



Dorchester Minerals, L.P. Announces 2011 Results

DALLAS, TX -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 02/24/12 -- Dorchester Minerals, L.P. (the "Partnership") (NASDAQ: DMLP) announced today the Partnership's net income for the year ended December 31, 2011 of \$42,215,000, or \$1.33 per common unit.

A comparison of the Partnership's consolidated results for the twelve month periods ending December 31, 2011 and 2010 are set forth below:

	Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Operating Revenues	\$ 69,489,000	\$ 61,094,000
Net Income	42,215,000	34,883,000
Net Income Per Common Unit	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.11

The Partnership's operating revenues during the twelve months ending December 31, 2011 are higher than 2010 primarily as a result of increased oil and natural gas sales volumes.

The Partnership's independent engineering consultants estimated its total proved oil and gas reserves to be 88.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalents (bcfe) as of December 31, 2011. Approximately 33.5% of these reserves are attributable to the Partnership's Net Profits Interests and 66.5% are attributable to its Royalty Properties. Natural gas accounted for 75.8% of proved reserves as of December 31, 2011, all of which were classified as proved developed producing.

The Partnership distributed a total of \$53.6 million to its common unitholders from May 2011 through February 2012 attributable to 2011 activity.

Dorchester Minerals, L.P. is a Dallas based owner of producing and non-producing crude oil and natural gas mineral, royalty, overriding royalty, net profits, and leasehold interests and its common units trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol DMLP.

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