



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **TVI Pacific Inc. Announces Commencement of Exploration Well in Niger, Africa**

CALGARY, ALBERTA--(Marketwire – June 13, 2011) - TVI Pacific Inc. (TSX:TVI) (OTCQX:TVIPF) ("TVI" or "the Company"), through its 100% owned subsidiary TG World Energy Corp., is pleased to announce that Niger project operator, Chinese National Petroleum Corporation International Ténéré Ltd. ("CNPCIT"), has commenced drilling the Facai-1 exploration well. TVI Pacific's 20% interest in the well is funded 100% by CNPCIT under the terms of the project agreements.

The Facai-1 well is located in the Ténéré Block in Niger, Africa. The 71,155 square kilometre (27,473 square mile) Ténéré Block is located in the northern half of the Termit Rift Basin. In the southern half of the basin CNPCIT has been actively appraising existing oil discoveries and drilling new exploration wells with the aim of reaching oil reserve volume threshold to justify an export pipeline.

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Facai-1 is located 110 kilometres (63 miles) north of the West Fachi-1 exploration well that was drilled by CNPCIT/TG World Energy Corp. in 2007. Security issues prevented field operations from that time until mid-2010 when work began in preparation for Facai-1 drilling.

The well will be drilled to an estimated 3,700 metres (12,000 feet) to test Cretaceous sandstones in an anticlinal trap. Seismic data analysis indicates a hydrocarbon signature at the target reservoir zone. The Facai-1 well is expected to reach total depth in 60 to 90 days.

#### **About TVI Pacific Inc. (TSX: TVI) (OTCQX: TVIPF)**

TVI Pacific Inc. is a publicly-traded resource company focused on the production, development, exploration and acquisition of resource projects in the Philippines. TVI produces copper concentrate from its Canatuan mine, is developing the Balabag gold property for anticipated production in the second half of 2012 and has begun an aggressive exploration program at its high-impact Tamarok property. TVI also has interests in oil and gas assets in Alaska, Niger and offshore Philippines.

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*Forward-looking statements respecting anticipated drilling activities in the Ténéré Block are based upon advice received from the operator, CNPCIT, which is based upon the current budget, development plans and overall strategy for exploration of the Ténéré Block developed by CNPCIT (which are all subject to change). Activities in Niger are also subject to the security situation in the country, over which neither the operator nor the Company has any control*

*The forward-looking statements of the Company contained in this news release are expressly qualified, in their entirety, by this cautionary statement. Various risks to which the Company and its affiliates are exposed in the conduct of their business (including mining activities) are described in detail in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2010, which was filed on SEDAR on March 30, 2011, and is available under the Company's profile at [www.SEDAR.com](http://www.SEDAR.com). Subject to applicable securities laws, the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly revise the forward-looking statements included in this news release to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by law.*