

Porto Energy Corp. Announces Issuances of Stock Options

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THE WOODLANDS, TX, Dec. 14, 2011 /CNW/ - Porto Energy Corp., ("**Porto**" or the "**Company**") (TSX:PEC), a company focused on oil and gas exploration, appraisal and development in Portugal, today announced that it has granted options to acquire up to 3,110,000 Common Shares of Porto, 2,110,000 of which were granted to directors and officers of Porto. Each grant of options is for a five year term, expiring on December 14, 2016. The options vest over two years (one-half immediately and one-half on the first anniversary of the grant date). The options are exercisable at a price of \$0.105 per Common Share. There are now options outstanding to purchase a total of 14,660,000 Common Shares of Porto, or approximately 7.4% of Porto's issued and outstanding Common Shares.

About Porto Energy Corp.

Porto Energy Corp. is an international oil and gas company engaged in the exploration of crude oil and natural gas in Portugal, including the appraisal of a gas discovery. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Mohave Oil And Gas Corporation (a Texas corporation with branch offices in Portugal), the Company holds working interests in five concessions in Portugal's Lusitanian Basin totaling 1,444,152 net acres or 5,844 km². Through its exploration efforts to date, the Company has identified seven major exploration trends over its concessions including unconventional oil and gas resource plays as well as conventional oil and gas targets. Porto Energy's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the ticker symbol "PEC". For more information on Porto Energy visit www.portoenergy.com.

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