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News Release

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Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. Announces 2000 Fourth Quarter and Annual Results

(Houston – March 22, 2001) Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (NYSE:PAA) today reported net income of \$6.8 million, or \$0.19 per unit for the fourth quarter of 2000 as compared with a net loss in the prior year fourth quarter period of \$24.0 million, or \$.69 per unit. For the entire year of 2000, the Partnership reported net income before extraordinary items of \$92.6 million, or \$2.64 per unit, and net income after extraordinary items of \$77.5 million, or \$2.20 per unit. For 1999, the Partnership reported a net loss before extraordinary items of \$101.8 million, or \$3.16 per unit, and a net loss after extraordinary items of \$103.4 million, or \$3.21 per unit.

“2000 was a year of strong operating results, improvement in financial strength and strategic accomplishments,” said Greg L. Armstrong, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “Notable accomplishments for 2000 included:

- A 22% increase in operating gross margin, excluding the impact of the unauthorized trading losses.
- A \$162 million reduction in total debt.
- Restructuring the Partnership’s bank facilities and ending the year with the highest level of liquidity ever.
- Implementation of enhanced risk management controls and procedures.
- Resolution of significant uncertainties related to trading loss litigation.
- Establishing a Canadian presence by opening an office in Calgary.

“Given the conditions facing the Partnership as we entered 2000, these accomplishments stand as a tribute to Plains All American’s employees and its various stakeholders. Moreover, Plains All American was able to increase its quarterly distribution during the year and we recently announced a definitive agreement to acquire strategic crude oil pipeline, gathering and terminalling assets in Canada. We look forward to 2001 and intend to make it a similarly successful year.”

Results for the 1999 periods reflect the impact of the losses resulting from unauthorized trading activities discovered by the Partnership in November 1999. These unauthorized trading activities reduced net income for the fourth quarter and year of 1999 by \$51.5 million and \$166.4 million, respectively. The Partnership noted that General and Administrative (“G&A”) expense

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for the fourth quarter of 2000 includes adjustments totaling \$5 million to reserve potentially uncollectible receivables.

During the quarter, the Partnership adopted Emerging Issues Task Force Issue 99-19 ("EITF 99-19"), "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent." Prior to applying EITF 99-19, the Partnership reported the results of certain of its crude oil buy/sell and exchange activities on a net margin basis. Under EITF 99-19, the Partnership will report these activities as gross revenues and costs of sales. Consequently, revenues and costs of sales have been reclassified for all periods presented. This reclassification had no effect on net income.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and other noncash items ("EBITDA") for the fourth quarter of 2000 was \$24.2 million (\$19.2 million including the fourth quarter adjustment for potentially uncollectible receivables) and cash flow from operations (net income plus noncash expenses) totaled \$17.3 million (\$12.3 million including the fourth quarter adjustment for potentially uncollectible receivables). These amounts compare with EBITDA of \$24.2 million and cash flow of \$17.2 million recorded for the fourth quarter of 1999. These comparisons exclude amounts associated with the 1999 unauthorized trading losses and gain on sale of linefill and litigation expenses in 2000.

Total gross margin for the fourth quarter of 2000 was \$32.8 million, compared to \$30.9 million for the fourth quarter of 1999. Gross margin from gathering, marketing, terminalling and storage increased to \$18.8 million during the 2000 quarter, compared to \$13.4 million during the 1999 quarter. Gross margin from pipeline activities was \$14.0 million during the fourth quarter of 2000 compared to \$17.5 million in the 1999 quarter. Such operating comparisons exclude the impact of the unauthorized trading losses.

Conference Call:

The Company will host a conference call to discuss the results and other forward-looking items on Thursday, March 22, 2001. The call will begin at 10:00 AM (Central). To participate in the call, please call 1-800-360-9865 at approximately 9:55 AM (Central). No password or reservation number is required.

Webcast Instructions:

To access the Internet webcast, please go to the Partnership's website at www.paalp.com, choose "investor relations", and then choose "conference calls". Following the live webcast, the call will be archived for a period of sixty (60) days on the Partnership's website.

