

ZENITH ENERGY LTD

NEWS RELEASE

ZENITH ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

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Calgary, Alberta – March 30, 2016 – Zenith Energy Ltd. (“**Zenith**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement of 2,500,000 units of the Company (“**Units**”) at a price of \$0.08 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$200,000 (the “**Private Placement**”). Zenith expects to raise up to \$1,000,000 pursuant to the Private Placement and close additional tranches during the next two weeks.

Each Unit is comprised of one common share in the capital of Zenith (“**Common Share**”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (“**Warrant**”). Each Warrant will be exercisable for one Common Share at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 24 months from the date of closing of the offering.

The Company paid aggregate finders' fees of \$13,000 to certain arm's-length parties in the connection with the Private Placement. Net proceeds from the Private Placement will be used to meet the Company's commitments under its work program and for general working capital purposes.

The securities issued pursuant to the Private Placement will be subject to a four month hold period from the closing date. Following closing of the first tranche of the Private Placement, the Corporation will have 42,869,534 Common Shares issued and outstanding. The Private Placement is subject to the submission of final documentation and final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

About Zenith Energy Ltd.

Zenith focuses on the acquisition and further development of proven onshore oil and gas fields where production has declined over time, but which are capable of increased productivity following an injection of capital and optimization through its corporate engineering and technical expertise. To maximize shareholder value, Zenith targets acquisitions of production opportunities that offer strong logistics and close proximity to refineries and pipelines. Zenith's management and directors have extensive international and governmental experience and possess the technical knowledge to execute this strategy.

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