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### **Maraco Inc. Joins PetrisWINDS™ NOW! To Provide its GasReservoir Simulator Via the Internet**

**HOUSTON -- December 13, 2005** – GasPal, a gas reservoir simulator from Maraco, Inc., will now be offered on a monthly subscription basis via PetrisWINDS NOW!, the premier application services provider (ASP) to the oil & gas and energy industry.

Maraco will offer its GasPal reservoir modeling program designed to work with its other applications, GasTop and GMAN, to accurately and rapidly predict performance of gas producing or storage reservoirs, compressors and pipeline networks. A GasPal (PC-based) model that integrates multiple reservoirs with the surface flow system is constructed onscreen via a series of mouse clicks. The program allows a user to optimize production equipment in conjunction with anticipated reservoir performance. A unique feature of GasPal is the ability to solve for flow rates/capacities in production configurations with flow loops, and/or flow splits at any node in the surface network.

“Our alliance with Petris provides us two great benefits: an ASP hosting infrastructure already in place and broad marketing exposure through their multiple internet sites,” says Dr. Elmer Dougherty, President of Maraco Inc. “Having Petris offering our simulator via the Internet gives Maraco software application users an affordable way to access the program. It also gives them immediate access to all updates without engaging the IT staff to load and maintain the software,” he adds. “From a vendor perspective, Maraco can now offer better support to our client base as we have only one location to support, making implementation of new updates easier on all involved.”

PetrisWINDS Now! gives producers immediate access to this innovative web-based modeling application, helping oil & gas producers, consultants and storage operators reduce their internal support requirements and extend the life of existing hardware. The cost-effective entry pricing structure also helps to reduce a company’s capital expenditures and makes using these products a part of a more efficient operational process. By making programs available via the Internet, users can also benefit by having anywhere – anytime access to critical information and decisions.

Maraco joins a growing list of best-in-class independent software vendors offering their software to the energy industry through PetrisWINDS NOW!. This Web-based work environment features vendor neutral, on-demand software to meet the different business needs of a user organization. Petris can provide their ASP services securely via the Internet or create and manage a similar solution behind a company’s firewall.

"Maraco's new reservoir simulator greatly enhances the solution set we can provide our clients," says Mickey Henry, Petris V.P. Business Development. "Maraco is a good complement to our growing body of software and services offered to the oil & gas industry. Their specialized software will benefit those users in the geological, reservoir engineering, production and storage segments of the industry by helping them perform with greater efficiency and significantly lower costs. This superb model gives engineers a new tool for planning field development and modeling reservoir performance, all without having to rely on their IT staff to maintain the application and data."

#### **About Petris Technology, Inc.:**

Founded in 1994, Petris provides practical, real-world IT-based solutions for energy clients leveraging its expertise in data management, application hosting, geospatial information systems (GIS) and professional services. Through a unique vendor-neutral approach and expertise in service-oriented architecture, Petris designs and deploys innovative technology that integrates data from diverse data stores to enable better decision making and application transparency. Taken together, Petris is leading the way into a new era in integration, data and application management. <http://www.petris.com>

#### **About Maraco Inc.:**

**Maraco Inc.** was formed in **1979** by **Dr. Elmer Dougherty** working in conjunction with industry and university personnel. Maraco products are in use today at multiple oil & gas firms throughout the world. Major clients include Santos, Ltd, Adelaide, Kuwait Oil Co., TOTAL, EBN (The Netherlands), Aramco, and SoCalGasCo, Los Angeles. In addition to its software, Maraco provides consulting services to help producers in the area of geology and reservoir engineering. To learn more about Maraco visit their Website at <http://www.maraco-soft.com>.

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