

## **Resolute Energy Enters Agreement with Marathon Oil to Develop Acreage in Bakken Trend**

**Denver, Colorado, August 25, 2010** – Resolute Energy Corporation (“Resolute”) (NYSE: REN) today announced that it has entered into an agreement with Marathon Oil Company (“Marathon”) (NYSE: MRO) to develop approximately 19,000 gross acres (8,425 net to Resolute) in the Bakken trend in McKenzie County, North Dakota. The agreement enables Resolute to increase its net lease holdings in the Bakken trend by almost 35 percent, to more than 33,000 net acres in Williams and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota.

Under the terms of the agreement, Resolute will earn interests in the acreage by drilling and completing two earning wells. The Company expects that both earning wells will be drilled early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2010. Marathon will serve as contract operator of the earning wells and as operator of the contract lands.

Resolute first entered the Bakken trend in March 2010 through a joint venture with GeoResources (NASDAQ: GEOI). The first well in the GeoResources joint venture is scheduled to spud in September 2010 and two additional wells are expected to be drilled before year-end.

“We are very excited about what we are seeing in the Bakken in terms of near-term production potential and reserve growth. We are very happy to be able to increase our acreage in one of the most promising areas for oil production in North America and we could have as many as five Bakken wells drilled by year end,” said Nicholas J. Sutton, Chairman and CEO of Resolute. “We believe that our Bakken activities will expose Resolute to meaningful near-term growth in both reserves and production as we continue to develop the Aneth area CO<sub>2</sub> flood.”

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as

“expect,” “estimate,” “project,” “budget,” “forecast,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “may,” “will,” “could,” “should,” “poised”, “believes,” “predicts,” “potential,” “continue,” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this presentation include matters that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from results expressed or implied by this press release. Such statements include comments regarding our liquidity, the restoration of compression availability at the Hilight plant, our expectations regarding development activities, and production from our Aneth Field properties, the Wyoming properties and on our Bakken acreage. Such risk factors include, among others: the volatility of oil and gas prices; discovery, estimation, development and replacement of oil and gas reserves; the future cash flow, liquidity and financial position of Resolute; the success of the business and financial strategy, hedging strategies and plans of Resolute; the amount, nature and timing of capital expenditures of Resolute, including future development costs; availability and terms of capital; the effectiveness of Resolute’s CO<sub>2</sub> flood program; the potential for downspacing or infill drilling in the Williston basin of North Dakota; the timing and amount of future production of oil and gas; availability of drilling and production equipment; operating costs and other expenses of Resolute; the success of prospect development and property acquisition of Resolute; the success of Resolute in marketing oil and gas; competition in the oil and gas industry; the impact of weather and the occurrence of disasters, such as fires, floods and other events and natural disasters; government regulation and taxation of the oil and gas industry; developments in oil-producing and gas-producing countries; the success of strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations of Resolute. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements in this press release. Resolute undertakes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this press release. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. You are encouraged to review Item 1A. - Risk Factors and all other disclosures appearing in the Company’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for further information on risks and uncertainties that could affect the Company’s businesses, financial condition and results of operations. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

### ***About Resolute Energy Corporation***

Resolute is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the acquisition, exploitation and development of oil and gas properties. The company operates producing properties in Utah, Wyoming and Oklahoma and owns exploration and development properties in Wyoming, North Dakota and Alabama. For more information, visit our website at [www.resoluteenergy.com](http://www.resoluteenergy.com)

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