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#### **CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below when used in this Annual Information Form. Certain other terms and abbreviations used herein, but not defined herein, are defined in NI 51-101 (as defined below) or the COGE Handbook (as defined below) and, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same meanings herein as in NI 51-101 or the COGE Handbook.

"Altura" or the "Corporation" means Altura Energy Inc.;

"ABCA" means the Business Corporations Act (Alberta);

"AER" means the Alberta Energy Regulator;

"AIF" or "Annual Information Form" means this annual information form;

"Audit Committee" means the audit committee of the Board;

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Corporation;

"COGE Handbook" means the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook prepared jointly by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary Chapter) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (Petroleum Society), as amended from time to time;

"Common Share" or "Common Shares" means, respectively, one or more common shares in the capital of the Corporation;

"Credit Facility" means the revolving bank facility of the Corporation, as amended from time to time;

"development costs" means costs incurred to develop reserves and to provide facilities for extracting, treating, gathering and storing the oil and 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, road building and relocating public roads, 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 cost 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 hydrocarbon recovery systems;

"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 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 defense, and the maintenance of land and lease records:
- c) Costs for dry hole contributions and bottom hole contributions; and
- d) Costs of drilling and equipping exploratory wells.

## "gross" means:

- a) In relation to the Corporation's interest in production and reserves, its "Corporation gross reserves", which are the Corporation's working interest (operating and non-operating) share before deduction of royalties and without including any royalty interest of the Corporation;
- b) In relation to wells, the total number of wells in which the Corporation has an interest; and
- c) In relation to properties, the total area of properties in which the Corporation has an interest:

"IFRS" means International Financial Reporting Standards;

"LLR" means Licensee Liability Rating;

"McDaniel" means McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd.;

"**McDaniel Report**" means the report prepared by McDaniel, in accordance with NI 51-101, dated March 4, 2020 and effective December 31, 2019;

## "net" means:

a) In relation to the Corporation's interest in production and reserves, the Corporation's working interest (operating and non-operating) share after deduction of royalty obligations, plus the Corporation's royalty interest in production or reserves;

- b) In relation to wells, the number of wells obtained by aggregating the Corporation's working interest in each of its gross wells; and
- c) In relation to the Corporation's interest in a property, the total area in which the Corporation has an interest multiplied by the working interest owned by the Corporation;

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

"Options" means options to purchase Common Shares granted under the Corporation's stock option plan;

"Performance Warrant" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the heading "Description of Share Capital";

"Preferred Share" or "Preferred Shares" means, respectively, one or more preferred shares in the capital of the Corporation;

"TSXV" means the TSX Venture Exchange;

"U.S." or "United States" means the United States of America.

Words importing the singular number only include the plural, and vice versa, and words importing any gender include all genders. The information set out in this Annual Information Form is stated as at December 31, 2019 unless otherwise indicated and except that information in documents incorporated by reference herein is given as of the dates noted therein.

# **SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS**

In this AIF, the abbreviations set forth below have the following meanings:

Oil and Nati	ıral Gas Liquids	Natural Gas							
Bbl	Barrel of oil or NGLs	Mcf	thousands of cubic feet						
Bbls	barrels of oil or NGLs	Mcfe	thousands of cubic feet equivalent						
Bbls/d	barrels per day	MMcf	millions of cubic feet						
Mbbl	thousands of barrels of oil or NGLs	Mcf/d	thousands of cubic feet per day						
NGLs	natural gas liquids	Mcfe/d	thousands of cubic feet equivalent per day						
API	American Petroleum Institute								
° API			easured on the API gravity scale. Liquid higher is generally referred to as light						
Вое	barrel of oil equivalent of natural gar natural gas	barrel of oil equivalent of natural gas and crude oil on the basis of one Bbl for six Mcf of natural gas							
Boe/d	barrel of oil equivalent per day								

MBoe	1,000 barrels of oil equivalent
M\$	thousands of dollars
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
WTI	West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma for crude oil of standard grade

# **CONVERSION**

The following table sets forth certain standard conversions from Standard Imperial Units to the International System of Units (or metric units).

To Convert From	То	Multiply By
Mcf	Cubic metres	28.174
Cubic metres	Cubic feet	35.494
Bbls	Cubic metres	0.159
Cubic metres	Bbls	6.290
Feet	Metres	0.305
Metres	Feet	3.281
Miles	Kilometres	1.609
Kilometres	Miles	0.621
Acres	Hectares	0.405
Hectares	Acres	2.471

## **CURRENCY OF INFORMATION**

In this AIF, references to "dollars" and "\$" are to the currency of Canada, unless otherwise indicated.

## **OIL AND GAS ADVISORIES**

## **Caution Respecting Boe**

In this AIF, the abbreviation Boe means barrel of oil equivalent on the basis of 6 Mcf to 1 Boe of natural gas when converting natural gas to Boe. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A Boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf to 1 Boe is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

# **NON-GAAP MEASURES**

Within this AIF, references are made to terms commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry. The term "Netback" in this AIF is not a recognized measure under generally accepted accounting principles in Canada. Altura uses "Netback" as a key performance indicator and it is used by us in operational and capital allocation decisions. It is determined by deducting transportation expenses, royalties and operating expenses from revenues. 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 Altura's performance.

#### NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information set forth in this Annual Information Form, including certain documents incorporated by reference into this Annual Information Form, contain forward-looking information (within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation). Such statements or information are generally identifiable by words such as "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "plan", "expect", "estimate", "budget", "outlook", "forecast", "will" or other similar words and include statements relating to or associated with individual wells, facilities, regions or projects. Any statements regarding the following are forward-looking statements:

- uncertainty about the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it will have on Altura's operations, the demand for Altura's products, and economic activity in general;
- the performance characteristics of the Corporation's oil and natural gas properties;
- future crude oil, NGLs and natural gas prices;
- future production levels and production levels by commodity;
- future drilling, completion and tie-in of wells;
- development plans for proved and probable undeveloped reserves;
- anticipated land expiries;
- future facility access, acquisition or construction;
- future availability of financing, future sources of funding for capital programs and future availability of such sources;
- availability of credit facilities;
- future asset acquisitions or dispositions;
- intentions with respect to investments;
- future decommissioning costs and the related discount rates and inflation factors used to determine such estimates;
- development plans;
- 2020 capital budget;
- future development potential on the Corporation's lands;
- expectations with respect to future growth and opportunities;
- treatment under governmental regulatory regimes and tax and royalty laws;
- the anticipated impact of the factors discussed under the heading "Industry Conditions" on the Corporation;
- dates or time periods by which wells will be drilled, completed and tied in, facility and pipeline construction completed and geographical areas developed; and
- changes to any of the foregoing.

With respect to forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Information Form, including certain documents incorporated by reference into this Annual Information Form, the Corporation has made assumptions regarding:

- the continued performance of Altura's oil and gas properties in a manner consistent with its past experiences;
- that Altura will continue to conduct its operations in a manner consistent with past operations;
- the return of industry conditions to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels;
- oil and natural gas production rates;
- the size of the oil and natural gas reserves;
- projections of market prices and costs;
- supply and demand for oil and natural gas;
- the success of the Corporation's operations and exploration and development activities;
- prevailing weather conditions, commodity prices and exchange rates;
- the availability of labour, services and drilling equipment;
- the availability of capital to fund planned expenditures;
- timing and amount of capital expenditures;
- future abandonment and reclamation costs;
- general economic and financial market conditions;
- tax horizons;
- the success, nature and timing of enhanced recovery activities;
- the ability of the Corporation to secure necessary personnel, equipment and services;
- government regulation in the areas of taxation, royalty rates and environmental protection;
- the success of exploration and development activities; and
- access to market for the Corporation's production.

The forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include:

- the COVID-19 pandemic and related disruptions in oil and gas markets, including the duration and impacts thereof;
- changes in commodity prices including, without limitation, as a result of COVID-19 and the OPEC+ price war;
- changes in commodity prices including, without limitation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and related disruptions in oil and gas markets;
- industry conditions, including commodity prices;

- pipeline and third-party facility capacity constraints and access to sales markets;
- volatility of commodity prices;
- currency fluctuations;
- imprecision of reserve estimates and related costs including royalties, production costs and future development costs;
- environmental risks;
- stock market volatility;
- ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources and the ability of the Corporation to realize value from acquired assets and companies;
- credit facility risks;
- failure to realize anticipated benefits of acquisitions and dispositions;
- risks inherent in oil and natural gas operations;
- inability to secure labour, services or equipment on a timely basis or on favourable terms;
- competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands and skilled personnel;
- unfavourable weather conditions;
- incorrect assessments of the value of acquisitions and exploration and development programs;
- success of drilling programs;
- geological, technical, drilling, completion and processing problems;
- results of enhanced recovery responses;
- changes in legislation, including changes in tax laws and incentive programs relating to the oil and gas industry; and
- the other factors discussed under "Risk Factors".

All of these factors should be considered in the context of current economic conditions, in particular, volatility in commodity prices, recent low prices for crude oil and natural gas over the last several years, the attitude of lenders and investors towards crude oil and natural gas assets, the condition of financial markets generally, as well as the stability of joint venture and other business partners, all of which are outside the control of the Corporation.

Ultimate recovery of reserves is based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management of the Corporation.

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

Readers are advised that the assumptions used in the preparation of forward-looking information, although considered reasonable at the time of preparation, may prove to be imprecise and, as such,

undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements. The Corporation disclaims any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required under securities law.

References to forward-looking information are made elsewhere in this Annual Information Form. The forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

#### THE CORPORATION

The Corporation was incorporated under the ABCA on June 8, 2007 under the name of "Northern Spirit Developments Inc." On November 2, 2007, the Corporation filed articles of amendment to change its name to "Northern Spirit Resources Inc." On January 1, 2012, the Corporation filed articles of amalgamation to amalgamate with Northern Spirit Operating Inc. and 1250900 Alberta Ltd. On October 16, 2015, the Corporation filed articles of amendment to change its name to "Altura Energy Inc."

The Corporation is a reporting issuer (or the equivalent thereof) in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario. The Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSXV under the symbol "ATU". Prior to October 19, 2015, the Common Shares traded on the TSXV under the symbol "NS".

The Corporation has one wholly owned subsidiary, 1880675 Alberta Ltd. 1880675 Alberta Ltd. is a corporation existing under the ABCA.

The Corporation's registered office is located at 1100, 225 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Brookfield Place, Calgary, Alberta T2P 1N2, and its head and principal office is located at 2500, 605 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3H5.

# **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS**

From January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 the Corporation has grown its business by acquiring producing assets and land, either freehold or Crown, and drilling, completing and equipping wells on the assets owned by the Corporation, primarily in central Alberta, east central Alberta, and Saskatchewan. Set out below is a review of the Corporation's activities during such three-year period.

### 2017

Overview of Capital Expenditure Program

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Corporation executed a \$21.2 million capital program, net of divestitures totaling \$1.1 million, and drilled seven gross (7.0 net) wells in the Eyehill, Leduc-Woodbend and Killam areas of Alberta, and one gross (1.0 net) well in the Macklin area of Saskatchewan. The Corporation invested \$3.8 million into facilities and pipelines and acquired freehold and Crown leases in 19 sections of land in the Leduc-Woodbend area, and 3 sections of land in the Macklin area of Saskatchewan. Average production for the year was 1,128 Boe/d.

# General Business Developments

On June 2, 2017, the Credit Facility was increased from \$4.0 million to \$7.5 million.

On October 3, 2017, the Credit Facility was increased from \$7.5 million to \$10.0 million.

On December 14, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a preliminary 2018 capital development budget of \$15.0 million, funded with cash flow from operating activities and the Credit Facility.

## 2018

# Overview of Capital Expenditure Program

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Corporation executed a \$9.8 million capital program, including \$3.6 million related to property acquisitions and net of divestitures totaling \$27.3 million (including transaction costs). Drilling and completion projects included nine extended reach horizontal ("**ERH**") wells at Leduc-Woodbend, and one well at Macklin. The Corporation invested in key infrastructure at Leduc-Woodbend including the construction of a multi-well battery and a natural gas gathering pipeline that connects Altura's northern area production to a second third party gas plant. Average production for the year was 1,172 Boe/d.

