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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### DRILLING OF STEAM INJECTION WELLS AT LAK RANCH HAS COMMENCED

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**Derek Oil & Gas Corporation** reported today that the drilling of the first of three vertical steam-injection wells at the LAK Ranch enhanced oil recovery project in NE Wyoming has commenced. These three vertical wells should be completed, connected to steam production and fully operational by the end of the third quarter of 2005.

The completion of these wells will allow continuous steaming of the reservoir located in the Powder River Basin. The Company anticipates an increase in production from continuous steaming and expects to demonstrate the commercial viability of the LAK Ranch property. Once commerciality is demonstrated, the Pilot Phase of LAK Ranch development will end and the First Phase of development will commence.

Derek Oil & Gas Corporation is an exploration and development company that utilizes enhanced oil recovery techniques to develop new production from reservoirs containing significant quantities of oil that were previously uneconomic to recover using conventional means. The Company is publicly traded in Canada on the TSX Venture exchange under the symbol DRK and in the United States of America on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol DRKOF.

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reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include the potential that Derek's LAK Ranch project will experience technological and mechanical problems, geological conditions in the reservoir may not result in commercial levels of oil and gas production, and other risks disclosed in our Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors: Investors are urged to consider closely the disclosure in our Form 20-F, File No. 0-30072, available from us at Suite 1550, 355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2G8. You can also obtain this Form 20-F from the SEC by calling 1-800-732-0330 or you may find it online at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) where it is filed as the Company's Annual Information Form.