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### **vMonitor Wins Major Contract in Oman for Supplying Remote Monitoring Technology**

Houston, Texas – vMonitor has been awarded by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) a multi-year contract (3-year base with 2-year extension option) to be the nominated supplier of Remote Monitoring Systems for a variety of wells: electrical submersible pump, water injection, gas lift, and others. Additionally, this includes supply to facilities and pipeline monitoring systems. The Remote Monitoring Systems will include Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) and Telemetry Systems. vMonitor's Oman agent is EDGO – Engineering & Development Group.

vMonitor has been selected after extensive review of various vendor's offerings and full technical evaluation, competitive bidding and successful field trials at Yibal. Currently, PDO has approximately 3000 wellheads that have telemetry units and around 300 new wellheads are provided with RTUs per annum. PDO is expected to perform a major upgrade to a number of its existing wells to the new vMonitor technology over the period of the agreement.

vMonitor will be supplying its latest vMbus RTU technology, which has integrated wireless systems. The vMbus family of products was designed to deliver performance, flexibility, ease of integration and significant cost reduction of remote monitoring systems. vMonitor will be developing an infrastructure in Muscat-Oman to provide PDO with local support. EDGO will be providing local system integration support, manufacturing and assembly of RTU enclosures.

"One of key advantages offered by the vMonitor solution is the ability to work with existing Spread Spectrum radio infrastructure recently deployed by PDO for Rig communications. Additional advantages include the low power consumption of the technology, which reduces the costs for solar powered units, which are a significant part of the supply. The RTUs are specified with relatively low I/O counts and the vMonitor products fitted the requirements well, again contributing to lower costs," says Richard Stott, Project Manager at PDO.

### **About Petroleum Development Oman - PDO**

PDO is the major exploration and production company in the Sultanate of Oman. It accounts for more than 90% of the country's crude oil production and nearly all of its natural gas supply. PDO is a joint venture between the Government of Oman (which has a 60% interest), the Royal/Dutch Shell Group (which has a 34% interest), Total (which has a 4% interest) and Partex (which has a 2% interest).

**About vMonitor Inc.**

vMonitor is a supplier of advanced remote monitoring technology, including remote terminal units, wireless communication systems and automation software. In addition to being a technology provider, vMonitor is also a service company, focusing on integrated solutions for remote monitoring systems for a variety of oil and gas applications. The Company is delivering state-of-the-art remote monitoring technology in various parts of world: North and South America, the Middle East, North and West Africa and the Far East.

vMonitor is based in Houston, Texas-USA. Its major shareholders include Shell Technology Ventures, Inc. and Baker Hughes, Inc.

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