



## **PRESS RELEASE**

(Stock Symbol "CLT" – TSX)

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**Calgary, Alberta**

### **CELTIC COMPLETES PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Celtic Exploration Ltd. ("Celtic" or "the Company") has completed its previously announced acquisition of oil and gas assets in Alberta. The purchase price, after certain adjustments to reflect the effective date of March 1, 2003, was \$18.6 million.

The assets acquired complement Celtic's existing core producing areas, and are located in Alderson, Bow Island and Drumheller in southern Alberta, Ashmont in east central Alberta and Utikuma in northern Alberta.

Oil and gas reserves were independently evaluated and effective March 1, 2003 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Oil (mbbls)</b>	<b>Natural Gas (mmcf)</b>	<b>Combined (mboe)</b>
<b>Proved developed producing</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>1,613</b>
<b>Total proven</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>1,658</b>
<b>Proven plus probable</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>2,277</b>

Estimated current production from the properties acquired is approximately 740 BOE per day (517 bbls/d of light oil and 1.34 mmcf/d of natural gas). After giving effect to this acquisition, Celtic's current production is approximately 2,200 BOE per day. In addition to reserves, the company acquired approximately 16,400 net acres of undeveloped land, internally valued at \$1.0 million.

Celtic is optimistic about the properties acquired. As a result, the Company has increased its capital expenditure budget from \$35.7 million to \$40.0 million for 2003. The increased budget will be financed from existing unused bank credit lines and will be geared to natural gas development and exploration on the new lands acquired.

#### **New Listing**

The Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") has approved the listing of the common shares of the Company. The Company will commence trading on TSX at the open of markets on July 14, 2003.

The Company will retain its stock symbol "CLT". Celtic will delist its common shares from the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX Venture").

Celtic is a growth oriented oil and gas exploration and production company based in Calgary, Alberta.

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