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## TEL OFFSHORE TRUST

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### TEL OFFSHORE TRUST ANNOUNCES THERE WILL BE NO FOURTH QUARTER 2014 DISTRIBUTION

AUSTIN, TEXAS December 29, 2014—TEL OFFSHORE TRUST (the “Trust”) announced that there will be no trust distribution for the fourth quarter of 2014 for unitholders of record on December 31, 2014. The Trust has not been able to make a distribution to unitholders for twenty-four consecutive quarters, or since January 9, 2009. The financial and operating information included herein for the Trust’s fourth quarter of 2014 reflects financial and operating information with respect to the royalty properties for the months of August, September and October 2014.

Gross proceeds for the burdened royalty properties exceeded development and production costs for the months of August, September and October 2014 by \$3,234,797, or \$808,699 net to the entire overriding royalty interest, and \$485,219 attributable to the Trust. The excess proceeds, net to the entire overriding royalty interest, were applied to reduce the accumulated excess cost carryforward, which represents the amount by which the aggregate development and production costs for the burdened royalty properties since November 2008 have exceeded the related proceeds of the production.

Gas revenues recorded by Chevron USA, Inc. (“Chevron”), the Managing General Partner of the TEL Offshore Trust Partnership (the “Partnership”) for the quarter on the burdened royalty properties decreased approximately 54% to \$161,582 from \$351,077 in the third quarter of 2014. Natural gas volumes during the fourth quarter of 2014 decreased approximately 40% to 43,897 Mcf from 73,562 Mcf during the third quarter of 2014. The decrease in production is primarily due to pump problems and a pipeline leak at Ship Shoal 182. Excluding the impact of prior period adjustments, the average price received for natural gas production decreased approximately 23% to \$3.68 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$4.82 per Mcf in the third quarter of 2014. Liquid revenues during the fourth quarter of 2014 increased approximately 92% to \$80,314 from \$41,944 in the third quarter of 2014.

Crude oil and condensate revenues recorded by Chevron for the quarter on the burdened royalty properties increased approximately 17% to \$4,303,555 in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$3,689,442 in the third quarter of 2014. Crude oil and condensate volumes during the fourth quarter of 2014 increased approximately 23% to 43,936 barrels, compared to 35,777 barrels during the third quarter of 2014. The increase in production is primarily due to the completion of the K-11 well on Eugene Island 339 which came online in the fourth quarter. Based upon information provided by Chevron, this is the final well required to be drilled under the farmout agreement covering Eugene Island 339. Excluding the impact of prior period adjustments, the average price received for crude oil and condensate production decreased approximately 5% to \$97.95 per barrel in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$103.13 per barrel in the third quarter of 2014. The production period for the fourth quarter of 2014 includes the months of August, September and October 2014. The significant decline in the price of crude oil since such production period is expected to significantly reduce future revenues on the burdened royalty properties as long as crude oil prices are depressed.

Capital expenditures decreased by 100% to \$0 in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$18,031 in the third quarter of 2014. Operating expenses decreased by approximately 3%, or \$32,173 to \$1,140,132 in the fourth quarter of 2014 from \$1,172,305 in the third quarter of 2014.

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As previously disclosed, during September 2008, the platforms, wells and infrastructure associated with the Eugene Island 339 field were completely destroyed by Hurricane Ike. While Chevron has completed the work it deemed required to clear the remaining infrastructure and abandon those wells, platforms and infrastructure, the interruption in production and

the plugging and abandonment costs, each related to the Eugene Island 339 field, were the primary contributors to the resulting excess of development and production costs over proceeds of production. Chevron has informed the Trust that the estimate of the Trust's net portion of the aggregate cost to plug and abandon the wells, remove and abandon platforms and infrastructure and remediate the surface subject to the overriding royalty interest on Eugene Island 339 was approximately \$19.8 million. No further expenses are expected to be incurred.

As discussed above, gross proceeds for the royalty properties for the fourth quarter of 2014 exceeded development and production costs thereof, with the portion of such excess attributable to the Trust's interest in the remaining 15% royalty interest equal to approximately \$485,219. As of October 31, 2014, after applying the net proceeds for the months of August, September and October 2014, the amount by which the aggregate development and production costs for the royalty properties since November 2008 have exceeded the related proceeds of production from the royalty properties has been reduced to approximately \$2.8 million, net to the entire royalty (or approximately \$1.7 million, net to the Trust's interest in the remaining 15% royalty interest) as compared to approximately \$3.6 million (or approximately \$2.2 million, net to the Trust's interest in the remaining 15% royalty interest) as of July 31, 2014. The Trust will not receive any distribution of net proceeds until such time as the proceeds of production exceed the accumulated excess cost carryforward. As a result, the Trust will not be receiving any net proceeds for the fourth quarter of 2014. In light of the continuing expenses of the Trust and the lack of any distributions and any assurances as to the actual timing of any future distributions, the Trustees initiated the previously disclosed probate proceeding in the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas (the "Probate Proceeding") and continue to evaluate all alternatives available to the Trust to obtain funds or to reduce the ongoing costs and expenses of the Trust. As a result, there is no guarantee that any further distributions from the Trust will be made.

With respect to the Probate Proceeding, the Trust is continuing the process of serving the Petition for Modification and Termination of the Trust (the "Petition") on the Trust's unitholders and it is expected that the process will continue for several more weeks. The Trust and the Trustees wish to confirm that they are not seeking a finding of any liability against any of the Trust's unitholders in the Probate Proceeding and that they are not seeking any money or damages from any of the Trust's unitholders. Under Texas law, the beneficiaries of the Trust are necessary parties to the Probate Proceeding and, therefore, the Trustees are required to serve the Petition on the Trust's unitholders. It is not the purpose of the Probate Proceeding to seek any recovery from the Trust's unitholders, and the Trustees will not seek a judgment against the Trust's unitholders. The Trust will continue to provide information regarding the status of the Probate Proceeding in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and, to the extent appropriate, will issue press releases providing additional information regarding the Probate Proceeding. All documents that are filed in the Probate Proceeding and all of the Trust's future filings with the SEC during the Probate Proceedings can be viewed at: [www.andrewskurth.com/teloffshoretrust](http://www.andrewskurth.com/teloffshoretrust).

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This press release contains forward-looking statements. Although the Managing General Partner of the TEL Offshore Trust Partnership has advised the Trust that the Managing General Partner believes that the expectations contained in this press release are reasonable, no assurances can be given that such expectations will prove to be correct. The Working Interest Owners alone control historical operating data, and handle receipt and payment of funds relating to the royalty properties and payments to the Trust for the related royalty. The Trustees of the Trust cannot assure that errors or adjustments by the Working Interest Owners, whether historical or future, will not affect future royalty income and distributions by the Trust. Other important factors that could cause these statements to differ materially include delays and costs in connection with repairs or replacements of hurricane-damaged facilities and pipelines, including third-party transportation systems, the actual results of drilling operations, risks inherent in drilling and production of oil and gas properties, the Trust's ability to pay its liabilities, and other factors described in the Trust's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 under "Item 1A. Risk Factors," as well as other risks identified from time to time in its reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements made in this press release are qualified by the cautionary statements made in these risk factors. The Trust does not intend, and assumes no obligations, to update any of the statements included in this press release.

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