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Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Announces Production Rates on Two Recent Well Completions

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -- Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. (NYSE: LD) today announced production rates on two recent well completions in Wharton County, Texas.

The Duncan #1 is currently producing 32 MMcf and 3,300 barrels of condensate per day, with flowing casing pressure of 2,725 psi. The Duncan #2 is currently producing 24 MMcf and 2,000 barrels of condensate per day with a flowing pressure of 1,950 psi. The Company owns 25% of each of these wells.

Also, in the same field, completion operations have commenced on the Rocking M #1 and should be finalized by the end of March. The Rocking M #2 and #3 are currently drilling and should reach total depth by mid-April. The Company owns a 50% working interest in these wells.

El Paso Production Oil & Gas Company, a subsidiary of El Paso Corporation, is the operator of the five wells. Another subsidiary of El Paso Corporation owns the remaining 75% working interest in the two Duncan wells and the remaining 50% working interest in the three Rocking M wells.

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