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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AMERICAS PETROGAS UPDATES DRILLING ON HUACALERA AND PERU PHOSPHATES**

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Americas Petrogas Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively “Americas” or the “Company”) (TSXV: BOE) announce an update on recent developments:

#### Huacalera Drilling

In April 2011, the Company announced the initiation of drilling of the first deep vertical shale gas well on the Huacalera block in the Neuquen Basin of Argentina. The well is programmed for total depth of 4,200 meters (approximately 13,800 feet) and is currently at approximately 3,900 meters (12,800 feet). The Company anticipates that total depth will be reached in early to mid July.

Drilling operations are being conducted by Apache Argentina, the Company's partner and the operator in the the Huacalera block. The well, Hua.x-1, has the primary objective to test the Late Jurassic Vaca Muerta shale formation, a thick, rich source rock that offers the potential for unconventional shale gas. This vertical well is expected to provide a significant quantity and quality of information relating to Vaca Muerta shale and other potential reservoirs.

The well is also designed to penetrate the stacked Lower Cretaceous formations including the Mulichinco, Quintuco and Jurassic Tordillo formations. In nearby areas, both the Mulichinco and Tordillo are significant hydrocarbon producing zones from conventional reservoirs.

The Huacalera block covers 249,943 acres (equivalent to 390 sections or almost 11 Townships, or 1,011 square kilometers) and is located in the western region of Argentina’s Neuquen Basin.

#### Phosphates Drilling

In February 2011, the Company announced the beginning of an exploratory drilling program in Bayovar, Peru for phosphates, separate and distinct from its existing potash brine project. The drilling program was recently completed. It involved 15 boreholes varying in depth from 52 to 99 meters, resulting in an accumulated total depth of approximately 1,150 meters (3,800 feet). The Company is in the process of retaining an independent consulting company with a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101.

The phosphates drilling occurred in the southern-most block of the Company’s Bayovar concession; whereas the potash brine project is located in the northern portion of the Bayovar

concession. The southern-most block is 16,837 acres or 68 square kilometers in size and is located a few kilometers to the north-east of the open-pit surface phosphate mine which was put into production in August 2010 by Vale S.A., a Brazilian mining company.

### **About Americas Petrogas Inc.**

Americas Petrogas Inc. is a Canadian company whose shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “BOE”. Americas Petrogas has oil and gas interests in 16 blocks involving exploration, development and production. Americas Petrogas has proven conventional oil and gas reserves, as well as evolving unconventional resource plays including shale gas, shale oil, and tight sand oil and gas in Argentina’s prolific Neuquen basin. For more information about Americas Petrogas, please visit [www.americaspetrogas.com](http://www.americaspetrogas.com)

### **About Vaca Muerta Shales**

The Vaca Muerta Shale is one of two principal source rocks in the Neuquen Basin of Argentina. The shale is late Jurassic-early Cretaceous in age, covers an area of approximately 8500 square miles, varies in depth between 5,500 to 14,000 feet and in places is up to 2,000 feet in thickness.

The Vaca Muerta characteristics are similar to shale reservoirs such as the Eagle Ford, Haynesville and Horn River in North America which have so far resulted in discoveries of both shale gas and shale oil. The shale has recently become the focus for many of the important shale gas players in North America, including Apache, Exxon Mobil, Total as well as YPF in Argentina.

### **About GrowMax Agri Corp.**

GrowMax Agri Corp., a subsidiary of Americas Petrogas Inc., is developing a surface potash (KCl or Muriate of Potash) brine reservoir and evaporite deposit at Bayovar in the Sechura Desert of Northwest Peru. Additional mineral potential includes Phosphate, Bromine and others. For more information about GrowMax Agri Corp., please visit [www.growmaxagricorp.com](http://www.growmaxagricorp.com)

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