## General Business Developments

On May 31, 2018, Altura closed the disposition of the Corporation's crude oil and natural gas assets (the "**Provost Disposition**"), to an unrelated third party, in east central Alberta and Saskatchewan, which included the Eyehill, Eyehill South, Macklin, Wildmere, Killam and Provost Minor areas. Consideration, net of customary post-closing adjustments and transaction costs totaled \$27.3 million. The Provost Disposition strategically transformed the Corporation to a geographically and geologically focused Upper Mannville producer at Leduc-Woodbend, located 30 km south of Edmonton, Alberta.

In conjunction with the Provost Disposition, the Credit Facility was decreased from \$10.0 million to \$3.0 million on May 31, 2018.

On July 31, 2018, the Corporation closed an acquisition of 2.6 net sections of highly prospective lands in the Upper Mannville oil pool at Leduc-Woodbend and a 40 percent working interest in the Glauconitic D Unit No. 1 pool in the Leduc-Woodbend area of Alberta from a third-party for cash consideration of \$2.6 million, net of customary post-closing adjustments, adding net production of approximately 80 Boe per day (90 percent oil & liquids) of low decline, Glauconitic oil (33° API) production.

On December 13, 2018, the Credit Facility was increased from \$3.0 million to \$6.0 million.

On December 21, 2018, the Corporation closed a second agreement to purchase 0.4 net sections of highly prospective lands in the Upper Mannville oil pool at Leduc-Woodbend and a 20 percent working interest in the Glauconitic D Unit No. 1 pool from a second third-party for cash consideration of \$1.0 million, net of customary post-closing adjustments, adding net production of approximately 40 Boe per day (90 percent oil & liquids) of low decline, Glauconitic oil (33° API) production.

#### 2019

# Overview of Capital Expenditure Program

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Corporation executed a \$9.4 million capital program, net of divestitures totaling \$3.5 million. Altura drilled three and completed two wells at Leduc-Woodbend and drilled a vertical exploratory stratigraphic well in a new area called Entice, located south of Strathmore, Alberta. Additionally, the Corporation changed its artificial lift system on 11 wells totaling \$0.8 million of workover expenditures and \$1.2 million related to equipping expenditures. Average production for the year was 1,742 Boe/d.

# General Business Developments

On April 29, 2019, the Credit Facility was increased from \$6.0 million to \$10.0 million. The interest rate on the Credit Facility was increased to the lender's prime rate plus 1.75% from its prime rate plus 1.50%, with a parallel increase in the fee for Letters of Credit issued under the Credit Facility to 2.25% (from 2.00%). Furthermore, the Credit Facility was amended to include additional covenants to be observed by the Corporation, including:

- a hedging covenant that Altura shall, from May 1, 2019 onwards, at all times maintain hedging agreements covering no less than 300 bbl/d oil (Western Canadian Select) for no less than the succeeding nine-month period, on a rolling basis; and
- the Corporation will maintain an Licensee Liability Rating in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, in each case, of no less than 2.0.

On December 4, 2019, Altura entered into a definitive agreement with an unrelated third party ("PrivateCo") for the sale of a 12.5 percent working interest in the Corporation's production, wells, lands and facilities for cash of \$7.0 million through two transactions.

The first transaction closed on December 4, 2019, whereby Altura divested a 7.0 percent working interest for cash of \$3.5 million (the "**7% Asset Disposition**"). The agreement committed Altura to drill, complete and equip or abandon a horizontal well in the Entice area of Alberta by March 31, 2020. Altura fulfilled this commitment in March 2020.

The Corporation is planning to close the second transaction in the second half of 2020, where PrivateCo will acquire an additional 5.5% working interest in Altura's production, wells, lands and facilities for \$3.5 million. As per the agreement, the proceeds from the second transaction will primarily be used to drill a horizontal well in either the Entice or Leduc-Woodbend areas. For more information, please see Note 6 "Acquisitions and Dispositions" in our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, which note is incorporated by reference in this Annual Information Form and is found on our SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

In conjunction with the 7% Asset Disposition, the Credit Facility was decreased from \$10.0 million to \$9.0 million on December 4, 2019.

## **Recent Developments**

On March 19, 2020, the Corporation provided an operational update, including the initial results from its first horizonal well in the Entice area of Alberta. Since equipping the well with artificial lift and temporary facilities on March 5, 2020, the well produced 645 barrels of sweet 25°API oil, 6.5 MMcf of natural gas and 4,500 barrels of water to March 17, 2020. Approximately 73% of the total water used in the completion was

recovered during that period. The well was shut-in on March 19, 2020 as a result of the decline in oil prices. Wellsite facility equipment will remain in place and the production test will continue when oil prices improve as the Corporation determines is appropriate.

On April 7, 2020, the Corporation announced it voluntarily curtailed production volumes in April 2020 to its hedged oil production of 300 barrels of oil per day, which is approximately 550 boe per day (including NGLs and natural gas) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and related disruptions in oil and gas markets.

On April 7, 2020, the Credit Facility was reduced to \$7.5 million from \$9.0 million as a result of the unprecedented decline and volatility in crude oil prices. The Corporation's Credit Facility is scheduled to undergo its annual review on May 31, 2020.

# **Significant Acquisitions**

The Corporation did not complete any significant acquisitions during its most recently completed financial year for which disclosure is required under Part 8 of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

## **Corporate Strategy**

Altura is a growth orientated, junior public oil and gas company with properties in central Alberta. The Corporation predominantly produces from the Rex reservoir in the Upper Mannville group and is focused on delivering per share growth and attractive shareholder returns through a combination of organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

While Altura believes that it has the skills and resources necessary to achieve its stated objectives, participation in the exploration for, and development of, oil and gas has several inherent risks. See "*Risk Factors*" in this AIF.

## **Employees**

As at December 31, 2019, the Corporation employed seven full-time employees located at the head office. The Corporation also retained four consultants, two of which are located at the head office and two of which are located in the field.

In addition, the Corporation hires skilled contractors to perform drilling operations, well completions and other field service operations.

# Specialized Skill and Knowledge

The Corporation employs individuals with various professional skills in the course of pursuing its business plan. In addition, the Corporation has access to various specialized consultants to assist in areas where it does not need full time employees. These professional skills include, but are not limited to, geology, geophysics, engineering, land, financial and business development. Drawing on significant experience in the oil and natural gas business, the Corporation believes its management team has a demonstrated track record of bringing together all of the key components to a successful exploration and production company: strong technical skills; expertise in planning and financial controls; ability to execute on business

development opportunities; capital markets expertise; and an entrepreneurial spirit that allows the Corporation to effectively identify, evaluate and execute on value added initiatives.

# **Competitive Conditions**

The petroleum and natural gas industry is competitive in all its phases. The Corporation must compete in all aspects of its operations with a substantial number of other companies, many of which have greater technical and/or financial resources. With the maturing nature of the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, the access to new prospects is becoming more and more competitive and complex.

Participants in the petroleum industry must manage risks beyond their direct control. Among these are risks associated with exploration, evolving environmental and operating regulations, commodity prices, royalty and tax rates, foreign exchange and interest rates.

The Corporation attempts to enhance its competitive position by operating in areas where it believes its technical personnel can reduce some of the risks associated with exploration, production and marketing because they are familiar with the areas of operation.

# **Cyclical Nature of Business**

The Corporation's business is often driven by weather conditions and the health of the economy. Demand for oil and gas rises and falls with the strength of the economy as well as with the cold in the winters and the heat in the summers. This occurs both on a continental as well as global level. A strong economy may create higher commodity prices, which in turn may result in a greater amount of capital that the Corporation can expend on its capital program. A weak economy has the opposite effect. Cold winters and hot summers generally result in extra demand for natural gas on a continental basis, which in turn increase natural gas prices. In addition, the exploration for and the development of oil and natural gas reserves is dependent on access to areas where drilling is to be conducted. Seasonal weather variation, including "freeze-up" and "break-up", affect access in certain circumstances.

# **STATEMENT OF RESERVES DATA**

The report on reserves data by McDaniel in Form 51-101F2 of NI 51-101 and the report of management and directors on reserves data and other information in Form 51-101F3 of NI 51-101 are attached as Appendix "A" and "B" to this AIF, respectively.

### **Disclosure of Reserves Data**

The reserves data set forth below (the "**Reserves Data**") was prepared by McDaniel, the Corporation's independent qualified reserves evaluator, with an effective date of December 31, 2019 and a preparation date of March 4, 2020. The Reserves Data summarizes the oil, NGLs and natural gas reserves of the Corporation and the net present values of future net revenue for these reserves using forecast prices and costs.

The McDaniel Report has been prepared in accordance with the standards contained in the COGE Handbook and the reserve definitions contained in NI 51-101 and the COGE Handbook. Additional information not required by NI 51-101 has been presented to provide continuity and additional information, which the

Corporation believes is important to readers of this AIF. McDaniel was engaged to provide evaluations of proved and proved plus probable reserves and no attempt was made to evaluate possible reserves.

All of Altura's consolidated reserves are onshore in Canada and, specifically, in the Province of Alberta.

The McDaniel Report is based on certain factual data supplied by Altura and McDaniel's opinion of reasonable practice in the industry. The extent and character of ownership and all factual data pertaining to petroleum properties and contracts (except for certain information residing in the public domain) were supplied by Altura to McDaniel. McDaniel accepted this data as presented and neither title searches nor field inspections were conducted.

The net present value of future net revenue attributable to reserves is stated without provision for interest costs and general and administrative costs, but after providing for estimated royalties, production costs, development costs, other income, future capital expenditures and well abandonment and reclamation costs.

Altura determined the future net revenue and present value of future net revenue after income tax expenses by utilizing McDaniel's before income tax future net revenue and the Corporation's estimate of income tax. Altura's 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 the Corporation's 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 Altura's oil and natural gas properties reflects the tax burden of its properties on a stand-alone basis. It does not provide an estimate of the value of the Corporation as a business entity, which may be significantly different. Altura's consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2019 should be consulted for additional information regarding the Corporation's taxes.

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of crude oil, NGLs and natural gas reserves and the future cash flows attributed to such reserves. In general, such estimates are based upon a number of variable factors and assumptions, such as historical production from the properties, production rates, ultimate reserve recovery, timing and amount of capital expenditures, marketability of oil and natural gas, royalty rates, 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 crude oil, NGLs 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. The Corporation's actual production, revenues, taxes and development and operating expenditures with respect to its consolidated reserves will vary from estimates thereof and such variations could be material.

It should not be assumed that the undiscounted or discounted net present value of future net revenue attributable to reserves estimated by McDaniel represent the fair market value of those reserves. Other assumptions and qualifications relating to costs, prices for future production and other matters are summarized herein. The recovery and reserve estimates of crude oil, NGLs and natural gas reserves provided herein are estimates only. Actual reserves may be greater than or less than the estimates provided herein.

The information relating to the Corporation's consolidated crude oil, NGLs and natural gas reserves contains forward-looking statements relating to future net revenues, forecast capital expenditures, future

development plans, timing and costs related thereto, forecast operating costs, anticipated production and abandonment costs. See "*Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements*", "*Industry Conditions*" and "*Risk Factors*".

In certain of the tables set forth below, the columns may not add due to rounding.

# Reserves Data (Forecast Prices and Costs)

# Summary of Oil and Gas Reserves Forecast Prices and Costs as of December 31, 2019 Total Reserves Total Company

Table F1-1

	Light & Me	dium Oil	Heavy	Oil	Conventional N	latural Gas	Natural Gas Liquids		
	Gross (1)	Net (2)	Gross (1)	Net (2)	Gross (1)	Net (2)	Gross (1)	Net (2)	
Reserves Category	Mbbl	Mbbl	Mbbl	Mbbl	MMcf	MMcf	Mbbl	Mbbl	
Proved									
Developed Producing	161.2	136.0	777.3	688.6	4,270.2	3,898.3	104.3	88.4	
Developed Non-Producing	0.0	0.0	102.3	88.0	307.8	266.8	7.4	6.3	
Undeveloped	0.0	0.0	2,815.4	2,484.5	8,473.9	7,630.0	203.4	173.7	
Total Proved	161.2	136.0	3,695.0	3,261.1	13,052.0	11,795.1	315.1	268.4	
Total Probable	164.3	140.6	2,336.6	1,984.0	12,109.9	10,799.5	284.7	232.2	
Total Proved + Probable	325.4	276.6	6,031.6	5,245.1	25,161.9	22,594.6	599.7	500.6	

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross reserves are working interest reserves before royalty deductions.

