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## WHO WE ARE

We are a Calgary-based public company focused on the acquisition, development and production of oil and natural gas assets in Western Canada. The primary areas of focus of our development program are in West Central Alberta, Northwest Alberta and British Columbia, Southeast Saskatchewan, West Central Saskatchewan, and Southwest Saskatchewan. Our business plan is to deliver profitable growth to our Shareholders over the long term under varying business conditions. We have a disciplined and sustainable business model of self-funded production growth and dividend payments.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### Entities

**Board of Directors** or **Board** means our board of directors.

**Capio** means Capio Energy Inc.

**Shareholders** means holders of our Common Shares.

**Spitfire** means Spitfire Energy Inc.

**Whitecap, we, us, our** or the **Corporation** means Whitecap Resources Inc., and where the context requires, also means our controlled entities on a consolidated basis.

### Independent Engineering

**COGE Handbook** means the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook, maintained by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary chapter), as amended from time to time.

**CSA 51-324** means Staff Notice 51-324 – *Glossary to NI 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities* of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

**McDaniel** means McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd., independent petroleum consultants of Calgary, Alberta.

**McDaniel Report** means the report prepared by McDaniel dated February 13, 2020, evaluating the crude oil, natural gas, NGLs and sulphur reserves attributable to all of our oil and natural gas assets as at December 31, 2019.

**NI 51-101** means National Instrument 51-101– *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities*.

### Share and Loan Capital

**Common Shares** means our common shares, as presently constituted.

**Credit Facility** means collectively our extendible revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders, all as more particularly described under the heading "*Description of our Capital Structure – Credit Facility*".

**Senior Secured Notes** means our senior secured notes as more particularly described under the heading "*General Development of our Business – Developments in 2017*".

## ABBREVIATIONS AND CONVERSIONS

Oil and Natural Gas Liquids		Natural Gas	
Bbl	barrel	Mcf	thousand cubic feet
Bbls	barrels	Mcf/d	thousand cubic feet per day
Bbls/d	barrels per day	MMbtu	million British Thermal Units
Mbbls	thousand barrels	MMcf	million cubic feet
NGLs	natural gas liquids		

Other	
AECO	the natural gas storage facility located at Suffield, Alberta, connected to TransCanada's Alberta System
API	American Petroleum Institute
°API	an indication of the specific gravity of crude oil measured on the API gravity scale
BOE or Boe	barrel or barrels of oil equivalent, using the conversion factor of 6 Mcf of natural gas being equivalent to one barrel of oil
Boe/d	barrels of oil equivalent per day
MMBoe	million barrels of oil equivalent
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic metres
WTI	West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma for the crude oil standard grade
\$000s	thousands of dollars
\$Cdn	Canadian dollars
\$US	United States of America dollars

To Convert From	To	Multiply By
Mcf	cubic metres	28.317
cubic metres	cubic feet	35.315
Bbls	cubic metres	0.159
cubic metres	Bbls	6.289
feet	metres	0.305
metres	feet	3.281
miles	kilometres	1.609
kilometres	miles	0.621
acres	hectares	0.405
hectares	acres	2.471
gigajoules	MMbtu	0.950
MMbtu	gigajoules	1.0526

## OIL AND GAS ADVISORIES

### Barrel of Oil Equivalency

The term "Boe" may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A Boe conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to barrels of oil (6 Mcf: 1 Bbl) is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. **Given the value ratio based on the current price of crude oil as compared to natural gas is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6 Mcf: 1 Bbl, utilizing a conversion ratio at 6 Mcf: 1 Bbl may be misleading as an indication of value.**

## CONVENTIONS

Certain terms used herein are defined in the "*Glossary of Terms*". Certain other terms used herein but not defined herein are defined in NI 51-101 and CSA 51-324 and, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same meanings herein as in NI 51-101 and CSA 51-324. Unless otherwise indicated, references herein to "\$" or "dollars" are to Canadian dollars. All financial information herein has been presented in Canadian dollars in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada.

## NOTICE TO READER

### Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Information Form, including documents incorporated by reference herein, contains forward-looking information and statements (collectively, "**forward-looking statements**"). These forward-looking statements relate to future events or our future performance. All information and statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this Annual Information Form are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by looking for words such as "approximately", "may", "believe", "measure", "stability", "depends", "expects", "will", "intends", "should", "could", "plan", "budget", "predict", "potential", "projects", "anticipates", "forecasts", "estimates", "objective", "ongoing", "continues", "sustainability" or similar words or the negative thereof or other comparable terminology. In addition, there are forward-looking statements in this Annual Information Form under the headings: "*General Description of Our Business – Stated Business Objectives and Strategy*" as to our business plan and strategy; "*General Description of Our Business – Cyclical and Seasonal Impact of Industry*" as to the impact of our price risk management programs; "*General Description of Our Business – Environmental Policies*" with respect to our expectations regarding abandonment and reclamation costs, and our plans with respect to our 2020 sustainability report; "*General Development of Our Business – Renegotiation or Termination of Contracts*" as to our expectations relating to the effect of the renegotiation or termination of our contracts or subcontracts in the remainder of 2020; "*Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Reserves Data (Forecast Prices and Costs)*" as to our reserves and future net revenue from our reserves, income taxes and pricing, exchange and inflation rates; "*Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Additional Information Relating to Reserves Data*" as to the development of our proved undeveloped reserves and probable undeveloped reserves, abandonment and reclamation obligations, future developments costs, our plans to fund future development costs and anticipated funding costs; "*Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Other Oil and Natural Gas Information*" as to our exploration and development focus, plans and opportunities, anticipated land expiries, hedging and marketing policies, tax horizon, anticipated drilling activity for 2020 and future production; and "*Dividend Policy*" as to our dividend policy and the future payment of dividends.

In addition to the forward-looking statements identified above, this Annual Information Form contains forward-looking statements pertaining to the following:

- waterflood and alkaline surfactant polymer ("**ASP**") flood implementation opportunities;
- recovery factors;
- the performance characteristics of our oil and natural gas properties;
- expectation of future production rates, volumes and product mixes;
- projections of market prices and costs, and exchange and inflation rates;
- expectations regarding our ability to raise capital and to continually add to reserves through acquisitions, development and optimization;
- treatment under governmental regulatory regimes and tax laws;
- changes in regulatory regimes and the effects of such changes; and
- our business plans and strategy.

Statements relating to "reserves" are also deemed to be forward-looking statements, as they involve the implied assessment, based on certain estimates and assumptions, that the reserves described exist in the quantities predicted or estimated and that the reserves can be profitably produced in the future.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Information Form. Although we believe that the expectations represented in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Some of the risks which could affect future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements contained herein include the following:

- weakness in the oil and natural gas industry;
- volatility in foreign exchange rates;
- market prices of oil and natural gas;
- differentials;
- fluctuation in the supply and demand for oil and natural gas;
- operational risks and liabilities inherent in oil and natural gas operations;
- competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands and skilled personnel;
- incorrect assessments of the value of acquisitions;
- our ability to market our oil and natural gas;
- geological, technical, drilling and processing problems;
- fluctuation in foreign exchange or interest rates;
- stock market volatility;
- environmental risks;
- the inability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources;
- changes in general economic, market and business conditions;
- uncertainties and changes in royalty regimes;
- the accuracy of oil and gas reserves estimates and estimated production levels as they are affected by exploration and development drilling and estimated decline rates;
- the uncertainties in regard to the timing of our exploration and development program;
- fluctuations in the costs of borrowing;
- political or economic developments;
- ability to obtain regulatory and other third party approvals;
- the occurrence of unexpected events;
- the results of litigation or regulatory proceedings that may be brought against us;
- changes in income tax laws or changes in tax laws and incentive programs relating to the oil and gas industry;
- water and carbon dioxide ("CO<sub>2</sub>") supplies;
- cyber-security issues; and
- the other factors discussed under "*Risk Factors*".

With respect to forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Information Form, we have made assumptions regarding, among other things: commodity prices, differentials and royalty regimes; timing of production curtailments; availability of skilled labour; timing and amount of capital expenditures; future exchange rates; availability of transportation; the impact of increasing competition; conditions in general economic and financial markets; access to capital; availability of drilling and related equipment; effects of regulation by governmental agencies; royalty rates; and future operating costs.

We have included the above summary of assumptions and risks related to forward-looking statements provided in this Annual Information Form in order to provide investors with a more complete perspective on our current and future operations and such information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

You are further cautioned that the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada requires management to make certain judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Estimating reserves is also critical to several accounting estimates and requires judgments and decisions based on available geological, geophysical, engineering and economic data. These estimates may change, having either a negative or positive effect on net earnings as further information becomes available and as the economic environment changes. **The information contained in this Annual Information Form, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, identifies additional factors that could affect our operating results and performance. We urge you to carefully consider those factors.**

The forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. The forward-looking statements included in this Annual Information Form are made as of the date of this Annual Information Form and we undertake no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect new information, subsequent events or otherwise unless required by applicable securities laws.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

Within this Annual Information Form, references are made to terms commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry. The term "resulting netback" in this Annual Information Form is not a recognized measure under generally accepted accounting principles in Canada. We use "resulting netback" as a key performance indicator and it is used by us in operational and capital allocation decisions. It is determined by deducting royalties and production costs from average net production prices received. Readers are cautioned; however, that this measure should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada as an indication of our performance.

## **WHITECAP RESOURCES INC.**

We are the resulting entity following the completion of the reverse takeover of Spitfire and subsequent amalgamation with Spitfire on July 1, 2010 to form "Whitecap Resources Inc."

Spitfire was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) on August 30, 2001. On November 6, 2001, Spitfire amended and restated its articles to change its authorized share structure to include an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares. On March 31, 2004, Spitfire amalgamated pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cashel Resources Inc. to form the amalgamated corporation, Spitfire Energy Ltd. On April 1, 2005, Spitfire purchased all of the issued and outstanding shares of, and then amalgamated with a private oil and gas company, Spitfire Exploration Ltd. pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) to form Spitfire.

We were incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) on June 3, 2008 as "1405340 Alberta Ltd.". On September 2, 2008, we amended our articles to change our name from 1405340 Alberta Ltd. to "Whitecap Resources Inc." and we commenced operations on September 17, 2009.

On October 15, 2010, we filed articles of amendment to effect a consolidation of our Common Shares on a basis of 10 pre-consolidated shares for every 1 Common Share. The consolidation was approved by our Shareholders at our annual general and special meeting held on September 14, 2010.

We have completed a number of corporate acquisitions since we commenced operations following which we have amalgamated the resulting subsidiary into Whitecap. We filed articles of amalgamation and amalgamated with the following acquired subsidiaries:

Date of Amalgamation	Name of Acquired Subsidiary
July 1, 2010	Spitfire
July 30, 2010	Onyx 2006 Inc.
April 20, 2011	Spry Energy Ltd.
February 10, 2012	Compass Petroleum Ltd.
April 23, 2012	Midway Energy Ltd.
April 30, 2013	Invicta Energy Corp.
January 6, 2014	Home Quarter Resources Ltd.
October 1, 2014	Forge Petroleum Corp.
October 1, 2014	Bashaw Oil Ltd.
January 1, 2015	1808039 Alberta Ltd.
May 1, 2015	Beaumont Energy Inc.
February 22, 2018	Capio

Following the closing of a corporate acquisition in June of 2014, two private companies became our wholly-owned subsidiaries, one of which was renamed "Whitecap Energy Inc." and the other, 1808039 Alberta Ltd., was amalgamated into us on January 1, 2015. On July 21, 2014, we and our subsidiary Whitecap Energy Inc. became the two partners of Whitecap Resources Partnership, a general partnership formed pursuant to the laws of Alberta which holds a portion of our oil and gas assets. On December 31, 2019, Whitecap Energy Inc. was wound up into us and Whitecap Resources Partnership was dissolved. As such, we have no material subsidiaries.

Our head office is located at Suite 3800, 525 - 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1G1 and our registered office is located at Suite 2400, 525 - 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1G1.

## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BUSINESS

### History and Development

Since our inception, we have grown from a junior, privately held, oil and gas company to a publicly traded, oil-weighted growth company that pays a monthly cash dividend to our Shareholders.

The following provides a summary of how our business has developed over the last three years.

### *Developments in 2017*

On January 5, 2017, we issued \$200 million senior secured notes which have an annual coupon rate of 3.46% and mature on January 5, 2022 (the "**3.46% Notes**"). The 3.46% Notes were issued by way of a private placement, pursuant to a note purchase and private shelf agreement, and rank equally with our obligations under our Credit Facility. Proceeds from the notes were used to temporarily repay a portion of our outstanding bank debt.

On January 5, 2017, we increased the borrowing base of our Credit Facility to \$1.3 billion.

On May 16, 2017, we appointed Ms. Heather J. Culbert to our Board of Directors.



On May 18, 2017, we commenced a normal course issuer bid to purchase, from time to time, up to 18,457,076 Common Shares on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and/or other Canadian exchanges. The normal course issuer bid terminated on May 17, 2018.

On May 31, 2017, we issued \$200 million senior secured notes which have an annual coupon rate of 3.54% and mature on May 31, 2024 (the "**3.54% Notes**"). The 3.54% Notes were issued by way of a private placement, pursuant to a note purchase agreement and rank equally with the obligations under our Credit Facility. Proceeds from the notes were used to temporarily repay a portion of our outstanding bank debt.

In November 2017, our Board of Directors approved our 2018 capital program of \$370 to \$390 million.

We increased our monthly dividend by 5% to \$0.0245 per Common Share (\$0.294 per Common Share annually) commencing with the December 2017 dividend.

On December 14, 2017, we completed an acquisition of oil assets in southeast Saskatchewan for cash consideration of \$940 million, net of customary closing adjustments. The asset acquisition was partially funded from the net proceeds of a: (i) bought deal public offering of 37,785,000 subscription receipts at a price of \$8.80 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of \$332.5 million; and (ii) concurrent private placement of 10,512,000 subscription receipts at a price of \$8.80 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of \$92.5 million. The offerings closed on December 4, 2017 and the subscription receipts were converted into Common Shares on December 14, 2017 contemporaneously with closing of the acquisition.

On December 20, 2017, we issued \$195 million senior secured notes which have an annual coupon rate of 3.90% and mature on December 20, 2026 (the "**3.90% Notes**"). The 3.90% Notes were issued by way of a private placement, pursuant to a note purchase agreement and rank equally with the obligations under our Credit Facility. Proceeds from the notes were used to temporarily repay a portion of our outstanding bank debt.

### ***Developments in 2018***

We increased our monthly dividend by 5% to \$0.0257 per Common Share (\$0.3084 per Common Share annually) commencing with the January 2018 dividend.

On February 22, 2018, we completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Capiro for an aggregate purchase price of \$56.8 million in cash and we assumed Capiro's \$6.7 million working capital surplus. Immediately following the acquisition, Capiro was amalgamated into us on February 22, 2018.

On February 28, 2018, we appointed Mr. Ken Stickland as Chairman of our Board of Directors.

On May 18, 2018, we commenced a normal course issuer bid to purchase, from time to time, up to 20,864,806 Common Shares on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and/or other Canadian exchanges. The normal course issuer bid terminated on May 17, 2019.

We increased our monthly dividend by 5% to \$0.027 per Common Shares (\$0.324 per Common Share annually) commencing with the June 2018 dividend.

In December 2018, our Board of Directors approved our 2019 capital program of \$425 to \$475 million.

### ***Developments in 2019***

We increased our monthly dividend by 5.6% to \$0.0285 per Common Share (\$0.342 per Common Share annually) commencing with the May 2019 dividend.

On May 21, 2019, we commenced a normal course issuer bid to purchase, from time to time, up to 20,657,914 Common Shares on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and/or other Canadian exchanges. Unless renewed, the normal course issuer bid will terminate on May 20, 2020.

On July 30, 2019, we created the Sustainability & Advocacy Committee of our Board to which the Board has delegated its responsibility for: (a) oversight of climate related and other sustainability-based risks and opportunities by reviewing, reporting and making recommendations to the Board on the development, implementation and monitoring of our policies, procedures, practises and strategies with respect to climate related issues and sustainability; and (b) oversight of advocacy initiatives to governments, communities and the public relating to policy issues affecting our sustainability or the Canadian energy industry.

On July 30, 2019, we appointed Mr. Brad Wall to our Board of Directors.

In October 2019, our Board of Directors approved our 2020 capital program of \$360 to \$380 million.

### **Significant Acquisitions**

We did not complete any significant acquisitions during our most recently completed financial year.

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OUR BUSINESS**

### **Stated Business Objectives and Strategy**

Our business plan is to deliver profitable growth to our Shareholders over the long term under varying business conditions. Since inception we have executed our business plan by pursuing strategic acquisitions and carrying out development programs focusing on our core properties in West Central Alberta, Northwest Alberta and British Columbia, Southwest Saskatchewan, West Central Saskatchewan, and Southeast Saskatchewan. See "*General Description of our Business – Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Principal Properties*". Once a property has been acquired, we pursue optimization and ongoing development and expansion opportunities.

We are focused on providing monthly dividends and per share growth on our existing assets enhanced by acquisitions.

The key attributes to our dividend growth strategy are as follows:

- provide dividends and targeted per share growth in production, reserves and funds flow;
- conservative total payout ratio and strong balance sheet;
- strong capital efficiencies in concentrated areas;
- predictable and stable production base;
- large light oil development drilling inventory; and
- disciplined and value focused management team.

## **Cyclical and Seasonal Impact of Industry**

Our operational results and financial condition are dependent on the prices received for our oil and natural gas production. Oil and natural gas prices have fluctuated widely during recent years. Such prices are determined by supply and demand factors, including weather and general economic conditions, as well as conditions in other oil and natural gas regions. Any decline in oil and natural gas prices could have an adverse effect on our financial condition. We mitigate such price risk through closely monitoring the various commodity markets and establishing price risk management programs, as deemed necessary and through maintaining financial flexibility. Additionally, we continually review our capital program and implement initiatives to adapt to such price changes. See "*Risk Factors – Prices, Markets and Marketing*", "*Risk Factors – Hedging*", "*Risk Factors – Weakness in the Oil and Natural Gas Industry*" and "*Industry Conditions – Curtailment*".

## **Ongoing Acquisition and Disposition Activities**

### ***Potential Acquisitions***

We evaluate potential acquisitions of all types of oil and natural gas and other energy related assets as part of our on-going asset portfolio management program. We are normally in the process of evaluating several potential acquisitions at any one time which individually or together could be material and it is in the normal course of our business to routinely make offers on properties or acquisitions that fit within our business objectives.

### ***Potential Dispositions***

We evaluate potential dispositions of our oil and natural gas assets as part of our ongoing asset portfolio management program. In addition, we evaluate potential farm-out opportunities with other industry participants in respect of our oil and natural gas assets in circumstances where we believe it is prudent to do so based on, among other things, our capital program, development plan timelines and the risk profile of such assets. We are normally in the process of evaluating several potential dispositions of our assets and farm-out opportunities at any one time, which individually or together could be material.

## **Environmental Policies**

We are committed to managing and operating in a safe, efficient, environmentally responsible manner in association with our industry partners and are committed to continually improving our environmental, health, safety and social performance. To fulfill this commitment, our operating practices and procedures are consistent with the requirements established for the oil and gas industry. Key environmental considerations include air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, spill management, waste management plans, lease and right-of-way management, natural and historic resource protection, and liability management (including site assessment, remediation and reclamation). These practices and procedures apply to our employees and we monitor all activities and make reasonable efforts to ensure that companies who provide services to us will operate in a manner consistent with our environmental policy.

We believe that we meet all existing environmental standards and regulations and include sufficient amounts in our capital expenditure budget to continue to meet current environmental protection requirements. These requirements apply to all operators in the oil and gas industry; therefore it is not anticipated that our competitive position within the industry will be adversely affected by changes in applicable legislation. We have internal procedures designed to ensure that detailed due diligence reviews to assess environmental liabilities and regulatory compliance are completed prior to proceeding with new acquisitions and developments.

Our environmental management program and operating guidelines focus on minimizing the environmental impact of our operations while meeting regulatory requirements and corporate standards. Our environmental program is monitored by our health, safety and environmental committee and includes: an internal environmental compliance audit and inspection program; a suspended well inspection program to support future development or eventual abandonment; appropriate reclamation and decommissioning standards for wells and facilities ready for abandonment; an asset integrity program; an effective surface reclamation program; a groundwater monitoring program; a spill prevention, response and clean-up program; a fugitive emission survey and repair program; and an environmental liability assessment program.

We expect to incur abandonment and reclamation costs as our oil and gas properties are abandoned. In 2019, expenditures for normal compliance with environmental regulations as well as expenditures for above normal compliance were not material.

Annually, we disclose an environmental social and governance (“**ESG**”) table with performance data on material ESG issues. Every second year, we produce a fulsome sustainability report in accordance with sustainability reporting standards and documenting our assessment of risks, opportunities, progress and challenges as they relate to sustainability issues. Both the most recent data table and the Sustainability Report are available on our website. In 2020, a full sustainability report will be published and posted to our website in the second quarter of 2020.

### **Renegotiation or Termination of Contracts**

As at the date hereof, we do not anticipate that any aspect of our business will be materially affected in the remainder of 2020 by the renegotiation or termination of contracts or subcontracts.

### **Competitive Conditions**

We are a member of the petroleum industry, which is highly competitive at all levels. We compete with other companies for all of our business inputs, including exploration and development prospects, access to commodity markets, acquisition opportunities, available capital and staffing. See "*Risk Factors – Competition*".

We strive to be competitive by maintaining financial flexibility and by utilizing current technologies to enhance optimization, development and operational activities.

### **Human Resources**

At December 31, 2019, we employed 277 full-time employees, including 164 office and 113 field employees.

### **Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information**

The statement of reserves data and other oil and natural gas information set forth below is based on the McDaniel Report dated February 13, 2020. The statement is effective as of December 31, 2019.

The Report of Management and Directors on Oil and Gas Disclosure in Form 51-101F3 and the Report on Reserves Data by Independent Qualified Reserves Evaluator in Form 51-101F2 are attached as Appendices A and B to this Annual Information Form.

The reserves data set forth below is based upon an evaluation by McDaniel with an effective date of December 31, 2019 as contained in the McDaniel Report. The reserves data summarizes the crude oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas reserves and the net present values of future net revenue for these reserves using forecast prices and costs, not including the impact of any price risk management activities.

McDaniel has confirmed that its evaluation has been prepared in accordance with the standards contained in the COGE Handbook and the reserve definitions contained in NI 51-101 and CSA 51-324. We engaged McDaniel to provide an evaluation of all of our proved and proved plus probable reserves and no attempt was made to evaluate possible reserves.

All of the reserves specified in the McDaniel Report are in Canada and, specifically, in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

**We determined the future net revenue and present value of future net revenue after income taxes by utilizing the before income tax future net revenue from the McDaniel Report and our estimate of income tax. Our estimates of the after income tax value of future net revenue have been prepared based on before income tax reserves information and include assumptions and estimates of our tax pools and the sequences of claims and rates of claim thereon. The values shown may not be representative of future income tax obligations, applicable tax horizon or after tax valuation. The after tax net present value of our oil and gas properties reflects the tax burden of our properties on a stand-alone basis. It does not provide an estimate of the value of us as a business entity, which may be significantly different. Our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 should be consulted for additional information regarding our taxes.**

Future net revenue is a forecast of revenue, estimated using forecast prices and costs, arising from the anticipated development and production of resources, net of the associated royalties, operating costs, development costs and abandonment and reclamation costs. The estimated future net revenue contained in the following tables does not necessarily represent the fair market value of our reserves. There is no assurance that the forecast price and cost assumptions contained in the McDaniel Report will be attained and variations could be material. Other assumptions and qualifications relating to costs and other matters are summarized in the notes to or following the tables below. Readers should review the definitions and information contained in "*Definitions and Notes to Reserves Data Tables*" below in conjunction with the following tables and notes. The recovery and reserve estimates on our properties described herein are estimates only. The actual reserves on our properties may be greater or less than those calculated. See "*Risk Factors*".

**Reserves Data (Forecast Prices and Costs)**

SUMMARY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS RESERVES AND NET PRESENT VALUES OF FUTURE NET REVENUE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS						
RESERVES CATEGORY	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL		CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS <sup>(1)</sup>		NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS	
	GROSS (Mbbbls)	NET (Mbbbls)	GROSS (MMcft)	NET (MMcft)	GROSS (Mbbbls)	NET (Mbbbls)
PROVED:						
Developed Producing	180,107	153,480	189,789	171,473	13,204	10,994
Developed Non-Producing	2,107	2,058	1,427	1,269	44	35
Undeveloped	101,575	90,001	142,937	133,490	9,776	8,554
TOTAL PROVED	<u>283,789</u>	<u>245,540</u>	<u>334,154</u>	<u>306,232</u>	<u>23,023</u>	<u>19,582</u>
TOTAL PROBABLE	<u>101,197</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>180,091</u>	<u>166,669</u>	<u>12,937</u>	<u>10,773</u>
TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE	<u>384,986</u>	<u>330,540</u>	<u>514,244</u>	<u>472,901</u>	<u>35,960</u>	<u>30,355</u>

Note:

(1) Includes solution gas.

RESERVES CATEGORY	NET PRESENT VALUES OF FUTURE NET REVENUE BEFORE INCOME TAXES DISCOUNTED AT (%/YEAR)					UNIT VALUE BEFORE INCOME TAXES DISCOUNTED AT 10%/YEAR <sup>(1)</sup>
	0% (\$000s)	5% (\$000s)	10% (\$000s)	15% (\$000s)	20% (\$000s)	(\$/BOE)
PROVED:						
Developed Producing	5,822,492	4,202,460	3,283,422	2,712,914	2,327,036	17.01
Developed Non-Producing	88,805	61,651	46,537	36,865	30,124	20.20
Undeveloped	2,959,403	1,822,361	1,167,506	769,314	514,071	9.66
TOTAL PROVED	8,870,700	6,086,473	4,497,465	3,519,094	2,871,231	14.23
TOTAL PROBABLE	5,496,343	2,860,472	1,777,839	1,229,217	910,232	14.39
TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE	14,367,043	8,946,945	6,275,304	4,748,311	3,781,463	14.27

Note:

(1) Unit values are based on net reserve values.

