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Press release

Africa Energy Announces First Quarter 2026 Results

May 14, 2026 – Africa Energy Corp. (TSX Venture: AFE) (Nasdaq First North: AEC) (“Africa Energy” or the “Company”), an oil and gas exploration company, announces financial and operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2026.

Robert Nicolella, Africa Energy's CEO, commented, “We took the prudent step of pausing the Environmental Social Impact Assessment (“ESIA”) for Block 11B/12B¹, offshore South Africa, following the previous decision by the Western Cape High Court to set aside an environmental authorization for offshore exploration operations in Block 5/6/7 (held by an unrelated party). This allowed the Company to fully assess the implications of the new legal and regulatory landscape and ensure the Environmental Authorization application and development plans were optimally aligned. Concurrently, our technical team continues to advance technical work on various development scenarios.”

HIGHLIGHTS

- At March 31, 2026, the Company had US\$2.7 million in cash, US\$2.4 million of working capital and no debt compared to US\$3.2 million in cash, US\$3.0 million of working capital and no debt at the end of 2025.
- Through its investment in Main Street 1549 Pty Ltd. (“Main Street 1549”), which holds an interest in Block 11B/12B, offshore the Republic of South Africa, the Company has obtained a further extension for the submission of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (“ESIA”) to November 4, 2026.

OUTLOOK

On March 5, 2026, the Honorable Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Mr. Gwede Mantashe, highlighted the role natural gas must play in closing the energy deficit in South Africa and that natural gas will be the most effective transition fuel. Further Mr. Gwede Mantashe identified Africa Energy Corp.’s discovered resources in Block 11B/12B, offshore South Africa, as resources whereby the government of South Africa is seeking to accelerate development to ensure security of supply. This statement along with the recent decision by the DFFE to proceed with determination of appeals lodged against environmental authorizations granted for offshore oil and gas projects demonstrates the South African government’s commitment to attract investment to the industry and advance the development of its domestic resources to ensure energy security and stability, which has been emphasized by recent conflict in the middle east.

The Company is focused on obtaining environmental authorization for development of discovered resources in Block 11B/12B so that it can obtain the Production Right approval. Early engagements with relevant stakeholders on gas supply has commenced in an effort to secure offtake customers for future development.

Subject to all relevant regulatory approvals by South African authorities with respect to the withdrawal of the joint venture partners in Block 11B/12B and completion of the restructuring of Main Street 1549, the Company expects to hold 75% direct interest in Block 11B/12B. Despite the challenges and delays encountered so far, the Company remains confident that the Block 11B/12B resources can be commercially

¹Main Street 1549 currently holds a 10% participating interest in Block 11B/12B, offshore South Africa. The Company currently owns 49% of the common shares and 100% of the Class B shares of Main Street 1549.

developed. The Brulpadda and Luiperd discoveries are the largest discoveries of natural gas resources in South Africa and if developed could supply a significant portion of the country's energy needs required to achieve both sustainable economic growth and the transition to lower carbon energy sources.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Unaudited; thousands, except per share amounts, US dollars)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2026	Three Months Ended March 31, 2025
Operating expenses	539	675
Net loss	(522)	(958)
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (basic and diluted)	479,162	283,758
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Cash flows provided by (used in) operations	(456)	(199)
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing	35	(359)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing	-	2,858
Total change in cash and cash equivalents	(430)	2,382
Change in share capital	-	17,671
Change in contributed surplus	(20)	(3,956)
Change in deficit	522	958
Total change in equity	(542)	12,757
	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025
Cash and cash equivalents	2,730	3,160
Total assets	40,629	41,134
Total liabilities	353	316
Total equity attributable to common shareholders	40,276	40,818
Net working capital	2,447	2,954

The financial information in this table was selected from the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2026 (the "Financial Statements"), which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and the Company's website at www.africaenergycorp.com.

EARNINGS TREND AND FINANCIAL POSITION

(Unaudited; US dollars)

Operating expenses decreased by \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to the same period in 2025. Decreases in stock-based compensation expense and professional fees were partially offset by an increase in salaries and benefits. The Company recorded a recovery of stock-based compensation in the first quarter of 2026 due mainly to a reversal of prior period expense for unvested options forfeited during the quarter. Professional fees were higher in the first quarter of 2025 due to legal fees associated with the definitive agreements signed on May 28, 2025 related to the restructuring of Main Street 1549. Salaries and benefit expenses were higher in the first quarter of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025 due to an increase in full-time equivalent employees.

At March 31, 2026, the Company had cash of \$2.7 million and working capital of \$2.4 million compared to cash of \$3.2 million and working capital of \$3.0 million at December 31, 2025. The decrease in cash and working capital since December 31, 2025, can be mainly attributed to cash-based operational expenditures.

NEXT EARNINGS REPORT RELEASE

The Company plans to report its results for the six months ended June 30, 2026 on August 13, 2026.

About Africa Energy Corp.

Africa Energy Corp. is a Canadian oil and gas exploration company focused on South Africa. The Company is listed in Toronto on TSX Venture Exchange (ticker "AFE") and in Stockholm on Nasdaq First North Growth Market (ticker "AEC").

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Important information

This is information that Africa Energy is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication through the agency of the contact persons set out above on May 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. ET.

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