

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP
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On June 12, 2008, Petroleum Development Corporation (the “Company”) board of directors adopted a policy regarding designation of preferred stock. At the upcoming annual meeting of the Company’s shareholders to be held on June 23, 2008, shareholders are being asked to approve Proposal No. 2, an amendment and restatement of the Company’s Articles of Incorporation to: (1) increase the number of authorized shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”), from 50,000,000 shares to 100,000,000 shares and (2) authorize the Company to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Preferred Stock”), which may be issued in one or more series, with such rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions as shall be fixed by the Company’s board of directors from time to time.

In order to address concerns regarding the use of the Preferred Stock, the Company’s board of directors has adopted a policy requiring that, unless approved by a vote of the shareholders, any designation of Preferred Stock in connection with the adoption of a shareholder rights plan include provisions effecting the termination of that plan within one year. The policy also requires that other uses of Preferred Stock be limited to bona fide capital raising or business acquisition transactions.

As disclosed in the proxy statement distributed in connection with the upcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the Company has no current plans to issue Preferred Stock. Rather, this proposal to approve the creation of Preferred Stock is designed to provide the Company’s board of directors with the flexibility to issue such Preferred Stock, should they, at some time in the future, determine that such measures are necessary or desirable. Shareholders and other investors are urged to read the proxy statement, which contains important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to all proposals, including the proposal to approve the creation of the Preferred Stock.

The annual meeting of shareholders for the Company is scheduled to take place on June 23, 2008. If you have already voted and wish to change your vote on Proposal No. 2, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares at the annual meeting even if you have previously completed and returned your proxy card. You are entitled to revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by attending the annual meeting and voting in person, duly executing and delivering a proxy bearing a later date, or sending written notice of revocation to the Company’s Corporate Secretary at the Company’s address located at the top of this page.