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NEWS RELEASE - No. 6-01**March 19, 2001****SAMEX LAUNCHES NEW ENERGY UNIT TO CAPITALIZE ON HIGH DEMAND NATURAL GAS MARKET UTILIZING ENHANCED RECOVERY TECHNOLOGY**

SAMEX has signed a "letter of intent" with Enlight Energy Corp. ("Enlight") for the purchase, installation and operation of F-3 "Texas Tornado" liquid ring gas compressors. The F-3 compressors have been effective in enhancing and increasing the recovery of natural gas from marginal or low pressure wells that may be nearing depletion under conventional recovery methods. Enlight, a private Canadian oil and gas company, has spent two years evaluating and quantifying the value-added benefits of enhanced natural gas recovery produced by this technology. By partnering with Enlight, SAMEX expects to take advantage of the new technology thereby capitalizing on the current high demand for natural gas. The objective of this energy project is to create a sustained cash-flow to assist the Company in funding its mineral exploration activities.

The letter of intent outlines the general terms between Enlight and SAMEX concerning the purchase and operation of the compressors. Pursuant to the agreement, SAMEX will pay \$65,000 CDN cash and issue 200,000 shares of SAMEX, at a deemed value of \$0.13 CDN per share (for a total value of \$91,000 CDN) to Enlight as consideration for the purchase and installation of two (2) F-3 compressors. Enlight will install and operate the compressors on existing wells identified as prospective for this technology. Production net revenue will be distributed monthly, 50% to Enlight and 50% to SAMEX. The letter of intent is subject to SAMEX securing a minimum \$100,000 CDN private placement funding, the signing of formal agreements and regulatory acceptance.

The F-3 Texas Tornado gas compressor is able to pull a constant vacuum (0-29"hg) from the wellbore while discharging into a pressured gathering system (to 40psig), potentially enhancing the well life and profitability. It is a low maintenance, highly efficient, reliable unit with five years of proven field performance. If performance expectations are met by the F-3 compressor and the operator, Enlight, SAMEX may purchase additional compressors. SAMEX considers the opportunity to benefit from the enhanced recovery of natural gas in a high demand market an excellent source of potential revenue to supplement the Company's main focus of mineral exploration.

"Jeffrey Dahl"
Vice Chairman

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The Canadian Venture Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved of the information contained herein.

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