## Summary of Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue Forecast Prices and Costs as of December 31, 2019 Total Reserves Total Company

Net Present Values of Future Net Revenue

Table F1-2

	Befo	re Income T	axes Discou	nted at (%/ye	ear)	Afte					
	@0.0%	@5.00%	@10.00%	<b>@15.00%</b>	@20.00%	@0.0%	@5.00%	@10.00%	<b>@15.00%</b>	@20.00%	Unit Value Before Tax (1) @10% (1)
Reserves Category	M\$	M\$	M\$	М\$	M\$	М\$	M\$	M\$	М\$	M\$	(\$/BOE)
Proved											
Developed Producing	28,097.3	27,322.2	25,402.8	23,419.5	21,643.3	28,097.3	27,322.2	25,402.8	23,419.5	21,643.3	16.26
Developed Non-Producing	2,656.7	2,272.2	1,963.5	1,715.9	1,515.0	2,656.7	2,272.2	1,963.5	1,715.9	1,515.0	14.15
Undeveloped	61,042.9	44,582.7	32,853.8	24,412.3	18,231.9	47,169.8	33,797.3	24,256.0	17,415.7	12,440.0	8.36
Total Proved	91,796.9	74,177.1	60,220.1	49,547.7	41,390.2	77,923.8	63,391.7	51,622.3	42,551.1	35,598.3	10.69
Total Probable	92,599.5	61,412.5	42,656.0	30,833.7	23,027.1	71,624.1	47,083.0	32,330.4	23,077.2	17,007.0	10.26
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<sup>(1)</sup> The unit values are based on net reserve volumes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net reserves are working interest reserves after royalty deductions plus royalty interest reserves.

# Total Future Net Revenue (Undiscounted) Forecast Prices and Costs as of December 31, 2019 Total Reserves Total Company

Table F1-3

					Abandonment &	Future Net		Future Net
			Operating	Development	Reclamation	Revenue Before	Income	Revenue After
	Revenue (1)	Royalties (2)	Costs	Costs	Costs	Income Taxes	Taxes	Income Taxes
Reserves Category	М\$	M\$	М\$	M\$	M\$	M\$	М\$	М\$
Total Proved Reserves	286,559	33,900	86,680	63,668	10,514	91,797	13,873	77,924
Total Proved + Probable Reserves	508,691	65,799	157,708	88,820	11,968	184,396	34,849	149,548

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes all product revenues and other revenues as forecast.

# Future Net Revenue by Product Type Forecast Prices and Costs as of December 31, 2019 Total Reserves Total Company

Table F1-4

		Future Net Revenue Before Income Taxes	Unit Value (1)
		(discounted @ 10%)	\$/Mcf
Reserves Category	Product Type	M\$	\$/bbl
Total Proved Reserves	Light and Medium Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)	2,422	17.81
	Heavy Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)	57,798	17.72
	Conventional Natural Gas (Including By-products)		
	Tight Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)		
	Shale Gas (Including By-products)		
	Total	60,220	
Total Proved + Probable Reserves	Light and Medium Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)	3,202	11.57
	Heavy Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)	99,674	19.00
	Conventional Natural Gas (Including By-products)		
	Tight Oil (Including Solution Gas and By-products)		
	Shale Gas (Including By-products)		
	Total	102,876	

<sup>(1)</sup> Unit values are calculated using the 10% discount rate divided by the Major Product Type Net reserves for each group.

<sup>(2)</sup> Royalties include any net profits interests paid, as well as the Saskatchewan Corporation Capital Tax Surcharge.

# **Pricing Assumptions – Forecast Prices and Costs**

Weighted average historical prices Altura realized for the year ended December 31, 2019, were \$55.69/Bbl for heavy oil, \$48.81/Bbl for light and medium oil, \$1.73/Mcf for natural gas and \$26.75/Bbl for NGLs. McDaniel employed the following pricing, exchange rate and inflation rate assumptions as of December 31, 2019 in the McDaniel Report in estimating reserves data using forecast prices and costs. Benchmark weighted average historical prices for 2019 are also reflected in the tables below.

# 3 Consultant Average Prices (McDaniel, GLJ and Sproule)

**Summary of Price Forecasts** January 1, 2020

			Crude	Oil Price For	recasts				Liquids Pri	ce Forecasts					Gas Price	Forecasts					
	WTI Crude Oil	Brent Crude Oil	Edmonton Light Crude Oil	Alberta Bow River Hardisty Crude Oil	Western Canadian Select Crude Oil	Alberta Heavy Crude Oil	Sask Cromer Medium Crude Oil	Edmonton Ethane	Edmonton Propane	Edmonton Butanes	Edmonton Cond. & Natural Gasolines	U.S. Henry Hub Gas Price	Alberta AECO Spot Price	Alberta Average Plantgate	Alberta Aggregator Plantgate	Empress	Sask. Prov. Gas Plantgate	British Columbia Average Plantgate	British Columbia Station 2	Inflation	US/CAN Exchange Rate
Year	\$US/bbl	\$US/bbl	\$C/bbl	\$C/bbl	\$C/bbl	\$C/bbl	\$C/bbl	\$/bbl	\$/bbl	\$/bbl	\$/bbl	\$US/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	\$C/MMBtu	%	\$US/\$CAN
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)						(8)	(9)							
History																					
2009	61.80	61.60	65.90	60.30	58.58	55.30	62.80		38.60	49.25	68.15	3.95	4.20	3.95	3.90		3.87	4.05		0.3	0.880
2010	79.50	79.90	77.50	68.50	67.23	61.45	73.80		46.70	66.05	84.25	4.40	4.15	3.90	3.85		3.96	3.90		1.8	0.971
2011	95.10	111.25	95.00	78.55	77.10	67.90	88.90		55.15	76.50	104.20	4.00	3.70	3.50	3.75		3.56	3.30		2.9	1.012
2012	94.20	111.65	86.10	74.35	73.08	63.65	82.10		28.60	69.55	100.80	2.75	2.45	2.25	2.25		2.31	2.25		1.5	1.000
2013	97.95	108.60	93.05	76.55	75.25	65.25	88.25		38.90	69.40	104.65	3.75	3.20	3.00	3.00		3.10	2.90	3.08	0.9	0.971
2014	93.00	99.00	93.50	80.40	79.10	71.20	87.80		45.05	69.60	102.40	4.35	4.40	4.20	4.20	4.53	4.40	4.10	4.20	1.9	0.906
2015	48.80	52.35	57.75	46.10	44.80	39.55	51.45		6.65	35.55	60.30	2.60	2.80	2.55	2.55	3.00	2.70	2.00	2.10	1.1	0.780
2016	43.30 50.90	43.55 54.25	53.85	40.30	39.00	33.35	48.95		13.15 28.90	34.35	56.20 66.85	2.50	2.10	1.90	1.90	2.31	2.20	1.55	1.68	1.4	0.760
2017			62.85	52.00 51.25	50.70	45.20	59.85 70.20			44.60		2.95	2.40	2.15	2.15	2.83	2.35	1.75 1.20	1.88	1.6 2.2	0.770 0.770
2018 2019	64.95 56.95	71.05 64.15	69.65 68.65	59.30	49.95 58.10	40.00 54.50	67.60		27.55 17.40	32.80 23.55	79.20 70.85	3.05 2.55	1.55 1.60	1.35 1.40	1.35 1.40	2.85 2.70	1.60 1.65	0.95	1.40 1.10	2.2	0.770
2019	30.93	04.13	00.03	39.30	30.10	34.30	67.60		17.40	23.33	70.05	2.55	1.00	1.40	1.40	2.70	1.03	0.33	1.10	2.0	0.750
Forecast																					
2020	61.00	66.33	72.64	58.43	57.57	51.23	70.29	6.42	26.36	42.10	76.83	2.62	2.04	1.84	1.84	2.59	1.94	1.46	1.66	0.0	0.760
2021	63.75	67.94	76.06	63.00	62.35	56.11	72.93	7.41	29.80	47.03	79.82	2.87	2.32	2.12	2.12	2.85	2.22	1.79	1.99	1.7	0.770
2022	66.18	70.06	78.35	64.99	64.33	57.72	74.73	8.33	32.94	50.66	82.30	3.06	2.62	2.41	2.41	3.02	2.52	2.12	2.32	2.0	0.785
2023	67.91	71.66	80.71	66.91	66.23	59.45	77.00	8.65	34.00	52.21	84.72	3.17	2.71	2.50	2.50	3.02	2.61	2.26	2.46	2.0	0.785
2024	69.48	73.27	82.64	68.65	67.97	61.09	78.87	8.98	34.88	53.48	86.71	3.24	2.81	2.60	2.60	3.12	2.70	2.35	2.55	2.0	0.785
2025	71.07	74.57	84.60	70.41	69.72	62.75	80.76	9.24	35.78	54.77	88.73	3.32	2.89	2.67	2.67	3.20	2.78	2.46	2.67	2.0	0.785
2026	72.68 74.24	76.22 77.83	86.57 88.49	72.20 73.91	71.49 73.20	64.43	82.67 84.53	9.46 9.67	36.69 37.57	56.07 57.32	90.77 92.76	3.39 3.45	2.96 3.03	2.73 2.80	2.73 2.80	3.26 3.33	2.85 2.91	2.53 2.59	2.73 2.80	2.0 2.0	0.785 0.785
2027	75.73			75.53	74.80	66.04			38.41							3.40			2.80	2.0	0.785
2028 2029	77.24	79.36 80.92	90.31 92.17	77.18	76.43	67.55 69.08	86.29 88.08	9.89 10.12	39.26	58.50 59.71	94.65 96.57	3.53 3.60	3.09 3.16	2.86 2.93	2.86 2.93	3.40	2.98 3.05	2.66 2.73	2.93	2.0	0.785
2030	78.79	82.54	94.01	78.72	77.96	70.46	89.84	10.12	40.04	60.90	98.50	3.67	3.23	2.99	2.99	3.54	3.11	2.78	2.99	2.0	0.785
2030	80.36	84.19	95.89	80.29	79.52	71.87	91.64	10.53	40.85	62.12	100.47	3.74	3.29	3.04	3.04	3.61	3.17	2.76	3.05	2.0	0.785
2032	81.97	85.87	97.81	81.90	81.11	73.31	93.47	10.74	41.66	63.36	102.48	3.82	3.36	3.11	3.11	3.69	3.23	2.89	3.11	2.0	0.785
2032	83.61	87.59	99.76	83.54	82.73	74.78	95.34	10.74	42.50	64.63	104.53	3.89	3.43	3.17	3.17	3.76	3.30	2.95	3.17	2.0	0.785
2034	85.28	89.34	101.76	85.21	84.39	76.27	97.24	11.18	43.35	65.92	106.62	3.97	3.49	3.23	3.23	3.84	3.36	3.01	3.24	2.0	0.785
Thereafter	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	+2%/yr	2.0	0.785

West Texas Intermediate at Cushing Oklahoma 40 degrees API, 0.5% sulphur North Sea Brent Blend 37 degrees API, 1.0% sulphur Edmonton Light Sweet 40 degrees API, 0.3% sulphur

<sup>(1)</sup> (2) (3)

Emmonton Light sweet 40 degrees API, 0.3% support

Bow River at Handisty, Alberta (Heavy stream)

Western Canadian Select at Handisty, Alberta

Heavy crude oil 12 degrees API at Handisty, Alberta

Heavy crude oil 12 degrees API at Handisty, Alberta (after deduction of blending costs to reach pipeline quality)

Midale Cromer crude oil 29 degrees API, 20% sulphur

Historical prices based on AECO 7A (near month prices). 5A (daily price) expected to be equal to 7A over long term. 2019 historical prices: 7A \$1.60/MMBTU, 5A \$1.75/MMBTU

This forecast also applies to direct sales contracts and the Alberta gas reference price used in the Crown royalty calculations

# **Reconciliation of Changes in Reserves**

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of the Corporation's gross reserves as at December 31, 2019, derived from the McDaniel Report using forecast prices and cost estimates, reconciled to the Corporation's gross reserves as at December 31, 2018.