RESERVES CATEGORY	NET PRESENT VALUES OF FUTURE NET REVENUE AFTER INCOME TAXES DISCOUNTED AT (%/year)				
	0% (\$000s)	5% (\$000s)	10% (\$000s)	15% (\$000s)	20% (\$000s)
PROVED:					
Developed Producing	5,130,457	3,800,898	3,022,565	2,531,545	2,195,015
Developed Non-Producing	64,710	44,887	33,930	26,954	22,110
Undeveloped	2,138,439	1,256,795	752,919	450,608	260,265
TOTAL PROVED	7,333,606	5,102,581	3,809,414	3,009,108	2,477,390
TOTAL PROBABLE	4,004,800	2,068,730	1,276,242	876,022	644,414
TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE	11,338,406	7,171,311	5,085,656	3,885,130	3,121,804

RESERVES CATEGORY	TOTAL FUTURE NET REVENUE (UNDISCOUNTED) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS							FUTURE NET REVENUE AFTER INCOME TAXES (\$000s)
	REVENUE <sup>(1)</sup> (\$000s)	ROYALTIES <sup>(2)</sup> (\$000s)	OPERATING COSTS (\$000s)	DEVELOP- MENT COSTS (\$000s)	ABANDON- MENT AND RECLAMATI ON COSTS <sup>(3)</sup> (\$000s)	FUTURE NET REVENUE BEFORE INCOME TAXES (\$000s)	INCOME TAXES (\$000s)	
TOTAL PROVED	25,723,355	4,480,525	8,077,745	3,401,014	893,372	8,870,700	1,537,095	7,333,606
TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE	36,570,018	6,477,374	10,834,898	3,966,556	924,147	14,367,043	3,028,638	11,338,406

Notes:

- (1) Includes all product revenues and other revenues as forecast.
- (2) Royalties include Crown, freehold and overriding royalties, mineral tax and Saskatchewan Corporation Capital Tax Surcharge.
- (3) For more information, see "Significant Factors or Uncertainties Affecting Reserves Data – Abandonment and Reclamation Costs".

**FUTURE NET REVENUE BY PRODUCT TYPE  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS**

PRODUCT TYPE	FUTURE NET REVENUE BEFORE INCOME TAXES (discounted at 10%/year) (\$000s)	UNIT VALUE <sup>(1)</sup>	
		(\$/Bbl)	(\$/Mcf)
TOTAL PROVED:			
Light and Medium Crude Oil <sup>(2)</sup>	4,478,682	18.24	
Conventional Natural Gas <sup>(3)</sup>	18,784		0.76
	4,497,465		
TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE			
Light and Medium Crude Oil <sup>(2)</sup>	6,248,270	18.91	
Conventional Natural Gas <sup>(3)</sup>	27,034		0.80
	6,275,304		

Notes:

- (1) Unit values are calculated using the 10% discount rate divided by the major product type net reserves for each group.
- (2) Includes solution gas and other associated by-products.
- (3) Includes by-products.

***Definitions and Notes to Reserves Data Tables***

In the tables set forth above in "Reserves Data (Forecast Prices and Costs)" and elsewhere in this Annual Information Form the following definitions and other notes are applicable:

1. "gross" means:
  - (a) in relation to our interest in production and reserves, our working interest (operating and non-operating) share before deduction of royalties and without including any of our royalty interests;
  - (b) in relation to wells, the total number of wells in which we have an interest; and
  - (c) in relation to properties, the total area of properties in which we have an interest.
2. "net" means:
  - (a) in relation to our interest in production and reserves, our working interest (operating and non-operating) share after deduction of royalties, plus our royalty interest in production or reserves;
  - (b) in relation to wells, the number of wells obtained by aggregating our working interest in each of our gross wells; and
  - (c) in relation to our interest in a property, the total area in which we have an interest multiplied by our working interest.

3. Definitions used for reserve categories are as follows:

***Reserve Categories***

Reserves are estimated remaining quantities of oil and natural gas and related substances anticipated to be recoverable from known accumulations, from a given date forward, based on:

- (a) analysis of drilling, geological, geophysical and engineering data;
- (b) the use of established technology; and
- (c) specified economic conditions (see the discussion of *Economic Assumptions* below).

Reserves are classified according to the degree of certainty associated with the estimates.

- (a) Proved reserves are those reserves that can be estimated with a high degree of certainty to be recoverable. It is likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the estimated proved reserves.
- (b) Probable reserves are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves. It is equally likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.

4. "economic assumptions" means the forecast prices and costs used in the estimate:

***Development and Production Status***

Each of the reserve categories (proved and probable) may be divided into developed and undeveloped categories:

- (a) Developed reserves are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from existing wells and installed facilities or, if facilities have not been installed, that would involve a low expenditure (for example, when compared to the cost of drilling a well) to put the reserves on production. The developed category may be subdivided into producing and non-producing:
  - (i) Developed producing reserves are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from completion intervals open at the time of the estimate. These reserves may be currently producing or, if shut-in, they must have previously been on production, and the date of resumption of production must be known with reasonable certainty; and
  - (ii) Developed non-producing reserves are those reserves that either have not been on production, or have previously been on production, but are shut-in, and the date of resumption of production is unknown.
- (b) Undeveloped reserves are those reserves expected to be recovered from known accumulations where a significant expenditure (for example, the cost of drilling a well) is required to render them capable of production. They must fully meet the requirements of the reserves classification (proved, probable) to which they are assigned.



### ***Levels of Certainty for Reported Reserves***

The qualitative certainty levels referred to in the definitions above are applicable to individual reserve entities (which refers to the lowest level at which reserves calculations are performed) and to reported reserves (which refers to the highest level sum of individual entity estimates for which reserves are presented). Reported reserves should target the following levels of certainty under a specific set of economic conditions:

- (a) at least a 90 percent probability that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed the estimated proved reserves; and
- (b) at least a 50 percent probability that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.

A quantitative measure of the certainty levels pertaining to estimates prepared for the various reserves categories is desirable to provide a clearer understanding of the associated risks and uncertainties. However, the majority of reserves estimates will be prepared using deterministic methods that do not provide a mathematically derived quantitative measure of probability. In principle, there should be no difference between estimates prepared using probabilistic or deterministic methods.

- 5. "**development costs**" means costs incurred to obtain access to reserves and to provide facilities for extracting, treating, gathering and/or storing the oil and natural gas from reserves. More specifically, development costs, including applicable operating costs of support equipment and facilities and other costs of development activities, are costs incurred to:
  - (a) gain access to and prepare well locations for drilling, including surveying well locations for the purpose of determining specific development drilling sites, clearing ground, draining, road building, and relocating public roads, natural gas lines and power lines to the extent necessary in developing the reserves;
  - (b) drill and equip development wells, development type stratigraphic test wells and service wells, including the costs of platforms and of well equipment such as casing, tubing, pumping equipment and wellhead assembly;
  - (c) acquire, construct and install production facilities such as flow lines, separators, treaters, heaters, manifolds, measuring devices and production storage tanks, natural gas cycling and processing plants, and central utility and waste disposal systems; and
  - (d) provide improved recovery systems.
- 6. "**development well**" means a well drilled inside the established limits of an oil and natural gas reservoir, or in close proximity to the edge of the reservoir, to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.
- 7. "**exploration costs**" means costs incurred in identifying areas that may warrant examination and in examining specific areas that are considered to have prospects that may contain oil and natural gas reserves, including costs of drilling exploratory wells and exploratory type stratigraphic test wells. Exploration costs may be incurred both before acquiring the related property and after acquiring the property. Exploration costs, which include applicable operating costs of support equipment and facilities and other costs of exploration activities, are:
  - (a) costs of topographical, geochemical, geological and geophysical studies, rights of access to properties to conduct those studies, and salaries and other expenses of geologists, geophysical crews and others conducting those studies;
  - (b) costs of carrying and retaining unproved properties, such as delay rentals, taxes (other than income and capital taxes) on properties, legal costs for title defence, and the maintenance of land and lease records;

- (c) dry hole contributions and bottom hole contributions;
  - (d) costs of drilling and equipping exploratory wells; and
  - (e) costs of drilling exploratory type stratigraphic test wells.
8. "**exploratory well**" means a well that is not a development well, a service well or a stratigraphic test well.
9. "**service well**" means a well drilled or completed for the purpose of supporting production in an existing field. Wells in this class are drilled for the following specific purposes: natural gas injection (natural gas, propane, butane or flue gas), water injection, steam injection, air injection, salt water disposal, water supply for injection, observation or injection for combustion.
10. "**forecast prices and costs**"
- These are future prices and costs that are:
- (a) generally acceptable as being a reasonable outlook of the future; and
  - (b) if and only to the extent that, there are fixed or presently determinable future prices or costs to which we are legally bound by a contractual or other obligation to supply a physical product, including those for an extension period of a contract that is likely to be extended, those prices or costs rather than the prices and costs referred to in paragraph (a).
11. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
12. The estimates of future net revenue presented in the tables above do not represent fair market value.
13. We did not have any heavy crude oil reserves during the year ended December 31, 2019. In addition, we do not have any synthetic oil or other products from non-conventional oil and gas.

#### ***Pricing Assumptions***

The forecast cost and price assumptions in this statement for our reserves assume primarily increases in wellhead selling prices and take into account inflation with respect to future operating and capital costs.

The forecast of prices, inflation and exchange rates provided in the table below were computed using the average of the forecasts ("**IQRE Average Forecast**") by McDaniel, GLJ Petroleum Consultants and Sproule Associates Limited, The IQRE Average Forecast is dated January 1, 2020. The inflation forecast was applied uniformly to prices beyond the forecast interval, and to all future costs.

Crude oil and natural gas benchmark reference pricing, inflation and exchange rates utilized in the McDaniel Report were as follows:

SUMMARY OF PRICING AND INFLATION RATE ASSUMPTIONS										
FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS <sup>(1)</sup>										
Year	OIL				NATURAL GAS		NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS		INFLATION RATES <sup>(2)</sup> %/Year	EXCHANGE RATE <sup>(3)</sup> (\$US/\$Cdn)
	WTI Cushing Oklahoma (\$US/Bbl)	Edmonton Par Price 40° API (\$Cdn/Bbl)	Hardisty Bow River 25° API (\$Cdn/Bbl)	Hardisty Heavy 12° API (\$Cdn/Bbl)	AECO Gas Price (\$Cdn/MMbtu)	Edmonton Propane (\$Cdn/Bbl)	Edmonton Butane (\$Cdn/Bbl)			
Forecast										
2020	61.00	72.64	58.43	51.23	2.04	26.36	42.10	-	0.760	
2021	63.75	76.06	63.00	56.11	2.32	29.80	47.03	1.7	0.770	
2022	66.18	78.35	64.99	57.72	2.62	32.94	50.66	2.0	0.785	
2023	67.91	80.71	66.91	59.45	2.71	34.00	52.21	2.0	0.785	
2024	69.48	82.64	68.65	61.09	2.81	34.88	53.48	2.0	0.785	
2025	71.07	84.60	70.41	62.75	2.89	35.78	54.77	2.0	0.785	
2026	72.68	86.57	72.20	64.43	2.96	36.69	56.07	2.0	0.785	
2027	74.24	88.49	73.91	66.04	3.03	37.57	57.32	2.0	0.785	
2028	75.73	90.31	75.53	67.55	3.09	38.41	58.50	2.0	0.785	
2029	77.24	92.17	77.18	69.08	3.16	39.26	59.71	2.0	0.785	
2030	78.79	94.01	78.72	70.46	3.23	40.04	60.90	2.0	0.785	
2031	80.36	95.89	80.29	71.87	3.29	40.85	62.12	2.0	0.785	
2032	81.97	97.81	81.90	73.31	3.36	41.66	63.36	2.0	0.785	
2033	83.61	99.76	83.54	74.78	3.43	42.50	64.63	2.0	0.785	
2034	85.28	101.76	85.21	76.27	3.49	43.35	65.92	2.0	0.785	
Thereafter	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	2.0	0.785	

Notes:

- (1) As at January 1, 2020.
- (2) Inflation rate for costs.
- (3) Exchange rate used to generate the benchmark reference prices in this table.

Weighted average historical prices realized by us for the year ended December 31, 2019, excluding price risk management activities, were \$66.11/Bbl for light and medium crude oil, \$1.95/Mcf for conventional natural gas, and \$20.58/Bbl for natural gas liquids.

## Reserves Reconciliation

	RECONCILIATION OF GROSS RESERVES BY PRODUCT TYPE FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS					
	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL			CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS <sup>(5)</sup>		
	PROVED (Mbbbls)	PROBABLE (Mbbbls)	PROVED PLUS PROBABLE (Mbbbls)	PROVED (MMcf)	PROBABLE (MMcf)	PROVED PLUS PROBABLE (MMcf)
<b>December 31, 2018</b>	281,532	103,230	384,762	302,617	130,140	432,757
Extensions & Improved Recovery <sup>(1)</sup>	15,839	12,231	28,071	42,507	55,809	98,316
Technical Revisions <sup>(2)</sup>	7,474	(13,969)	(6,495)	18,371	(4,682)	13,689
Discoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions <sup>(3)</sup>	45	15	60	44	15	59
Dispositions	(36)	(11)	(47)	-	-	-
Economic Factors <sup>(4)</sup>	(839)	(299)	(1,139)	(5,003)	(1,190)	(6,193)
Production	(20,226)	-	(20,226)	(24,382)	-	(24,382)
<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<u>283,789</u>	<u>101,197</u>	<u>384,986</u>	<u>334,154</u>	<u>180,091</u>	<u>514,244</u>

### Notes:

- (1) The extensions and improved recovery amount includes all new wells drilled and booked during the year and any reserves changes directly attributable to enhanced oil recovery activities.
- (2) The technical revisions amount includes all changes in reserves due to well performance and all previously booked wells which were drilled during the year.
- (3) The acquisitions amount is the estimate of reserves at December 31, 2019 plus any production from the acquisition dates to December 31, 2019.
- (4) The economic factors amount is the change in reserves due exclusively to a change in pricing.
- (5) Includes solution gas volumes.

	RECONCILIATION OF GROSS RESERVES BY PRODUCT TYPE FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS		
	PROVED (Mbbbls)	PROBABLE (Mbbbls)	PROVED PLUS PROBABLE (Mbbbls)
	<b>December 31, 2018</b>	21,999	9,790
Extensions & Improved Recovery <sup>(1)</sup>	1,995	3,210	5,205
Technical Revisions <sup>(2)</sup>	837	(18)	819
Discoveries	-	-	-
Acquisitions <sup>(3)</sup>	3	1	4
Dispositions	-	-	-
Economic Factors <sup>(4)</sup>	(167)	(46)	(213)
Production	(1,643)	-	(1,643)
<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<u>23,023</u>	<u>12,937</u>	<u>35,960</u>

### Notes:

- (1) The extensions and improved recovery amount includes all new wells drilled and booked during the year and any reserves changes directly attributable to enhanced oil recovery activities.
- (2) The technical revisions amount includes all changes in reserves due to well performance and all previously booked wells which were drilled during the year.
- (3) The acquisitions amount is the estimate of reserves at December 31, 2019 plus any production from the acquisition dates to December 31, 2019.
- (4) The economic factors amount is the change in reserves due exclusively to a change in pricing.

## Additional Information Relating to Reserves Data

### Undeveloped Reserves

Undeveloped reserves are attributed by McDaniel in accordance with standards and procedures contained in the COGE Handbook. Proved undeveloped reserves are those reserves that can be estimated with a high degree of certainty and are expected to be recovered from known accumulations where a significant expenditure is required to render them capable of production. Probable undeveloped reserves are those reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves and are expected to be recovered from known accumulations where a significant expenditure is required to render them capable of production.

### Proved Undeveloped Reserves

The following table discloses, for each product type, the volumes of proved undeveloped reserves that were attributed in each of the most recent three financial years.

TIMING OF INITIAL PROVED UNDEVELOPED RESERVES ASSIGNMENT							
GROSS RESERVES FIRST ATTRIBUTED BY YEAR							
YEAR	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL (Mbbbls)		CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS (MMcf)		NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS (Mbbbls)		
	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	
2017	36,138	94,774	18,302	110,844	1,434	7,624	
2018	13,072	97,615	19,435	114,552	1,806	8,879	
2019	13,083	101,575	35,387	142,938	1,703	9,776	

Proved undeveloped reserves have been assigned in areas where the reserves can be estimated with a high degree of certainty. In most instances, proved undeveloped reserves will be assigned on lands immediately offsetting existing producing wells within the same accumulation or pool. The McDaniel Report has assigned 135.2 MMboe of proved undeveloped reserves with \$2,613.3 million of associated undiscounted capital.

All of our proved undeveloped reserves are in our core areas where we are actively spending capital to develop those properties. As such, we expect that the large majority of our booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a three year time frame and that substantially all of our currently booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a five year time frame, other than undeveloped projects related to our Weyburn property which will be completed within an eight to ten year time frame, consistent with the long term development nature of miscible CO<sub>2</sub> floods. For more information, see "*Significant Factors or Uncertainties Affecting Reserves Data – Future Development Costs*". There are a number of factors that could result in delayed or cancelled development, including the following: (i) changing economic conditions (due to pricing, operating and capital expenditure fluctuations); (ii) changing technical conditions (including production anomalies, such as water breakthrough or accelerated depletion); (iii) multi-zone developments (for instance, a prospective formation completion may be delayed until the initial completion is no longer economic); (iv) a larger development program may need to be spread out over several years to optimize capital allocation and facility utilization; and (v) surface access issues (including those relating to land owners, weather conditions and regulatory approvals). For more information, see "*Risk Factors*".

### Probable Undeveloped Reserves

The following table discloses, for each product type, the volumes of probable undeveloped reserves that were first attributed in each of the most recent three financial years.

TIMING OF INITIAL PROBABLE UNDEVELOPED RESERVES ASSIGNMENT							
GROSS RESERVES FIRST ATTRIBUTED BY YEAR							
YEAR	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL (Mbbbls)		CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS (MMcf)		NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS (Mbbbls)		
	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	FIRST ATTRIBUTED	CUMULATIVE AT YEAR END	
2017	12,596	45,958	10,972	66,480	909	4,888	
2018	4,929	46,057	10,302	64,027	1,071	5,290	
2019	11,318	54,273	53,154	262,720	3,057	18,142	

Probable undeveloped reserves have been assigned in areas where the reserves can be estimated with less certainty. It is equally likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the proved plus probable reserves. In most instances probable undeveloped reserves have been assigned on lands in the area with existing producing wells but there is some uncertainty as to whether they are directly analogous to the producing accumulation or pool. The McDaniel Report has assigned 82.6 MMboe of probable undeveloped reserves with \$561.9 million of associated undiscounted capital.

All of our probable undeveloped reserves are in our core areas where we are actively spending capital to develop those properties. As such, we expect that the large majority of our booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a three year time frame and that substantially all of our currently booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a five year time frame consistent with our proved undeveloped reserves, other than undeveloped projects related to our Weyburn property which will be completed within an eight to ten year time frame, consistent with the long term development nature of miscible CO<sub>2</sub> floods.

### Significant Factors or Uncertainties Affecting Reserves Data

Changes in future commodity prices relative to the forecasts provided under "*Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Pricing Assumptions*" above could have a negative impact on our reserves and in particular the development of our undeveloped reserves unless future development costs are adjusted in parallel. Other than the foregoing and the factors disclosed or described in the tables above we do not anticipate any significant economic factors or significant uncertainties will affect any particular components of our reserves data. However, our reserves can be affected significantly by fluctuations in product pricing, capital expenditures, operating costs, royalty regimes, abandonment and reclamation costs and well performance that are beyond our control. See "*Risk Factors*".

### Abandonment and Reclamation Costs

In connection with our operations, we will incur abandonment and reclamation costs for surface leases, wells, facilities and pipelines. We budget for and recognize as a liability the estimated present value of the future decommissioning liabilities associated with our property, plant and equipment. Our overall abandonment and reclamation costs include all costs associated with the process of restoring a property that has been disturbed by oil and gas activities to the standard imposed by the applicable government or regulatory authorities. These costs were estimated using our experience conducting abandonment and reclamation programs. We review suspended or standing wells for reactivation, recompletion or sale and conduct systematic abandonment programs for those wells that do not meet our criteria. A portion of our liabilities are retired every year and facilities are decommissioned when all the wells producing to them have been abandoned. All of our liability reduction programs take into account seasonal access, high priority and stakeholder issues, and opportunities for multi-location programs to reduce costs. There are no unusually significant abandonment and reclamation costs associated with our properties with attributed reserves.

As at December 31, 2019 we had 7,614.5 net wells for which we expect to incur abandonment and reclamation costs. The McDaniel Report deducted \$924.1 million (undiscounted) and \$114.9 million (10% discount) for abandonment and reclamation costs for all of our facilities, pipelines and wells including those without reserves.

### **Future Development Costs**

The following table sets forth development costs deducted in the estimation of our future net revenue attributable to the reserve categories noted below.

YEAR	FORECAST PRICES AND COSTS	
	TOTAL PROVED RESERVES (\$000s)	TOTAL PROVED PLUS PROBABLE RESERVES (\$000s)
2020	310,312	337,325
2021	467,873	486,361
2022	570,917	650,445
2023	512,521	634,590
2024	532,365	648,252
Remaining	1,007,026	1,209,584
Total (Undiscounted)	3,401,014	3,966,556

We expect to fund the development costs of our reserves through a combination of internally generated funds flow and debt. There can be no guarantee that funds flow will be available or that our Board of Directors will allocate funding to develop all of the reserves attributed in the McDaniel Report. Failure to develop those reserves could have a negative impact on our future funds flow.

Interest or other costs of external funding are not included in our reserves and future net revenue estimates and would reduce reserves and future net revenue to some degree depending upon the funding sources utilized. We do not anticipate that interest or other funding costs would make development of any of our properties uneconomic.

### **Other Oil and Natural Gas Information**

#### **Principal Properties**

The following is a description of our principal oil and natural gas properties on production or under development as at December 31, 2019. Information in respect of current production is average production, net to our working interest, except where otherwise indicated.

#### *Northwest Alberta and British Columbia*

Our Deep Basin properties, which include Karr, Simonette, Kakwa, Elmworth and Wapiti, are located southwest of Grande Prairie, Alberta. The primary reservoirs being developed are the Cardium, Montney and Dunvegan which are all light sweet oil. All reservoirs are characterized by thick oil columns with significant oil in place per unit area. This area is being developed with horizontal multi-fracture wells, including extended reach horizontals and because of the large oil in place exhibit a lower decline profile

Our Boundary Lake property is located primarily in northeast British Columbia on the Alberta/British Columbia border, just east of Fort St. John, and is characterized by shallow declines and a predictable production base within an active waterflood. The key characteristics of this legacy oil pool are high working interest, operated, light oil and a consistent low decline over the past 30 years.

Our Valhalla North property is located in the Peace River Arch area of Alberta and is characterized by shallow declines and a predictable production base. The primary reservoir that we are currently focused on is the Montney Sexsmith oil pool and associated waterflood. The key characteristics of the pool are light 36° API oil, homogeneous reservoir quality and no original moveable water formation. Development to optimize the waterflood to maximize pool recovery is underway. Additional expansion opportunities in the emerging Charlie Lake and Montney Resource oil plays are also in our development plans.

#### *Southeast Saskatchewan*

Our Weyburn property is located in southeast Saskatchewan and includes a 62.1% operated working interest in the Weyburn Unit. The key characteristics of this asset are light gravity sour oil and the primary reservoirs being developed are the Midale and Frobisher. The Weyburn Unit has been in existence since the 1950's when it was discovered. Waterflood operations commenced in the 1960's with a world class CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery development commencing in 2000. There remains significant expansion opportunities to expand the Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub> flood, and further mitigate an already very low base decline rate and greenhouse gas ("GHG") emission intensity.

#### *Southwest Saskatchewan*

Our Southwest Saskatchewan suite of assets are concentrated just west of Swift Current and are characterized by predictable low base declines and medium gravity crude production. Multiple active waterfloods are sustaining the area as well as three established **ASP** floods with over 90% of production coming from enhanced recovery. Additional waterflood and ASP potential exists, and will be part of our ongoing development programs. The primary formations being targeted in the area are Atlas, Success, Roseray, and Shaunavon. These properties had not seen significant development prior to our activities, and we combine horizontal wells, multistage frac technology, and conventional production and enhanced oil recovery optimization efforts to maximize production and oil recovery from these pools.

#### *West Central Saskatchewan*

Our Lucky Hills, Whiteside, Kerrobert, and Eagle Lake areas are located in west central Saskatchewan. The primary reservoir that we are currently focused on developing is the Viking resource oil play. The key characteristics of this play is light 38° – 40° API oil, predictable geology and production profiles as well as consistent and repeatable economics. Lucky Hills and Whiteside are characterized by prolific horizontal primary oil development wells with quick payouts and a predictable high netback production profile. The Eagle Lake property is characterized by predictable low decline waterflood supported production from legacy vertical and horizontal infill wells. Additional development is ongoing through the drilling of infill horizontal wells and reactivation of the waterflood to increase reserve recoveries. Kerrobert is analogous to Eagle Lake with reservoir properties conducive to successful waterflooding. The Kerrobert waterflood is in its infancy of development, relative to Eagle Lake, and as a result has significant upside related to reserve recovery and decline stabilization.

#### *West Central Alberta*

Our Cardium producing areas are primarily located in the Pembina, Garrington, Ferrier and Willesden Green areas of West Central Alberta. The key characteristics of the Cardium in these areas are light 40° API oil with geology and oil resource mapping that is well defined with legacy vertical wells. There is no significant mobile formation water in the Cardium which results in predictable declines and production profiles. Several of these legacy pools are under active waterflood which has the impact of lowering pool declines and increasing the percentage of the oil in place which is recoverable. Performance of these waterfloods has been improving with optimization efforts.

Our Elnora producing property is located southeast of Red Deer, Alberta. The key characteristics of this property are light sweet 35° API oil, excellent reservoir quality, with a natural aquifer waterdrive, supplemented with water injection, which provides high netback production.



## Oil and Natural Gas Wells

The following table summarizes, as at December 31, 2019, our interests in producing wells and in non-producing wells.

	PRODUCING WELLS <sup>(1)</sup>				NON-PRODUCING WELLS <sup>(1)</sup>			
	OIL		NATURAL GAS		OIL		NATURAL GAS	
	GROSS	NET	GROSS	NET	GROSS	NET	GROSS	NET
Alberta	1,078	887.3	88	46.6	433	350.1	224	146.0
British Columbia	200	192.2	23	10.6	128	122.4	18	12.5
Saskatchewan	3,553	2,628.7	7	4.9	2,394	1,823.4	93	71.5
Total	4,831	3,708.2	118	62.0	2,955	2,295.9	335	230.0

Note:

- (1) Does not include injection wells or service wells.

## Developed and Undeveloped Lands

The following table sets out our developed and undeveloped land holdings as at December 31, 2019:

	UNDEVELOPED ACRES		DEVELOPED ACRES		TOTAL ACRES <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	
	GROSS	NET	GROSS	NET	GROSS	NET
Alberta	179,019	130,956	354,923	246,054	533,943	377,010
British Columbia	25,921	18,043	63,103	55,775	89,024	73,818
Saskatchewan	122,285	98,075	328,983	232,185	451,269	330,260
Total	327,226	247,074	747,010	534,014	1,074,236	781,089

Notes:

- (1) Includes our interest in approximately 77,291 gross (58,397 net) acres of unproved property land holdings. See "Properties with no Attributed Reserves" below.
- (2) Rights to explore, develop and exploit 29,210 gross (26,305 net) acres of our land holdings could expire by December 31, 2020 if not continued. We have no material work commitments on such properties and where we determine prudent to do so, we can extend expiring leases by either making the necessary applications to extend or performing the necessary work.
- (3) When determining gross and net acreage for two or more leases covering the same lands but different rights, the acreage is reported for each lease. Where there are multiple discontinuous rights in a single lease, the acreage is reported only once.

