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On September 29, 2009, Resaca Exploitation, Inc. (Resaca) and Cano Petroleum, Inc. (Cano) entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger, as amended on April 28, 2010.

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed business combination involving Resaca and Cano. In connection with the proposed transaction, Resaca and Cano (a) filed documents with the SEC, including the filing by Resaca of a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Proxy Statement/Prospectus, (b) plan to publish an admission document for the purpose of admitting the issued common stock of the enlarged group to trading on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange (the AIM) and (c) plan to file with the AIM and the SEC other necessary documents regarding the proposed transaction. Investors and security holders of Resaca and Cano are urged to carefully read the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and AIM admission document (when available) and other documents filed with AIM and the SEC by Resaca and Cano because they contain important information about the proposed transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC by contacting Resaca Investor Relations at (713) 753-1441 or Cano Investor Relations at (817) 698-0900. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC and published in connection with the admission to the AIM on Resaca is website at www.resacaexploitation.com or Cano is website at www.canopetro.com. Information filed with the SEC will be available on the SEC is website at www.sec.gov. Resaca, Cano and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies with respect to the proposed transaction. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the AIM admission document described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Resaca is also included in Resaca is website. Additional information regarding Cano is available under its periodic reports which

The following press release was made by Resaca on July 12, 2010.

Forward Looking Statements

These statements include forward-looking statements as defined by the SEC. Such statements are those concerning the companies merger and strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations. All statements included in this presentation that address activities, events or developments that the companies expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. This includes completion of the proposed merger, completion of reserve estimates, production, cash flow and EBITDA estimates, future financial performance, future equity issuance and other matters. These statements are based on certain assumptions made by the companies based on their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the companies. Statements regarding future production are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties normally incident to the exploration for and development and production of oil and gas. These risks include, but are not limited to, inflation or lack of availability of goods and services, environmental risks, drilling risks and regulatory changes. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

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Cano merger update

Resaca Exploitation, Inc. (AIM: RSOX) (Resaca or the Company) announced today that the board of directors of Resaca is actively involved in ongoing discussions with Cano Petroleum, Inc. (NYSE Amex: CFW) (Cano) regarding alternative financing structures that would permit the consummation of the merger of the two companies.

While the Agreement and Plan of Merger previously entered into by Resaca and Cano remains in full force and effect, there can be no assurance that the merger will be consummated upon the same terms as originally agreed by the parties or at all. Resaca will provide a further update on the proposed merger in due course.

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About Resaca

Resaca is an independent oil and gas development and production company based in Houston, Texas, whose activities are currently focused on the exploitation of its portfolio of oil and gas properties. These properties are located in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. To learn more about Resaca, please call 713-753-1441 or visit www.resacaexploitation.com.

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made and the Company undertakes no obligation to correct or update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.