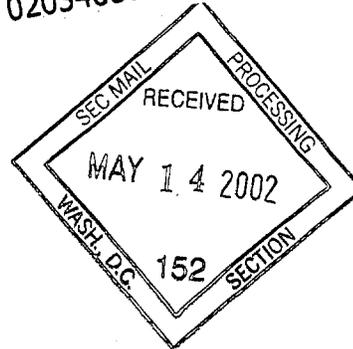


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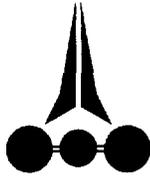
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NEWS RELEASE

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The National Bank has refused to divulge the names and the technical qualifications of the persons who allegedly read our website.

The Company believes that these comments were made with the express intention of interfering with the Company's contractual relations, sullyng the corporate reputation of the Company and were made pursuant to a deliberate plan by National Bank to profit at the expense of the Company's shareholders. The Company also believes that the recent decline in the Company's share price can be largely attributed to the comments made by the National Bank. The Company is seeking both punitive damages and damages for interference with contractual relations.

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These actions are consistent with the Company's objective of monetizing its asset and thereby creating value for our shareholders. The Company continues to actively explore strategic alternatives to further this objective.

The Company also announces that FLO-CO₂ has advised the Company that their plant will begin making liquid CO₂ by June 15, 2002 after a much longer than anticipated approval and assembly process. This date coincides with the take or pay arrangements.

In 1999, the Company signed a 20-year contract with FLO-CO₂ Inc. of Odessa, Texas to supply crude CO₂ at the well head from three dedicated wells located close to the plant site. FLO-CO₂ agreed to build a liquids CO₂ plant within the Company's St. Johns Helium/CO₂ Project field on the Arizona portion of the property leased from and adjacent to the Springerville Generating Station owned by Tucson Electric Power. The plant will have an initial capacity of 100 tons per day with the ability to expand to 1,000 tons per day during the period of the contract.

According to FLO-CO₂, the demand for liquid CO₂ is much higher than they had anticipated and they expect the initial plant production to be 200 tons per day. The start of production will represent the Company's first operating cash flow from the project. While the initial operating cash flows will be relatively modest, the revenues are anticipated to grow as the plant capacity increase during the 20-year term of the contract.

For more information, please contact Don Currie toll free 1-888-990-3551 or visit our website at www.ridgewaypetroleum.com.

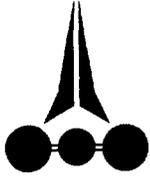
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