# Reconciliation of Company Gross Reserves<sup>(1)</sup> by Product Type<sup>(2)</sup> Forecast Prices and Costs as of December 31, 2019 Total Reserves Total Company

	Light & Medium Oil (Mbbl)	Heavy Oil (Mbbl)	Conventional Natural Gas (MMcf)	Natural Gas Liquids (Mbbl)	Oil Equivalent (MBoe)
Total Proved					
December 31, 2018	213.4	4,227.2	9,507	244.6	6,269.7
Extensions and improved recovery (3)	-	204.5	616	14.8	321.9
Technical Revisions <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.0)	(101.5)	4,670	103.3	778.1
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions <sup>(5)</sup>	(12.0)	(261.5)	(592)	(15.4)	(387.7)
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-
Production <sup>(6)</sup>	(38.2)	(373.7)	(1,148)	(32.1)	(635.5)
December 31, 2019	161.2	3,695.0	13,052	315.1	6,346.5
Total Probable					
December 31, 2018	62.8	2,590.4	6,265	158.6	3,856.0
Extensions and improved recovery (3)	111.0	316.9	1,635	32.6	733.2
Technical Revisions <sup>(4)</sup>	(5.3)	(391.8)	4,631	104.0	478.7
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions <sup>(5)</sup>	(4.3)	(178.9)	(421)	(10.7)	(264.0)
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-
Production <sup>(6)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
December 31, 2019	164.2	2,336.6	12,110	284.6	4,803.9
Total Proved + Probable					
December 31, 2018	276.2	6,817.6	15,772	403.2	10,125.7
Extensions and improved recovery (3)	111.0	521.4	2,251	47.4	1,055.1
Technical Revisions <sup>(4)</sup>	(7.3)	(493.3)	9,300	207.3	1,256.8
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions <sup>(5)</sup>	(16.3)	(440.4)	(1,013)	(26.1)	(651.7)
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-
Production <sup>(6)</sup>	(38.2)	(373.7)	(1,148)	(32.1)	(635.5)
December 31, 2019	325.4	6,031.6	25,162	599.7	11,150.4

- (1) Gross reserves are Company working interest reserves before royalty deductions.
- (2) Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- (3) Extensions and Improved Recovery includes all new wells drilled and booked during the year. The Corporation's 2019 development strategy mainly focused on development drilling in the Leduc-Woodbend area. Extensions and improved recovery also include one probable location in the Entice area.
- (4) Negative technical revisions were realized in both proved and probable heavy crude oil reserve categories. The revisions were driven by performance deviations from earlier type-curve forecasts. Positive revisions were realized in both proved and probable conventional natural gas and NGL reserve categories. These revisions were driven by higher than previously forecasted gas to oil ratios in the Leduc-Woodbend area.
- (5) The dispositions amount relates to the 7% Asset Disposition on December 4, 2019.
- (6) Altura produced an average of 1,742 Boe per day in 2019.

#### 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 first attributed in each of the most recent three financial years.

Year	•	Medium Oil bbl)		yy Oil obl)	Conventi (MM	onal Gas //cf)	Natural Gas Liquids (Mbbl)		
	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	
	Attributed	at Year End	Attributed	at Year End	Attributed	at Year End	Attributed	at Year End	
2017	-	294.8	707.5	825.4	948.4	1,538.4	36.5	39.6	
2018	-	-	2,778.1	3,107.7	6,046.7	6,764.6	151.2	169.1	
2019	-	-	204.5	2,815.4	615.7	8,473.9	14.8	203.4	

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. McDaniel has assigned 4,431.1 Mboe of proved undeveloped reserves in the McDaniel Report with \$62.4 million of associated undiscounted capital, of which \$29.3 million is forecast to be spent in the first two years.

The Corporation's proved undeveloped reserves are in its core area where Altura is actively spending capital to develop the Leduc-Woodbend property. As such, the Corporation expects that most of its booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a three-year time frame and that substantially all of its currently booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a four-year time frame. There are a number of factors that could result in delayed or cancelled development, including the following: (i) existence of higher priority expenditures; (ii) changing economic conditions (due to pricing, operating and capital expenditure fluctuations); (iii) changing technical conditions (including production anomalies, such as water breakthrough or accelerated depletion); (iv) multi-zone developments (for instance, a prospective formation completion may be delayed until the initial completion is no longer economic); (v) a larger development program may need to be spread out over several years to optimize capital allocation and facility utilization; and (vi) surface access issues (including those relating to land owners, weather conditions and regulatory approvals). For more information, see "*Risk Factors*" herein.

# **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.

Year	•	Medium Oil obl)		/y Oil bbl)		ional Gas //cf)	Natural Gas Liquids (Mbbl)		
	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	First	Cumulative	
	Attributed	Attributed at Year End		at Year End	Attributed	at Year End	Attributed	d at Year End	
2017	-	306.3	828.1	1,129.6	731.6	1,340.2	28.2	40.7	
2018	-	-	2,083.6	2,203.6	4,949.9	5,249.4	123.7	131.2	
2019	111.1	111.1	316.9	1,990.1	1,635.3	10,019.7	32.7	233.9	

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 and 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. McDaniel has assigned 4,005.1 Mboe of probable undeveloped reserves in the McDaniel Report with \$25.2 million of associated undiscounted capital, of which \$3.0 million is forecast to be spent in the first two years.

The Corporation's probable undeveloped reserves are in its core area of Leduc-Woodbend and the new Entice area. Altura is actively spending capital to develop the areas. As such, the Corporation expects that substantially all of its currently booked undeveloped projects will be completed within a four-year time frame.

# **Significant Factors or Uncertainties Affecting Reserves Data**

The process of evaluating reserves is inherently complex. It requires significant judgments and decisions based on available geological, geophysical, engineering and economic data. These estimates may change substantially as additional data from ongoing development activities and production performance becomes available and as economic conditions impacting oil and natural gas prices and costs change. The reserve estimates contained herein are based on current production forecasts, prices and economic conditions and other factors and assumptions that may affect the reserve estimates and the present value of the future net revenue therefrom. These factors and assumptions include, among others: (i) historical production in the area compared with production rates from analogous producing areas; (ii) initial production rates; (iii) production decline rates; (iv) ultimate recovery of reserves; (v) success of future development activities; (vi) timing and costs of future development activities; (vii) marketability of production; (viii) effects of government regulations; and (ix) other government levies imposed over the life of the reserves.

As circumstances change and additional data becomes available, reserve estimates also change. Estimates are reviewed and revised, either upward or downward, as warranted by the new information. Revisions are often required due to changes in well performance, prices, economic conditions and government restrictions. Revisions to reserve estimates can arise from changes in year-end prices, reservoir performance and geologic conditions or production. These revisions can be either positive or negative.

While Altura does not anticipate any significant economic factors or significant uncertainties that will affect any particular components of the reserves data, the reserves can be affected significantly by fluctuations in

product pricing, capital expenditures, costs to abandon and reclaim properties, operating costs, royalty regimes and well performance that are beyond the Corporation's control.

### **Abandonment and Reclamation Costs**

In connection with its operations, the Corporation will incur abandonment and reclamation costs for surface leases, wells, facilities and pipelines. Altura budgets for and recognizes as a liability the estimated present value of the future decommissioning liabilities associated with its property, plant and equipment. Altura's 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. The Corporation estimates such costs through a model that incorporates data from Altura's operating history, industry sources and cost formulas used by AER, together with other operating assumptions. The Corporation expects all of its net wells to incur these costs.

Altura anticipates the total amount of such costs to be approximately \$5.6 million on an undiscounted basis and excluding inflation, and approximately \$1.8 million discounted at 10% and assuming an inflation rate of 2%, calculated in accordance with NI 51-101.

All existing and future abandonment and reclamation costs are reflected in McDaniel's estimate of future net revenue. The calculations of future net revenue associated with proved plus probable reserves under "Oil and Natural Gas Reserves" in this Annual Information Form include expenditures of approximately \$4.3 million (on an undiscounted basis) and \$0.4 million (discounted at 10%) in respect of the abandonment and reclamation of future wells and facilities where that obligation has not yet been incurred but is expected to be incurred.

Over the next three years, the Corporation does not anticipate any spending in respect of abandonment and reclamation costs.

# **Future Development Costs**

The table below sets out the total development costs deducted in the estimation in the McDaniel Report of future net revenue attributable to the Corporation's proved reserves and proved plus probable reserves (using forecast prices and costs).

CODECACT DRICES AND COSTS

Total Proved Plus
Probable Reserves
12,816
20,768
23,385
19,009
12,843
88,820
70,908

Altura expects to use a combination of internally generated cash from operating activities, its Credit Facility and the issuance of new equity or debt where and when it believes appropriate to fund future development costs set out in the McDaniel Report. There can be no guarantee that funds will be available or that the

Board of Directors will allocate funding to develop all the reserves attributable in the McDaniel Report. Failure to develop those reserves could have a negative impact on the Corporation's future cash flow.

Interest expense or other costs of external funding are not included in the reserves and future net revenue estimates set forth above and would reduce the reserves and future net revenue to some degree depending upon the funding sources utilized. The Corporation does not anticipate that interest or other funding costs would make further development of any of the Corporation's properties uneconomic.

## OTHER OIL AND NATURAL GAS INFORMATION

# **Principal Properties**

## Leduc-Woodbend

The Corporation has two producing properties in the Leduc-Woodbend area of central Alberta, located approximately 10 kilometers southwest of Leduc, Alberta. In December 2019, the Corporation divested of a 7% working interest in the production, wells, lands and facilities as described in "General Development of the Business" of this AIF, in both producing assets.

Leduc-Woodbend Rex Pool

The majority of the Corporation's development and production activities in the Leduc-Woodbend area are directed towards 17° API oil in the Rex member of the Upper Mannville Formation ("**Leduc-Woodbend**").

Altura currently holds a 92% working interest in 46,264 acres of land at Leduc-Woodbend, of which 29,302 net acres are undeveloped and 13,157 net acres are developed. Altura drilled three horizontal wells in the area in 2019, of which two were completed and brought on production in 2019 and one was completed and brought on production in the first quarter of 2020. McDaniel assigned 6,167.8 Mboe of proved reserves and 10,755.7 Mboe of proved plus probable reserves at Leduc-Woodbend in the McDaniel Report.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, Altura had average production of 1,629 Boe/d (including 1,112 Bbls/d of oil and liquids and 3,103 Mcf/d of natural gas) from 15 producing wells. Production in the area is tied into two multi-well batteries and two single well batteries owned and operated by the Corporation. Oil sales volumes are trucked to multiple sales points and natural gas production is transported via pipeline and processed by two third-party operators.

Leduc-Woodbend Glauconitic Unit No.1

The Corporation has a minor property in the Leduc-Woodbend area directed towards 34° API oil in the *Glauconitic Unit No.1* (the "**Glauc Unit**").

Altura currently holds a 55.7% working interest in 1,920 acres of land in the Glauc Unit, of which all 1,069 net acres are developed. McDaniel assigned 178.8 Mboe of proved reserves and 237.9 Mboe of proved plus probable reserves in the Glauc Unit in the McDaniel Report.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, Altura had average production of approximately 113 Boe/d (including 106 Bbls/d of oil and liquids and 42 Mcf/d of natural gas) from seven producing wells. Production in the area is tied into a 55.7% working interest multi-well battery, operated by the Corporation. Oil sales

volumes are trucked to multiple sales points and natural gas production is transported via pipeline and processed by a third-party operator.

#### Entice Area

The Entice area of southern Alberta is located approximately nine kilometers south of Strathmore, Alberta. In 2019, the Corporation acquired freehold land and acreage at multiple Crown land sales to establish its acreage in the area. In December 2019, the Corporation divested of a 7% working interest in the area's lands and well as described in "General Development of the Business" of this AIF. Altura currently holds a 93% working interest in 55,382 acres of land in the Entice Area, of which 602 net acres are developed.

McDaniel assigned 156.8 Mboe of probable reserves in the Entice area in the McDaniel Report.

In 2019, Altura drilled a vertical exploratory stratigraphic well to obtain geological data. Altura had no production from the area in 2019.

#### Oil and Natural Gas Wells

The following table sets forth the number and status of the Corporation's wells effective December 31, 2019.