## Properties with no Attributed Reserves

The following table sets out our unproved properties as at December 31, 2019:

	GROSS ACRES	NET ACRES
Alberta	10,433	7,883
British Columbia	60,190	45,476
Saskatchewan	6,668	5,038
Total	77,291	58,397

Notes:

- (1) Approximately 6,899 gross (6,150 net) acres of these land holdings could expire by December 31, 2020.

### **Significant Factors or Uncertainties Relevant to Properties with no Attributed Reserves**

Our business model focuses on predictable and lower decline production with little to no capital allocated to the acquisition, exploration or development of our properties with no attributed reserves. We do not anticipate any significant economic factors or significant uncertainties will affect any particular components of our properties with no attributed reserves. However, our decision to develop our properties with no attributed reserves can be affected significantly by fluctuations in product pricing, capital expenditures, operating costs and royalty regimes, all of which are beyond our control. There are no unusually significant abandonment and reclamation costs with our properties with no attributed reserves. See "Significant Factors or Uncertainties Affecting Reserves Data – Abandonment and Reclamation Costs" and "Risk Factors".

### **Forward Contracts**

We are exposed to market risks resulting from fluctuations in commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates in the normal course of operations. A variety of derivative instruments are used by us to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices and foreign exchange rates. We are exposed to losses in the event of default by the counterparties to these derivative instruments. We manage this risk by diversifying our derivative portfolio amongst a number of financially sound counterparties.

We may use certain financial instruments to hedge exposure to commodity price fluctuations on a portion of our crude oil and natural gas production. For further information, see note 5 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. See "Risk Factors – Hedging".

### **Tax Horizon**

Based on estimated 2020 funds flow and capital expenditures, we do not expect to be cash taxable in 2020. We currently estimate that we will not become taxable until at least 2025, using forward benchmark prices in effect on the date of this Annual Information Form.

### **Costs Incurred**

The following table summarizes the costs incurred related to our activities for the year ended December 31, 2019:

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018</b>
	(\$000s)
Property acquisition costs:	
Proved properties	3,234
Unproved properties <sup>(1)</sup>	4,016
Exploration costs <sup>(2)</sup>	1,140
Development costs <sup>(3)</sup>	391,719
Other	7,884
Total	<u>407,993</u>

#### Notes:

- (1) Cost of land acquired and non-producing lease rentals on those lands.
- (2) Geological and geophysical capital expenditures and drilling costs for exploration wells.
- (3) Development costs include development drilling costs and equipping, tie-in and facility costs for all wells.

### Exploration and Development Activities

The following table sets forth the gross and net development wells in which we participated during the year ended December 31, 2019. We did not participate in any exploratory wells in 2019.

	DEVELOPMENT	
	GROSS	NET
Natural Gas	-	-
Light and Medium Crude Oil	185	159.9
Service Wells	8	6.4
Dry	-	-
Total	193	166.3

In 2020, we expect to drill approximately 28 oil wells in Alberta, 132 oil wells in Saskatchewan and 2 oil wells in British Columbia.

### Production Estimates

The following table sets out the volumes of our working interest production estimated for the year ended December 31, 2020, which is reflected in the estimate of future net revenue disclosed in the forecast price tables contained above under the subheading "Statement of Reserves Data and Other Oil and Natural Gas Information – Pricing Assumptions".

	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL (Bbls/d)	CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS (Mcf/d)	NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS (Bbls/d)	BOE (Boe/d)
Total Proved				
Northwest Alberta and British Columbia	11,250	30,985	1,693	18,107
Southeast Saskatchewan	13,804	6	498	14,303
Southwest Saskatchewan	13,904	1,575	-	14,167
West Central Alberta	8,714	28,677	1,569	15,062
West Central Saskatchewan	9,052	9,814	243	10,931
Other minor areas	38	-	-	38
Total	56,761	71,056	4,004	72,608
Total Proved plus Probable				
Northwest Alberta and British Columbia	12,183	33,359	1,867	19,610
Southeast Saskatchewan	14,076	7	533	14,610
Southwest Saskatchewan	14,718	1,693	-	15,000
West Central Alberta	9,137	29,700	1,622	15,709
West Central Saskatchewan	10,010	10,844	269	12,086
Other minor areas	40	-	-	40
Total	60,163	75,602	4,292	77,055

## Production History

The following table indicates our average daily production (including production from our major areas) for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL (Bbls/d)	CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS (Mcf/d)	NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS (Bbls/d)	BOE <sup>(1)</sup> (Boe/d)
Northwest Alberta and British Columbia	9,506	27,677	1,819	15,938
Southeast Saskatchewan	13,845	15	457	14,304
Southwest Saskatchewan	14,599	2,213	7	14,975
West Central Alberta	8,269	29,062	1,933	15,045
West Central Saskatchewan	9,180	7,856	288	10,777
Other minor areas	14	(22)	(1)	9
Total	55,413	66,801	4,503	71,050

Note:

(1) We did not produce any heavy oil during the year ended December 31, 2019.

The following table summarizes certain information in respect of our production, product prices received, royalties paid, production costs and resulting netback for the periods indicated below:

	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 2019				YEAR ENDED
	MARCH 31	JUNE 30	SEPTEMBER 30	DECEMBER 31	2019 DECEMBER 31
<b>Average Daily Production <sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (bbls/d)	55,199	55,155	53,245	58,044	55,413
Natural Gas Liquids (bbls/d)	4,386	4,417	4,399	4,805	4,503
Conventional Natural Gas (Mcf/d)	66,486	66,231	63,663	70,811	66,801
Combined (boe/d)	<u>70,666</u>	<u>70,611</u>	<u>68,255</u>	<u>74,651</u>	<u>71,050</u>
<b>Average Net Production Prices Received</b>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	63.60	71.40	65.07	64.42	66.11
Natural Gas Liquids (\$/bbl)	27.90	22.50	14.85	17.56	20.58
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2.72	1.22	1.12	2.68	1.95
Combined (\$/boe)	<u>53.97</u>	<u>58.32</u>	<u>52.76</u>	<u>53.76</u>	<u>54.70</u>
<b>Royalties Paid</b>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	11.48	13.99	12.85	11.22	12.36
Natural Gas Liquids (\$/bbl)	5.89	3.85	3.11	3.82	4.15
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	(0.01)	(0.22)	(0.19)	(0.10)	(0.13)
Combined (\$/boe)	<u>9.32</u>	<u>10.96</u>	<u>10.05</u>	<u>8.88</u>	<u>9.79</u>
<b>Production Costs <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup></b>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	17.37	17.09	17.26	16.65	17.08
Natural Gas Liquids (\$/bbl)	-	-	-	-	-
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.24
Combined (\$/boe)	<u>14.88</u>	<u>14.65</u>	<u>14.80</u>	<u>14.25</u>	<u>14.64</u>
<b>Resulting Netback Received</b>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	34.75	40.32	34.96	36.55	36.66
Natural Gas Liquids (\$/bbl)	22.01	18.65	11.74	13.74	16.43
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2.48	1.20	1.07	2.53	1.83
Combined (\$/boe)	<u>29.77</u>	<u>32.71</u>	<u>27.92</u>	<u>30.63</u>	<u>30.28</u>

Notes:

- (1) Before the deduction of royalties.
- (2) We did not produce any heavy oil during the year ended December 31, 2019.
- (3) Production costs are composed of direct costs incurred to operate both oil and gas wells. A number of assumptions are required to allocate these costs between product types.
- (4) Operating recoveries associated with operated properties are charged to production costs and accounted for as a reduction to general and administrative costs.
- (5) Production costs attributable to natural gas liquids have been included in the light and medium crude oil and conventional natural gas production cost amounts.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### Credit Facility

As at December 31, 2019, we had a \$1.175 billion credit facility with a syndicate of banks. The Credit Facility consists of a \$1.1 billion revolving syndicated facility and a \$75 million revolving operating facility, with a maturity date of May 31, 2023. Prior to any anniversary date, being May 31 of each year, we may request an extension of the then current maturity date, subject to approval by the banks. Following the granting of such extension, the term to maturity of the Credit Facility shall not exceed four years. The Credit Facility provides that advances may be made by way of direct advances, banker's acceptances or letters of credit/guarantees. The Credit Facility bears interest at the bank's prime lending or bankers' acceptance rates plus applicable margins. The applicable margin charged by the bank is dependent upon our debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization "EBITDA" ratio for the most recent quarter. The bankers' acceptances bear interest at the applicable banker's acceptance rate plus an explicit stamping fee based upon our debt to EBITDA ratio. The Credit Facility is secured by a floating charge debenture on our assets.

In the second quarter of 2018, as part of our annual credit facility review, the Credit Facility transitioned from a borrowing-based structure with lending capacity re-determined on a semi-annual basis, to a financial covenant-based structure with an extendible four-year term governed by our existing financial covenants.

The following table lists our financial covenants as at December 31, 2019:

Covenant Description	December 31 2019	
	Maximum Ratio	
Debt to EBITDA <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	4.00	1.59
	Minimum Ratio	
EBITDA to interest expense <sup>(1)</sup>	3.50	14.39

Notes:

- (1) The EBITDA used in the covenant calculation is adjusted for non-cash items, transaction costs and extraordinary and non-recurring items such as material acquisitions or dispositions.
- (2) The debt used in the covenant calculation includes bank indebtedness, letters of credit, and dividends declared.

As of December 31, 2019, we were compliant with all covenants provided for in the lending agreement. Copies of our credit agreements may be accessed through our SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facility, we are permitted to pay dividends provided that, if at both the date of declaration and payment of any such dividend, no default has occurred which has not been cured or waived and no default or event of default could reasonably be expected to be caused by or result from such declaration or payment.

### Senior Secured Notes

We issued by way of private placement: (a) \$200 million in senior secured notes on January 5, 2017 which are repayable on January 5, 2022 and have an annual coupon rate of 3.46%; (b) \$200 million in senior secured notes on May 31, 2017 which are repayable on May 31, 2024 and have an annual coupon rate of 3.54%; and (c) \$195 million in senior secured notes on December 20, 2017 which are repayable on December 20, 2026 and have an annual coupon rate of 3.90%. The significant covenants under the Senior Secured Notes are the same as those under the Credit Facility, see "*Description of our Capital Structure – Credit Facility*".

## Share Capital

The following is a description of the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to our share capital.

### Common Shares

We are authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares without nominal or par value. Subject to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), holders of our Common Shares are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of our Shareholders. Subject to the rights of the holders of preferred shares and any other shares having priority over the Common Shares, holders of Common Shares are entitled to dividends if, as and when declared by our Board of Directors and upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up to receive, our remaining property.

### Preferred Shares

We are authorized to issue an unlimited number of preferred shares without nominal or par value. Our Board of Directors may issue preferred shares at any time and from time to time in one or more series and shall fix the number of preferred shares in such series and determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the preferred shares. The preferred shares shall be entitled to priority over our Common Shares and over any other of our shares ranking junior to the preferred shares with respect to priority in the payment of dividends if, as and when declared by our Board of Directors and the receipt of our remaining property upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. There are currently no preferred shares issued or outstanding.

## MARKET FOR SECURITIES

### Trading Price and Volume

Our Common Shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "WCP". The following sets out the high and low trading prices and aggregate volume of trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the periods noted below for the Common Shares:

PERIOD	HIGH (\$)	LOW (\$)	VOLUME
<b>2019</b>			
January	4.85	4.12	50,793,375
February	5.14	4.15	43,011,931
March	4.95	4.15	43,522,622
April	5.98	4.59	68,012,223
May	5.40	4.47	51,048,301
June	4.59	3.99	59,608,943
July	4.52	3.85	39,067,867
August	4.21	3.41	46,548,337
September	5.07	3.52	63,399,392
October	4.66	3.62	48,715,674
November	4.30	3.69	41,913,939
December	5.71	3.97	50,893,540
<b>2020</b>			
January	5.69	4.66	51,639,997
February (1 – 26)	4.95	4.15	31,856,699

## Prior Sales

During the year ended December 31, 2019 we issued a total of 2,735,211 share awards pursuant to our share award plan. On the payment date of such awards we have the sole discretion as to whether the awards shall be paid in cash, Common Shares from treasury or Common Shares purchased on the Toronto Stock Exchange. See note 15(d) of our annual consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The names, municipalities of residence, any offices held with us, the period served as a director and principal occupations of our directors and officers are set out below.

NAME AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE	POSITION WITH WHITECAP	DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION
<b>Heather J. Culbert</b> <sup>(3)(5)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	May 2017	Independent businesswoman and active philanthropist currently serving as the Vice Chair of Export Development Canada (EDC), Board Chair of the Alberta Research and Innovation Advisory Committee (ARIAC), Founder of Women on Boards (Calgary), Board Chair of the United Way World Leadership Council and on the Strategic Advisory Board of the Charbonneau Cancer Research Institute. Ms. Culbert is also a member of the She Leads Economic Council of Alberta. From 1996 to 2006 Ms. Culbert was the Senior Vice President of Corporate Services with Enerplus Corporation. Prior thereto, she held senior management positions at Cody Energy, Suncor Energy and her own IT management consulting firm.
<b>Grant B. Fagerheim</b> <sup>(4)(5)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	June 2008	Our President and Chief Executive Officer.
<b>Gregory S. Fletcher</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	September 2010	President of Sierra Energy Inc., a private oil and gas production company.
<b>Daryl H. Gilbert</b> <sup>(2)(4)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	July 2015	Director and Investment Committee Member of JOG Capital Inc. since May 2008, a private equity energy investment firm. Prior thereto, from January 2005 to May 2008, independent businessman. Prior thereto, from 1994 to 2005, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gilbert Laustsen Jung Associates Ltd., now GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd., an independent engineering consulting firm.



NAME AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE	POSITION WITH WHITECAP	DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION
<b>Glenn A. McNamara</b> <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	September 2010	President and Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Resources LP, a wholly owned oil and gas business of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Prior thereto he was the Chief Executive Officer and a director of PMI Resources Ltd. (formerly, Petromanas Energy Inc.), a public oil and gas company from September 2010 to May 2016. From August 2005 to August 2010, Mr. McNamara was the President of BG Canada (part of the BG Group PLC, a public gas company with its head office in the United Kingdom, trading on the London Stock Exchange). Prior thereto he was the President of ExxonMobil Canada Energy (a wholly-owned subsidiary of ExxonMobil).
<b>Stephen C. Nikiforuk</b> <sup>(1)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	August 2009	Controller of Loram 99 Corporation (a private company) since November, 2019; President of MyOwnCFO Professional Corporation & MyOwnCFO Inc. from July 2009 to November 2019 (both private companies); Corporate Business Manager of 1173373 Alberta Ltd. (a private company) from July 2009 to July 2011; Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Cadence Energy Inc. (formerly, Kereco Energy Ltd.), a public oil and gas company, from January 2005 to March 2008.
<b>Kenneth S. Stickland</b> <sup>(1)(3)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Chairman	June 2013	Independent businessman. Prior thereto, he was Chief Business Development Officer of TransAlta Corporation, a publicly traded electricity generating and marketing company from December 2012 to February 2014; September 2011 to December 2012, Chief Legal and Business Development Officer of TransAlta Corporation; May 2009 to September 2011 Chief Legal Officer of TransAlta Corporation.
<b>Bradley J. Wall</b> <sup>(4)(5)</sup> Swift Current, SK	Director	July 2019	Special advisor at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, a trustee on Avenue Living Core Trust and an Advisory Board member of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. Prior thereto, he was the Premier of Saskatchewan from November 2007 until February 2018. Mr. Wall also sits on the board of directors of Maxim Power Corp., NexGen Energy Ltd. and Canshale Corp. (a private company).
<b>Grant A. Zawalsky</b> <sup>(4)(5)</sup> Calgary Alberta	Director	June 2008	Managing Partner of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP, (Barristers and Solicitors) where he has been a partner since 1994.
<b>Joel M. Armstrong</b> Calgary, Alberta	Vice President, Production and Operations	May 2010	Our Vice President, Production and Operations.
<b>Andrew Bullock</b> Calgary, Alberta	Vice President, Exploration and Geosciences	June 2019	Our Vice President, Exploration and Geosciences; Our Vice President Geosciences since August 2016; Our Manager Development Geology since January 2015.
<b>Darin R. Dunlop</b> Strathmore, Alberta	Vice President, Engineering	November 2009	Our Vice President, Engineering.

NAME AND MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE	POSITION WITH WHITECAP	DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION
<b>Thanh C. Kang</b> Calgary, Alberta	Chief Financial Officer	September 2009	Our Chief Financial Officer.
<b>P. Gary Lebsack</b> Calgary, Alberta	Vice President, Land	September 2009	Our Vice President, Land.
<b>David M. Mombourquette</b> Calgary, Alberta	Vice President, Business Development & IT	September 2009	Our Vice President, Business Development and IT.
<b>Jeffery B. Zdunich</b> Calgary, Alberta	Vice President, Finance and Controller	January 2015	Our Vice President, Finance and Controller since January 2015; Our Controller since March 2011.

Notes:

- (1) Member of our Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of our Reserves Committee.
- (3) Member of our Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee.
- (4) Member of our Health, Safety & Environment Committee.
- (5) Member of our Sustainability & Advocacy Committee.

The term of office of each of our directors expires at the next annual meeting of our Shareholders.

As at February 26, 2020 our directors and executive officers, as a group, beneficially owned, or directed or controlled, directly or indirectly, 7.4 million Common Shares or approximately 1.8% of our issued and outstanding Common Shares.

#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies or Penalties or Sanctions

Other than as set out below and to our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers (nor any personal holding company of any of such persons) is, as of the date of this Annual Information Form, or was within ten years before the date of this Annual Information Form, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including us), that was subject to a cease trade order (including a management cease trade order), an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, in each case that was in effect for a period of more than thirty consecutive days (collectively, an “**Order**”) that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or was subject to an Order that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

To our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers (nor any personal holding company of any of such persons), or Shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of us is, as of the date of this Annual Information Form, or has been within the ten years before the date of this Annual Information Form, a director or executive officer of any company (including us) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets other than described below.

Mr. Nikiforuk was a director of CYGAM Energy Inc., a junior public oil and gas company, which filed a voluntary assignment in bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) in April 2015. Mr. Gilbert was a director of LGX Oil and Gas Inc. (“**LGX**”), a public oil and gas company, from August, 2013 until June 2016. On June 7, 2016 a consent receivership order was granted by the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench (the “**Court**”) upon an application by LGX’s senior lender. LGX’s stock was cease traded shortly thereafter. A receiver manager was appointed. Mr. Gilbert was a director of Connacher Oil & Gas Limited (“**Connacher**”) from October 2014 until February 2019. On May 17, 2016, Connacher applied for and was granted protection from its creditors by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta pursuant to the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) (“**CCAA**”). On February 16, 2019 Connacher announced that it was proceeding to close on a credit bid transaction with its supporting lenders. Mr. Gilbert was a director of Trident Exploration Corp. (“**Trident**”) from 2010 through year end 2018. On April 30, 2019 Trident announced it had ceased operations and had transferred all assets to the Alberta Energy Regulator. On May 3rd, 2019, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP was appointed receiver. A liquidation process is currently underway. Mr. Stickland was a director of Millennium Stimulation Services Ltd. (“**Millennium**”) a private energy services company from May 3, 2012 to March 23, 2016. On March 24, 2016, the Court issued an order appointing KPMG Inc. as receiver and manager over Millennium’s assets, undertakings and other properties. Mr. Zawalsky was a director of Endurance Energy Ltd. (“**Endurance**”), a private natural gas company. Endurance filed for creditor protection under the CCAA on May 30, 2016. Mr. Zawalsky resigned as a director of Endurance on November 3, 2016 upon the sale of substantially all of the assets of Endurance.

To our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers (nor any personal holding company of any of such persons), or Shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of us is, has, within the ten years before the date of this Annual Information Form, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or Shareholder.

To our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers (nor any personal holding company of any of such persons), or Shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of us, has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority or any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Our directors and officers may, from time to time, be involved with the business and operations of other oil and natural gas issuers, in which case a conflict may arise. See “*Risk Factors*”.

Circumstances may arise where members of our Board of Directors serve as directors or officers of corporations which are in competition to our interests. No assurances can be given that opportunities identified by such board members will be provided to us.

The *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) (the “**ABCA**”) provides that in the event a director has an interest in a contract or proposed contract or agreement, the director shall disclose his interest in such contract or agreement and shall refrain from voting on any matter in respect of such contract or agreement unless otherwise provided under the ABCA. To the extent that conflicts of interests arise, such conflicts will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the ABCA.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### Audit Committee Charter

The full text of our Audit Committee charter is included in Appendix C of this Annual Information Form.

### Composition of the Audit Committee

The members of our Audit Committee are Mr. Nikiforuk (Chair), Mr. Stickland and Mr. Fletcher, each of whom is independent and financially literate. We have adopted the definition of “independence” as set out in Section 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees*. The relevant education and experience of each Audit Committee member is outlined below:

#### ***Stephen C. Nikiforuk: Loram 99 Corporation***

Mr. Nikiforuk became the Controller of Loram 99 Corporation (a private company) in November, 2019. Prior thereto he was the President of MyOwnCFO Professional Corporation and MyOwnCFO Inc. from July 2009 to November 2019, both private companies. Before then, Mr. Nikiforuk was the Corporate Business Manager of 1173373 Alberta Ltd. (a private company) from July 2009 to July 2011 and the Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Cadence Energy Inc. (formerly, Kereco Energy Ltd.) a public oil and gas company, from January 2005 to March 2008.

Mr. Nikiforuk holds a B.B.A. with an accounting major from Saint Francis Xavier University. Mr. Nikiforuk is an active Chartered Professional Accountant, CA and in 2013 completed the Directors Education Program developed by the Institute of Corporate Directors and holds their ICD.D designation. In June 2016, Mr. Nikiforuk also obtained the Family Enterprise Advisor designation.

Mr. Nikiforuk is also a director of CanAir Nitrogen Inc., a private company that supplies the oil and gas industry in Alberta and British Columbia with cryogenic liquid nitrogen, and InPlay Oil Corp., a public light oil production and development company, and serves as both Lead Director and Audit Committee Chair for InPlay Oil Corp.

#### ***Kenneth S. Stickland: Independent Businessman***

Mr. Stickland is an independent businessman. Prior to February 1, 2014, he was employed for 13 years by TransAlta Corporation, one of Canada’s largest non-regulated power generation and wholesale marketing companies. At TransAlta he held the position of Chief Business Development Officer and prior to that was the Chief Legal and Business Development Officer and prior to that Chief Legal Officer. Prior thereto, Mr. Stickland was a partner with the Calgary based law firm of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP and has over 30 years of experience in the area of commercial law with a specific focus on energy-related matters. Mr. Stickland has been the director of various associations and not-for-profit organizations. He has also been the director of several publicly listed companies. In these roles, Mr. Stickland has acquired significant experience and exposure to accounting and financial reporting issues.

#### ***Gregory S. Fletcher: Sierra Energy Inc.***

Mr. Fletcher is an independent businessman involved in the oil and natural gas industry in western Canada. He is currently President of Sierra Energy Inc., a private oil and natural gas production company that he founded in 1997. Mr. Fletcher is also a director of Peyto Exploration & Development Corp., a public oil and natural gas company and a director of Calfrac Well Services Ltd., a public oilfield service company. In these roles, Mr. Fletcher has acquired significant experience and exposure to accounting and financial reporting issues. During 2009, Mr. Fletcher completed the Director Education Program developed by the Institute of Corporate Directors and the Rotman School of Management in conjunction with the Haskayne School of Business. Mr. Fletcher holds a BSc. in geology from the University of Calgary.

## Pre-Approval of Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee has adopted a policy to review and pre-approve any non-audit services to be provided to us by our external auditors and will consider the impact on the independence of such auditors. The Audit Committee delegated to the Audit Chair the authority to pre-approve non-audit services, provided that the Chair reports to the Audit Committee at the next scheduled meeting such pre-approval and the Chair complies with such other procedures as may be established by our Audit Committee from time to time.

## External Auditor Service Fees

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are our auditors. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have been our auditors since October 2009. Fees we incurred with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for audit and non-audit services in the last two fiscal years are outlined in the following table.

YEAR	AUDIT FEES <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	AUDIT-RELATED FEES <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	TAX FEES <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	ALL OTHER FEES <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)
2018	335,000	35,000	50,000	61,000
2019	335,000	16,700	52,500	61,000

Notes:

- (1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of our consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported as audit fees. Services provided in this category include due diligence assistance, and accounting consultations on proposed transactions.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.
- (4) "All Other Fees" includes all other non-audit services, including review and consultations relating to debt agreements, filing statements, business acquisition reports, and prospectuses as well as French translation of filing documents.

## Reliance on Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year have we relied on any of the exemptions contained in National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* with respect to independence or composition of our Audit Committee.

## Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since commencement to the most recently completed financial year has a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not been adopted by our Board of Directors.

## DIVIDEND POLICY

### Dividends and Dividend Policy

Cash dividends are made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (or if such date is not a business day, on the next business day) following the end of each calendar month to Shareholders of record on the last business day of each such calendar month or such other date as determined from time to time by us. Unless otherwise specified, all dividends paid or to be paid by us are designated as "eligible dividends" under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Tax Act").

The following monthly cash dividends on our Common Shares were declared by us for the periods indicated below:

DATE RANGE	CASH DIVIDEND PER COMMON SHARE
May 2019 to February, 2020	\$0.0285
June 2018 to April 2019	\$0.0270
January 2018 to May 2018	\$0.0257
December 2017	\$0.0245
January 2017 to November 2017	\$0.0233

We carefully monitor the impact of all issues affecting our business and, the necessity to adjust our monthly dividends and our capital programs as conditions evolve. Dividends will normally be pre-approved on a quarterly basis in the context of prevailing and anticipated commodity prices and reconfirmed when declared. During periods of volatile commodity prices, we may vary the dividend rate monthly. See *“General Development of our Business – Developments in 2017”*, *“General Development of our Business – Developments in 2018”* and *“General Development of our Business – Developments in 2019”*.

Our long term objective is to set our dividend policy at prudent levels while withholding sufficient funds to finance capital expenditures required to grow our current production base. This in turn, is expected to provide a stronger base of funds flow leading to consistent dividends into the future. Our dividend policy is reviewed monthly and is based on a number of factors including current and future commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, our commodity hedging program, current operations and available investment opportunities.

Our Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends in certain circumstances. In addition, the payment of dividends by a corporation is governed by the liquidity and insolvency tests described in the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta). Pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), after the payment of a dividend, we must be able to pay our liabilities as they become due and the realizable value of our assets must be greater than our liabilities and the legal stated capital of our outstanding securities.

