
News Release

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Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Announces \$400 Million Shelf Registration

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -- Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. (NYSE: LD) announced today that it has filed an S-3 Shelf Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Registration Statement would allow the Company to sell, from time to time, as much as \$400 million of common stock, preferred stock, trust preferred stock or debt securities. Proceeds from the securities sales are anticipated to be used for general corporate purposes including increasing working capital, repayment or reduction of debt, capital expenditures or acquisitions of additional oil and gas properties.

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