		Oil Wells			Natural Gas Wells				
	Produ	ucing Non-Producir		oducing	ing Producing		ducing Producing Non-Prod		oducing
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	
Alberta	21	17.2	39	27.0				-	
Total	22	18.8	34	24.7				-	

#### Notes:

- (1) "Gross" wells means the number of wells in which the Corporation has a working interest.
- "Net" wells means the aggregate number of wells obtained by multiplying each gross well by the Corporation's percentage working interest therein.

## **Properties with no Attributed Reserves**

The following table summarizes, effective December 31, 2019, the gross and net acres of undeveloped properties in which the Corporation had an interest and also the number of net acres for which its rights to explore, develop or exploit are expected to expire within one year.

			<b>Net Acres Expiring Within</b>
	Gross Acres	Net Acres	One Year
Canada	86,241	80,204	792
Total	86,241	80,204	792

# Significant Factors or Uncertainties Relevant to Properties With No Attributed Reserves

There are several economic factors and significant uncertainties that affect the anticipated development of Altura's properties with no attributed reserves. The Corporation will be required to make substantial capital expenditures in order to exploit, develop, prove and produce oil and gas from these properties in the future.

If Altura's cash flow is not sufficient to satisfy its capital expenditure requirements, there can be no assurance that additional debt or equity financing will be available to meet these requirements or, if available, on terms acceptable to the Corporation. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis could cause Altura to forfeit its interest in certain properties, miss certain opportunities and reduce or terminate its operations. The inability of Altura to access sufficient capital for its exploration and development activities could have a material adverse effect on Altura's ability to execute its business strategy to develop these prospects.

The significant economic factors that affect Altura's development of its lands to which no reserves have been attributed are future commodity prices for oil and gas and Altura's outlook relating to such prices, and the future costs of drilling, completing, equipping, tie-in and operating the wells at the time that such activities are considered in the future.

The significant uncertainties that affect Altura's development of such lands are: (i) the future drilling and completion results Altura achieves in its development activities; (ii) drilling and completion results achieved by others on lands in proximity to Altura's lands; and (iii) future changes to applicable regulatory or royalty regimes that affect timing or economics of proposed development activities. All of these uncertainties have the potential to delay the development of such lands. Alternatively, uncertainty as to the timing and nature of the evolution or development of improved exploration drilling, completion and production technologies have the potential to accelerate development activities and enhance the economics relating to such lands.

# **Forward Contracts**

The Corporation's financial results and condition are impacted primarily by the prices received for crude oil, natural gas and NGLs production. Crude oil, natural gas and NGLs prices have fluctuated widely and are determined by supply and demand factors, including available access to pipelines and markets, weather, general economic conditions in natural gas consuming and producing regions throughout North America and political factors. Any upward or downward movement in crude oil, NGLs and natural gas prices could have an effect on the Corporation's financial condition and capital development.

Altura's hedging transactions are approved by the Board of Directors and may include fixed price swaps, costless collars and put options to hedge a portion of its gross crude oil or natural gas production. To the extent that the Corporation engages in risk management activities related to commodity prices, it will be subject to credit risk associated with the parties with which it contracts. This credit risk will be mitigated by entering into contracts with only stable and creditworthy parties and through the frequent review of the Corporation's exposure to these entities.

At December 31, 2019, Altura held the following crude oil contracts:

		Type of			Contract
Period	Commodity	Contract	Quantity	<b>Pricing Point</b>	Price
Jan 1/20-Mar 31/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 bbls/d	WCS	CAD \$57.00
Apr 1/20-Jun 30/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 bbls/d	WTI	CAD \$70.20
Apr 1/20-Jun 30/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 bbls/d	WCS-WTI Differential	CAD (\$28.00)
Jul 1/20-Sep 30/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 Bbls/d	WCS	CAD \$43.75
Oct 1/20-Dec 31/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 Bbls/d	WTI	CAD \$71.35
Oct 1/20—Dec 31/20	Crude Oil	Fixed	300 Bbls/d	WCS-WTI Differential	CAD (\$24.00)

On April 24, 2020, Altura unwound the May 2020 fixed price contracts for WTI and the WCS-WTI Differential realizing a gain of \$356,000.

#### **Tax Horizon**

Based on McDaniel production forecasts, planned capital expenditures and the forecast commodity pricing employed in the McDaniel Report, the Corporation estimates that it will not be required to pay current income taxes until 2021.

# **Costs Incurred**

The following table summarizes capital expenditures, excluding property dispositions, incurred by the Corporation during the year ended December 31, 2019.

	Property A	Acquisitions		
(\$000s)	<b>Proved Properties</b>	<b>Unproved Properties</b>	<b>Exploration Costs</b>	<b>Development Costs</b>
Total	=	-	1,754	11,130

# **Drilling Activity**

The following table sets forth the gross and net exploratory and development wells drilled by the Corporation during the year ended December 31, 2019. All wells were drilled in Canada.

	Exploratory Wells		Developm	ent Wells	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	
Crude Oil	-	-	3	3.0	
Natural Gas	-	-	-	-	
Service	-	-	-	-	
Stratigraphic Test	1	1.0	-	-	
Dry			<u> </u>		
Total	1	1.0	3	3.0	

# **Planned Capital Expenditures**

Altura estimates capital expenditures of \$7.0 million for the first quarter of 2020, funded with forecasted cash flow from operating activities and Altura's Credit Facility. In January 2020 Altura drilled and completed one well (0.9 net) at Entice. At Leduc-Woodbend, one well (0.9 net) that was drilled in the fourth quarter of 2019 was completed in January 2020 and one well (0.9 net) was drilled and is awaiting completion. The COVID-19 pandemic and the related disruption in the oil markets has resulted in a severe decline in crude oil prices. As a result, Altura plans to make no discretionary capital spending for the remainder of 2020.

# **Production Estimates**

The following table discloses for each product type the total volume of production estimated by McDaniel in the McDaniel Report for 2020 in the estimates of future net revenue from gross proved and gross proved plus probable reserves disclosed above.

	Light & Medium Crude Oil Bbls/d	Heavy Crude Oil Bbls/d	Conventional Natural Gas Mcf/d	Natural Gas Liquids Bbls/d	Total Oil Equivalent Boe/d
PROVED					
Developed Producing	85	550	2,822	69	1,174
Developed Non-Producing	-	104	169	4	136
Undeveloped	-	192	169	4	224
TOTAL PROVED	85	846	3,160	77	1,534
TOTAL PROBABLE	71	37	324	6	168
TOTAL PROVED & PROBABLE	156	883	3,484	83	1,702

The estimated production volumes for the Leduc-Woodbend Rex Pool, which accounts for 90% of McDaniel's total forecast production for the year ending December 31, 2020, is set forth below.

	Leduc-Woodbend Total Oil Equivalent Boe/d
PROVED	
Developed Producing	1,079
Developed Non-Producing	136
Undeveloped	225
TOTAL PROVED	1,440
TOTAL PROBABLE	84
TOTAL PROVED & PROBABLE	1,524

# **Production History**

The following table summarizes certain information in respect of the Corporation's production, product prices received, royalties paid, operating expenses, transportation expenses and resulting netback for the periods indicated below.

	Quarter Ended 2019				Year Ended
	Mar. 31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Dec. 31, 2019
Average Daily Production <sup>(1)</sup>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (Bbls/d) <sup>(2)</sup>	68	-	-	-	17
Heavy Crude Oil (Bbls/d)	1,404	1,016	1,150	881	1,112
Conventional Natural Gas (Mcf/d)	2,510	2,914	3,733	3,406	3,145
NGLs (Bbls/d)	47	88	108	113	89
Combined (Boe/d)	1,939	1,591	1,880	1,561	1,742
Average Prices Received		<del></del> -			
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/Bbl) (2)	48.81	-	-	-	48.81
Heavy Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	51.62	62.83	55.31	54.40	55.69
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2.06	1.30	0.95	2.70	1.73
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	37.16	24.23	24.42	26.64	26.75
Combined (\$/Boe)	42.71	43.89	37.12	38.50	40.50
Royalties Paid					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/Bbl) (2)	9.73	-	-	-	9.73
Heavy Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	4.69	6.14	6.61	6.74	5.93
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	0.13	-	0.02	0.19	0.08
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	2.88	2.72	2.03	2.98	2.61
Combined (\$/Boe)	3.98	4.08	4.20	4.43	4.16
Operating Expenses <sup>(3)</sup>				_	
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	21.44	-	-	-	21.44
Heavy Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	7.69	9.56	6.92	8.63	8.10
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	1.28	1.59	1.15	1.44	1.36
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	7.69	9.56	6.92	8.63	8.22
Combined (\$/Boe)	8.18	9.56	6.92	8.63	8.25
Transportation Expenses					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	1.65	-	-	-	1.65
Heavy Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	4.36	6.70	3.82	3.05	4.49
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	0.33	0.30	0.25	0.27	0.28
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	1.99	1.77	1.53	1.64	1.68
Combined (\$/Boe)	3.70	4.92	2.93	2.45	3.48
Netback Received <sup>(4)</sup>					
Light and Medium Crude Oil (\$/Bbl) (2)	15.99	-	-	-	15.99
Heavy Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	34.88	40.43	37.96	35.98	37.17
Conventional Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	0.32	(0.59)	(0.47)	0.80	0.01
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	24.60	10.18	13.94	13.39	14.24
Combined (\$/Boe)	26.85	25.33	23.07	22.99	24.61

# Notes:

- (1) Before the deduction of royalties.
- (2) In the first quarter of 2019, Altura pipeline connected two heavy oil wells producing from the Leduc-Woodbend Rex Pool to its light oil Glauconitic battery. Commencing in March 2019, oil from this battery was blended and sold into the heavy oil stream
- (3) The Corporation does not record operating expenses on a commodity basis. Information in respect of operating expenses for heavy oil and NGLs (\$/Bbl) and natural gas (\$/Mcf) has been determined by allocating expenses on a relative volume of heavy oil, NGLs and natural gas production basis.
- (4) Netback is calculated by subtracting royalties, operating expenses and transportation expenses from prices received.

# **Production Volume by Field**

The following table indicates the average daily net production from Altura's properties for the year ended December 31, 2019.

	Light & Medium Crude Oil (Bbls/d)	Heavy Crude Oil (Bbls/d)	Natural Gas Liquids (Bbls/d)	Conventional Natural Gas (Mcf/d)	Total Oil Equivalent (Boe/d)	Percentage (%)
Leduc-Woodbend Rex Pool Leduc-Woodbend	-	1,024	88	3,103	1,629	94
Glauconitic Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	17	88	1	42	113	6
Total	17	1,112	89	3,145	1,742	100

## Notes:

(1) In the first quarter of 2019, Altura pipeline connected two heavy oil wells producing from the Leduc-Woodbend Rex Pool to its light oil Glauconitic battery. Commencing in March 2019, oil from this battery was blended and sold into the heavy oil stream.

# **MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION**

As at the date hereof, the name, municipality of residence and principal occupation of the directors and senior officers of the Corporation are as follows:

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position Held	Date First Elected or Appointed
David Burghardt Calgary, Alberta	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	July 31, 2015
Tavis Carlson Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Secretary	September 1, 2015
Travis Stephenson Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Engineering	July 31, 2015
Robert Pinckston Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Exploration	July 31, 2015
Jeff Mazurak Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Operations	July 31, 2015
Craig Stayura Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Land	March 22, 2017
John McAleer <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	July 31, 2015
Brian Lavergne <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	July 31, 2015
Darren Gee <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	July 31, 2015

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position Held	Date First Elected or Appointed
Robert Maitland <sup>(1)(3)</sup> Victoria, British Columbia	Director	July 31, 2015
John Chambers Calgary, Alberta	Director	June 4, 2019

#### Notes:

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Reserves Committee.
- (3) Member of the Compensation and Governance Committee.

As at the date hereof, the officers and directors, as a group, held, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over 11,339,399 Common Shares representing 10.4% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

All of the Corporation's directors' terms of office will expire at the earliest of their resignation, the close of the next annual shareholder meeting called for the election of directors, or on such other date as they may be removed according to the ABCA. Each director will devote the amount of time as is required to fulfill his obligations to the Corporation. The Corporation's officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

# **Directors and Officers – Biographies**

The following are brief profiles of the current directors and officers of the Corporation, including a description of each individual's principal occupation within the past five years.