**Cash dividends are not guaranteed. Our historical cash dividends may not be reflective of future cash dividends, which will be subject to review by our Board of Directors taking into account our prevailing financial circumstances at the relevant time. Although we intend to make dividends of our available cash to Shareholders, these cash dividends may be reduced or suspended. The actual amount distributed will depend on numerous factors and conditions existing from time to time, including fluctuations in commodity prices, production levels, capital expenditure requirements, debt service requirements, operating costs, royalty burdens, foreign exchange rates and the satisfaction of solvency tests imposed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) for the declaration and payment of dividends, applicable law and other factors beyond our control. See *“Risk Factors – Dividends”*.**

## INDUSTRY CONDITIONS

Companies carrying on business in the crude oil and natural gas sector in Canada are subject to extensive controls and regulations imposed through legislation of the federal government and the provincial governments in the jurisdictions where the companies have assets or operations. While such regulations do not affect our operations in any manner that is materially different than the manner in which they affect other similarly-sized industry participants with similar assets and operations, investors should consider such regulations carefully. Although laws and regulations are a matter of public record, we are unable to predict what additional laws, regulations or amendments governments may enact in the future.

We hold interests in crude oil and natural gas properties, along with related assets, primarily in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Our assets and operations are regulated by administrative agencies deriving authority from underlying legislation enacted by the applicable level of government. Regulated aspects of our upstream crude oil and natural gas business include all manner of activities associated with the exploration for and production of crude oil and natural gas, including, among other matters: (i) permits for the drilling of wells; (ii) technical drilling and well requirements; (iii) permitted locations and access of operation sites; (iv) operating standards regarding conservation of

produced substances and avoidance of waste, such as restricting flaring and venting; (v) minimizing environmental impacts; (vi) storage, injection and disposal of substances associated with production operations; and (vii) the abandonment and reclamation of impacted sites. In order to conduct crude oil and natural gas operations and remain in good standing with the applicable federal or provincial regulatory scheme, producers must comply with applicable legislation, regulations, orders, directives and other directions (all of which are subject to governmental oversight, review and revision, from time to time). Compliance in this regard can be costly and a breach of the same may result in fines or other sanctions. The discussion below outlines certain pertinent conditions and regulations that impact the crude oil and natural gas industry in Western Canada.

## Pricing and Marketing in Canada

### Crude Oil

Producers of crude oil are entitled to negotiate sales contracts directly with crude oil purchasers. As a result, macroeconomic and microeconomic market forces determine the price of crude oil. Worldwide supply and demand factors are the primary determinant of crude oil prices; however, regional market and transportation issues also influence prices. The specific price depends, in part, on crude oil quality, prices of competing fuels, distance to market, availability of transportation, value of refined products, supply/demand balance and contractual terms of sale.

### Natural Gas

Negotiations between buyers and sellers determines the price of natural gas sold in intra-provincial, interprovincial and international trade. The price received by a natural gas producer depends, in part, on the price of competing natural gas supplies and other fuels, natural gas quality, distance to market, availability of transportation, length of contract term, weather conditions, supply/demand balance and other contractual terms. Spot and future prices can also be influenced by supply and demand fundamentals on various trading platforms.

### Natural Gas Liquids

The pricing of condensates and other NGLs such as ethane, butane and propane sold in intra-provincial, interprovincial and international trade is determined by negotiation between buyers and sellers. Such prices depend, in part, on the quality of the NGLs, price of competing chemical stock, distance to market, access to downstream transportation, length of contract term, supply/demand balance and other contractual terms.

## Exports from Canada

On August 28, 2019, Bill C-69 came into force, replacing, among other things, the *National Energy Board Act* (the "**NEB Act**") with the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (Canada) (the "**CERA**"), and replacing the National Energy Board (the "**NEB**") with the Canadian Energy Regulator ("**CER**"). The CER has assumed the NEB's responsibilities broadly, including with respect to the export of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs from Canada. The legislative regime relating to exports of crude oil, natural gas and NGL from Canada has not changed substantively under the new regime.

Exports of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs from Canada are subject to the CERA and remain subject to the *National Energy Board Act Part VI (Oil and Gas) Regulation* (the "**Part VI Regulation**"). While the Part VI Regulation was enacted under the NEB Act, it will remain in effect until 2022, or until new regulations are made under the CERA. The CERA and the Part VI Regulation authorize crude oil, natural gas and NGLs exports under either short-term orders or long-term licences. For natural gas, the maximum duration of an export licence is 40 years; for crude oil and other gas substances (e.g. NGLs), the maximum term is 25 years. To obtain a crude oil export licence, a mandatory public hearing with the CER is required; however, there is no public hearing requirement for the export of natural gas and NGLs. Instead, the CER will continue to apply the NEB's written process that includes a public comment period for impacted persons. Following the comment period, the CER completes its assessment of the application and either approves or denies the application. The CER can approve an application if it is satisfied that proposed export volumes are not greater than Canada's reasonably foreseeable

needs, and if the proposed exporter is in compliance with the CERA and all associated regulations and orders made under the CERA. Following the CER's approval of an export licence, the federal Minister of Natural Resources is mandated to give his or her final approval. While the Part VI Regulation remains in effect, approval of the cabinet of the Canadian federal government ("**Cabinet**") is also required. The discretion of the Minister of Natural Resources and Cabinet will be framed by the Minister of Natural Resources' mandate to implement the CERA safely and efficiently, as well as the purpose of the CERA, to effect "oil and natural gas exploration and exploitation in a manner that is safe and secure and that protects people, property and the environment".

The CER also has jurisdiction to issue orders that provide a short-term alternative to export licences. Orders may be issued more expediently, since they do not require a public hearing or approval from the Minister of Natural Resources or Cabinet. Orders are issued pursuant to the Part VI Regulation for up to one or two years depending on the substance, with the exception of natural gas (other than NGLs) for which an order may be issued for up to twenty years for quantities not exceeding 30,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

As to price, exporters are free to negotiate prices and other terms with purchasers, provided that the export contracts continue to meet certain criteria prescribed by the CER and the federal government. We do not directly enter into contracts to export our production outside of Canada.

As discussed in more detail below, one major constraint to the export of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs outside of Canada is the deficit of overall pipeline and other transportation capacity to transport production from Western Canada to the United States and other international markets. Although certain pipeline and other transportation projects are underway, many contemplated projects have been cancelled or delayed due to regulatory hurdles, court challenges and economic and other socio-political factors. Major pipeline and other transportation infrastructure projects typically require a significant length of time to complete once all regulatory and other hurdles have been cleared. In addition, production of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs in Canada is expected to continue to increase, which may further exacerbate the transportation capacity deficit.

## **Transportation Constraints and Market Access**

### ***Pipelines***

Under the Canadian constitution, interprovincial and international pipelines fall within the federal government's jurisdiction and require a regulatory review and approval by Cabinet. However, recent years have seen a perceived lack of policy and regulatory certainty at a federal level. The federal government amended the federal approval process with the CER, which aims to create efficiencies in the project approval process while upholding stringent environmental and regulatory standards. However, as the CER has not yet undertaken a major project approval, it is unclear how the new regulator operates compared to the NEB and whether it will result in a more efficient approval process. Lack of regulatory certainty is likely to influence investment decisions for major projects. Even when projects are approved on a federal level, such projects often face further delays due to interference by provincial and municipal governments. Additional delays causing further uncertainty result from legal opposition related to issues such as Indigenous rights and title, the government's duty to consult and accommodate Indigenous peoples, and the sufficiency of all relevant environmental review processes. Export pipelines from Canada to the United States face additional unpredictability as such pipelines require approvals of several levels of government in the United States.

In the face of such regulatory uncertainty, the Canadian crude oil and natural gas industry has experienced significant difficulty expanding the existing network of transportation infrastructure for crude oil, natural gas and NGLs, including pipelines, rail, trucks and marine transport. Improved access to global markets through the Midwest United States and export shipping terminals on the west coast of Canada could help to alleviate downward pressure on commodity prices. Several proposals have been announced to increase pipeline capacity from Western Canada to Eastern Canada, the United States, and other international markets via export terminals. While certain projects are proceeding, the regulatory approval process and other factors related to transportation and export infrastructure have led to the delay, suspension or cancellation of a number of pipeline projects.



With respect to the current state of the transportation and exportation of crude oil from Western Canada to domestic and international markets, the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement from Hardisty, Alberta, to Superior, Wisconsin, formerly expected to be in-service in late 2019, continues to experience permitting difficulties in the United States and is now expected to be in-service in the latter half of 2020. The Canadian portion of the replaced pipeline began commercial operation on December 1, 2019.

The Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion received Cabinet approval in November 2016. Following a period of sustained political opposition in British Columbia, the federal government purchased the Trans Mountain Pipeline from Kinder Morgan Cochin ULC in August 2018. However, the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion experienced a setback when, in August 2018, the Federal Court of Appeal identified deficiencies in the NEB's environmental assessment and the Government's Indigenous consultations. The Court quashed the accompanying certificate of public convenience and necessity and directed Cabinet to correct these deficiencies. On June 18, 2019, Cabinet re-approved the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion and directed the NEB to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the project. Ongoing opposition by Indigenous groups continues to affect the progress of the Trans Mountain Pipeline. Along with its approval of the expansion, the federal government also announced the launch of the first step of a multi-step process of engagement with Indigenous groups for potential Indigenous economic participation in the pipeline. Following a public comment period initiated after the approval, the NEB ruled that NEB decisions and orders issued prior to the Federal Court of Appeal decision quashing the original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity will remain valid unless the CER (having replaced the NEB) decides that relevant circumstances have materially changed, such that there is a doubt as to the correctness of a particular decision or order. Construction commenced on the Trans Mountain Pipeline in late 2019, and is proceeding concurrently alongside CER hearings with landowners and affected communities to determine the final route for the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

In December 2019, the Federal Court of Appeal heard a judicial review application brought by six Indigenous applicants challenging the adequacy of the federal government's further consultation on the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion. Two First Nations subsequently withdrew from the litigation after reaching a deal with Trans Mountain. On February 4, 2020, the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the remaining four appellants' applications for judicial review, upholding Cabinet's second approval of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion from June 2019.

In addition, on April 25, 2018, the British Columbia Government submitted a reference question to the British Columbia Court of Appeal, seeking to determine whether it has the constitutional jurisdiction to amend the *Environmental Management Act* (the "**BC EMA**") to impose a permitting requirement on carriers of heavy crude within British Columbia. The British Columbia Court of Appeal answered the reference question unanimously in the negative, and on January 16, 2020, the Supreme Court of Canada heard the Attorney General of British Columbia's appeal. The Supreme Court of Canada unanimously dismissed the appeal and adopted the reasons of the British Columbia Court of Appeal. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – British Columbia*".

While it was expected that construction on the Keystone XL Pipeline, owned by the Canadian company TC Energy Corporation ("**TC Energy**") would commence in the first half of 2019, pre-construction work was halted in late 2018 when a United States Federal Court Judge determined the underlying environmental review was inadequate. The United States Department of State issued its final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement in late 2019, and in January 2020, the United States Government announced its approval of a right-of-way that would allow the Keystone XL Pipeline to cross 74 kilometers of federal land. TC Energy announced in January 2020 that it plans to begin mobilizing heavy equipment for pre-construction work in February 2020, and that work on pipeline segments in Montana and South Dakota will begin in August 2020. Nevertheless, the Keystone XL pipeline remains subject to legal and regulatory barriers. In December 2019, a federal judge in Montana rejected the United States Government's request to dismiss a lawsuit by Native American tribes attempting to block required pipeline permits. The tribes claim that a permit issued in March 2019 would allow the pipeline to disturb cultural sites and water supplies in violation of tribal laws and treaties. Furthermore, the 1.9-kilometer long segment of the pipeline that will cross the Canada-United States Border remains dependant on the receipt of a grant of right-of-way and temporary use permit from the United States Bureau of Land Management and other related federal land authorizations.

## **Marine Tankers**

Bill C-48 received royal assent on June 21, 2019, enacting the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act*, which imposes a ban on tanker traffic transporting certain crude oil and NGLs products in excess of 12,500 metric tonnes to or from British Columbia's north coast. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Federal*".

## **Crude Oil and Bitumen by Rail**

On February 19, 2019, the Government of Alberta announced that it would lease 4,400 rail cars capable of transporting 120,000 bbls/d of crude oil out of the province to help alleviate the high price differential plaguing Canadian oil prices. The Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission would purchase crude oil from producers and market it, using the expanded rail capacity to transport the marketed oil to purchasers. However, in the spring of 2019, the Government of Alberta indicated that the rail program will be cancelled by assigning the transportation contracts to industry proponents; however, nothing has been publicly announced indicating the fate of the program, or whether any of the contracts have been assigned to industry proponents.

In February 2020, the federal government announced that trains hauling more than 20 cars carrying crude oil or diluted bitumen, would be subject to reduced speed limits, following two derailments that led to fires and oil spills in Saskatchewan.

## **Natural Gas**

Natural gas prices in Alberta and British Columbia have also been constrained in recent years due to increasing North American supply, limited access to markets and limited storage capacity. Companies that secure firm access to transport their natural gas production out of Western Canada may be able to access more markets and obtain better pricing. Companies without firm access may be forced to accept spot pricing in Western Canada for their natural gas, which in the last several years has generally been depressed (at times producers have received negative pricing for their natural gas production).

Required repairs or upgrades to existing pipeline systems have also led to further reduced capacity and apportionment of firm access, which in Western Canada may be further exacerbated by natural gas storage limitations. However, in September 2019, the CER approved a policy change by TC Energy on its NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. pipeline network, (which carries much of Alberta's gas production) to give priority to deliveries into storage. The change has served to somewhat stabilize supply and pricing, particularly during periods of maintenance on the system. January 2020 has seen the narrowest price differential between Canadian and United States Natural Gas benchmarks since early 2019.

Additionally, while a number of liquefied natural gas export plants have been proposed for the west coast of Canada, with 24 export licences issued since 2011, government decision-making, regulatory uncertainty, opposition from environmental and Indigenous groups, and changing market conditions have resulted in the cancellation or delay of many of these projects. Nonetheless, In October 2018, the proponents of the LNG Canada liquefied natural gas export terminal announced a positive final investment decision to proceed with the project. Pre-construction activities began in November 2018, with a planned completion target of 2025. In December 2019, the CER approved a 40-year export licence for the Kitimat LNG project, a proposed joint venture between Chevron Canada Limited and Woodside Energy International (Canada Limited), a subsidiary of Australian Energy Ltd. This licence remains subject to Cabinet approval, and Chevron Canada Limited has indicated that it is interested in selling its 50 percent interest in Kitimat LNG. The Woodfibre LNG Project is a small-scale LNG processing and export facility near Squamish, British Columbia. The BC Oil and Gas Commission approved a project permit for Woodfibre LNG, a subsidiary of Singapore-based Pacific Oil and Gas Ltd. in July 2019. Pre-construction agreements for Woodfibre LNG are in the process of being finalized. A project by GNL Québec Inc. is working through the federal impact assessment process for the construction and operation of a LNG facility and export terminal located on Saguenay Fjord, an inlet which feeds into the St. Lawrence River. The Goldboro LNG project, located in Nova Scotia, proposed by Pieridae Energy Ltd., would see LNG exported from Canada to European markets. Pieridae has agreements with Shell, upstream, and with Uniper, a German utility, downstream. The federal government has issued Goldboro LNG a 20-year export licence, and Pieridae Energy Ltd. has forecast a positive final investment decision for 2020. The Cedar LNG

Project near Kitimat by Cedar LNG Export Development Ltd. is currently in the environmental assessment stage with British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office conducting the environmental assessment on behalf of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("IA Agency").

### ***Enbridge Open Season***

In early August 2019, Enbridge initiated an open season for the Enbridge mainline system, which has historically operated as a common carrier pipeline system, wherein producers could nominate volumes to ship through the pipeline. The changes that Enbridge intends to implement in the open season include the transition of the mainline system from a common carrier to a primarily contract carrier pipeline, wherein producers will have to commit to reserved space in the pipeline for a fixed term, with only 10% of available capacity reserved for nominations. As a result, shippers seeking firm capacity on the Enbridge system would no longer be able to rely on the nomination process and would have to enter long-term contracts for service.

Several shippers challenged Enbridge's open season and, in particular, Enbridge's ability to engage in an open season without prior regulatory approval. Following an expedited hearing process, the CER decided to shut down the open season, citing concerns about fairness and uncertainty regarding the ultimate terms and conditions of service.

On December 19, 2019, Enbridge applied to the CER for a hearing for the right to hold an open season. The CER is expected to establish a timeline for the process in early 2020. Interveners will have the opportunity to make written submissions, and then an oral hearing will take place later in the year. A final decision from the CER is expected in early 2021.

### **Curtailment**

On December 2, 2018, the Government of Alberta announced that, commencing January 1, 2019, it would mandate a short-term reduction in provincial crude oil and crude bitumen production. As contemplated in the *Curtailment Rules*, as amended effective October 1 2019, the Government of Alberta, on a monthly basis, subjects crude oil producers producing more than 20,000 bbls/d to curtailment orders that limit their production according to a pre-determined formula that allocates production limits proportionately amongst all operators subject to curtailment orders.

Where an operator to whom a curtailment order applies is a joint venture or partnership, the partners or joint ventures may enter into an agreement respecting the allocation of the combined production among themselves to comply with the curtailment order.

Curtailment first took effect on January 1, 2019, limiting province-wide production of crude oil and crude bitumen to 3.56 million bbls/d. The curtailment rate dropped gradually over the course of 2019 as a result of decreasing price differentials and volumes of crude oil and crude bitumen in storage. Allowable production for December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020 is set at 3.81 million bbls/d.

The Government of Alberta introduced certain policy changes to the curtailment program in late 2019, including giving the Minister of Energy the power to set revised production limits for a producer following a merger or acquisition, and creating an exemption for newly drilled conventional oil wells. Furthermore, the Government of Alberta created a special production allowance, effective October 28, 2019, that allows crude oil production in excess of a curtailment order, provided that the extra production is shipped out of Alberta by rail.

Curtailment volumes affect sixteen of over 300 producers in Alberta. The *Curtailment Rules* are set to be repealed by December 31, 2020.

We are no longer subject to a curtailment order since the threshold was increased to 20,000 bbls/d in 2019.

## The North American Free Trade Agreement and Other Trade Agreements

### *NAFTA/ USMCA*

The *North American Free Trade Agreement* ("**NAFTA**") among the governments of Canada, the United States and Mexico came into force on January 1, 1994. The three NAFTA signatories have been working towards replacing NAFTA. On November 30, 2018, Canada, Mexico, and the United States signed a new trade agreement, widely referred to as the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (the "**USMCA**"), sometimes referred to as the Canada United States Mexico Agreement, or "**CUSMA**". Legislative bodies in the three signatory countries must ratify the USMCA before it comes into force. Mexico's senate ratified the USMCA in June 2019. In late December 2019, the United States' House of Representatives approved the USMCA, and the USMCA received approval from the United States Senate on January 16, 2020. On January 29, 2020, the Government of Canada tabled Bill C-4 to ratify the USMCA. According to Bill C-4, the USMCA will come into force two months after the House of Commons and the Senate pass Bill C-4. Until then, NAFTA remains the North American trade agreement currently in force. As the United States remains Canada's primary trading partner and the largest international market for the export of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs from Canada the implementation of the final ratified version of the USMCA could have an impact on Western Canada's crude oil and natural gas industry at large, including our business.

Under the terms of NAFTA's Article 605, a proportionality clause prevents Canada from implementing policies that limit exports to the United States and Mexico, relative to the total supply produced in Canada. Canada remains free to determine whether exports of energy resources to the United States or Mexico will be allowed, provided that any export restrictions do not: (i) reduce the proportion of energy resources exported relative to the total supply of goods of Canada as compared to the proportion prevailing in the most recent 36 month period; (ii) impose an export price higher than the domestic price (subject to an exception with respect to certain measures which only restrict the volume of exports); and (iii) disrupt normal channels of supply. Further, all three signatory countries are prohibited from imposing a minimum or maximum price requirement on exports (where any other form of quantitative restriction is prohibited) and imports (except as permitted in the enforcement of countervailing and anti-dumping orders and undertakings). NAFTA also requires energy regulators to ensure the orderly and equitable implementation of any regulatory changes and to ensure that the application of such changes will cause minimal disruption to contractual arrangements and avoid undue interference with pricing, marketing and distribution arrangements.

The Government of Alberta's curtailment program complies with NAFTA's Article 605, under which Canada must make available a consistent proportion of the crude oil and bitumen produced to the other NAFTA signatories. As a result of the proportionality rule, reducing Canadian supply reduced the required offering under NAFTA, with the result that the amount of crude oil and bitumen that Canada is required to offer, while Canadian crude oil prices are depressed, may be reduced. It is possible that the USMCA will come into force before the Government of Alberta's curtailment order is set to be repealed by the end of 2020.

The USMCA does not contain the proportionality rules of NAFTA's Article 605. The elimination of the proportionality clause removes a barrier in Canada's transition to a more diversified export portfolio. While diversification depends on the construction of infrastructure allowing more Canadian production to reach Eastern Canada, Asia, and Europe, the USMCA may allow for greater export diversification than currently exists under NAFTA.

### *Other Trade Agreements*

Canada has also pursued a number of other international free trade agreements with other countries around the world. As a result, a number of free trade or similar agreements are in force between Canada and certain other countries while in other circumstances Canada has been unsuccessful in its efforts. Canada and the European Union recently agreed to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement ("**CETA**"), which provides for duty-free, quota-free market access for Canadian crude oil and natural gas products to the European Union. Although CETA remains subject to ratification by 14 of the 28 national legislatures in the European Union, provisional application of CETA commenced on September 21, 2017. In light of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union on January 31, 2020, the United Kingdom and Canada

are expected to work towards a new trade agreement through the 11-month implementation period, during which the United Kingdom will transition out of the European Union. As such, CETA will remain in place until December 31, 2020.

Canada and ten other countries have agreed on the text of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership ("**CPTPP**"), which is intended to allow for preferential market access among the countries that are parties to the CPTPP. The CPTPP is in force among the first seven countries to ratify the agreement – Canada, Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Vietnam, and Singapore.

While it is uncertain what effect CETA, CPTPP, or any other trade agreements will have on the crude oil and natural gas industry in Canada, the lack of available infrastructure for the offshore export of crude oil and natural gas may limit the ability of Canadian crude oil and natural gas producers to benefit from such trade agreements.

## Land Tenure

The respective provincial governments (i.e. the Crown), predominantly own the mineral rights to crude oil and natural gas located in Western Canada, with the exception of Manitoba (which only owns 20% of the mineral rights). Provincial governments grant rights to explore for and produce crude oil and natural gas pursuant to leases, licences and permits for varying terms, and on conditions set forth in provincial legislation, including requirements to perform specific work or make payments. The provincial governments in Western Canada's provinces conduct regular land sales where crude oil and natural gas companies bid for leases to explore for and produce crude oil and natural gas pursuant to mineral rights owned by the respective provincial governments. Oil and natural gas leases generally have a fixed term; however, a lease may generally be continued after the initial term where certain minimum thresholds of production have been reached, all lease rental payments have been paid on time, and other conditions are satisfied.

To develop crude oil and natural gas resources, it is necessary for the mineral estate owner to have access to the surface lands as well. Each province has developed its own process for obtaining surface access to conduct operations that operators must follow throughout the lifespan of a well, including notification requirements and providing compensation for affected persons for lost land use and surface damage.

Each of the provinces of Western Canada have implemented legislation providing for the reversion to the Crown of mineral rights to deep, non-productive geological formations at the conclusion of the primary term of a lease or licence. Additionally, the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia have shallow rights reversion for shallow, non-productive geological formations for new leases and licences.

In addition to Crown ownership of the rights to crude oil and natural gas, private ownership of crude oil and natural gas (i.e. freehold mineral lands) also exists in Western Canada. In the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba approximately 19%, 6%, 20%, and 80%, respectively, of the mineral rights are owned by private freehold owners. Rights to explore for and produce such crude oil and natural gas are granted by a lease or other contract on such terms and conditions as may be negotiated between the owner of such mineral rights and crude oil and natural gas explorers and producers.

An additional category of mineral rights ownership includes ownership by the Canadian federal government of some legacy mineral lands and within Indigenous reservations designated under the *Indian Act* (Canada). Indian Oil and Gas Canada ("**IOGC**"), which is a federal government agency, manages subsurface and surface leases, in consultation with the applicable Indigenous peoples, for exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas on Indigenous reservations.

Until recently, oil and natural gas activities conducted on Indian reserve lands were governed by the *Indian Oil and Gas Act* (the "**IOGA**") and the *Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 1995* (the "**1995 Regulations**"). In 2009, Parliament passed *An Act to Amend the Indian Oil and Gas Act*, amending and modernizing the IOGA (the "**Modernized IOGA**"), however the amendments were delayed until the federal government was able to complete stakeholder consultations and update the accompanying Regulations (the "**2019 Regulations**"). The Modernized IOGA and the 2019 Regulations came into force on August 1, 2019. At a high level, the Modernized IOGA and the 2019 Regulations govern both surface and subsurface IOGC

Leases, establishing the terms and conditions with which an IOGC leaseholder must comply. The two enactments also establish a substitution system whereby provincial oil and natural gas/environmental regulatory authorities act on behalf of the federal government to ensure greater symmetry between federal and provincial regulatory standards. We have non-producing assets on Indian reserve lands which are currently undergoing multi-year abandonment and reclamation.

## Royalties and Incentives

### General

Each province has legislation and regulations that govern royalties, production rates and other matters. The royalty regime in a given province is a significant factor in the profitability of oil sands projects and crude oil, natural gas and NGLs production. Royalties payable on production from lands where the Crown does not hold the mineral rights are determined by negotiation between the mineral freehold owner and the lessee, although production from such lands is subject to certain provincial taxes and royalties. Royalties from production on Crown lands are determined by provincial regulation and are generally calculated as a percentage of the value of gross production. The rate of royalties payable typically depends in part on prescribed reference prices, well productivity, geographic location, field discovery date, method of recovery and the type or quality of the petroleum substance produced.

Occasionally, the governments of Western Canada's provinces create incentive programs for exploration and development. Such programs often provide for royalty rate reductions, royalty holidays or royalty tax credits and may be introduced when commodity prices are low, to encourage exploration and development activity. In addition, such programs may be introduced to encourage producers to undertake initiatives using new technologies that may enhance or improve recovery of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs.

In addition, the federal government may from time to time provide incentives to the oil and natural gas industry. In November of 2018, the federal government announced its plans to implement an accelerated investment incentive, aimed to provide oil and natural gas businesses with eligible Canadian development expenses ("CDE") and Canadian oil and gas property expenses ("COGPE") with a first year deduction of one and a half times the deduction that is otherwise available for CDE. The definitions of "accelerated CDE" and "accelerated COGPE", as amended in November 2018, allow oil and natural gas businesses to claim an additional 15% deduction for new CDE, and an additional 5% deduction for new COGPE for taxation years that end before 2024 if such CDE or COGPE was incurred after November 20, 2018. The acceleration is reduced to 7.5% for new CDE and 2.5% for new COGPE for taxation years that begin after 2023 and end before 2028. Successored expenses, and costs in respect of Canadian resource properties not acquired at arms' length, will not qualify for treatment as accelerated CDE or accelerated COGPE.

