

# **Morgan Creek Energy Launches Wide Scale Leasing Program Over the First of Seven Potential Major Gas Targets in the Ouachita Trend, Texas**

DALLAS, Oct. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Morgan Creek Energy Corp. (OTC Bulletin Board: MCRE, Frankfurt, Berlin: M6C) (the "Company"), has initiated a comprehensive leasing program in the State of Texas as the first stage of its detailed Ouachita (pronounced Wash-A-Taw) gas exploration program.

Through the efforts of its geology and land team, Morgan Creek Energy has identified seven separate potential areas of exploration interest and is now carrying out wide scale leasing on the first of these targets. The Company intends to secure all immediate rights relating to oil and gas in the areas providing control over any potential major structural play that develops as a result of this in depth exploration.

Eleven hundred gross mineral acres are currently being acquired in the first of seven areas on targets developed under the supervision of the Company's Senior Geologist, Thomas Markham.

Mr. Markham has successfully drilled and completed proprietary prospects (while providing the supervision of seismic, leasing, drilling, completion, and production activities) of 88 oil and gas wells (to 10,500') in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. He was the generating geologist of a 5 TCFG overthrust play in Central Texas, he finalized a New Mexico San Andres stratigraphic play (50 to 100 MMBO at 4,000') and a Permian Basin Devonian structural play he managed the screening and evaluation of Springer -- Atoka sub-basin prospects of the Anadarko Basin (3-D).

Mr. Markham is highly familiar with gas and oil structures in the Ouachita, having studied the anomalies in the region and the underlying structures since writing his masters thesis on the subject. The land team working with Markham will use this extensive, proprietary knowledge to help guide exploration and lease targets.

A total of 9,000 to 10,000 gross mineral acres in the targeted area form part of the first Ouachita gas exploration leasing initiative.

The Ouachita Trend leasing program is a new addition to the Company's existing projects that include Little Cedar Creek in Alabama, the Chocktaw Prospect in Louisiana, Barnett Shale interests in Texas, and several undisclosed initiatives in the planning and development stages.

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