## David Burghardt, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Mr. Burghardt is a Professional Engineer with 33 years of multi-discipline domestic and international experience with a background in all industry functions, particularly asset exploitation, reservoir management and production engineering. Most recently, Mr. Burghardt was the Managing Director of the French Business Unit for Vermilion Energy Inc. ("**Vermilion**"). Stewarding production of approximately 11,000 Boe/d, he was responsible for a staff of 150 employees and approximately 350 contracting/consulting employees. Prior to this position, Mr. Burghardt was the Director Exploitation Europe and Manager Exploitation for Vermilion's French subsidiary based in southwest France.

Mr. Burghardt graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and is registered as a P.Eng. with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta ("**APEGA**").

# Tavis Carlson, Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Mr. Carlson is a Chartered Professional Accountant with 18 years of financial and management experience, focused on public Canadian oil and gas companies. Mr. Carlson was Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Bellamont Exploration Ltd. from 2009 to 2012 and the Controller of Manitok Energy Inc. from 2012 to August 2015.

Mr. Carlson graduated from the University of Alberta in 2002 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and has been a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta (CA) since 2005.

# **Travis Stephenson, Vice-President, Engineering**

Mr. Stephenson is a Professional Engineer with 20 years of engineering and management experience in the oil and gas sector. From 2010 to December 2014, Mr. Stephenson worked for Chinook Energy Inc. (originally named Storm Ventures International Inc.) ("**Chinook**") where he was VP Engineering, International as well as the Country Manager for Chinook's operations in Tunisia. During this period, Chinook's Tunisian production increased from 200 to 3,000 Boe/d. Mr. Stephenson managed a staff of 80 personnel and helped bring new technologies to Tunisia, such as horizontal wells and multi-stage hydraulic fracture completions.

Mr. Stephenson graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and is registered as a P.Eng. with APEGA.

## **Robert Pinckston, Vice-President, Exploration**

Mr. Pinckston has 31 years of exploration and development experience in the oil and gas industry. Mr. Pinckston was employed with Vermilion from 2010 to 2015. His most recent role was as Team Lead Conventional Exploration, in which his team was instrumental to the corporate evaluation and purchase of Elkhorn Resources Inc. in March 2014 for \$400 million. Prior to that, he was Chief Geoscientist, where his role was to provide functional leadership to all geologists working on Vermilion's Canadian asset base and to ensure that a consistent and high level of technical work was being performed on all geologic activities within the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, including Vermilion's successful Cardium and liquids-rich Mannville programs in Drayton Valley.

Mr. Pinckston graduated with an MSc degree from the University of Alberta in 1989 and is registered as a Professional Geologist with APEGA.

## Jeff Mazurak, Vice-President, Operations

Mr. Mazurak is a Professional Engineer with 16 years of oil and gas engineering and management experience. As a Production Engineering Manager at Bonavista Energy Corporation ("**Bonavista**"), Mr. Mazurak recently led the production, completion and field operations in the company's Deep Basin and Central Alberta assets. Such operations encompassed daily production of up to 47,000 Boe/d and annual capital expenditures of up to \$350 million. Previously, he worked as a Production and Completions Engineer in various areas within Bonavista.

Mr. Mazurak started his career with EnCana Corporation where he initially worked as a Facilities Engineer and later as a Completions Engineer in the Deep Basin Business Unit, focused on Montney horizontal development and piloting various completion techniques on 40 to 60 wells per year.

Mr. Mazurak graduated from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Systems Engineering and is registered as a P.Eng. with APEGA.

# Craig Stayura, Vice-President, Land

Mr. Stayura is a Landman with 13 years of industry experience. Most recently, as a negotiating landman for Mosaic Energy Ltd. ("**Mosaic**"), Mr. Stayura was responsible for the management, retention, evaluation and asset maximization of Mosaic's mineral rights.

Mr. Stayura started his career with ConocoPhillps Canada where he initially worked as a Jr. Landman, and later as an Area Landman in a number of areas within the organization.

Mr. Stayura graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Petroleum Land Management and is an active member of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen.

### John McAleer, Director

Mr. McAleer is a Managing Director with Palisade Capital Management Ltd., a Calgary-based portfolio manager and investment fund manager. Prior thereto, he was President and Portfolio Manager of Andylan Capital Strategies Ltd. He has 29 years of experience in the Canadian energy sector in the areas of oil and gas operations, investment bank research, and private and public equity investment management. Mr. McAleer's previous positions have included Managing Director of Livingstone Energy Management, Managing Director of CanFund VE Management II Ltd., Vice President, Institutional Research with FirstEnergy Capital Corp., and Manager, Gas Projects with Renaissance Energy Ltd. ("Renaissance"). He earned a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo and is registered as a P.Eng. with APEGA and as a Portfolio Manager with the Alberta Securities Commission.

# **Brian Lavergne, Director**

Mr. Lavergne is President, CEO and a director of Storm Resources Ltd. ("**Storm**"), a corporation engaged in the exploration for, and the acquisition, development and production of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids reserves in the Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia and was an executive with the prior Storm entities since 1998. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Lavergne was employed by Renaissance in positions of increasing responsibility including Exploitation Manager and Operations District Manager. Mr. Lavergne earned a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alberta (1989) and is registered as a P.Eng. with APEGA.

# **Darren Gee, Director**

Mr. Gee is President, CEO and a director of Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. ("**Peyto**"), a natural gas weighted exploration and production company. He joined Peyto in 2001 as VP Engineering and assumed the role of CEO in 2007. Previously, Mr. Gee worked for Petro-Canada, Anderson Exploration Ltd., Renaissance and Husky Energy Inc.. Mr. Gee earned a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alberta (1989) and is registered as a P.Eng. with APEGA.

#### **Robert Maitland, Director**

Mr. Maitland is a Chartered Professional Accountant with over 35 years of senior business experience, primarily in the oil and gas industry. He is also a director of Perpetual Energy Inc. He graduated from the University of Calgary in 1975 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and obtained his C.A. designation in 1977. He was the VP, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of various private and publicly listed oil and gas

companies from 1985 until he retired from active employment in 2007. Mr. Maitland completed his designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D) in 2006.

# John Chambers, Director

Independent businessman since November 2018. Mr. Chambers was Vice Chairman, President at GMP FirstEnergy and a member of GMP Securities Executive Committee from 2016 to 2018. Prior thereto, he was the Chief Executive Officer at FirstEnergy Capital Corp. Mr. Chambers has over 25 years experience in Energy Capital Markets and M&A advisory and is a former chair of the Investment Industry Association of Canada. Mr. Chambers holds an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors, has an MBA in International Finance from McGill University and a BSc in Geophysics from the University of British Columbia.

## **Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies**

To the knowledge of management of the Corporation, other than as set forth below, there has been no director or officer, or any shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Corporation to affect materially the control of the Corporation, that is, or within the 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form has been, a director or officer of any other issuer that:

- (a) while that person was acting in that capacity, was the subject of a cease trade or similar order, or an order that denied the other issuer access to any exemptions under Canadian securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) while that person was acting in that capacity, was subject to an event that resulted, after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director or executive officer, in the other issuer being the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (c) 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.

Mr. Maitland was a director of GasFrac Energy Services Inc. ("GasFrac") from April 2008 until GasFrac's annual meeting held on May 27, 2014 at which time he did not stand for re-election to the GasFrac board of directors. GasFrac obtained court approval on January 28, 2015 under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA") in respect of a forbearance agreement between GasFrac and its major creditor until March 18, 2015. Substantially all assets were sold under a court ordered process approving the wind-up of GasFrac on March 16, 2015.

Mr. Gee was a director of Endurance Energy Ltd. ("**Endurance**"), a corporation engaged in the exploration and production of natural gas. Mr. Gee resigned as a director of Endurance on September 1, 2015. Nine months after Mr. Gee's resignation, Endurance filed for creditor protection under the CCAA on May 30, 2016.

### **Penalties or Sanctions**

To the knowledge of management of the Corporation, no director or officer, or any shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Corporation to affect materially the control of the Corporation, has:

- (a) been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to Canadian securities legislation or by a Canadian securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with the Canadian securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) been subject to 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.

# **Personal Bankruptcies**

To the knowledge of management of the Corporation, there has been no director or officer, or any shareholder holding sufficient number of securities of the Corporation to affect materially the control of the Corporation, or a personal holding company of any such person that has, within the 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, become 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 the assets of the director or officer.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Circumstances may arise where members of the Board of Directors are directors or officers of corporations which are in competition to the interests of the Corporation. No assurances can be given that opportunities identified by such Board members in the context of their relationship with another corporation will be provided to the Corporation. Pursuant to the ABCA, directors who have an interest in a proposed transaction upon which the Board of Directors is voting are required to disclose their interests and refrain from voting on the transaction.

# **Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions**

There are no legal proceedings that the Corporation is or was a party to, or that any of its property is or was the subject of, during the Corporation's most recent financial year, nor are any such legal proceedings known to the Corporation to be contemplated, that involves a claim for damages, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeding 10% of the current assets of the Corporation.

There are no: (i) penalties or sanctions imposed against the Corporation by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority during the year ended December 31, 2019; (ii) other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body against the Corporation that it believes would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision; or (iii) settlement agreements entered into by the Corporation with a court relating to securities legislation or with a securities regulatory authority during the financial year ended December 31, 2019.

# **Interest of Management and Others in Material Transactions**

There is no material interest, direct or indirect, of any: (a) director or executive officer of the Corporation; (b) person or company that beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of any class or series of the Corporation's voting securities; or (c) associate or affiliate of any of the persons or companies referred to in (a) or (b) above in any transaction within the three most recently completed financial years before the date of this AIF or during the current financial year that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Corporation.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

#### **Audit Committee Mandate and Terms of Reference**

The mandate and responsibilities of the audit committee of the Board of Directors (the "Audit Committee") of the Corporation is attached hereto as Appendix "C".

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The members of the Audit Committee, being Messrs. Robert Maitland, John McAleer and Darren Gee, are financially literate and are independent in accordance with National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees*.

## **Relevant Education and Experience**

The members of the Corporation's Audit Committee are Mr. Maitland, Mr. McAleer and Mr. Gee. Their backgrounds and qualifications which are relevant to their service on the Audit Committee are listed above.

# **Pre-Approval of Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee shall review and pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to Altura by its external auditors.

#### **External Auditor Service Fees**

The following table discloses fees billed to the Corporation for the last two fiscal years by the Corporation's independent auditors:

	Year ended December 31, 2019 (\$)	Year ended December 31, 2018  (\$)
Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>	126,000	92,820
Tax fees (2)	6,688	6,688
All other fees	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	132,688	99,508

#### Notes:

(1) Audit fees include costs of professional services rendered by KPMG for the audit of the Corporation's annual financial statements, and the review of the Corporation's interim financial statements.

(2) Tax fees consist of fees in respect of services provided in connection with tax compliance relating to the Corporation's federal and provincial income tax returns, tax advice and tax planning.

# **Exemption**

Because the Corporation's shares are listed on the TSXV, the Corporation is exempt from the requirements of Part 3 (Composition of the Audit Committee) and Part 5 (Reporting Obligations) of National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* and relies on the exemptions therein.

## **DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Corporation has not declared nor paid any dividends on its Common Shares. Any decision to pay dividends on the Common Shares will be made by the Board of Directors on the basis of the Corporation's earnings, financial requirements and other conditions existing at such future time.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL**

The authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of Preferred Shares, issuable in series. As at December 31, 2019 and as at April 29, 2020, an aggregate of 108,920,974 Common Shares were issued and outstanding and no Preferred Shares were issued or outstanding.

The following is a summary of the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions that attach to the Common Shares and the Preferred Shares.

#### **Common Shares**

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares. Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of holders of Common Shares, to receive dividends if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors and to receive pro rata the remaining property and assets of the Corporation upon its dissolution or winding up, subject to the rights of shares having priority over the Common Shares.

## **Preferred Shares**

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Preferred Shares, issuable in series. Preferred Shares have priority over Common Shares in regards to dividends and return of capital and may also be given such other preference over the Common Shares as the Board may determine at the time of issuance.