The federal government also announced in late 2018 that it would make \$1.6 billion available to the oil and natural gas industry in light of worsening commodity price differentials. The aid package has been administered through federal agencies including the Business Development Bank of Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Export Development Canada, and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Export Development Canada has lent or guaranteed \$629 million among 37 companies, of \$1 billion available to oil and natural gas producers. The Bank of Canada has made 892 loans totalling \$207.5 million out of its \$500-million commercial loan allotment in the aid package. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada announced \$49 million each for two projects to help Alberta companies building facilities to turn propane into polypropylene, a type of plastic not currently produced in Canada, but often used in packaging and labels. Natural Resources Canada distributed \$37 million of a \$50-million commitment under its Clean Growth Program for nine projects that help oil and natural gas companies reduce their carbon footprints.

Producers and working interest owners of crude oil and natural gas rights may also carve out additional royalties or royalty-like interests through non-public transactions, which include the creation of instruments such as overriding royalties, net profits interests and net carried interests.

## Alberta

In Alberta, provincially-set royalty rates apply to Crown-owned mineral rights. In 2016, the Government of Alberta adopted a modernized royalty framework (the "**Modernized Framework**") that applies to all wells drilled after December 31, 2016. The previous royalty framework (the "**Old Framework**") will continue to apply to wells drilled prior to January 1, 2017 for a period of ten years ending on December 31, 2026. After the expiry of this ten-year period, these older wells will become subject to the Modernized Framework. The *Royalty Guarantee Act* (Alberta), came into effect on July 18, 2019, and provides that no major changes will be made to the current oil and natural gas royalty structure for a period of at least 10 years.

The Modernized Framework applies to all hydrocarbons other than oil sands which will remain subject to their existing royalty regime. Royalties on production from non-oil sands wells under the Modernized Framework are determined on a "revenue-minus-costs" basis with the cost component based on a Drilling and Completion Cost Allowance formula for each well, depending on its vertical depth and/or horizontal length. The formula is based on the industry's average drilling and completion costs as determined by the Alberta Energy Regulator (the "**AER**") on an annual basis.

Producers pay a flat royalty rate of 5% of gross revenue from each well that is subject to the Modernized Framework until the well reaches payout. Payout for a well is the point at which cumulative gross revenues from the well equals the Drilling and Completion Cost Allowance for the well set by the AER. After payout, producers pay an increased post-payout royalty on revenues of between 5% and 40% for crude oil and pentanes and 5% and 36% for methane, ethane, propane and butane, all determined by reference to the then current commodity prices of the various hydrocarbons. Similar to the Old Framework, the post-payout royalty rate under the Modernized Framework varies with commodity prices. Once production in a mature well drops below a threshold level where the rate of production is too low to sustain the full royalty burden, its royalty rate is adjusted downward towards a minimum of 5% as the mature well's production declines. As the Modernized Framework uses deemed drilling and completion costs in calculating the royalty and not the actual drilling and completion costs incurred by a producer, low cost producers benefit if their well costs are lower than the Drilling and Completion Cost Allowance and, accordingly, they continue to pay the lower 5% royalty rate for a period of time after their wells achieve actual payout.

Oil and natural gas producers are responsible for calculating their royalty rate on an ongoing basis. The Crown's royalty share of production is payable monthly, and producers must submit their records showing the royalty calculation. The *Mines and Minerals Act* was amended in 2014, and shortened the window during which producers can submit amendments to their royalty calculations before they become statute-barred, from four years to three. Both the 2014 and 2015 production years became statute barred on December 31, 2018 as the pre-amendment four-year period applied for the years up to and including 2014. Going forward, producers will only have three years to amend their royalty calculations.

The Old Framework is applicable to all conventional crude oil and natural gas wells drilled prior to January 1, 2017 and bitumen production. Subject to certain available incentives, effective from the January 2011 production month, royalty rates for conventional crude oil production under the Old Framework range from a base rate of 0% to a cap of 40%. Subject to certain available incentives, effective from the January 2011 production month, royalty rates for natural gas production under the Old Framework range from a base rate of 5% to a cap of 36%. The Old Framework also includes a natural gas royalty formula which provides for a reduction based on the measured depth of the well below 2,000 metres deep, as well as the acid gas content of the produced gas. Under the Old Framework, the royalty rate applicable to NGLs is a flat rate of 40% for pentanes and 30% for butanes and propane. Currently, producers of crude oil and natural gas from Crown lands in Alberta are required to pay annual rental payments, at a rate of \$3.50 per hectare, and make monthly royalty payments in respect of crude oil and natural gas produced.

The Government of Alberta has from time to time implemented drilling credits, incentives or transitional royalty programs to encourage crude oil and natural gas development and new drilling. In addition, the Government of Alberta has implemented certain initiatives intended to accelerate technological development and facilitate the development of unconventional resources, including as applied to coalbed methane wells, shale gas wells and horizontal crude oil and natural gas wells.

Freehold mineral taxes are levied for production from freehold mineral lands on an annual basis on calendar year production. Freehold mineral taxes are calculated using a tax formula that takes into consideration, among other things, the amount of production, the hours of production, the value of each unit of production, the tax rate and the percentages that the owners hold in the title. On average, in Alberta the tax levied is 4% of revenues reported from freehold mineral title properties. The freehold mineral taxes would be in addition to any royalty or other payment paid to the owner of such freehold mineral rights, which are established through private negotiation.

### ***British Columbia***

Producers of crude oil in British Columbia receive royalty invoices each month for every well or unitized tract that is producing and/or reporting sales. The royalty calculation takes into account the production of crude oil on a well-by-well basis, which can be up to 40%, based on factors such as the volume of crude oil produced by the well or tract and the crude oil vintage, which depends on density of the substance and when the crude oil pool was located. Royalty rates are reduced on low-productivity wells and other wells with applicable royalty exemptions to reflect higher per-unit costs of exploration and extraction.

Producers of natural gas and NGLs in British Columbia receive royalty invoices each month for every well or unitized tract that is producing and/or reporting sales. Different royalty rates apply for natural gas, NGLs and natural gas by-products. For natural gas, the royalty rate can be up to 27% of the value of the natural gas and is based on whether the gas is classified as conservation gas or non-conservation gas, as well as reference prices and the select price. For NGLs and condensates, the royalty rate is fixed at 20%.

The royalties payable by each producer will therefore vary depending on the types of wells and the characteristics of the substances being produced. Additionally, the Government of British Columbia maintains a number of targeted royalty programs for key resource areas intended to increase the competitiveness of British Columbia's low productivity natural gas wells. These include both royalty credit and royalty reduction programs.

Producers of crude oil and natural gas from freehold lands in British Columbia are required to pay monthly freehold production taxes. For crude oil, the applicable freehold production tax is based on the volume of monthly production, which is either a flat rate, or, beyond a certain production level, is determined using a sliding scale formula based on the production level. For natural gas, the applicable freehold production tax is a flat rate, or, at certain production levels, is determined using a sliding scale formula based on a reference price, and depends on whether the natural gas is conservation gas or non-conservation gas. The production tax rate for freehold NGLs is a flat rate of 12.25%. Additionally, owners of mineral rights in British Columbia must pay an annual mineral land tax that is equivalent to \$4.94 per hectare of producing lands. Non-producing lands are taxed on a sliding scale from \$1.25 to \$4.94 per hectare, depending on the total number of hectares owned by the entity.

### ***Saskatchewan***

In Saskatchewan, the Crown owns approximately 80% of the crude oil and natural gas rights, with the remainder being freehold lands. For Crown lands, taxes (the "**Resource Surcharge**") and royalties are applicable to revenue generated by entities focused on crude oil and natural gas operations. The Resource Surcharge rate is 3% of the value of sales of all crude oil and natural gas produced from wells drilled in Saskatchewan prior to October 1, 2002. For crude oil and natural gas produced from wells drilled in Saskatchewan after September 30, 2002, the Resource Surcharge rate is 1.7% of the value of sales. Additionally, a mineral rights tax is charged to mineral rights holders paid on an annual basis at the rate of \$1.50 per acre owned regardless of whether or not there is production from the lands.

In addition to such surcharges and taxes, the Crown royalty rate payable in respect of crude oil depends on a number of variables including, the type and vintage of crude oil, the quantity of crude oil produced in a month, the average wellhead price and certain price adjustment factors determined monthly by the provincial government. This means that producers may pay varying royalties each month, depending on monthly production, governmental price adjustments, and the underlying characteristics of the producer's assets. Where production equals the relevant reference well production rate,



the minimum Crown royalty rate payable ranges from 5% to 20% and the maximum royalty rate payable ranges from 30% to 45%, depending on the classification of the crude oil, the average wellhead price and is subject to applicable deductions.

The amount payable as a Crown royalty in respect of production of natural gas and NGLs is determined by a sliding scale based on the monthly provincial average gas price published by the Government of Saskatchewan, the quantity produced in a given month, the type of natural gas, the classification of the natural gas and the finished drilling date of the respective well. Similar to crude oil royalties, the royalties payable on natural gas will range from 5% to 20%, and additional marginal royalty rates may apply between 30% to 45%, where average wellhead prices are above base prices. Again, this means that producers may pay varying royalties each month, depending on pricing factors, governmental adjustments and the underlying characteristics of the producer's assets.

The Government of Saskatchewan currently provides a number of targeted incentive programs. These include both royalty reduction and incentive volume programs, with targeted programs in effect for certain vertical crude oil wells, exploratory gas wells, horizontal crude oil and natural gas wells, enhanced crude oil recovery wells and high water-cut crude oil wells.

For production from freehold lands, producers must pay a freehold production tax, determined by first determining the Crown royalty rate, and then subtracting a calculated production tax factor. Depending on the classification of the petroleum substance produced, this subtraction factor may range between 6.9 and 12.5, however, in certain circumstances, the minimum rate for freehold production tax can be zero. This means that the ultimate tax payable to the Crown by producers on freehold lands will vary based on the underlying characteristics of the producer's assets.

### ***Freehold and Other Types of Non-Crown Royalties***

Royalties on production from privately-owned freehold lands are negotiated between the mineral freehold owner and the lessee under a negotiated lease or other contract. Producers and working interest participants may also pay additional royalties to parties other than the mineral freehold owner where such royalties are negotiated through private transactions.

In addition to the royalties payable to the mineral owners (or to other royalty holders if applicable), producers of crude oil and natural gas from freehold lands in each of the Western Canadian provinces are required to pay freehold mineral taxes or production taxes. Freehold mineral taxes or production taxes are taxes levied by a provincial government on crude oil and natural gas production from lands where the Crown does not hold the mineral rights. A description of the freehold mineral taxes payable in each of the Western Canadian provinces is included in the above descriptions of the royalty regimes in such provinces.

Where oil and natural gas leases fall under the jurisdiction of the IOGC, the IOGC is responsible for issuing crude oil and natural gas agreements between Indigenous groups and producers, and collecting and distributing royalty revenues. The exact terms and conditions of each crude oil and natural gas lease dictate the calculation of royalties owed, which may vary depending on the involvement of the specific Indigenous group. Ultimately, the relevant Indigenous group must approve the royalty rate for each lease.

## **Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation**

### ***General***

The Canadian crude oil and natural gas industry is currently subject to environmental regulation under a variety of Canadian federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal laws and regulations, all of which are subject to governmental review and revision from time to time. Such regulations provide for, among other things, restrictions and prohibitions on the spill, release or emission of various substances produced in association with certain crude oil and natural gas industry operations, such as sulphur dioxide and nitrous oxide. The regulatory regimes set out the requirements with respect to oilfield waste handling and storage, habitat protection and the satisfactory operation, maintenance, abandonment and reclamation of well, facility and pipeline sites. Compliance with such regulations can require significant expenditures and a breach of such requirements may result in suspension or revocation of necessary licences and authorizations, civil liability and the

imposition of material fines and penalties. In addition to these specific, known requirements, future changes to environmental legislation, including anticipated legislation for air pollution and GHG emissions including carbon dioxide equivalents ("CO<sub>2</sub>e"), may impose further requirements on operators and other companies in the crude oil and natural gas industry.

### *Federal*

Canadian environmental regulation is the responsibility of both the federal and provincial governments. Where there is a direct conflict between federal and provincial environmental legislation in relation to the same matter, the federal law will prevail. The federal government has primary jurisdiction over federal works, undertakings and federally regulated industries such as railways, aviation and interprovincial transport including interprovincial pipelines.

On August 28, 2019, with the passing of Bill C-69, the CERA and the *Impact Assessment Act* ("IAA") came into force and the NEB Act and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* ("CEAA 2012") were repealed. In addition, the IA Agency replaced the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency ("CEA Agency").

Bill C-69 introduced a number of important changes to the regulatory regime for federally regulated major projects and associated environmental assessments. Previously, the NEB administered its statutory jurisdiction as an integrated regulatory body. Now, the CERA separates the CER's administrative and adjudicative functions. A board of directors and a chief executive officer will manage strategic, administrative and policy considerations while adjudicative functions will fall into the purview of a group of independent commissioners. The CER has assumed the jurisdiction previously held by the NEB over matters such as the environmental and economic regulation of pipelines, transmission infrastructure and offshore renewable energy projects, including offshore wind and tidal facilities. In its adjudicative role, the CERA tasks the CER with reviewing applications for the development, construction and operation of these projects, culminating in their eventual abandonment.

Designated projects will require an impact assessment as part of their regulatory review. The impact assessment, conducted by a review panel, jointly appointed by the CER and the IA Agency, includes expanded criteria the review panel may consider when reviewing an application. The impact assessment also requires consideration of the project's potential adverse effects, the overall societal impact and the expanded public interest that a project may have. The impact assessment must look at the direct result of the project's construction and operation, including environmental, biophysical and socio-economic factors, including consideration of a gender-based analysis, climate change, and impacts to Indigenous rights. Designated projects include pipelines that require more than 75km of new right of way and pipelines located in national parks. Large scale in situ oil sands projects not regulated by provincial GHG emissions and certain refining, processing and storage facilities will also require an impact assessment.

The federal government has stated that an objective of the legislative changes was to improve decision certainty and turnaround times. Once a review or assessment is commenced under either the CERA or IAA, there are limits on the amount of time the relevant regulatory authority will have to issue its report and recommendation. Designated projects will go through a planning phase to determine the scope of the impact assessment, which the federal government has stated should provide more certainty as to the length of the full review process. Applications for non-designated projects will follow a similar process as under the NEB Act. There is significant uncertainty surrounding the impact of Bill C-69 on oil and natural gas projects. There was significant opposition from industry and others in respect of Bill C-69, and notwithstanding its stated purpose, there is concern that the changes brought about by Bill C-69 will result in projects not being approved or increased delays in approvals. The Minister of Natural Resources has a mandate to implement the CER efficiently and effectively, but the CER's ability to expedite the project approval process has not yet been substantially tested.

On May 12, 2017, the federal government introduced Bill C-48 in Parliament. This legislation is aimed at providing coastal protection in northern British Columbia by prohibiting crude oil tankers carrying more than 12,500 metric tonnes of crude oil or persistent crude oil products from stopping, loading, or unloading crude oil in that area. Parliament passed Bill C-48 as the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act* which received royal assent on June 21, 2019. The enactment of this statute may prevent pipelines from being built, and export terminals from being located on, the portion of the British Columbia coast subject to

the moratorium (north of 50°53'00" north latitude and west of 126°38'36" west longitude) and, as a result, may negatively impact the ability of producers to access global markets.

### *Alberta*

AER is the single regulator responsible for all energy resource development in Alberta. It derives its authority from the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and a number of related legislation including the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* (the "**OGCA**"), the *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, the *Pipeline Act*, and the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. The AER is responsible for ensuring the safe, efficient, orderly and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources including allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment. The AER's responsibilities exclude the functions of the Alberta Utilities Commission and the Surface Rights Board, as well as the Alberta Ministry of Energy's responsibility for mineral tenure. The objective behind a single regulator is an enhanced regulatory regime that is intended to be efficient, attractive to business and investors and effective in supporting public safety, environmental management and resource conservation while respecting the rights of landowners.

The Government of Alberta relies on regional planning to accomplish its responsible resource development goals. Its approach to natural resource management provides for engagement and consultation with stakeholders and the public and examines the cumulative impacts of development on the environment and communities by incorporating the management of all resources, including energy, minerals, land, air, water and biodiversity. While the AER is the primary regulator for energy development, several other governmental departments and agencies may be involved in land use issues, including the Alberta Ministry of Environment and Parks, the Alberta Ministry of Energy, the Aboriginal Consultation Office and the Land Use Secretariat.

The Government of Alberta's land-use policy for surface land in Alberta sets out an approach to manage public and private land use and natural resource development in a manner that is consistent with the long-term economic, environmental and social goals of the province. It calls for the development of seven region-specific land-use plans in order to manage the combined impacts of existing and future land use within a specific region and the incorporation of a cumulative effects management approach into such plans. As a result, several regional plans have been implemented. These regional plans may affect further development and operations in such regions.

### *British Columbia*

In British Columbia, the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the "**OGAA**") impacts conventional crude oil and natural gas producers, shale gas producers and other operators of crude oil and natural gas facilities in the province. Under the OGAA, the British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission (the "**BC Commission**") has broad powers, particularly with respect to compliance and enforcement and the setting of technical safety and operational standards for crude oil and natural gas activities. The *Environmental Protection and Management Regulation* establishes the government's environmental objectives for water, riparian habitats, wildlife and wildlife habitat, old-growth forests and cultural heritage resources. The OGAA requires the BC Commission to consider these environmental objectives in deciding whether or not to authorize a crude oil or natural gas activity. In addition, although not an exclusively environmental statute, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, in conjunction with the OGAA, requires proponents to obtain various approvals before undertaking exploration or production work, such as geophysical licences, geophysical exploration project approvals, permits for the exclusive right to do geological work and geophysical exploration work, and well, test hole and water-source well authorizations. Such approvals are given subject to environmental considerations and licences and project approvals can be suspended or cancelled for failure to comply with this legislation or its regulations.

The British Columbia Government passed *Bill 51 – 2018: Environmental Assessment Act* in late 2018, which will replace the environmental assessment regime that has been in place since 2002. The updated *Environmental Assessment Act* is not yet in force. The amendments will subject proposed projects to an enhanced environmental review process similar in substance to the federal environmental assessment process. The new environmental assessment process aims to enhance Indigenous engagement in the project approval process with an emphasis on consensus-building, in alignment with British Columbia's recent passage of Bill 41, which affirmed and adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Simultaneously with the enactment of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the British Columbia Government enacted the accompanying *Reviewable Projects Regulation*, which sets out the projects subject to the new regime. The "project list" captures industrial, mining, energy, water management, waste disposal, transportation and other GHG intensive projects. In conducting an environmental assessment, the Environmental Assessment Office will consider the environmental, health, cultural, social and economic effects of a proposed project. However, many details of the new assessment process remain unknown, but the British Columbia Government has released a proposed timetable for the release of supplementary and informational materials through 2020.

In 2018, the British Columbia Government proposed amendments to the BC EMA that would see new heavy oil imports, whether by rail, expanded pipeline, or otherwise, managed through a discretionary permitting process (the "**Proposed Amendments**"). The Proposed Amendments would directly affect the transport of heavy oil blends across British Columbia to tidewater through the Trans Mountain Pipeline. In its unanimous decision, the *Reference Re Environmental Management Act* (British Columbia) delivered May 24, 2019; the British Columbia Court of Appeal held that the Proposed Amendments are unconstitutional. The Supreme Court of Canada heard British Columbia's appeal on January 16, 2020, and found that, constitutionally, the British Columbia Government does not have the jurisdiction to make the Proposed Amendments. The Supreme Court of Canada unanimously dismissed the appeal and adopted the reasons of the British Columbia Court of Appeal. On January 29, 2020, the Government of British Columbia acknowledged that Canada's highest court has ruled in support of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion proceeding, and indicated that the Government of British Columbia would not initiate further challenges against the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

### *Saskatchewan*

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources is the primary regulator of crude oil and natural gas activities in the province. The *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* (the "**SKOGCA**") is the act governing the regulation of resource development operations in the province, along with *The Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations, 2012* (the "**OGCR**") and *The Petroleum Registry and Electronic Documents Regulations* (the "**Registry Regulations**"). The aim of the SKOGCA, and the associated regulations, is to provide resource companies investing in Saskatchewan's energy and resource industries with the best support services and business and regulatory systems available. The Government of Saskatchewan has implemented a number of operational requirements, including an increased demand for record-keeping, increased testing requirements for injection wells and increased investigation and enforcement powers; and, procedural requirements including those related to Saskatchewan's participation as partner in the Petrinex Database.

### **Liability Management Rating Program**

#### *Alberta*

The AER administers the licensee *Liability Management Rating Program* (the "**AB LMR Program**"). The AB LMR Program is a liability management program governing most conventional upstream crude oil and natural gas wells, facilities and pipelines. It consists of three distinct programs: the Licensee Liability Rating Program (the "**AB LLR Program**"), the Oilfield Waste Liability Program (the "**AB OWL Program**") and the Large Facility Liability Management Program (the "**AB LFP**"). If a licensee's deemed liabilities in the AB LLR Program, the AB OWL Program and/or the AB LFP exceed its deemed assets in those programs, the AB LMR Program requires the licensee to provide the AER with a security deposit and may restrict the licensee's ability to transfer licences. This ratio of a licensee's assets to liabilities across the three programs is referred to as the licensee's liability management rating ("**LMR**"). Where the AER determines that a security deposit is required, the failure to post any required amounts may result in the initiation of enforcement action by the AER.

The AER previously assessed the LMR of all licensees on a monthly basis and posted the individual ratings on the AER's public website. However, in December 2019 the AER ceased posting the detailed LMR report, stating that resource and budget limitations have impacted its ability to maintain and administer the AB LMR Program. Licensees can continue to access their individual LMR calculations through the AER's Digital Data Submission System. The AER is currently reviewing the AB LMR Program as it no longer considers the LMR value alone to be a good indicator of a company's financial health.

It is unclear if, or when, any changes will be made to the current regulatory framework. Any changes to the AB LMR Program may affect our ability to obtain or transfer licenses.

Complementing the AB LMR Program, Alberta's OGCA establishes an orphan fund (the "**Orphan Fund**") to help pay the costs to suspend, abandon, remediate and reclaim a well, facility or pipeline included in the AB LLR Program and the AB OWL Program if a licensee or working interest participant becomes insolvent or is unable to meet its obligations. Licensees in the AB LLR Program and AB OWL Program, including us, fund the Orphan Fund through a levy administered by the AER. A separate orphan levy applies to persons holding licences subject to the AB LFP. Collectively, these programs are designed to minimize the risk to the Orphan Fund posed by the unfunded liabilities of licensees and to prevent the taxpayers of Alberta from incurring costs to suspend, abandon, remediate and reclaim wells, facilities or pipelines.

On January 31, 2019, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the lower courts' decisions in *Redwater Energy Corporation (Re)* ("**Redwater**"), holding that there is no operational conflict between the abandonment and reclamation provisions contained in the provincial OGCA, the liability management regime administered by the AER and the federal bankruptcy and insolvency regime. As a result, receivers and trustees can no longer avoid the AER's legislated authority to impose abandonment orders against licensees or to require a licensee to pay a security deposit before approving a transfer when such a licensee is subject to formal insolvency proceedings. This means that insolvent estates can no longer disclaim assets of a bankrupt licensee that have reached the end of their productive lives and represent a liability and deal with the company's valuable assets for the benefit of the company's creditors, without first satisfying abandonment and reclamation obligations.

In response to the lower courts' decisions in Redwater, the AER issued several bulletins and interim rule changes to govern the AER's administration of its licensing and liability management programs. In Response to Redwater's trajectory through the Courts, the AER introduced amendments to its liability management framework. The AER amended its *Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licences and Approvals*, which deals with licensee eligibility to operate wells and facilities, to require the provision of extensive corporate governance and shareholder information, including whether any director and officer was a director or officer of an energy company that has been subject to insolvency proceedings in the last five years. All transfers of well, facility and pipeline licences in the province are subject to AER approval. As a condition of transferring existing AER licences, approvals and permits, all transfers are now assessed on a non-routine basis and the AER now requires all transferees to demonstrate that they have an LMR of 2.0 or higher immediately following the transfer, or to otherwise prove to the satisfaction of the AER that it can meet its abandonment and reclamation obligations. The AER may make further rule changes at any time. The Supreme Court of Canada's Redwater decision alleviates some of the concerns that the AER's rule changes were intended to address, however the AER has indicated it is in the process of reviewing the current framework.

The AER has also implemented the Inactive Well Compliance Program (the "**IWCP**") to address the growing inventory of inactive wells in Alberta and to increase the AER's surveillance and compliance efforts under *Directive 013: Suspension Requirements for Wells* ("**Directive 013**"). The IWCP applies to all inactive wells that are noncompliant with Directive 013 as of April 1, 2015. The objective is to bring all inactive noncompliant wells under the IWCP into compliance with the requirements of Directive 013 within five years. As of April 1, 2015, each licensee is required to bring 20% of its inactive wells into compliance every year, either by reactivating or suspending the wells in accordance with Directive 013 or by abandoning them in accordance with *Directive 020: Well Abandonment*. The list of current wells subject to the IWCP is available on the AER's Digital Data Submission System. The AER has announced that from April 1, 2015 to April 1, 2016, the number of noncompliant wells subject to the IWCP fell from 25,792 to 17,470, with 76% of licensees operating in the province having met their annual quota. From April 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017, this number fell from 17,470 to 12,375 noncompliant wells, with 81% of licensees operating in the province having met their annual quota. The IWCP will complete its fifth year on March 31, 2020 but the AER has not released subsequent annual reports on compliance levels since 2017.

As part of its strategy to encourage the decommissioning, remediation and reclamation of inactive or marginal oil and natural gas infrastructure, the AER announced a voluntary area-based closure ("**ABC**") program in 2018. The ABC program is designed to reduce the cost of abandonment and reclamation operations through industry collaboration and economies

of scale. Participants seeking the program incentives must commit to an inactive liability reduction target to be met through closure work of inactive assets. At this time, we are not participating in the voluntary ABC program.

### *British Columbia*

Similar to Alberta, the BC Commission oversees a *Liability Management Rating Program* (the "**BC LMR Program**"), which is designed to manage public liability exposure related to crude oil and natural gas activities by ensuring that permit holders carry the financial risks and regulatory responsibility of their operations through to regulatory closure. Under the BC LMR Program, the BC Commission determines the required security deposits for permit holders under the OGAA. The LMR is the ratio of a permit holder's deemed assets to deemed liabilities. Permit holders whose deemed liabilities exceed deemed assets (i.e., an LMR of below a ratio of 1.0) will be considered at-risk and reviewed for a security deposit. Permit holders that fail to comply with security deposit requirements are deemed non-compliant under the OGAA and enter the compliance and enforcement framework.