Telephonic Replay Instructions:

Call 1-800-428-6051 and enter PIN # 170695

The replay will be available beginning Thursday, March 22, 2001, at approximately 12:00 PM (Central) and continue until midnight Monday, April 2, 2001.

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this news release are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, demand for various grades of crude oil and resulting changes in pricing conditions, availability of third party production volumes for

transportation and marketing, regulatory changes, the availability and successful consummation of acquisition opportunities on terms favorable to the Partnership, the availability to Plains All American of credit on satisfactory terms, and other factors and uncertainties inherent in the marketing, transportation, terminalling, gathering and storage of crude oil discussed in the Partnership's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. is engaged in interstate and intrastate crude oil transportation, terminalling and storage, as well as crude oil gathering and marketing activities, primarily in California, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Plains All American Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Plains Resources Inc., holds an effective 54% interest in the Partnership and serves as its General Partner. The Partnership's common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PAA". Plains Resources Inc.'s common shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "PLX". The Partnership is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS				
(in thousands, except per unit data)				
	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
REVENUES	\$ 1,600,983	\$ 4,246,102	\$ 6,641,187	\$ 10,910,423
COST OF SALES AND OPERATIONS UNAUTHORIZED TRADING LOSSES AND RELATED EXPENSES	1,568,186	4,215,230	6,506,504	10,800,109
Gross Margin	32,434	(20,643)	127,720	(56,126)
EXPENSES				
General and administrative	14,335	6,047	40,821	23,211
Depreciation and amortization	4,375	5,973	24,523	17,344
Restructuring expense	-	-	-	1,410
Total expenses	18,710	12,020	65,344	41,965
Operating income (loss)	13,724	(32,663)	62,376	(98,091)
Interest expense	(6,905)	(6,606)	(28,691)	(21,139)
Gain on sale of assets	-	16,457	48,188	16,457
Interest and other income (expense)	(49)	343	10,776	958
Net income (loss) before extraordinary item	6,770	(22,469)	92,649	(101,815)
Extraordinary item	-	(1,545)	(15,147)	(1,545)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 6,770	\$ (24,014)	\$ 77,502	\$ (103,360)
BASIC AND DILUTED NET INCOME (LOSS) PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT:				
Before extraordinary item	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.64)	\$ 2.64	\$ (3.16)
After extraordinary item	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.69)	\$ 2.20	\$ (3.21)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF UNITS OUTSTANDING	34,386	34,197	34,386	31,633
OPERATING DATA (in thousands)				
Average Daily Volumes (barrels)				
Pipeline activities:				
All American				
Tariff activities	74	92	74	103
Margin activities	69	53	60	54
Other	108	117	107	61
Total	251	262	241	218
Lease gathering	275	337	262	265
Bulk purchases	27	140	28	138
Total	302	477	290	403
Terminal throughput	76	107	67	83
Estimated maintenance capital	\$ 163	\$ 823	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,741

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PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY (continued)				
FINANCIAL DATA				
(in thousands) (unaudited)				
	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") (a)	\$ 24,233	\$ 24,234	\$ 103,048	\$ 89,074
Cash flow from operations (net income before noncash items) (a)	\$ 17,328	\$ 17,150	\$ 73,883	\$ 67,218
Cash flow from operations after maintenance capital expenditures (a)	\$ 17,165	\$ 16,327	\$ 72,098	\$ 65,477
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA				
(in thousands)				
			December 31,	December 31,
			2000	1999
ASSETS				
Current assets			\$ 397,904	\$ 739,000
Property and equipment, net			440,645	443,297
Pipeline linefill			34,312	17,633
Other long-term assets, net			12,940	23,107
			\$ 885,801	\$ 1,223,037
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL				
Current liabilities			\$ 350,793	\$ 637,461
Long-term bank debt			320,000	259,450
Subordinated note payable - general partner			-	114,000
Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits			1,009	19,153
			671,802	1,030,064
Partners' capital			213,999	192,973
			\$ 885,801	\$ 1,223,037

(a) Excludes the unauthorized trading losses, noncash compensation expense, gain on sale of assets, amortization of deferred gains on interest rate swap terminations, extraordinary loss from extinguishments of debt and allowance for potentially uncollectible accounts receivable.

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