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**PEYTO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP. CONFIRMS DIVIDENDS FOR  
SECOND QUARTER 2012**

CALGARY, ALBERTA- Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. ("Peyto") declares the following dividends, payable to shareholders of its common shares at the close of business on the record dates indicated.

Dividend Amount per Common Share	Record Date	Ex-Dividend Date	Payment Date
\$0.06	April 30, 2012	April 26, 2012	May 15, 2012
\$0.06	May 31, 2012	May 29, 2012	June 15, 2012 <sup>(*)</sup>
\$0.06	June 30, 2012	June 27, 2012	July 13, 2012 <sup>(*)</sup>

<sup>(\*)</sup> Dividends are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and subject to change.

Dividends paid by Peyto to Canadian residents are eligible dividends for Canadian income tax purposes.

Shareholders and interested investors are encouraged to visit the Peyto website at [www.peyto.com](http://www.peyto.com) to learn more about what makes Peyto one of North America's most exciting energy companies. For further information please contact:

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