As a result of certain amendments to the OGAA, on April 1, 2019 a liability-based levy paid to the Orphan Site Reclamation Fund ("**OSRF**") replaced the orphan site reclamation fund tax paid by permit holders. Similar to Alberta's Orphan Fund, the OSRF is an industry-funded program created to address the abandonment and reclamation costs for orphan sites. Permit holders are required to pay their proportionate share of the regulated amount of the levy, calculated using each permit holder's proportionate share of the total liabilities of all permit holders required to contribute to the fund. The OGAA permits the BC Commission to impose more than one levy in a given calendar year.

Effective May 31, 2019, the *Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation* (the "**Dormancy Regulation**") establishes the first set of legally imposed timelines for the restoration of oil and natural gas wells in Western Canada. The Dormancy Regulation classifies different sites based on activity levels associated with the well(s) on each site, with a goal of ensuring that 100% of dormant sites are reclaimed by 2036 with additional regulated timelines for sites that become dormant between 2019 and 2023 or become dormant after 2024. A permit holder will have varying reporting, decommissioning, remediation and reclamation obligations that depend on the classification of its sites. Any permit holder that has a dormant site in its portfolio must develop and submit an annual work plan to the BC Commission, outlining its decommissioning and restoration activities for each calendar year. The permit holder must also prepare and submit a retrospective annual report within 60 days of the end of the calendar year in which it conducted the work outlined in an annual work plan.

### *Saskatchewan*

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources administrates the Licensee Liability Rating Program (the "**SK LLR Program**"). The SK LLR Program is designed to assess and manage the financial risk that a licensee's well and facility abandonment and reclamation liabilities pose to the orphan fund (the "**Oil and Gas Orphan Fund**") established under the SKOGCA. The Oil and Gas Orphan Fund is responsible for carrying out the abandonment and reclamation of wells and facilities contained within the SK LLR Program when the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources confirms there is no legally responsible or financially able party to deal with the abandonment and/or reclamation responsibilities. The SK LLR Program requires a licensee whose deemed liabilities exceed its deemed assets (i.e., an LLR below 1.0) to post a security deposit. The ratio of deemed assets to deemed liabilities is assessed once each month for all licensees of crude oil, natural gas and service wells and upstream crude oil and natural gas facilities. On August 19, 2016, the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy released a notice to all operators introducing interim measures in response to Redwater. Among other things, the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy announced that it considers all licence transfer applications non-routine as it does not strictly rely on the standard LLR calculation in evaluating deposit requirements. In addition to increased security deposit requirements, the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy at that time announced in 2016 that it may incorporate additional conditions with licence transfer approvals.

### *Climate Change Regulation*

Climate change regulation at both the federal and provincial level has the potential to significantly affect the future of the crude oil and natural gas industry in Canada. The impacts of federal or provincial climate change and environmental laws

and regulations are uncertain. It is currently not possible to predict the extent of future requirements. Any new laws and regulations (or additional requirements to existing laws and regulations) could have a material impact on our operations and funds flow.

### *Federal*

Canada has been a signatory to the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* (the "**UNFCCC**") since 1992. Since its inception, the UNFCCC has instigated numerous policy experiments with respect to climate governance. On April 22, 2016, 197 countries, including Canada, signed the Paris Agreement, committing to prevent global temperatures from rising more than 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit this rise to no more than 1.5° Celsius. As of December 23, 2019, 187 of the 197 parties to the convention have ratified the Paris Agreement. In December 2019, the United Nations annual Conference of the Parties took place in Madrid, Spain. The Conference concluded with the attendees delaying decisions about a prospective carbon market and emissions cuts until the next climate conference in Glasgow in 2020. However, the European Union reached an agreement about "The European Green New Deal" that aims to lower emissions to zero by 2050.

Following the Paris Agreement and its ratification in Canada, the Government of Canada pledged to cut its emissions by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030. Further, on December 9, 2016, the Government of Canada released the *Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change* (the "**Framework**"). The Framework provided for a carbon-pricing strategy, with a carbon tax starting at \$10/tonne in 2018, increasing annually until it reaches \$50/tonne in 2022. This system applies in provinces and territories that request it and in those that do not have a carbon pricing system in place that meets the federal standards. On June 21, 2018, the federal government enacted the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (the "**GGPPA**"), which came into force on January 1, 2019. This regime has two parts: an emissions trading system for large industry and a regulatory fuel charge imposing an initial price of \$20/tonne of GHG emissions. Under current federal plans, this price will escalate by \$10 per year until it reaches a price of \$50/tonne in 2022. Starting April 1, 2020, the minimum price permissible under the GGPPA is \$30/tonne of GHG emissions.

Six provinces and territories have introduced carbon-pricing systems that meet federal requirements: British Columbia, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Northwest Territories. The federal fuel charge regime took effect in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick on April 1, 2019 and in the Yukon and Nunavut on July 1, 2019. The federal carbon-pricing regime took effect in Alberta on January 1, 2020. Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario have referred the constitutionality of the GGPPA to their respective Courts of Appeal. The Saskatchewan and Ontario references have advanced in parallel where the appeal Courts ruled in favour of the constitutionality of the federal carbon tax. The Attorneys General of Saskatchewan and Ontario have appealed these decisions to the Supreme Court of Canada and such court is set to hear the appeals in March 2020. On February 24, 2020, the Alberta Court of Appeal determined the GGPPA is unconstitutional. It is unclear whether the Alberta reference will be appealed and heard with the Saskatchewan and Ontario appeals or, relatedly, whether those scheduled hearings will be delayed as a result. However, each of Saskatchewan, Ontario and Alberta will participate in the scheduled appeals, along with the Attorneys General of Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia and various other interested parties.

On April 26, 2018, the federal government passed the *Regulations Respecting Reduction in the Release of Methane and Certain Volatile Organic Compounds (Upstream Oil and Gas Sector)* (the "**Federal Methane Regulations**"). The Federal Methane Regulations seek to reduce emissions of methane from the crude oil and natural gas sector, and came into force on January 1, 2020. By introducing a number of new control measures, the Federal Methane Regulations aim to reduce unintentional leaks and intentional venting of methane, as well as ensuring that crude oil and natural gas operations use low-emission equipment and processes. Among other things, the Federal Methane Regulations limit how much methane upstream oil and natural gas facilities are permitted to vent. These facilities would need to capture the gas and either re-use it, re-inject it, send it to a sales pipeline, or route it to a flare. In addition, in provinces other than Alberta and British Columbia (which already regulate such activities), well completions by hydraulic fracturing would be required to conserve or destroy gas instead of venting. The federal government anticipates that these actions will reduce annual GHG emissions by about 20 megatonnes by 2030.

In October 2018, the federal government announced a pricing scheme as an alternative for large electricity generators so as to incentivize a reduction in emissions intensity, rather than encouraging a reduction in generation capacity.

### *Alberta*

On November 22, 2015, the Government of Alberta introduced a *Climate Leadership Plan* (the "**CLP**"). Under this strategy, the *Climate Leadership Act* (the "**CLA**") came into force on January 1, 2017 and established a fuel charge intended to first outstrip and subsequently keep pace with the federal price. On December 14, 2016, the *Oil Sands Emissions Limit Act* came into force, establishing an annual 100 megatonne limit for GHG emissions from all oil sands sites, excluding some attributable to upgraders, the electric energy portion of cogeneration and other prescribed emissions.

In June 2019, the Government of Alberta pivoted in its implementation of the CLP and repealed the CLA. The Carbon Competitiveness Incentives Regime ("**CCIR**") remained in place. As a result, the federally imposed fuel charge took effect in Alberta on January 1, 2020, at a rate of \$20/tonne. In accordance with the GGPPA, this will increase to \$30/tonne on April 1, 2020. However, on December 4, 2019, the federal government approved Alberta's proposed *Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction* ("**TIER**") regulation intended to replace the CCIR, so the regulation of emissions from heavy industry remains subject to provincial regulation, while the federal fuel charge still applies. The TIER regulation came into effect on January 1, 2020.

The TIER regulation operates differently than the former facility-based CCIR, and instead applies industry-wide to emitters that emit more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year in 2016 or any subsequent year. The 2020 target for most TIER-regulated facilities is to reduce emissions intensity by 10% as measured against that facility's individual benchmark (which is, generally, its average emissions intensity during the period from 2013 to 2015), with a further 1% reduction for each subsequent year. The facility-specific benchmark does not apply to all facilities. Certain facilities, such as those in the electricity sector, are compared against the good-as-best-gas standard, which measures against the emissions produced by the cleanest natural gas-fired generation system. Similarly, for facilities that have already made substantial headway in reducing their emissions, a different "high-performance" benchmark is available to ensure that the cost of ongoing compliance takes this into account. As with the former CCIR, the TIER regulation targets emissions intensity rather than total emissions. Under the TIER regulation, facilities in high-emitting sectors can opt-in to the program despite the fact that they do not meet the 100,000 tonne threshold. A facility can opt-in to TIER regulation if it competes directly against another TIER-regulated facility or if it has annual CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions that exceed 10,000 tonnes per year and belongs to an emissions-intensive or trade exposed sector with international competition. In addition, the owner of two or more "conventional oil and gas facilities" may apply to have those facilities regulated under the TIER regulation. To encourage compliance with the emissions intensity reduction targets, TIER-regulated facilities must provide annual compliance reports and facilities that are unable to achieve their targets may either purchase credits from other facilities, purchase carbon offsets, or pay a levy to the Government of Alberta.

The Government of Alberta previously signaled its intention through the CLP to implement regulations that would lower annual methane emissions by 45% by 2025. Pursuant to this goal, the Government of Alberta enacted the *Methane Emission Reduction Regulation* (the "**Alberta Methane Regulations**") on January 1, 2020, and the AER simultaneously released an updated edition of *Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting*. The release of Directive 060 complements a previously released update to *Directive 017: Measurement Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations* that took effect in December 2018. Together, these new Directives represent Alberta's first step toward achieving its 2025 goal, as outlined in the *Alberta Methane Regulations*; however, the Government of Alberta and the federal government have not yet reached an equivalency agreement with respect to the *Alberta Methane Regulations* and the *Federal Methane Regulations*.

Alberta was also the first jurisdiction in North America to direct dedicated funding to implement carbon capture and storage technology across industrial sectors. Alberta has committed \$1.24 billion through 2025 to fund two commercial-scale carbon capture and storage projects. Both projects will help reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the oil sands and fertilizer sectors, and reduce GHG emissions by 2.76 million megatonnes per year. On December 2, 2010, the Government of Alberta passed the *Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010*. It deemed the pore space underlying all land in



Alberta to be, and to have always been the property of the Crown and provided for the assumption of long-term liability for carbon sequestration projects by the Crown, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

### *British Columbia*

On August 19, 2016, the Government of British Columbia launched its Climate Leadership Plan, which aims to reduce British Columbia's net annual emissions by up to 25 million tonnes below current forecasts by 2050 and recommit the province to achieving its target of reducing emissions by 80% below 2007 levels by 2050.

British Columbia was also the first Canadian province to implement a revenue-neutral carbon tax. In 2012, the carbon tax was frozen at \$30/tonne. However, the Government raised the carbon tax to \$35/tonne in April 2018, and subsequently raised it to \$40/tonne on April 1, 2019. The Government of British Columbia intends to continue raising its carbon tax in \$5 increments until it reaches \$50/tonne in 2021.

On January 1, 2016, the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act* (the "GGIRCA") came into effect, which streamlined the regulatory process for large emitting facilities. The GGIRCA sets out various performance standards for different industrial sectors and provides for emissions offsets through the purchase of credits or through emission offsetting projects.

On December 5, 2018, the Government of British Columbia announced an updated clean energy plan, "CleanBC", which seeks to ensure that British Columbia achieves 75% of its GHG emissions reduction target by 2030. The CleanBC plan includes a number of strategies targeting the industrial, transportation construction, and waste sectors of the British Columbia economy. Key initiatives include: i) increasing the generation of electricity from clean and renewable energy sources; ii) imposing a 15% renewable content requirement in natural gas by 2030; iii) requiring fuel suppliers to reduce the carbon intensity of diesel and gasoline by 20% by 2030; iv) investing in the electrification of crude oil and natural gas production; v) reducing 45% of methane emissions associated with natural gas production; and vi) incentivizing the adoption of zero-emissions vehicles. The 2019 provincial budget provided \$902 million over three years to support CleanBC, including electric vehicle rebates, incentives for making homes and businesses more energy efficient, and an enhanced climate action tax credit. On January 16, 2019, the BC Commission announced a series of amendments to the British Columbia *Drilling and Production Regulation* that will require facility and well permit holders to, among other things, reduce natural gas leaks and curb monthly natural gas emissions from their equipment and operations. These new rules came into effect on January 1, 2020.

### *Saskatchewan*

On May 11, 2009, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the *Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act* (the "MRGGA") to regulate GHG emissions in the province. On October 18, 2016, the Government of Saskatchewan released a White Paper on Climate Change, resisting a carbon tax and committing to an approach that focuses on technological innovation and adaptation. Subsequently, the Government released *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy* outlining its strategy to reduce GHG emissions by 12 million tonnes by 2030.

The MRGGA, which is partially compliant with the federal emissions trading system, was partially proclaimed into force on January 1, 2018, establishes a framework to reduce GHG emissions by 20% of 2006 levels by 2020. An amended version of the MRGGA was proclaimed in full in December 18, 2018, establishing the framework of an output-based emissions management framework.

Under the MRGGA, facilities that have annual GHG emissions in excess of 50,000 tonnes are regulated to meet the province's reduction targets. The following regulations were enacted throughout 2018: *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (General and Electricity Producer) Regulations*, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Reporting and General) Regulations*, and *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Standards and Compliance) Regulations*. These Regulations establish reporting requirements and impose various emissions limits for those emitters that fall within the program. On January 1, 2019, *The Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations* (the

"Saskatchewan O&G Emissions Regulations") came into effect. The Saskatchewan O&G Emissions Regulations apply to licensees of oil facilities that may generate more than 50,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year, obliging each licensee to propose an emissions reduction plan in accordance with an annual emissions limit with the goal of achieving annual emissions reductions of 40 to 45% by 2025. The Saskatchewan O&G Emissions Regulations aim to achieve 4.5 million tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction in emissions by 2025, and a total reduction of 38.2 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e between 2020 and 2030.

On April 10, 2019, Saskatchewan produced the first annual report on climate resilience. The report measures the Province's progress on goals set out under *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy*. Among these goals is the aim of increasing the role of renewable energy in the provincial energy mix to 50% by 2030.

On October 1, 2019, *Bill 147 – An Act to amend The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*, was proclaimed into force that, in part, amends the SKOGCA to the extent necessary to bring it into alignment with the Saskatchewan O&G Emissions Regulations discussed above.

### Accountability and Transparency

In 2015, the federal government's *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act* (the "ESTMA") came into effect, which imposed mandatory reporting requirements on certain entities engaged in the "commercial development of oil, gas or minerals", including exploration, extraction and holding permits. All companies subject to ESTMA must report payments over CAD\$100,000 made to any level of a Canadian or foreign government (including indigenous groups), including royalty payments, taxes (other than consumption taxes and personal income taxes), fees, production entitlements, bonuses, dividends (other than ordinary dividends paid to shareholders), infrastructure improvement payments and other prescribed categories of payments.

## RISK FACTORS

**Investors should carefully consider the risk factors set out below and consider all other information contained herein and in our other public filings before making an investment decision. The risks set out below are not an exhaustive list and should not be taken as a complete summary or description of all the risks associated with our business and the oil and natural gas business generally.**

### Exploration, Development and Production Risks

Oil and natural gas operations involve many risks that even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. Our long-term commercial success depends on our ability to find, acquire, develop and commercially produce oil and natural gas reserves. Without the continual addition of new reserves, our existing reserves, and the production from them, will decline over time as we produce from such reserves. A future increase in our reserves will depend on both our ability to explore and develop our existing properties and on our ability to select and acquire suitable producing properties or prospects. There is no assurance that we will be able to continue to find satisfactory properties to acquire or participate in. Moreover, our management may determine that current markets, terms of acquisition, participation or pricing conditions make potential acquisitions or participation uneconomic. There is also no assurance that we will discover or acquire further commercial quantities of oil and natural gas.

Future oil and natural gas exploration may involve unprofitable efforts from dry wells or from wells that are productive but do not produce sufficient petroleum substances to return a profit after drilling, completing (including hydraulic fracturing), operating and other costs. Completion of a well does not ensure a profit on the investment or recovery of drilling, completion and operating costs.

Drilling hazards, environmental damage and various field operating conditions could greatly increase the cost of operations and adversely affect the production from successful wells. Field operating conditions include, but are not limited to, delays in obtaining governmental approvals or consents, shut-ins of wells resulting from extreme weather conditions, insufficient

storage or transportation capacity or geological and mechanical conditions. While diligent well supervision, effective maintenance operations and the development of enhanced oil recovery technologies can contribute to maximizing production rates over time, it is not possible to eliminate production delays and declines from normal field operating conditions, which can negatively affect revenue and funds flow levels to varying degrees.

Oil and natural gas exploration, development and production operations are subject to all the risks and hazards typically associated with such operations, including, but not limited to, fire, explosion, blowouts, cratering, sour gas releases, spills and other environmental hazards. These typical risks and hazards could result in substantial damage to oil and natural gas wells, production facilities, other property and the environment and cause personal injury or threaten wildlife. Particularly, we may explore for and produce sour gas in certain areas. An unintentional leak of sour gas could result in personal injury, loss of life or damage to property and may necessitate an evacuation of populated areas, all of which could result in liability to us.

Oil and natural gas production operations are also subject to geological and seismic risks, including encountering unexpected formations or pressures, premature decline of reservoirs and the invasion of water into producing formations. Losses resulting from the occurrence of any of these risks may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

As is standard industry practice, we are not fully insured against all risks, nor are all risks insurable. Although we maintain liability insurance and business interruption insurance in an amount that we consider consistent with industry practice, liabilities associated with certain risks could exceed policy limits or not be covered. See "*Risk Factors – Insurance*". In either event, we could incur significant costs.

#### **Weakness and Volatility in the Oil and Natural Gas Industry**

Market events and conditions, including global excess oil and natural gas supply, recent actions taken by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ("**OPEC**"), sanctions against Iran and Venezuela, slowing growth in China and emerging economies, weakening global relationships, conflict between the U.S. and Iran, isolationist and punitive trade policies, U.S. shale production, sovereign debt levels and political upheavals in various countries including growing anti-hydrocarbon sentiment, have caused significant volatility in commodity prices. See "*Risk Factors – Political Uncertainty*". These events and conditions have caused a significant reduction in the valuation of oil and natural gas companies and a decrease in confidence in the oil and natural gas industry. These difficulties have been exacerbated in Canada by political and other actions resulting in uncertainty surrounding regulatory, tax, royalty changes and environmental regulation. See "*Risk Factors – Royalties and Incentives*", "*Risk Factors – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation*" and "*Risk Factors – Climate Change Regulation*". In addition, the difficulties encountered by midstream proponents to obtain the necessary approvals on a timely basis to build pipelines, liquefied natural gas plants and other facilities to provide better access to markets for the oil and natural gas industry in Western Canada has led to additional downward price pressure on oil and natural gas produced in Western Canada. The resulting price differential between Western Canadian Select crude oil, and Brent and West Texas Intermediate crude oil has created uncertainty and reduced confidence in the oil and natural gas industry in Western Canada. See "*Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Market Access*".

Lower commodity prices may also affect the volume and value of our reserves, rendering certain reserves uneconomic. In addition, lower commodity prices restrict our funds flow resulting in less funds from operations being available to fund our capital expenditure budget. Consequently, we may not be able to replace our production with additional reserves and both our production and reserves could be reduced on a year-over-year basis. See "*Risk Factors – Reserves Estimates*". In addition to possibly resulting in a decrease in the value of our economically recoverable reserves, lower commodity prices may also result in a decrease in the value of our infrastructure and facilities, all of which could also have the effect of requiring a write down of the carrying value of our oil and natural gas assets on our balance sheet and the recognition of an impairment charge in our income statement. Given the current market conditions and the lack of confidence in the Canadian oil and natural gas industry, we may have difficulty raising additional funds or if we are able to do so, it may be on unfavourable and highly dilutive terms. See "*Risk Factors – Additional Funding Requirements*".

## Prices, Markets and Marketing

Our ability to market our oil and natural gas may depend upon our ability to acquire capacity in pipelines that deliver oil, NGLs and natural gas to commercial markets or contract for the delivery of crude oil and NGLs by rail. Numerous factors beyond our control do, and will continue to, affect the marketability and price of oil and natural gas acquired, produced, or discovered by us, including:

- deliverability uncertainties related to the distance our reserves are from pipelines, railway lines and processing and storage facilities;
- operational problems affecting pipelines, railway lines and processing and storage facilities; and
- government regulation relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, allowable production and the export of oil and natural gas.

Oil and natural gas prices are expected to remain volatile for the near future because of market uncertainties over the supply and demand of these commodities due to the current state of the world economies, shale oil production in the United States, OPEC actions, political uncertainties, sanctions imposed on certain oil producing nations by other countries, conflicts in the Middle East and ongoing credit and liquidity concerns. Prices for oil and natural gas are also subject to the availability of foreign markets and our ability to access such markets. A material decline in prices could result in a reduction of our net production revenue. The economics of producing from some wells may change because of lower prices, which could result in reduced production of oil or natural gas and a reduction in the volumes and the value of our reserves. We might also elect not to produce from certain wells at lower prices. Any substantial and extended decline in the price of oil and natural gas would have an adverse effect on the carrying value of our reserves, borrowing capacity, revenues, profitability and funds from operations and may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

See "*Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Marketing*" and "*Risk Factors – Weakness and Volatility in the Oil and Natural Gas Industry*".

Volatile oil and natural gas prices make it difficult to estimate the value of producing properties for acquisitions and often cause disruption in the market for oil and natural gas producing properties, as buyers and sellers have difficulty agreeing on such value. Price volatility also makes it difficult to budget for, and project the return on, acquisitions and development and exploitation projects.

## Market Price

The trading price of our Common Shares is subject to substantial volatility often based on factors related and unrelated to our financial performance or prospects. Factors unrelated to our performance could include macroeconomic developments nationally, within North America or globally, domestic and global commodity prices, and/or current perceptions of the oil and natural gas market. In recent years, the volatility of commodities has increased due, in part, to the implementation of computerized trading and the decrease of discretionary commodity trading. In addition, the volatility, trading volume and share price of our Common Shares has been impacted by increasing investment levels in passive funds that track major indices, as such funds only purchase securities included in such indices. In addition, in certain jurisdictions, institutions, including government sponsored entities, have determined to decrease their ownership in oil and natural gas entities which may impact the liquidity of certain securities and may put downward pressure on the trading price of those securities. Similarly, the market price of our Common Shares could be subject to significant fluctuations in response to variations in our operating results, financial condition, liquidity and other internal factors. Accordingly, the price at which our Common Shares will trade cannot be accurately predicted.

## Dividends

The amount of future cash dividends paid by us, if any, will be subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors and may vary depending on a variety of factors and conditions existing from time to time, including, among other things, fluctuations in commodity prices, production levels, capital expenditure requirements, debt service requirements, operating costs, royalty burdens, foreign exchange rates and the satisfaction of the liquidity and solvency tests imposed by applicable corporate law for the declaration and payment of dividends. Depending on these and various other factors, many of which will be beyond our control, our dividend policy from time to time and, as a result, future cash dividends could be reduced or suspended entirely.

The market value of our Common Shares may deteriorate if cash dividends are reduced or suspended. Furthermore, the future treatment of dividends for tax purposes will be subject to the nature and composition of dividends paid by us and potential legislative and regulatory changes. Dividends may be reduced during periods of lower funds from operations, which result from lower commodity prices and any decision by us to finance capital expenditures using funds from operations.

To the extent that external sources of capital, including in exchange for the issuance of additional Common Shares, become limited or unavailable, our ability to make the necessary capital investments to maintain or expand petroleum and natural gas reserves and to invest in assets, as the case may be, will be impaired. To the extent that we are required to use funds from operations to finance capital expenditures or property acquisitions, the cash available for dividends may be reduced.

## Failure to Realize Anticipated Benefits of Acquisitions and Dispositions

We consider acquisitions and dispositions of businesses and assets in the ordinary course of business. Achieving the benefits of acquisitions depends on successfully consolidating functions and integrating operations and procedures in a timely and efficient manner and our ability to realize the anticipated growth opportunities and synergies from combining the acquired businesses and operations with ours. The integration of acquired businesses and assets may require substantial management effort, time and resources diverting management's focus from other strategic opportunities and operational matters. Management continually assesses the value and contribution of services provided by third parties and the resources required to provide such services. In this regard, non core assets may be periodically disposed of so we can focus our efforts and resources more efficiently. Depending on the market conditions for such non core assets, certain of our non core assets may realize less on disposition than their carrying value on our consolidated financial statements.

## Political Uncertainty

In the last several years, the United States and certain European countries have experienced significant political events that have cast uncertainty on global financial and economic markets. Since the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the American administration has withdrawn the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the United States Congress has passed sweeping tax reform, which, among other things, significantly reduces U.S. corporate tax rates. This has affected the competitiveness of other jurisdictions, including Canada. In addition, NAFTA has been renegotiated and on November 30, 2018, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico signed the USMCA which will replace NAFTA once ratified by the three signatory countries. The USMCA was ratified by Mexico's Senate in June 2019 and by the United States' Senate in January 2020. USMCA. In January 2020, the Canadian Parliament tabled Bill C-4 which, once proclaimed into force, will ratify the USMCA. The USMCA is expected to fully replace NAFTA two months after Bill C-4 comes into force. See "*Industry Conditions – The North American Trade Agreement and Other Trade Agreements*". The U.S. administration has also taken action with respect to reduction of regulation, which may also affect relative competitiveness of other jurisdictions. It is unclear exactly what other actions the U.S. administration will implement, and if implemented, how these actions may impact Canada and in particular the oil and natural gas industry. Any actions taken by the current U.S. administration may have a negative impact on the Canadian economy and on the businesses, financial conditions, results of operations and the valuation of Canadian oil and natural gas companies, including us.

In addition to the political disruption in the United States, the impact of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union remains to be determined. Some European countries have also experienced the rise of anti-establishment political parties and public protests held against open-door immigration policies, trade and globalization. Conflict and political uncertainty also continues to progress in the Middle East. To the extent that certain political actions taken in North America, Europe and elsewhere in the world result in a marked decrease in free trade, access to personnel and freedom of movement, it could have an adverse effect on our ability to market our products internationally, increase costs for goods and services required for our operations, reduce access to skilled labour and negatively impact our business, operations, financial conditions and the market value of our Common Shares.