## **Stock Options**

As at December 31, 2019 the Corporation had outstanding a total of 9,770,000 Options to purchase Common Shares issued to its directors and officers exercisable at a weighted average price of \$0.35 per Common Share with expiry dates ending March 27, 2024. As at the date hereof, the Corporation has outstanding a total of 9,770,000 Options. As at April 29, 2020, 7,449,995 Options have vested and are exercisable at an average price of \$0.34 per Common Share.

#### Warrants

As at December 31, 2019 and as at the date hereof, post Altura's October 16, 2015 10:1 share consolidation, the Corporation had a total of 9,749,879 performance warrants outstanding with expiry dates ending August 28, 2020 (the "**Performance Warrants**"). Every Performance Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share at a price of \$0.449 per Common Share within five years from the date of issuance, with one-third vesting each of when the 20-day volume weighted average price of the Common Shares meets or exceeds \$0.675, \$0.901 and \$1.124, respectively. As at April 29, 2020, no Performance Warrants have vested.

#### **MARKET FOR SECURITIES**

The Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSXV under the symbol "ATU". The following table sets forth the price range and trading volume of these securities as reported by the TSXV for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Month	High (\$)	Low (\$)	Volume	
January 2019	0.46	0.395	778,282	
February 2019	0.49	0.425	553,911	
March 2019	0.47	0.385	797,965	
April 2019	0.51	0.42	1,483,904	
May 2019	0.495	0.405	1,028,499	
June 2019	0.44	0.39	1,028,067	
July 2019	0.43	0.365	1,453,496	
August 2019	0.38	0.28	2,006,326	
September 2019	0.365	0.285	877,580	
October 2019	0.315	0.24	2,173,200	
November 2019	0.32	0.27	1,336,718	
December 2019	0.36	0.29	661,486	

During the financial year ended December 31, 2019, no Common Shares were issued, and the Corporation granted an aggregate of 1,380,000 Options with an exercise price of \$0.42 per Common Share.

#### **ESCROWED SECURITIES AND SECURITIES SUBJECT TO CONTRACTUAL RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER**

The Corporation has no escrowed securities or securities subject to contractual restriction on transfer.

#### **INDUSTRY CONDITIONS**

# **Production and Operation Regulations**

The oil and natural gas industry is subject to extensive controls, laws and regulations imposed by various levels of government. These laws and regulations may be changed in response to economic or political conditions, and regulate, among other things, land tenure and the exploration, development, production, handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of oil and gas, oil and gas by-products, and other substances and materials produced or used in connection with oil and gas operations. Although, it is not expected that any of these controls or regulations will affect the operations of Altura in a manner that is materially different than they would affect other oil and natural gas corporations of similar size, the controls and regulations

should be considered carefully by investors. All current legislation is a matter of public record and the Corporation is unable to predict what additional legislation or amendments may be enacted. Outlined below are some of the principal aspects of legislation, regulations and agreements governing the oil and gas industry in Western Canada.

# **Pricing and Marketing**

#### Oil

In Canada, the producers of oil are entitled to negotiate sales contracts directly with oil purchasers. As a result, macroeconomic and microeconomic market forces determine the price of crude oil. Oil prices are primarily based on worldwide supply and demand; however, regional market and transportation issues also influence prices. Specific prices depend in part on oil quality, prices of competing fuels, distance to market, access to downstream transportation, value of refined products, length of contract term, weather conditions, the balance of supply and demand and other contractual terms.

#### Natural Gas

Negotiation 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 and 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 price of NGLs sold in intra-provincial, interprovincial and international trade is determined by negotiations between buyers and sellers. Such price depends, in part, on the quality of the NGLs, price of competing chemical stock, distance to market, access to downstream transportation, length of contract term, the demand/supply balance and other contractual terms.

# **Transportation Constraints, Pipeline Capacity and Market Access**

Producers negotiate with pipeline operators (or other transport providers) to transport their products to market on a firm or interruptible basis. Transportation availability is highly variable across different areas and regions. This variability can determine the nature of transportation commitments available, the number of potential customers that can be reached in a cost-effective manner and the price received. Due to growing production and a lack of new and expanded pipeline and rail infrastructure capacity, producers in Western Canada have experienced low commodity pricing relative to other markets in the last several years.

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 Canadian Energy Regulator (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 National Energy Board 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 this regulatory uncertainty, the Canadian 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, especially the Midwest United States and export shipping terminals on the west coast of Canada, could help to alleviate the downward pressures affecting commodity prices. Several proposals have been announced to increase pipeline capacity out of Western Canada to reach Eastern Canada, the United States and international markets via export terminals. While certain projects are proceeding, the regulatory approval process and other economic and socio-political factors related to transportation and export infrastructure has led to the delay, suspension or cancellation of many pipeline projects.

#### 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 oil producers producing more than 20,000 bbl/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 venturers 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 bbl/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 bbl/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. Altura is not subject to a curtailment order.

# **The North American Free Trade Agreement**

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 NGL from Canada, the implementation of the final version ratified version of the USMCA could have an impact on Western Canada's petroleum and natural gas industry at large, including the Corporation's business.

## **Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act**

On June 1, 2015, the federal *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act* ("**ESTMA**") came into effect. This federal legislation imposes mandatory reporting requirements on certain entities engaged in the "commercial development of oil, gas or minerals", which includes exploration, extraction and holding permits to do so. All companies subject to ESTMA are required to report payments over \$100,000 made to any level of a Canadian or foreign government, 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. These categories are separate; therefore, even if the aggregate of payments across the categories are greater than \$100,000, one or more individual categories must reach the threshold for the report to be required. Any persons or entities found in violation of ESTMA (which includes making a false report, failing to make the report public or failing to maintain records for the prescribed period) can be fined up to \$250,000 for each day that the offence continues.

# **Land Tenure**

Where mineral rights are owned by the government, rights are granted to energy companies to explore for and produce oil, bitumen and natural gas pursuant to leases, licenses, permits and regulations as legislated by the respective provincial and federal governments. Crown lease terms vary in length, usually from two to five years for oil and natural gas leases and usually 15 years for Alberta bitumen leases. Other terms and conditions to maintain a mineral lease are set forth in the relevant legislation or are negotiated.

Lands subject to a Crown oil and natural gas lease are continued beyond their primary term by drilling a well. A lease is proven productive at the end of its primary term by drilling, producing, mapping, being part of a unit agreement or by paying offset compensation. If a lease is proven productive, it will continue indefinitely beyond the initial term of the lease. The tenure only comes to an end when the holder can no longer prove the lands subject to the lease are capable of producing oil or gas.

Many jurisdictions in Canada, including the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan have legislation in place for mineral rights reversion to the Crown where stratigraphic formations cannot be shown to be capable of production at the end of their primary lease term. Such legislation may also include mechanisms available to energy companies to "continue" lease terms for nonproducing lands, having met certain criteria as laid out in the relevant legislation.

Oil and natural gas can also be privately owned (freehold) and rights to explore for and produce such oil and natural gas are granted by leases on such terms and conditions as may be negotiated between the landowner and the lessee.

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.

# **Royalties and Incentives**

#### General

In addition to federal regulation, each province has legislation and regulations which govern royalties, production rates and other matters. The royalty regime in a given province is a significant factor in the profitability of crude oil, natural gas liquids, sulphur and natural gas production. Royalties payable on production from lands other than Crown lands are determined by negotiations between the mineral owner and the lessee, although production from such lands is subject to certain provincial taxes and royalties. Crown royalties are determined by governmental regulation and are generally calculated as a percentage of the value of the gross production. The rate of royalties payable generally depends in part on prescribed reference prices, well productivity, geographical location, field discovery date and the type or quality of the petroleum product produced. Other royalties and royalty-like interests are, from time to time, carved out of the working interest owner's interest through non-public transactions. These are often referred to as overriding royalties, gross overriding royalties, net profits interests, or net carried interests.

Occasionally the governments of the Western Canadian provinces have established incentive programs for exploration and development. Such programs often provide for royalty reductions, credits and holidays, and are generally introduced when commodity prices are low to encourage exploration and development activity. Additional 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 gas industry. In November of 2018, the Federal government announced its plans to implement an accelerated investment incentive, which will provide oil and gas businesses with eligible Canadian development expenses and Canadian oil and gas property expenses with a first-year deduction of one and a half times the deduction that is otherwise available. The Federal government also announced in late 2018 that it will make \$1.6 billion available to the oil and gas industry considering worsening commodity price differentials. The aid package, however, is mostly in the form of loans and is earmarked for oil and gas projects related to economic diversification as well as direct funding for clean growth oil and gas projects.

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 terms of oil or natural gas production from Crown lands, royalties are payable to the Province of Alberta. In respect of freehold lands, royalties are payable to the mineral owner and taxes are payable to the Province of Alberta. The Government of Alberta's approach to the royalty and tax regime is regularly reviewed for compliance with the purpose of the regimes; to ensure that Albertans are receiving a fair share from energy development through royalties, taxes and fees.

On January 29, 2016, the Government of Alberta released and accepted the Royalty Review Advisory Panel's recommendations, which outlined the implementation of Modernized Royalty Framework for Alberta ("MRF"). The MRF formally took effect on January 1, 2017 for new wells drilled after this date. 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. On July 12, 2016, the Government of Alberta announced that producers could apply for early adoption of the MRF in respect of wells spud between July 13, 2016 and December 31, 2016

The MRF applies to all hydrocarbons other than oil sands, which will remain subject to the existing royalty regime. Royalties on production from non-oil sands wells under the Modernized Framework is 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 horizontal length. The formula is based on the industry's average drilling and completion costs as determined by 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 MRF 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 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 MRF 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 as the mature well's production declines.

As the MRF 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.

The Old Framework is applicable to all conventional 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 oil production under the Old Framework range from a base rate of 0% to a cap of 40%.

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.

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%. Under the Old Framework, the royalty rate applicable to natural gas liquids is a flat rate of 40% for pentanes and 30% for butanes and propane.

# Incentive Programs

Under the MRF, two strategic programs have been recently introduced with the intention of promoting expanded production potential and generating long-term returns to the Province of Alberta.

The new Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery Program (the "EHR Program") began on January 1, 2017 and replaced the existing EOR Program. The EHR Program is intended to promote incremental production through enhanced recovery methods and consists of two main components. The first component targets tertiary recovery schemes, which enhance recovery of hydrocarbons from an oil or gas pool by miscible flooding, immiscible flooding, solvent flooding, chemical flooding or other approved methods. The second component targets secondary recovery schemes, which enhance recovery of hydrocarbons from an oil or gas pool by water flooding, gas cycling, gas flooding, polymer flooding or other approved methods. Under both components of the program, a company pays a flat royalty of 5% on crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids produced from wells in an approved scheme for a limited benefit period. After the benefit period ends, wells in these schemes are subject to normal royalty rates under the MRF.

The new Emerging Resources Program (the "**ERP**") began January 1, 2017. The ERP is intended to encourage industry to open up new oil and gas resources in higher-risk and higher-cost areas that have large resource potential. For the purposes of the ERP, a project consists of a defined geographic area, target formation, set of wells and associated infrastructure. Wells that receive program benefits pay a flat royalty rate of 5% until their combined revenue equals their combined program specific cost allowances established under the ERP, which will replace the standard Drilling and Completion Cost Allowance under the MRF in respect of such wells. After achieving payout of the specific cost allowance, wells are subject to normal royalty rates under the MRF.

# **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.

The government agency IOGC is responsible for the management of crude oil and natural gas resources located on indigenous reservations across Canada. IOGC's responsibilities include negotiating and issuing the crude oil and natural gas agreements between indigenous groups and crude oil and natural gas companies, as well as collecting royalty revenues on behalf of indigenous groups and depositing the revenues in their trust accounts. While certain standards exist, 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 terms.

# **Regulatory Authorities and Environmental Regulation**

The Canadian oil and natural gas industry is currently subject to environmental regulations pursuant to a variety of provincial and federal legislation, all of which is subject to governmental review and revision from time to time. Such legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions on the release or emission of various substances produced in association with certain oil and 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 legislation 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 greenhouse gas ("**GHG**") emissions, may impose further requirements on operators and other companies in the oil and natural gas industry.

