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American Energy Partners Announces Aggressive M&A Focus in Oil and Gas Space

Recent Investment Banking Agreement Lines up Key Potential Deals

Allentown, Pennsylvania. December 8, 2017 – American Energy Partners, Inc. (OTC: AEPT) (the "Company", "American Energy" or "AEPT"), a diversified energy company, is excited to announce the anticipated initiation of negotiations with selected, profitable companies as it embarks on a strategic expansion into oil and gas assets in the Northeastern United States.

The Company previously closed on a multi-well package of currently producing gas and oil assets, as well as an interest in significant unleased mineral acres in Tier 1 zones of both the Wet Marcellus and Dry Utica shale formations. Those rights originated with a single undisclosed seller.

Management expects to leverage its experience in executing this initial multi-well package, with future expansion modeled off that example – a strategy intended to maximize future top-line growth. To deal with the additional investment banking demands implied by this emphasis, the Company recently completed an agreement with Aqua Terra Asset Management, LLC ("Aqua Terra"), as indicated in a prior release.

Brad Domitrovitsch, CEO, stated, “With our Investment Banking relationship now locked into place at Aqua Terra, we feel confident we have the backing to pursue acquisitions that will further launch our operations in the space. We continue to feel that this is an opportune time for aggressive expansion.”

According to the November 2017 research report out of OPEC, US shale oil is now expected to drive global production growth in the years to come, with a full eight years of outsized growth into a peak around the year 2025.

About Aqua Terra

Aqua Terra is an affiliate of Boenning and Scattergood, Inc. Established in 1914, Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. is one of the oldest independent securities, asset management and investment banking firms in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest Regions. Professionals at our firm provide individual investors, corporate and municipal clients and institutions a full complement of financial services including retail brokerage, equity research, equity and fixed income sales and trading, investment banking, public finance, equity option strategy and asset management.

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American Energy Partners, Inc. (AEPT)

AEPT and its group of companies focus on providing solutions in markets where energy production and water meet technology. Collectively, the subsidiaries are engaged in the energy sector as well as the design, construction and operation of regional water treatment facilities that serve the industrial, energy and government sectors.

Hydration Corporation of PA, LLC (“HCPA”) is engaged in the businesses of water exploration, water augmentation, and the treatment of impacted waters. Notably, its intellectual property delivers one of the highest energy yields from a broad range of water-bearing assets, with one of the lowest capital expenditures of any other known water processes. **American Energy Solutions, LLC** provides treatment technologies that contribute to HCPA’s business model of low-cost treatment and distribution. As a provider of design, this subsidiary is capable of repeatable and synergistic services across the value chain. **Gilbert Oil & Gas Company** is leveraging broad industry valuation experience to source drilling, operating, and partnership opportunities in the upstream oil and gas space. It is positioned to become a strong customer of AEPT’s other subsidiaries while providing them with the foundation to attract other customers and enter new markets.

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