A change in federal, provincial or municipal governments in Canada may have an impact on the directions taken by such governments on matters that may impact the oil and natural gas industry including the balance between economic development and environmental policy. Alberta elected a new government in 2019 that is supportive of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project. Though the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously rejected the government of British Columbia's proposed regulation of the transport of heavy oil products into and through British Columbia in January 2020, tensions remain high between provincial and federal governments. Continued uncertainty and delays have led to decreased investor confidence, increased capital costs and operational delays for producers and service providers operating in the jurisdiction.

The federal Government was re-elected in 2019, but in a minority position. The ability of the minority federal government to pass legislation will be subject to whether it is able to come to agreement with, and garner the support of, the other elected parties, most of whom are opposed to the development of the oil and natural gas industry. The minority federal government will also be required to rely on the support of the other elected parties to remain in power, which provides less stability and may lead to an earlier subsequent federal election. Lack of political consensus, at both the federal and provincial level, continues to create regulatory uncertainty, the effects of which become apparent on an ongoing basis, particularly with respect to carbon pricing regimes, curtailment of crude oil production and transportation and export capacity, and may affect the business of participants in the oil and natural gas industry. See *"Industry Conditions – Climate Change Regulation"*, *"Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Market Access"*, *"Industry Conditions – Curtailment"* and *"Industry Conditions – The North American Free Trade Agreement and other Trade Agreements"*.

The oil and natural gas industry has become an increasingly politically polarizing topic in Canada, which has resulted in a rise in civil disobedience surrounding oil and natural gas development - particularly with respect to infrastructure projects. Protests, blockades and demonstrations have the potential to delay and disrupt our activities. See *"Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Market Access – Natural Gas"*.

### **Operational Dependence**

Other companies operate some of the assets in which we have an interest. We have limited ability to exercise influence over the operation of those assets or their associated costs, which could adversely affect our financial performance. Our return on assets operated by others depends upon a number of factors that may be outside of our control, including, but not limited to, the timing and amount of capital expenditures, the operator's expertise and financial resources, the approval of other participants, the selection of technology and risk management practices.

In addition, due to low and volatile commodity prices, many companies, including companies that may operate some of the assets in which we have an interest, may be in financial difficulty, which could impact their ability to fund and pursue capital expenditures, carry out their operations in a safe and effective manner and satisfy regulatory requirements with respect to abandonment and reclamation obligations. If companies that operate some of the assets in which we have an interest fail to satisfy regulatory requirements with respect to abandonment and reclamation obligations, we may be required to satisfy such obligations and to seek reimbursement from such companies. To the extent that any of such companies go bankrupt, become insolvent or make a proposal or institute any proceedings relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, it could result in such assets being shut-in, us potentially becoming subject to additional liabilities relating to such assets and us having difficulty collecting revenue due from such operators or recovering amounts owing to us from such operators for their share of abandonment and reclamation obligations. Any of these factors could have a material adverse affect on our financial and

operational results. See "*Industry Conditions – Liability Management Rating Program*" and "*Risk Factors – Third Party Credit Risk*".

## **Project Risks**

We manage a variety of small and large projects in the conduct of our business. Project interruptions may delay expected revenues from operations. Significant project cost overruns could make a project uneconomic. Our ability to execute projects and to market oil and natural gas depends upon numerous factors beyond our control, including:

- availability of processing capacity;
- availability and proximity of pipeline capacity;
- availability of storage capacity;
- availability of, and the ability to acquire, water supplies needed for drilling, hydraulic fracturing, and waterfloods or our ability to dispose of water used or removed from strata at a reasonable cost and in accordance with applicable environmental regulations;
- effects of inclement and severe weather events, including fire, drought and flooding;
- availability of drilling and related equipment;
- unexpected cost increases;
- accidental events;
- currency fluctuations;
- regulatory changes;
- availability and productivity of skilled labour; and
- regulation of the oil and natural gas industry by various levels of government and governmental agencies.

Because of these factors, we could be unable to execute projects on time, on budget, or at all.

## **Gathering and Processing Facilities, Pipeline Systems and Rail**

We deliver our products through gathering and processing facilities, pipeline systems and, in certain circumstances, by rail. The amount of oil and natural gas that we can produce and sell is subject to the accessibility, availability, proximity and capacity of these gathering and processing facilities, pipeline systems and railway lines. The lack of firm pipeline capacity, production limits and limits on availability of capacity in gathering and processing facilities continues to affect the oil and natural gas industry and limits the ability to transport produced oil and natural gas to market. However, in early 2020, the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal both dismissed challenges to Cabinet's approval of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion, and construction on the pipeline expansion is underway. See "*Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Market Access*" and "*Industry Conditions – Curtailment*". In addition, the pro-rationing of capacity on inter-provincial pipeline systems continues to affect the ability of oil and natural gas companies to export oil and natural gas, and could result in our inability to realize the full economic potential of our products or in a reduction of the price offered for our production. Unexpected shut downs or curtailment of capacity of pipelines for maintenance or integrity work or because of actions taken by regulators could also affect our production, operations and financial results. As a result, producers have considered rail lines as an alternative means of transportation. Announcements and actions taken by the federal government and the provincial governments of British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec relating to approval of infrastructure projects may continue to intensify, leading to increased challenges to interprovincial and international infrastructure projects moving forward. On August 28, 2019, with the passing of *Bill C-69, the Canadian Energy Regulator Act* and the *Impact Assessment Act* came into force and the *National Energy Board Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* were repealed. In addition, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada replaced the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation*". The impact of the new federal regulatory scheme on proponents, and the timing for receipt of approvals, of major projects is unclear.

A portion of our production may, from time to time, be processed through facilities owned by third parties and over which we do not have control. From time to time, these facilities may discontinue or decrease operations either as a result of

normal servicing requirements or as a result of unexpected events. A discontinuation or decrease of operations could have a material adverse effect on our ability to process our production and deliver the same to market. Midstream and pipeline companies may take actions to maximize their return on investment, which may in turn adversely affect producers and shippers, especially when combined with a regulatory framework that may not always align with the interests of particular shippers.

## **Competition**

The petroleum industry is competitive in all of its phases. We compete with numerous other entities in the exploration, development, production and marketing of oil and natural gas. Our competitors include oil and natural gas companies that have substantially greater financial resources, staff and facilities than ours. Some of these companies not only explore for, develop and produce oil and natural gas, but also carry on refining operations and market oil and natural gas on an international basis. As a result of these complementary activities, some of these competitors may have greater and more diverse competitive resources to draw on than us. Our ability to increase our reserves in the future will depend not only on our ability to explore and develop our present properties, but also on our ability to select and acquire other suitable producing properties or prospects for exploratory drilling. Competitive factors in the distribution and marketing of oil and natural gas include price, process, and reliability of delivery and storage.

## **Cost of New Technologies**

The petroleum industry is characterized by rapid and significant technological advancements and introductions of new products and services utilizing new technologies. Other companies may have greater financial, technical and personnel resources that allow them to implement and benefit from technological advantages. There can be no assurance that we will be able to respond to such competitive pressures and implement such technologies on a timely basis, or at an acceptable cost. If we do implement such technologies, there is no assurance that we will do so successfully. One or more of the technologies currently utilized by us or implemented in the future may become obsolete. If we are unable to utilize the most advanced commercially available technology, or are unsuccessful in implementing certain technologies, our business, financial condition and results of operations could also be adversely affected in a material way.

## **Alternatives to and Changing Demand for Petroleum Products**

Fuel conservation measures, alternative fuel requirements, increasing consumer demand for alternatives to oil and natural gas and technological advances in fuel economy and renewable energy generation systems could reduce the demand for oil, natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons. Recently, certain jurisdictions have implemented policies or incentives to decrease the use of hydrocarbons and encourage the use of renewable fuel alternatives, which may lessen the demand for petroleum products and put downward pressure on commodity prices. Advancements in energy efficient products have a similar effect on the demand for oil and natural gas products. We cannot predict the impact of changing demand for oil and natural gas products, and any major changes may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and funds flow by decreasing our profitability, increasing our costs, limiting our access to capital and decreasing the value of our assets.

## **Regulatory**

The implementation of new regulations or the modification of existing regulations affecting the oil and natural gas industry could reduce demand for crude oil and natural gas and increase our costs, either of which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Further, the ongoing third party challenges to regulatory decisions or orders has reduced the efficiency of the regulatory regime, as the implementation of the decisions and orders has been delayed resulting in uncertainty and interruption to business of the oil and natural gas industry. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Climate Change Regulations*", "*Industry Conditions – Curtailment*" and "*Risk Factors – Liability Management*".



In order to conduct oil and natural gas operations, we require regulatory permits, licenses, registrations, approvals and authorizations from various governmental authorities at the municipal, provincial and federal level. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain all of the permits, licenses, registrations, approvals and authorizations that may be required to conduct operations that we may wish to undertake. In addition, certain federal legislation such as the *Competition Act* and the *Investment Canada Act* could negatively affect our business, financial condition and the market value of our Common Shares or our assets, particularly when undertaking, or attempting to undertake, acquisition or disposition activity. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Liability Management Rating Programs*".

### **Royalty Regimes**

There can be no assurance that the governments in the jurisdictions in which we have assets will not adopt new royalty regimes, or modify the existing royalty regimes, which may have an impact on the economics of our projects. An increase in royalties would reduce our earnings and could make future capital investments, or our operations, less economic. See "*Industry Conditions - Royalties and Incentives*".

### **Hydraulic Fracturing**

Hydraulic fracturing involves the injection of water, sand and small amounts of additives under pressure into rock formations to stimulate the production of oil and natural gas. Specifically, hydraulic fracturing enables the production of commercial quantities of oil and natural gas from reservoirs that were previously unproductive. Any new laws, regulations or permitting requirements regarding hydraulic fracturing could lead to operational delays, increased operating costs, third party or governmental claims, and could increase our costs of compliance and doing business, as well as delay the development of oil and natural gas resources from shale formations, which are not commercial without the use of hydraulic fracturing. Restrictions on hydraulic fracturing could also reduce the amount of oil and natural gas that we are ultimately able to produce from our reserves.

### **Availability of CO<sub>2</sub>**

We are reliant upon certain key suppliers for CO<sub>2</sub> used in our enhanced oil recovery processes and no assurances can be given that we will not experience delays or other difficulties in obtaining CO<sub>2</sub>. Currently, two suppliers provide all of our CO<sub>2</sub> purchases used in our operations, with the contracts expiring in April of 2024 and December of 2027. Although we have our required CO<sub>2</sub> supplies under contract for a number of years, if thereafter they are not renewed or if there is a default or force majeure and current suppliers are unable to provide the CO<sub>2</sub>, or otherwise fail to timely deliver the product in the quantities required, any resulting delays in our operations could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our financial condition.

### **Environmental**

All phases of the oil and natural gas business present environmental risks and hazards and are subject to environmental regulation pursuant to a variety of federal, provincial and local laws and regulations. Environmental legislation provides for, among other things, the initiation and approval of new oil and natural gas projects, restrictions and prohibitions on the spill, release or emission of various substances produced in association with oil and natural gas industry operations. In addition, such legislation sets out the requirements with respect to oilfield waste handling and storage, habitat protection and the satisfactory operation, maintenance, abandonment and reclamation of well and facility sites. New environmental legislation at the federal and provincial levels may increase uncertainty among oil and natural gas industry participants as the new laws are implemented, and the effects of the new rules and standards are felt in the oil and natural gas industry. See "*Industry Conditions – Exports from Canada*", "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation*" and "*Industry Conditions – Climate Change Regulation*".

Compliance with environmental legislation can require significant expenditures and a breach of applicable environmental legislation may result in the imposition of fines and penalties, some of which may be material. Environmental legislation is

evolving in a manner expected to result in stricter standards and enforcement, larger fines and liability and potentially increased capital expenditures and operating costs. The discharge of oil, natural gas or other pollutants into the air, soil or water may give rise to liabilities to governments and third parties and may require us to incur costs to remedy such discharge. Although we believe that we are in material compliance with current applicable environmental legislation, no assurance can be given that environmental compliance requirements will not result in a curtailment of production or a material increase in the costs of production, development or exploration activities or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## **Liability Management**

Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have developed liability management programs designed to prevent taxpayers from incurring costs associated with suspension, abandonment, remediation and reclamation of wells, facilities and pipelines in the event that a licensee or permit holder is unable to satisfy its regulatory obligations. Changes to AB LMR Program administered by the AER, or other changes to the requirements of liability management programs, may result in significant increases to our compliance obligations. The impact and consequences of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Redwater* on the AER's rules and policies, lending practices in the crude oil and natural gas sector and on the nature and determination of secured lenders to take enforcement proceedings are expected to evolve as the consequences of the decision are evaluated and considered by regulators, lenders and receivers/trustees. In addition, the AB LMR Program may prevent or interfere with our ability to acquire or dispose of assets, as both the vendor and the purchaser of oil and natural gas assets must be in compliance with the liability management programs (both before and after the transfer of the assets) for the applicable regulatory agency to allow for the transfer of such assets. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Liability Management Rating Programs*".

## **Climate Change**

### ***Chronic Climate Change Risks***

Our exploration and production facilities and other operations and activities emit GHGs which may require us to comply with federal and/or provincial GHG emissions legislation. Climate change policy is evolving at regional, national and international levels, and political and economic events may significantly affect the scope and timing of climate change measures that are ultimately put in place to prevent climate change or mitigate our effects. The direct or indirect costs of compliance with GHG-related regulations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Some of our significant facilities may ultimately be subject to future regional, provincial and/or federal climate change regulations to manage GHG emissions

Climate change has been linked to long-term shifts in climate patterns, including sustained higher temperatures. As the level of activity in the Canadian oil and natural gas industry is influenced by seasonal weather patterns, long-term shifts in climate patterns pose the risk of exacerbating operational delays and other risks posed by seasonal weather patterns. See "*Risk Factors – Seasonality*". In addition, long-term shifts in weather patterns such as water scarcity, increased frequency of storm and fire and prolonged heat waves may, among other things, require us to incur greater expenditures (time and capital) to deal with the challenges posed by such changes to our premises, operations, supply chain, transport needs, and employee safety. Specifically, in the event of water shortages or sourcing issues, we may not be able to, or will incur greater costs to, carry out hydraulic fracturing operations.

Concerns about climate change have resulted in a number of environmental activists and members of the public opposing the continued exploitation and development of hydrocarbons which has influenced investors' willingness to invest in the oil and natural gas industry. Historically, political and legal opposition to the hydrocarbon industry focused on public opinion and the regulatory process. More recently, however, there has been a movement to more directly hold governments and oil and natural gas companies responsible for climate change through climate litigation. In November 2018, ENvironment JEUnesse, a Quebec advocacy group, applied to the Quebec Superior Court to certify all Quebecois under 35 as a class in a proposed class action lawsuit against the Government of Canada for climate related matters. While the application was denied, the group has stated it plans to appeal. In January 2019, the City of Victoria became the first municipality in Canada

to endorse a class action lawsuit against oil and natural gas producers for alleged climate-related harms. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities defeated the City of Victoria's motion to initiate a class action lawsuit to recover costs it claims are related to climate change.

Given the evolving nature of climate change policy and the control of GHG and resulting requirements, it is expected that current and future climate change regulations will have the effect of increasing our operating expenses, and, in the long-term, potentially reducing the demand for oil and natural gas production, resulting in a decrease in our profitability and a reduction in the value of our assets or requiring asset impairments for financial statement purposes. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Climate Change Regulation*", "*Risk Factors – Non-Governmental Organizations*", "*Risk Factors – Reputational Risk Associated with our Operations*" and "*Risk Factors – Changing Investor Sentiment*".

### **Acute Climate Change Risk**

Climate change has been linked to extreme weather conditions. Extreme hot and cold weather, heavy snowfall, heavy rainfall and wildfires may restrict our ability to access our properties, cause operational difficulties including damage to machinery and facilities. Extreme weather also increases the risk of personnel injury as a result of dangerous working conditions. Certain of our assets are located in locations that are proximate to forests, grasslands or rivers and a wildfire or flood may lead to significant downtime and/or damage to such assets. Moreover, extreme weather conditions may lead to disruptions in our ability to transport produced oil and natural gas as well as goods and services in our supply chain.

### **Variations in Foreign Exchange Rates and Interest Rates**

World oil and natural gas prices are quoted in United States dollars. The Canadian/United States dollar exchange rate, which fluctuates over time, consequently affects the price received by Canadian producers of oil and natural gas. Material increases in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the United States dollar will negatively affect our production revenues. Accordingly, exchange rates between Canada and the United States could affect the future value of our reserves as determined by independent evaluators. Although a low value of the Canadian dollar relative to the United States dollar may positively affect the price we receive for our oil and natural gas production, it could also result in an increase in the price for certain goods used for our operations, which may have a negative impact on our financial results.

To the extent that we engage in risk management activities related to foreign exchange rates, there is a credit risk associated with counterparties with which we may contract.

An increase in interest rates could result in a significant increase in the amount we pay to service debt, resulting in a reduced amount available to fund our exploration and development activities, and if applicable, the cash available for dividends. Such an increase could also negatively impact the market price of our Common Shares.

### **Substantial Capital Requirements**

We anticipate making substantial capital expenditures for the acquisition, exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas reserves in the future. As future capital expenditures will be financed out of funds from operations, borrowings and possible future equity sales, our ability to do so is dependent on, among other factors:

- the overall state of the capital markets;
- our credit rating (if applicable);
- commodity prices;
- interest rates;
- royalty rates;
- tax burden due to current and future tax laws; and
- investor appetite for investments in the energy industry and our securities in particular.

See "*Industry Conditions – Royalties and Incentives*".

Further, if our revenues or reserves decline, we may not have access to the capital necessary to undertake or complete future drilling programs. The conditions in, or affecting, the oil and natural gas industry have negatively impacted the ability of oil and natural gas companies, including us, to access additional financing and/or the cost thereof. There can be no assurance that debt or equity financing, or cash generated by operations will be available or sufficient to meet these requirements or for other corporate purposes or, if debt or equity financing is available, that it will be on terms acceptable to us. We may be required to seek additional equity financing on terms that are highly dilutive to existing Shareholders. Our inability to access sufficient capital for our operations could have a material adverse effect on our business financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

### **Additional Funding Requirements**

Our funds flow from our reserves may not be sufficient to fund our ongoing activities at all times and, from time to time, we may require additional financing in order to carry out our oil and natural gas acquisition, exploration and development activities. Failure to obtain financing on a timely basis could cause us to forfeit our interest in certain properties, miss certain acquisition opportunities and reduce or terminate our operations. Due to the conditions in the oil and natural gas industry and/or global economic and political volatility, we may, from time to time, have restricted access to capital and increased borrowing costs. The current conditions in the oil and natural gas industry have negatively impacted the ability of oil and natural gas companies to access, or the cost of, additional financing.

As a result of global economic and political conditions and the domestic lending landscape, we may, from time to time, have restricted access to capital and increased borrowing costs. Failure to obtain suitable financing on a timely basis could cause us to forfeit our interest in certain properties, miss certain acquisition opportunities and reduce or terminate our operations. If our revenues from our reserves decrease as a result of lower oil and natural gas prices or otherwise, it will affect our ability to expend the necessary capital to replace our reserves or to maintain our production. To the extent that external sources of capital become limited, unavailable or available on onerous terms, our ability to make capital investments and maintain existing assets may be impaired, and our assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results of operations may be affected materially and adversely as a result. In addition, the future development of our petroleum properties may require additional financing and there are no assurances that such financing will be available or, if available, will be available upon acceptable terms. Alternatively, any available financing may be highly dilutive to existing Shareholders. Failure to obtain any financing necessary for our capital expenditure plans may result in a delay in development or production on our properties.

### **Credit Facility Arrangements**

We are required to comply with covenants under our Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes which include certain financial ratio tests, which, from time to time, either affect the availability, or price, of additional funding and in the event that we do not comply with these covenants, our access to capital could be restricted or repayment could be required. Events beyond our control may contribute to our failure to comply with such covenants. A failure to comply with covenants could result in default under our Credit Facility, which could result in us being required to repay amounts owing thereunder. The acceleration of our indebtedness under one agreement may permit acceleration of indebtedness under other agreements that contain cross default or cross-acceleration provisions. In addition, our Credit Facility and Senior Secured Notes may impose operating and financial restrictions on us that could include restrictions on, the payment of dividends, repurchase or making of other distributions with respect to our securities, incurring of additional indebtedness, the provision of guarantees, the assumption of loans, making of capital expenditures, entering into of amalgamations, mergers, take-over bids or disposition of assets, among others.

Our Credit Facility contains certain covenants and restrictions under our Credit Facility, should our LMR levels fall below existing agreed-upon thresholds, including further limitations on asset dispositions and acquisitions, and the inclusion of undiscounted non-producing decommissioning liabilities for all jurisdictions which fall below existing agreed-upon thresholds in the definition of debt used in covenant calculations. We may also be required to provide additional reporting

to our lenders regarding our existing and/or budgeted abandonment and reclamation obligations, our decommissioning expenses, our LMR and/or any notices or orders received from an energy regulator in any applicable province. See also "Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Liability Management Rating Programs".

If our lenders require repayment of all or a portion of the amounts outstanding under our Credit Facility for any reason, including for a default of a covenant, there is no certainty that we would be in a position to make such repayment. Even if we are able to obtain new financing in order to make any required repayment under our Credit Facility, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms, or terms that are acceptable to us. If we are unable to repay amounts owing under our Credit Facility, the lenders under such Credit Facility could proceed to foreclose or otherwise realize upon the collateral granted to them to secure the indebtedness.

### **Issuance of Debt**

From time to time, we may enter into transactions to acquire assets or shares of other entities. These transactions may be financed in whole, or in part, with debt, which may increase our debt levels above industry standards for oil and natural gas companies of similar size. Depending on future exploration and development plans, we may require additional debt financing that may not be available or, if available, may not be available on favourable terms. Neither our articles nor our by laws limit the amount of indebtedness that we may incur. The level of our indebtedness from time to time could impair our ability to obtain additional financing on a timely basis to take advantage of business opportunities that may arise.

### **Hedging**

From time to time, we may enter into agreements to receive fixed prices on our oil and natural gas production to offset the risk of revenue losses if commodity prices decline. However, to the extent that we engage in price risk management activities to protect us from commodity price declines, we may also be prevented from realizing the full benefits of price increases above the levels of the derivative instruments used to manage price risk. In addition, our hedging arrangements may expose us to the risk of financial loss in certain circumstances, including instances in which:

- production falls short of the hedged volumes or prices fall significantly lower than projected;
- there is a widening of price-basis differentials between delivery points for production and the delivery point assumed in the hedge arrangement;
- counterparties to the hedging arrangements or other price risk management contracts fail to perform under those arrangements; or
- a sudden unexpected event materially impacts oil and natural gas prices.

Similarly, from time to time, we may enter into agreements to fix the exchange rate of Canadian to United States dollars or other currencies in order to offset the risk of revenue losses if the Canadian dollar increases in value compared to other currencies. However, if the Canadian dollar declines in value compared to such fixed currencies, we will not benefit from the fluctuating exchange rate.

### **Availability and Cost of Material and Equipment**

Oil and natural gas exploration, development and operating activities are dependent on the availability and cost of specialized materials and equipment (typically leased from third parties) in the areas where such activities are conducted. The availability of such material and equipment is limited. An increase in demand or cost, or a decrease in the availability of such materials and equipment may impede our exploration, development and operating activities.

### **Title to and Right to Produce from Assets**

Our actual title to and interest in our properties, and our right to produce and sell the oil and natural gas therefrom, may vary from our records. In addition, there may be valid legal challenges or legislative changes that affect our title to and right

to produce from our oil and natural gas properties, which could impair our activities and result in a reduction of the revenue received by us.

If a defect exists in the chain of title or in our right to produce, or a legal challenge or legislative change arises, it is possible that we may lose all, or a portion of, the properties to which the title defect relates and/or our right to produce from such properties. This may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

### **Reserves Estimates**

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating reserves and the future net revenues attributed to such reserves. The reserves and associated net revenue information set forth in this Annual Information Form are estimates only. Generally, estimates of economically recoverable oil and natural gas reserves (including the breakdown of reserves by product type) and the future net revenues from such estimated reserves are based upon a number of variable factors and assumptions, such as:

- historical production from properties;
- production rates;
- ultimate reserve recovery;
- timing and amount of capital expenditures;
- marketability of oil and natural gas;
- royalty rates; and
- the assumed effects of regulation by governmental agencies and future operating costs (all of which may vary materially from actual results).

For those reasons, estimates of the economically recoverable oil and natural gas reserves attributable to any particular group of properties, classification of such reserves based on risk of recovery and estimates of future net revenues associated with reserves prepared by different engineers, or by the same engineers at different times may vary. Our actual production, revenues, taxes and development and operating expenditures with respect to our reserves will vary from estimates and such variations could be material.

The estimation of proved reserves that may be developed and produced in the future is often based upon volumetric calculations and upon analogy to similar types of reserves rather than actual production history. Recovery factors and drainage areas are often estimated by experience and analogy to similar producing pools. Estimates based on these methods are generally less reliable than those based on actual production history. Subsequent evaluation of the same reserves based upon production history and production practices will result in variations in the estimated reserves and such variations could be material.

In accordance with applicable securities laws, our independent reserves evaluator has used forecast prices and costs in estimating the reserves and future net revenues as summarized herein. Actual future net revenues will be affected by other factors, such as actual production levels, supply and demand for oil and natural gas, curtailments or increases in consumption by oil and natural gas purchasers, changes in governmental regulation or taxation and the impact of inflation on costs.

Actual production and net revenues derived from our oil and natural gas reserves will vary from the estimates contained in the reserve evaluation, and such variations could be material. The reserve evaluation is based in part on the assumed success of activities we intend to undertake in future years. The reserves and estimated net revenues to be derived therefrom and contained in the reserve evaluation will be reduced to the extent that such activities do not achieve the level of success assumed in the reserve evaluation. The reserve evaluation is effective as of a specific effective date and, except as may be specifically stated, has not been updated and therefore does not reflect changes in our reserves since that date.

## Insurance

Our involvement in the exploration for and development of oil and natural gas properties may result in us becoming subject to liability for pollution, blowouts, leaks of sour gas, property damage, personal injury or other hazards. Although we maintain insurance in accordance with industry standards to address certain of these risks, such insurance has limitations on liability and may not be sufficient to cover the full extent of such liabilities. In addition, certain risks are not, in all circumstances, insurable or, in certain circumstances, we may elect not to obtain insurance to deal with specific risks due to the high premiums associated with such insurance or other reasons. The payment of any uninsured liabilities would reduce the funds available to us. The occurrence of a significant event that we are not fully insured against, or the insolvency of the insurer of such event, may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## Non-Governmental Organizations

The oil and natural gas exploration, development and operating activities conducted by us may, at times, be subject to public opposition. Such public opposition could expose us to the risk of higher costs, delays or even project cancellations due to increased pressure on governments and regulators by special interest groups including Indigenous groups, landowners, environmental interest groups (including those opposed to oil and natural gas production operations) and other non-governmental organizations, blockades, legal or regulatory actions or challenges, increased regulatory oversight, reduced support of the federal, provincial or municipal governments, delays in, challenges to, or the revocation of regulatory approvals, permits and/or licenses, and direct legal challenges, including the possibility of climate-related litigation. See "*Industry Conditions – Transportation Constraints and Market Access*". There is no guarantee that we will be able to satisfy the concerns of the special interest groups and non-governmental organizations and attempting to address such concerns may require us to incur significant and unanticipated capital and operating expenditures.

