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LION ENERGY RECEIVES GOVERNMENT APPROVALS ON FARM-IN WITH AFRICA OIL

December 23, 2009, Vancouver, BC – Further to a release on May 28, 2009, Lion Energy Corp. (the “Company” or “Lion Energy”) (TSX.V – LEO) announces that it has received all requisite government approvals from the Republic of Kenya and the State of Puntland (Somalia) in respect to its farm-in agreement (the “Agreement”) with Africa Oil Corp. (“Africa Oil”), a member of the Lundin Group of Companies.

In Kenya, Africa Oil will transfer to Lion Energy a 10% interest in the Block 9 Production Sharing Agreement, a 25% license interest in the Block 10A Production Sharing Contract and a 20% interest in Block 10BB Production Sharing Contract. In Puntland, Africa Oil will transfer a 15% license interest to Lion Energy in the Nogal and Dharoor Petroleum Production Sharing Agreements.

Lion Energy has received conditional acceptance from the TSX Venture Exchange for its Agreement with Africa Oil Corp.

About the Company:

The Company is a well-financed, Canadian exploration company with a vision to develop a significant presence in the developing oil and gas industry. The Company signed an agreement with Africa Oil Corp. that grants the Company the right to earn an interest in five petroleum blocks located in the Republic of Kenya and in Puntland, Somalia. Lion Energy has also announced a non-binding letter of intent in regards to a business combination with Southern Star Energy Inc. (OTCBB-SSEY) and Gold Star Resources Corp. (TSX.V-GXX). The Company further holds 14.76% interest in Encanto Potash Corp., a junior potash exploration company and a 20% interest in Sulphur Solutions Inc., an emerging fertilizer company developing state-of-the-art patented technology for the production of micronized sulphur fertilizer.

To find out more about the Company, please visit our website at www.lionenergycorp.com.

On behalf of the Board,
LION ENERGY CORP.

“Brian Thurston”, President and CEO

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