



For Immediate Release:

## **Citadel Announces Completion of Second Exploration Well**

*Company's first delineation well to follow immediately on the same Pastoria Creek block.*

Newport Beach, CA (May 30, 2013): Citadel Exploration, Inc. (OTCBB: COIL) is pleased to announce that it has completed the Pastoria Creek 3-2 well, the company's second exploration well. This well will be tested and put on production as soon as possible. Based on data obtained from the drilling of this well, the rig will now move to a follow-up location. This new proposed delineation well will be called the Pastoria Creek 1-2 and drilling will commence within a week. With the drilling of the Pastoria Creek 3-2, Citadel has now earned in to this exploration block and will now pay 20% of the cost of the 1-2 well for 20% of the working interest and all subsequent drilling on this block.

In addition, Citadel announced that the previously drilled North Tejon 1-19, the company's first exploration well, is currently undergoing testing and Citadel expects results from both that well and the Pastoria 3-2 in the near term.

"Our drilling program has generated very encouraging results so far and I am looking forward to our testing program and the drilling of the newly proposed Pastoria Creek 1-2," said Armen Nahabedian, President and CEO of Citadel.

For more information on the company, visit our newly revised Web site, [www.citadelexploration.com](http://www.citadelexploration.com).

### **About Citadel:**

Citadel Exploration (OTCBB: COIL) is a pure-play California oil company with operations in the Salinas and San Joaquin Basins of California. Citadel has a broad portfolio of capital investment opportunities arising from management's extensive knowledge of the geology and the history of oil and gas exploration and development in California.

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