.40% CONVERTIBLE UNSECURED DEBENTURES DUE OCTOBER 2012**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA – AUGUST 20, 2012:** Harvest Operations Corp. ("Harvest" or the "Company") (TSX: HTE.DB.D, HTE.DB.E, HTE.DB.F and HTE.DB.G) is pleased to announce that on September 19, 2012 (the "Redemption Date") it will redeem the \$106,796,000 principal amount of its 6.40% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2012 Debentures") scheduled to mature on October 31, 2012. The 2012 Debentures are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "HTE.DB.D"

Upon redemption, Harvest will pay to the holders of 2012 Debentures the redemption price equal to the outstanding principal amount of the 2012 Debentures to be redeemed together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding the Redemption Date, for a total of \$1,024.8986 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2012 Debentures. The 2012 Debentures will cease to bear interest from and after the Redemption Date.

The redemption will be effected in accordance with the terms and definitions of the trust indenture governing the 2012 Debentures.

On August 16, 2012, Harvest completed an intercompany agreement with ANKOR E&P Holdings ("ANKOR"), a U.S. subsidiary of Korea National Oil Corporation ("KNOC"), to borrow US\$170 million. Harvest intends to use the proceeds of the intercompany loan to reduce bank debt and repay the 2012 Debentures. The intercompany loan is subordinated debt maturing in 2017 and carries an interest rate of 4.62% per annum. "These transactions demonstrate Harvest's commitment to strengthen our balance sheet and improve our debt metrics." said Mr. Myunghuhn Yi, President & CEO of Harvest.

Harvest expects that holders would no longer want to convert debentures as the conversion price of C\$10 cash replaced the conversion into trust units. A holder who converts any Harvest debentures today will receive, in exchange for their converted debentures, a cash payment that is less than the principal amount converted. Holders of debentures are urged to consult their own financial advisors with respect to any conversion or other investment decisions in respect of their debentures.

Debenture holders who are not directly the registered holder of Harvest debentures should contact the financial institution, broker or other intermediary through which they hold their debentures to discuss the receipt of their redemption proceeds.

### **CORPORATE PROFILE**

Harvest is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KNOC. Harvest is a significant operator in Canada's energy industry offering stakeholders exposure to an integrated structure with Upstream (exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas) and Downstream (refining and marketing of distillate, gasoline and fuel oil) segments. Our Upstream oil and gas production is weighted approximately 65% to crude oil and liquids and 35% to natural gas and is complemented by our long-life refining and marketing business. Harvest's outstanding debentures are traded on the TSX under the symbols "HTE.DB.D", "HTE.DB.E", "HTE.DB.F" and "HTE.DB.G".

KNOC is a state owned oil and gas company engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas along with the storage of petroleum resources. KNOC will fully establish itself as a global government-run petroleum company by applying ethical, sustainable and environment-friendly management and by taking corporate social

responsibility seriously at all times. For more information on KNOC, please visit their website at [www.knoc.co.kr/ENG/main.jsp](http://www.knoc.co.kr/ENG/main.jsp).

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