## Dilution

We may make future acquisitions or enter into financings or other transactions involving the issuance of our securities, which may be dilutive to Shareholders.

## Management of Growth

We may be subject to growth related risks including capacity constraints and pressure on our internal systems and controls. Our ability to manage growth effectively will require us to continue to implement and improve our operational and financial systems and to expand, train and manage our employee base. Our inability to deal with this growth may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## Expiration of Licenses and Leases

Our properties are held in the form of licences and leases and working interests in licences and leases. If we, or the holder of the licence or lease, fails to meet the specific requirement of a licence or lease, the licence or lease may terminate or expire. There can be no assurance that any of the obligations required to maintain each licence or lease will be met. The termination or expiration of our licences or leases or the working interests relating to a licence or lease and the associated abandonment and reclamation obligations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## Litigation

In the normal course of our operations, we may become involved in, named as a party to, or be the subject of, various legal proceedings, including regulatory proceedings, tax proceedings and legal actions. Potential litigation may develop in relation to personal injuries (including resulting from exposure to hazardous substances, property damage, property taxes, land and access rights, environmental issues, including claims relating to contamination or natural resource damages and contract

disputes). The outcome with respect to outstanding, pending or future proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty and may be determined adversely to us and could have a material adverse effect on our assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results of operations. Even if we prevail in any such legal proceedings, the proceedings could be costly and time-consuming and may divert the attention of management and key personnel from business operations, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

### **Indigenous Claims**

Indigenous peoples have claimed Indigenous rights and title in portions of Western Canada. We are not aware that any claims have been made in respect of our properties and assets. However, if a claim arose and was successful, such claim may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. In addition, the process of addressing such claims, regardless of the outcome, is expensive and time consuming and could result in delays in the construction of infrastructure systems and facilities which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

### **Breach of Confidentiality**

While discussing potential business relationships or other transactions with third parties, we may disclose confidential information relating to our business, operations or affairs. Although confidentiality agreements are generally signed by third parties prior to the disclosure of any confidential information, a breach could put us at competitive risk and may cause significant damage to our business. The harm to our business from a breach of confidentiality cannot presently be quantified, but may be material and may not be compensable in damages. There is no assurance that, in the event of a breach of confidentiality, we will be able to obtain equitable remedies, such as injunctive relief, from a court of competent jurisdiction in a timely manner, if at all, in order to prevent or mitigate any damage to our business that such a breach of confidentiality may cause.

### **Income Taxes**

We file all required income tax returns and believe that we are in full compliance with the provisions of the Tax Act and all other applicable provincial tax legislation. However, such returns are subject to reassessment by the applicable taxation authority. In the event of a successful reassessment of us, whether by re-characterization of exploration and development expenditures or otherwise, such reassessment may have an impact on current and future taxes payable.

Income tax laws relating to the oil and natural gas industry, such as the treatment of resource taxation or dividends, may in the future be changed or interpreted in a manner that adversely affects us. Furthermore, tax authorities having jurisdiction over us may disagree with how we calculate our income for tax purposes or could change administrative practices to our detriment.

### **Third Party Credit Risk**

We may be exposed to third party credit risk through our contractual arrangements with our current or future joint venture partners, marketers of our petroleum and natural gas production and other parties. In addition, we may be exposed to third party credit risk from operators of properties in which we have a working or royalty interest. In the event such entities fail to meet their contractual obligations to us, such failures may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. In addition, poor credit conditions in the industry, generally, and of our joint venture partners may affect a joint venture partner's willingness to participate in our ongoing capital program, potentially delaying the program and the results of such program until we find a suitable alternative partner. To the extent that any of such third parties go bankrupt, become insolvent or make a proposal or institute any proceedings relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, it could result in us being unable to collect all or a portion of any money owing from such parties. Any of these factors could materially adversely affect our financial and operational results.



## Conflicts of Interest

Certain of our directors or officers may also be directors or officers of other oil and natural gas companies and as such may, in certain circumstances, have a conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest, if any, will be subject to and governed by procedures prescribed by the ABCA which require a director or officer of a corporation who is a party to, or is a director or an officer of, or has a material interest in any person who is a party to, a material contract or proposed material contract with us to disclose his or her interest and, in the case of directors, to refrain from voting on any matter in respect of such contract unless otherwise permitted under the ABCA. See "*Directors and Officers – Conflicts of Interest*".

## Reliance on a Skilled Workforce and Key Personnel

Our operations and management require the recruitment and retention of a skilled workforce, including engineers, technical personnel and other professionals. The loss of key members of such workforce, or a substantial portion of the workforce as a whole, could result in the failure to implement our business plans which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Competition for qualified personnel in the oil and natural gas industry is intense and there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to attract and retain all personnel necessary for the development and operation of our business. We do not have any key personnel insurance in effect. Contributions of the existing management team to our immediate and near term operations are likely to be of central importance. In addition, certain of our current employees are senior and have significant institutional knowledge that must be transferred to other employees prior to their departure from the workforce. If we are unable to: (i) retain current employees; (ii) successfully complete effective knowledge transfers; and/or (iii) recruit new employees with the requisite knowledge and experience, we could be negatively impacted. In addition, we could experience increased costs to retain and recruit these professionals.

## Information Technology Systems and Cyber-Security

We have become increasingly dependent upon the availability, capacity, reliability and security of our information technology infrastructure and our ability to expand and continually update this infrastructure, to conduct daily operations. We depend on various information technology systems to estimate reserve quantities, process and record financial data, manage our land base, manage financial resources, analyze seismic information, administer contracts with operators and lessees and communicate with employees and third-party partners.

Further, we are subject to a variety of information technology and system risks as a part of our normal course operations, including potential breakdown, invasion, virus, cyber-attack, cyber-fraud, security breach, and destruction or interruption of our information technology systems by third parties or insiders. Unauthorized access to these systems by employees or third parties could lead to corruption or exposure of confidential, fiduciary or proprietary information, interruption to communications or operations or disruption to business activities or our competitive position. In addition, cyber phishing attempts, in which a malicious party attempts to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and money) by disguising as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication, have become more widespread and sophisticated in recent years. If we become a victim to a cyber phishing attack it could result in a loss or theft of our financial resources or critical data and information, or could result in a loss of control of our technological infrastructure or financial resources. Our employees are often the targets of such cyber phishing attacks, as they are and will continue to be targeted by parties using fraudulent "spoof" emails to misappropriate information or to introduce viruses or other malware through "Trojan horse" programs to our computers. These emails appear to be legitimate emails, but direct recipients to fake websites operated by the sender of the email or request recipients to send a password or other confidential information through email or to download malware.

We maintain policies and procedures that address and implement employee protocols with respect to electronic communications and electronic devices and conducts annual cyber-security risk assessments. We also employ encryption protection of our confidential information, all computers and other electronic devices. Despite our efforts to mitigate such cyber phishing attacks through education and training, cyber phishing activities remain a serious problem that may damage

our information technology infrastructure. We apply technical and process controls in line with industry-accepted standards to protect our information, assets and systems, including a written incident response plan for responding to a cyber-security incident. However, these controls may not adequately prevent cyber-security breaches. Disruption of critical information technology services, or breaches of information security, could have a negative effect on our performance and earnings, as well as our reputation, and any damages sustained may not be adequately covered by our current insurance coverage, or at all. The significance of any such event is difficult to quantify, but may in certain circumstances be material and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Social Media**

We face compliance and supervisory challenges in respect of the use of social media as a means of communicating with clients and the general public.

Increasingly, social media is used as a vehicle to carry out cyber phishing attacks. Information posted on social media sites, for business or personal purposes, may be used by attackers to gain entry into our systems and obtain confidential information. Although we have a social media policy, we do not restrict the social media access of our employees. Despite these efforts, as social media continues to grow in influence and access to social media platforms becomes increasingly prevalent, there are significant risks that we may not be able to properly regulate social media use and preserve adequate records of business activities and client communications conducted through the use of social media platforms.

### **Disposal of Fluids Used in Operations**

Regulations regarding the disposal of fluids used in our operations may increase our costs of compliance or subject it to regulatory penalties or litigation

The safe disposal of the hydraulic fracturing fluids (including the additives) and water recovered from oil and natural gas wells is subject to ongoing regulatory review by the federal and provincial governments, including our effect on fresh water supplies and the ability of such water to be recycled, amongst other things. While it is difficult to predict the impact of any regulations that may be enacted in response to such review, the implementation of stricter regulations may increase our costs of compliance.

### **Carbon Pricing Risk**

Taxes on carbon emissions affect the demand for oil and natural gas, our operating expenses and may impair our ability to compete

The majority of countries across the globe have agreed to reduce their carbon emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement. In Canada, the federal government implemented legislation aimed at incentivizing the use of alternative fuels and in turn reducing carbon emissions. The federal system currently applies in provinces and territories without their own system that meets federal standards. The federal regime is subject to a number of court challenges. See "*Industry Conditions – Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation – Climate Change Regulation*". Any taxes placed on carbon emissions may have the effect of decreasing the demand for oil and natural gas products and at the same time, increasing our operating expenses, each of which may have a material adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition. Further, the imposition of carbon taxes puts us at a disadvantage with our counterparts who operate in jurisdictions where there are less costly carbon regulations.

### **Reputational Risk Associated with Our Operations**

Our business, operations or financial condition may be negatively impacted as a result of any negative public opinion towards us or as a result of any negative sentiment toward, or in respect of, our reputation with stakeholders, special interest groups, political leadership, the media or other entities. Public opinion may be influenced by certain media and special interest groups' negative portrayal of the industry in which we operate as well as their opposition to certain oil and

natural gas projects. Potential impacts of negative public opinion or reputational issues may include delays or interruptions in operations, legal or regulatory actions or challenges, blockades, increased regulatory oversight, reduced support for, delays in, challenges to, or the revocation of regulatory approvals, permits and/or licenses and increased costs and/or cost overruns. Our reputation and public opinion could also be impacted by the actions and activities of other companies operating in the oil and natural gas industry, particularly other producers, over which we have no control. Similarly, our reputation could be impacted by negative publicity related to loss of life, injury or damage to property and environmental damage caused by our operations. In addition, if we develop a reputation of having an unsafe work site, it may impact our ability to attract and retain the necessary skilled employees and consultants to operate our business. Opposition from special interest groups opposed to oil and natural gas development and the possibility of climate related litigation against governments and hydrocarbon companies may impact our reputation. See "*Risk Factors – Climate Change*".

Reputational risk cannot be managed in isolation from other forms of risk. Credit, market, operational, insurance, regulatory and legal risks, among others, must all be managed effectively to safeguard our reputation. Damage to our reputation could result in negative investor sentiment towards us, which may result in limiting our access to capital, increasing the cost of capital, and decreasing the price and liquidity of our Common Shares.

### **Changing Investor Sentiment**

A number of factors, including the effects of the use of hydrocarbons on climate change, the impact of oil and natural gas operations on the environment, environmental damage relating to spills of petroleum products during production and transportation and Indigenous rights, have affected certain investors' sentiments towards investing in the oil and natural gas industry. As a result of these concerns, some institutional, retail and governmental investors have announced that they no longer are willing to fund or invest in oil and natural gas properties or companies, or are reducing the amount thereof over time. In addition, certain institutional investors are requesting that issuers develop and implement more robust social, environmental and governance policies and practices. Developing and implementing such policies and practices can involve significant costs and require a significant time commitment from our Board of Directors, management and employees. Failing to implement the policies and practices, as requested by institutional investors, may result in such investors reducing their investment in us, or not investing in us at all. Any reduction in the investor base interested or willing to invest in the oil and natural gas industry and more specifically, us, may result in limiting our access to capital, increasing the cost of capital, and decreasing the price and liquidity of our Common Shares even if our operating results, underlying asset values or prospects have not changed. Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause a decrease in the value of our assets which may result in an impairment change.

### **Expansion into New Activities**

Our operations and the expertise of our management are currently focused primarily on oil and natural gas production, exploration and development in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin. In the future, we may acquire or move into new industry related activities or new geographical areas and may acquire different energy-related assets; as a result, we may face unexpected risks or, alternatively, our exposure to one or more existing risk factors may be significantly increased, which may in turn result in our future operational and financial conditions being adversely affected.

### **Forward-Looking Information**

Shareholders and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking information. By its nature, forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties, of both a general and specific nature, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking information or contribute to the possibility that predictions, forecasts or projections will prove to be materially inaccurate.

Additional information on the risks, assumption and uncertainties are found under the heading "*Notice to Reader – Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements*" of this Annual Information Form.

## MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Except for contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, the only material contracts entered into by us within the most recently completed financial year, or before the most recently completed financial year but which is still material and is in effect, are the:

- Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated April 27, 2018, as amended on December 11, 2018;
- Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of January 5, 2017, as amended on May 31, 2017, December 20, 2017, April 27, 2018 and December 12, 2018 in respect of the 3.46% Notes;
- Note Purchase Agreement dated as of May 31, 2017, as amended on December 20, 2017, April 27, 2018 and December 12, 2018 in respect of the 3.54% Notes; and
- Note Purchase Agreement dated as of December 20, 2017, as amended on April 27, 2018 and December 12, 2018 in respect of the 3.90% Notes.

The above listed agreements are available on our SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). See “Description of our Capital Structure – Credit Facility” and “Description of our Capital Structure – Senior Secured Notes”.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

There are no legal proceedings that we are or were a party to, or that any of our property is or was the subject of, during our most recently completed financial year, that were or are material to us, and there are no such material legal proceedings that we are currently aware of that are contemplated.

There were no: (i) penalties or sanctions imposed against us by a court relating to securities legislation or by a security regulatory authority during the most recently completed financial year; (ii) other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body against us that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision; or (iii) settlement agreements we entered into before a court relating to securities legislation or with a securities regulatory authority during our most recently completed financial year.

## TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for our Common Shares is Odyssey Trust Company at its principal offices in Calgary, Alberta, Vancouver, British Columbia and Toronto, Ontario.

## INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

There are no material interests, direct or indirect, of our directors and senior officers, or any holder of our Common Shares who beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of our outstanding Common Shares, or any known associate or affiliate of such persons, in any transaction completed within the last three years or in any proposed transaction during the current financial year which have materially affected or are reasonably expected to materially affect us.

## INTERESTS OF EXPERTS

We used PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for external audit and tax advisory services for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised us that they are independent with respect to us within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta.

McDaniel prepared the McDaniel Report, a summary of which is contained in this Annual Information Form. None of the designated professionals of McDaniel have any registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in any of our securities or other property or of our associates or affiliates either at the time they prepared the statements, reports or valuations prepared by it, at any time thereafter or to be received by them.

In addition, none of the aforementioned persons or companies, nor any director, officer or employee of any of the aforementioned persons or companies, is or is expected to be elected, appointed or employed as a director, officer or employee of us or of any of our associates or affiliates, except for Grant A. Zawalsky, one of our directors, is a partner at Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP, which law firm renders legal services to us.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to us can be found on our SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on our website at [www.wcap.ca](http://www.wcap.ca). Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of our securities and securities issued and authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans will be contained in our proxy materials relating to our annual and special shareholders meeting to be held on April 22, 2020. Additional financial information is contained in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the related management's discussion and analysis.

For additional copies of this Annual Information Form and the materials listed in the preceding paragraphs, please contact:

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## APPENDIX A

### REPORT OF MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS ON OIL AND GAS DISCLOSURE

#### Form 51-101F3

Management of Whitecap Resources Inc. (“**Whitecap**”) is responsible for the preparation and disclosure of information with respect to Whitecap’s oil and natural gas activities in accordance with securities regulatory requirements. This information includes reserves data.

An independent qualified reserves evaluator has evaluated and reviewed Whitecap’s reserves data. The report of the independent qualified reserves evaluator is presented below.

The Reserves Committee of the Board of Directors of Whitecap has:

- (a) reviewed Whitecap’s procedures for providing information to the independent qualified reserves evaluator;
- (b) met with the independent qualified reserves evaluator to determine whether any restrictions affected the ability of the independent qualified reserves evaluator to report without reservation; and
- (c) reviewed the reserves data with management and the independent qualified reserves evaluator.

The Reserves Committee of the Board of Directors of Whitecap has reviewed Whitecap’s procedures for assembling and reporting other information associated with oil and natural gas activities and has reviewed that information with management. The Board of Directors has, on the recommendation of the Reserves Committee, approved

- (a) the content and filing with securities regulatory authorities of Form 51-101F1 containing reserves data and other oil and gas information;
- (b) the filing of Form 51-101F2 which is the report of the independent qualified reserves evaluator on the reserves data, contingent resources data and prospective resources data; and
- (c) the content and filing of this report.

Because the reserves data are based on judgments regarding future events, actual results will vary and the variations may be material.

(signed) “*Grant B. Fagerheim*”  
Grant B. Fagerheim  
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) “*Glenn A. McNamara*”  
Glenn A. McNamara  
Director, Chairman of the Reserves Committee and  
Member of the Corporate Governance &  
Compensation Committee

(signed) “*Darin R. Dunlop*”  
Darin R. Dunlop  
Vice President Engineering

(signed) “*Gregory S. Fletcher*”  
Gregory S, Fletcher  
Director and Member of the Audit Committee and the  
Reserves Committee

February 26, 2020

## APPENDIX B

### MCDANIEL & ASSOCIATES CONSULTANTS LTD. REPORT ON RESERVES DATA BY INDEPENDENT QUALIFIED RESERVES EVALUATOR

Form 51-101F2

To the board of directors of Whitecap Resources Inc. (the “Company”):

1. We have evaluated the Company’s reserves data as at December 31, 2019. The reserves data are estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves and related future net revenue as at December 31, 2019, estimated using forecast prices and costs.
2. The reserves data are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the reserves data based on our evaluation.
3. We carried out our evaluation in accordance with standards set out in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook as amended from time to time (the “**COGE Handbook**”) maintained by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary Chapter).
4. Those standards require that we plan and perform an evaluation to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the reserves data are free of material misstatement. An evaluation also includes assessing whether the reserves data are in accordance with principles and definitions presented in the COGE Handbook.
5. The following table shows the net present value of future net revenue (before deduction of income taxes) attributed to proved plus probable reserves, estimated using forecast prices and costs and calculated using a discount rate of 10 percent, included in the reserves data of the Company evaluated for the year ended December 31, 2019, and identifies the respective portions thereof that we have evaluated and reported on to the Company’s board of directors:

Independent Qualified Reserves Evaluator	Effective Date of Evaluation Report	Location of Reserves (County or Foreign Geographic Area)	Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue (before income taxes, 10% discount rate - \$000s)			
			Audited	Evaluated	Reviewed	Total
McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd.	December 31, 2019	Canada	-	6,275,304	-	6,275,304

6. In our opinion, the reserves data respectively evaluated by us have, in all material respects, been determined and are in accordance with the COGE Handbook, consistently applied.
7. We have no responsibility to update our reports referred to in paragraph 5 for events and circumstances occurring after the effective date of our reports.
8. Because the reserves data are based on judgements regarding future events, actual results will vary and the variations may be material.

Executed as to our report referred to above:

McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, February 13, 2020.

“ORIGINALLY SIGNED BY”

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**Brian R. Hamm, P. Eng.**  
**President & CEO**

## APPENDIX C

### WHITECAP RESOURCES INC. MANDATE & TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### Role and Objective

The Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") is a committee of the board of directors (the "**Board**") of Whitecap Resources Inc. ("**Whitecap**") to which the Board has delegated its responsibility for oversight of the nature and scope of the annual audit, management's reporting on internal accounting standards and practices, financial information and accounting systems and procedures, financial reporting and statements and recommending, for Board approval, the audited financial statements and other mandatory disclosure releases containing financial information. The objectives of the Committee are as follows:

1. to assist directors meet their responsibilities (especially for accountability) in respect of the preparation and disclosure of the financial statements of Whitecap and related matters;
2. to provide good communication between directors and external auditors;
3. to enhance the external auditor's independence;
4. to review the credibility and objectivity of financial reports; and
5. to strengthen the role of the outside directors by facilitating in depth discussions between directors on the Committee, management and external auditors.

#### Membership of the Committee

1. The Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) directors of Whitecap, none of whom are members of management of Whitecap and all of whom are "independent" (as such term is used in National Instrument 52 110 Audit Committees ("**NI 52 110**").
2. The Board shall appoint the Committee Chair, who shall be an independent director, and other members of the Committee.
3. All of the members of the Committee shall be "financially literate". The Board has adopted the definition for "financial literacy" used in NI 52 110.
4. Any members of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a member of the Committee as soon as such member ceases to be a director. The Board may fill vacancies on the Committee by appointment from among its members. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist on the Committee, the remaining members may exercise all its powers so long as a quorum remains.

#### Mandate and Responsibilities of the Committee

1. It is the responsibility of the Committee to oversee the work of the external auditors, including resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting.
2. It is the responsibility of the Committee to satisfy itself on behalf of the Board with respect to Whitecap's Internal Control Systems, including:
  - identifying, monitoring and mitigating business risks; and
  - ensuring compliance with legal, ethical and regulatory requirements.



3. It is a primary responsibility of the Committee to review the annual and interim financial statements of Whitecap and the notes thereto prior to their submission to the Board for approval. The process should include but not be limited to:
  - reviewing changes in accounting principles, or in their application, which may have a material impact on the current or future years' financial statements;
  - reviewing significant accruals, reserves or other estimates such as the ceiling test calculation and reserves with respect to environmental matters;
  - reviewing non-recurring transactions and accounting treatment of unusual or non recurring transactions;
  - ascertaining compliance with covenants under loan agreements;
  - reviewing disclosure requirements for commitments and contingencies;
  - reviewing adjustments raised by the external auditors, whether or not included in the financial statements;
  - reviewing unresolved differences between management and the external auditors; and
  - obtaining explanations of significant variances with comparative reporting periods.
4. The Committee is to review the financial statements, prospectuses, management discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**"), annual information forms ("**AIF**"), business acquisition reports, annual reports and all public disclosure containing audited or unaudited financial information before release and prior to Board approval. The Committee must be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of Whitecap's disclosure of all other financial information and shall periodically assess the accuracy of those procedures. The Committee shall also review Whitecap's policies and procedures for making and updating disclosures on Whitecap's website and shall periodically assess the adequacy and accuracy of such policies and procedures.
5. With respect to the appointment of external auditors by the board, the Committee shall:
  - ensure the auditor's ultimate accountability to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders and as such representatives, to evaluate the performance of the auditor;
  - recommend to the Board the appointment of the external auditors;
  - recommend to the Board the terms of engagement of the external auditor, including the compensation of the auditors and a confirmation that the external auditors shall report directly to the Committee;
  - when there is to be a change in auditors, review the issues related to the change and the information to be included in the required notice to securities regulators of such change;
  - review and approve any non audit services to be provided by the external auditors' firm and consider the impact on the independence of the auditors;
  - ensure that the auditor submits on a periodic basis to the Committee, a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the auditor and Whitecap, consistent with Canadian and other applicable auditor independence standards, and to review such statement and to actively engage in a dialogue with the auditor with respect to any undisclosed relationships or services that may impact on the objectivity and independence of the auditor, and to review the statement and dialogue with the Board and recommend to the Board appropriate action to ensure the independence of the auditor;

- provide a line of communication between the auditors and the Board; and
  - meet with the auditors at least once per quarter without management present to allow a candid discussion regarding any concerns the auditors may have and to resolve any disagreements between the auditor and management regarding Whitecap's financial reporting.
6. Review with external auditors (and internal auditor if one is appointed by Whitecap) their assessment of the internal controls of Whitecap, their written reports containing recommendations for improvement, and management's response and follow up to any identified weaknesses. The Committee shall also review annually with the external auditors their plan for their audit and, upon completion of the audit, their reports upon the financial statements of Whitecap and its subsidiaries.
  7. The Committee must pre approve all non audit services to be provided to Whitecap or its subsidiaries by the external auditors. The Committee may delegate to one or more members the authority to pre approve non audit services, provided that the member report to the Committee at the next scheduled meeting such pre approval and the member comply with such other procedures as may be established by the Committee from time to time.
  8. The Committee shall review Whitecap's enterprise risk management system including risk management policies and procedures (i.e. hedging, litigation, climate change and insurance) and report to the Board with respect to risk assessment process and the appropriateness of risk management policies and procedures in managing risk.
  9. The Committee shall establish a procedure for:
    - the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by Whitecap regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
    - the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of Whitecap of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
  10. The Committee shall review and approve Whitecap's hiring policies regarding employees and former employees of the present and former external auditors of Whitecap.
  11. The Committee shall have the authority to investigate any financial activity of Whitecap. All employees of Whitecap are to cooperate as requested by the Committee.
  12. The Committee shall review all related party transactions.
  13. The Committee shall review the status of taxation matters of Whitecap and its major subsidiaries.
  14. The Committee shall review the short term investment strategies respecting the cash balance of Whitecap.
  15. The Committee shall conduct or undertake such other duties as may be required from time to time by any applicable regulatory authorities, including the TSX.
  16. The Committee may retain persons having special expertise and/or obtain independent professional advice to assist in filling their responsibilities at the expense of Whitecap without any further approval of the board.

#### **Meetings and Administrative Matters**

1. At all meetings of the Committee every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. In case of an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.
2. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, unless the Chair is not present, in which case the members of the Committee present shall designate from among the members present the Chair for purposes of the meeting.
3. A quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be a majority of its members, and the rules for calling, holding, conducting and adjourning meetings of the Committee shall be the same as those governing the Board unless otherwise determined by the Committee or the Board.

4. Meetings of the Committee should be scheduled to take place at least four times per year and at such other times as the Chair of the Committee shall determine. Agendas, approved by the Chair, shall be circulated to Committee members along with background information on a timely basis prior to the Committee meetings.
5. The Chief Financial Officer shall attend meetings of the Committee, unless otherwise excused from all or part of any such meeting by the Chair. The Committee may invite such other officers, directors and employees of Whitecap as it may see fit from time to time to attend at meetings of the Committee and assist thereat in the discussion and consideration of the matters being considered by the Committee.
6. Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be taken and shall be made available to the Board. The Committee shall forthwith report the results of meetings and reviews undertaken and any associated recommendations to the Board.
7. The Committee shall meet with the external auditors at least quarterly (including without management present) and at such other times as the external auditors and the Committee consider appropriate.
8. The Committee may retain persons having special expertise and/or obtain independent professional advice to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities at the expense of Whitecap.
9. The auditors of Whitecap are entitled to receive notice of every meeting of the Committee and be heard thereat.
10. Any issues arising from these meetings that bear on the relationship between the Board and management should be communicated to the Chair of the Board by the Chair of the Committee.

*Approved by the Board of Directors on October 29, 2019.*



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