Altura has established internal guidelines to be followed to comply with environmental laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which the Corporation operates. The Corporation employs an environmental, health, and safety consultant whose responsibilities include providing assurance that Altura's operations are carried out in accordance with applicable environmental guidelines and safety precautions. Although the Corporation maintains pollution insurance against the costs of cleanup operations, public liability, and physical damage, there is no assurance that such insurance will be adequate to cover all such costs or that such insurance will continue to be available in the future.

# Federal

Canadian environmental regulation is the responsibility of the federal government 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, however, such conflicts are uncommon. The federal government has primary jurisdiction over federal works, undertakings and federally regulated industries such as railways, aviation and interprovincial transport.

On August 28, 2019, with the passing of Bill C-69, the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* ("**CERA**") and the Impact Assessment Act ("**IAA**") came into force and the Impact Assessment Agency (the "**IA Agency**") replaced the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

Pursuant to the CERA and IAA, 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 IA Agency must look at the direct result of the project's construction and operation, including environmental, biophysical and socioeconomic factors, including consideration of a gender-based analysis, climate change, and impacts to Indigenous rights. Designated projects include pipelines that require more than 75 kilometers of new right of way and pipelines located in national parks. Large scale in situ oil sands projects not regulated by

provincial greenhouse gas 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

The discharge of crude 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 the Corporation to incur costs to remedy such discharge in the event that they are not covered by Altura's insurance. Although the Corporation maintains insurance to industry standards, which in part covers liabilities associated with discharges, it is not certain that such insurance will cover all possible environmental events, foreseeable or otherwise, or whether changing regulatory requirements or emerging jurisprudence may render such insurance of little benefit. In addition to these specific, known requirements, future changes to environmental legislation, including anticipated legislation for air pollution and GHG emissions, may impose further requirements on operators and other companies in the oil and natural gas industry.

The 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 Acts 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 Alberta 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 Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Energy, the Policy Management Office, 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 effect management approach into such plans. As a result, several regional plans have been implemented and others are in the process of being implemented. These regional plans may affect further development and operations in such regions.

# **Liability Management Rating Programs**

#### 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"). At its core, the AER uses the AB LMR Program to aid in determining the ability of licensees to manage the abandonment and reclamation obligations associated with the licensee's assets. 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 licenses. This ratio of a licensee's assets to liabilities across the three programs is referred to as the licensee's liability management rating ("LMR"). The AER assesses the LMR of all licensees on a monthly basis and posts the ratings on the AER's public website. 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.

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 ("**WIP**") becomes insolvent or is unable to meet its obligations. Licensees in the AB LLR Program and AB OWL Program 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.

In Redwater Energy Corporation (Re) ("**Redwater**"), the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta found that there was an operational conflict between the abandonment and reclamation provisions of the provincial OGCA, including the AB LLR Program, and the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (the "BIA"). This ruling meant that receivers and trustees of insolvent entities have the right to renounce assets within insolvency proceedings and was affirmed by a majority of the Alberta Court of Appeal. On January 31, 2019, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the lower courts' decisions, 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 while dealing 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 pending a final decision from the Supreme Court of Canada. The AER amended its Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licences and Approvals, which deals with licence 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 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. While the Supreme Court of Canada's Redwater decision alleviates some of the concerns that the AER's rule changes were intended to address, it is unclear how or if the AER will respond.

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 by 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 completed its third year on March 31, 2018 but the AER has not yet released its third annual report.

# **Climate Change Regulation**

Climate change regulation at both the federal and provincial level has the potential to significantly affect the regulation of the crude oil and natural gas industry in Canada. In general, there is some uncertainty with regard to the impacts of federal or provincial climate change and environmental laws and regulations, as 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 the Corporation's operations and cash 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 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 January 1, 2019, 184 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, 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 in place 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 challenged the constitutionality of the federal government's pricing regime. On February 24, 2020, The Alberta Court of Appeal held, in a non-binding ruling, that the federal carbon-pricing regime is unconstitutional. The Federal Justice Minister has indicated that this decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. 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. The Court is set to hear the appeals in March of 2020. Ontario and Saskatchewan will cross-intervene in the appeals, along with the Attorneys General of Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Alberta, who will intervene in both proceedings.

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, but will not come into force until 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 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 its 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 to industrywide to emitters that emit more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2e 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 CO2e 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. Altura registered with TIER in December 2019.

The Government of Alberta also signaled its intention through its 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 that will begin commercializing the technology on the scale needed to be successful. Both projects will help reduce the CO2 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, which 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. This legislation is intended to encourage new carbon capture and storage projects in Alberta.

# **RISK FACTORS**

The following are certain risk factors relating to the business of Altura which prospective investors should carefully consider before deciding whether to purchase shares. The following information is a summary only of certain risk factors and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and must be read in conjunction with, the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this AIF. 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 Altura's business, the business of third parties with whom the Corporation conducts business and the crude 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. The Corporation's long-term commercial success depends on its ability to find, acquire, develop and commercially produce oil and natural gas reserves. Without the continual addition of new reserves, the Corporation's existing reserves, and the production from them, will decline over time as the Corporation produces from such reserves. A future increase in reserves will depend on both the Corporation's ability to explore and develop existing properties and on the Corporation's ability to select and acquire suitable producing properties or prospects. There is no assurance that Altura will be able continue to find satisfactory properties to acquire or participate in. Moreover, 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 the Corporation 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 as well as 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 and effective maintenance operations 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 cash 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 hazards such as fire, explosion, blowouts, cratering, sour gas releases and spills and other environmental hazards, each of which could result in substantial damage to oil and natural gas wells, production facilities, other property and the environment or in personal injury.

Oil and natural gas production operations are also subject to all the risks typically associated with such operations, including geological and seismic risks, 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 could have a material adverse effect on future results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

As is standard industry practice, the Corporation is not fully insured against all risks, nor are all risks insurable. Although Altura maintains liability insurance and business interruption insurance in an amount that it considers consistent with industry practice, liabilities associated with certain risks could exceed policy limits or not be covered. In either event, the Corporation could incur significant costs.

#### **Global Economic Contraction**

Recent events have caused significant declines in oil prices. In particular the extremely large demand shock created by measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and actions taken by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ("**OPEC**") to increase production have radically changed the oil market and led to much lower (and in some cases negative) oil prices.

At the same time, very adverse changes have occurred as a result of the COVIC-19 pandemic in general economic and market conditions that will negatively effect the demand for crude oil and natural gas, revenues, impair access to capital, and create credit risk and counter party risk. Many developed economies are experiencing record unemployment and very significant reductions in economic activity as a result of the response of various governments and businesses and consumers to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, many economics are expected to enter a recession in the next few quarters. Although many

governments and central banks have undertaken very significant policy initiatives to remedy the contraction, it is very unclear how long these circumstances will persist and the degree to which economic growth will resume.

These events 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 generally. These difficulties have been exacerbated in Canada by political and other actions resulting in uncertainty surrounding regulatory, tax, royalty changes and environmental 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.

Lower commodity prices may also affect the volume and value of the Corporation's reserves, rendering certain reserves uneconomic. In addition, lower commodity prices restrict the Corporation's cash flow resulting in less funds from operations being available to fund the Corporation's capital expenditure budget. Consequently, the Corporation may not be able to replace its production with additional reserves and both the Corporation's production and reserves could be reduced on a year-over-year basis.

Any decrease in value of the Corporation's reserves may reduce the borrowing base under its credit facilities, which, depending on the level of the Corporation's indebtedness, could result in the Corporation having to repay a portion of its indebtedness. In addition to possibly resulting in a decrease in the value of the Corporation's economically recoverable reserves, lower commodity prices may also result in a decrease in the value of the Corporation's infrastructure and facilities, all of which could also have the effect of requiring a write down of the carrying value of the Corporation's oil and natural gas assets on its balance sheet and the recognition of an impairment charge in its income statement. Given the current market conditions and the lack of confidence in the Canadian oil and natural gas industry, the Corporation may have difficulty raising additional funds or if it is able to do so, it may be on unfavourable and highly dilutive terms.

If these conditions persist, the Corporation's cash flow may not be sufficient to continue to fund its operations and to satisfy its obligations when due, and the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern and discharge its obligations will require additional equity or debt financing and/or proceeds or reduction in liabilities from asset sales. There can be no assurance that such equity or debt financing will be available on terms that are satisfactory to the Corporation or at all. Similarly, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to realize any or sufficient proceeds or reduction in liabilities from asset sales to discharge its obligations and continue as a going concern.

# **Commodity Prices, Markets and Marketing**

The marketability and price of oil and natural gas that may be acquired, discovered or produced by Altura is, and will continue to be, affected by numerous factors beyond its control. The Corporation's ability to market its crude oil and natural gas may depend upon its ability to acquire space on pipelines that deliver oil and natural gas to commercial markets or contract for the delivery of crude oil by rail. The Corporation may also be affected by deliverability uncertainties related to the proximity of its reserves to pipelines, railway lines processing and storage facilities; and operational problems affecting such pipelines, railway

lines and facilities as well as extensive government regulation relating to price, taxes, royalties, land tenure, allowable production, the export of crude oil and natural gas and many other aspects of the oil and natural gas business.

The prices of 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 effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the current highly uncertain state of the world economy, the effect of production cut-backs, OPEC actions, political uncertainties, and ongoing credit and liquidity concerns. Prices for crude oil and natural gas are also subject to the availability of foreign markets and the ability to access such markets. Any material decline in prices or a continued low crude oil and natural gas price environment could result in a reduction of Altura's anticipated net production revenue. The economics of producing from some wells may change as a result of lower prices, which could result in reduced production of oil or natural gas and a reduction in the volumes of the Corporation's reserves. Altura might also elect not to produce from certain wells at lower prices for an extended period of time.

Volatile crude 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 crude oil and natural gas producing properties, as buyers, sellers, lessors and lessees have difficulty agreeing on the value or terms of such arrangements. Price volatility also makes it difficult to budget for and project the return on potential acquisitions, divestitures or leasing opportunities.

All of these factors could result in a material decrease in Altura's expected net production revenue and a reduction in its future crude oil and natural gas acquisition, exploration, development and production activities. Any substantial and extended decline in or continued low crude oil and natural gas prices would have an adverse effect on the Corporation's carrying value of its reserves, borrowing capacity, revenues, profitability and cash flows from operations and may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business and financial condition.

In addition, bank borrowings available to Altura are determined by its borrowing base. A sustained material decline in prices from historical average prices could reduce Altura's borrowing base, therefore reducing the bank credit available which could require that a portion, or all, of Altura's bank debt be repaid.

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

The Corporation's actual title to and interest in its properties, and its right to produce and sell the oil and natural gas therefrom, may vary from the Corporation's records. In addition, there may be valid legal challenges or legislative changes that affect the Corporation's title to and right to produce from its oil and natural gas properties, which could impair the Corporation's activities and result in a reduction of the revenue received by the Corporation.

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

# **Volatility of Market Price of Common Shares**

The trading price of securities of crude oil and natural gas issuers is subject to substantial volatility often based on factors related and unrelated to the financial performance or prospects of the issuers involved. The volatility may affect the ability of holders to sell the Common Shares at an advantageous price. Factors unrelated to the Corporation's performance could include macroeconomic developments nationally, within North America or globally, domestic and global commodity prices and/or current perceptions of the crude oil and natural gas market. This includes, but is not limited to, changing and in some cases, negative investor sentiment towards energy-related businesses. In recent years, the volatility of commodities has increased due to, in part, the implementation of computerized trading and the decrease of discretionary commodity trading. In addition, the volatility, trading volume and share price of issuers have 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 crude oil and natural gas entities which may impact the liquidity of certain securities and put downward pressure on the trading price of those securities.

Similarly, the market price of the Common Shares may be due to Altura's operating results failing to meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors in any quarter, downward revision in securities analysts' estimates, governmental regulatory action, adverse change in general market conditions or economic trends, acquisitions, dispositions or other material public announcements by Altura or its competitors, along with a variety of additional factors, including, without limitation, those set forth under "Forward-Looking Statements". In addition, in recent years the market price for securities in the stock markets, including the TSX Venture Exchange, experienced significant price and trading fluctuations. These fluctuations have resulted in volatility in the market prices of securities that often has been unrelated or disproportionate to changes in operating performance. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the market prices of the Common Shares. Accordingly, the price at which the Common Shares will trade cannot be accurately predicted.

# **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. 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. 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 the Corporation.

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 antiestablishment 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 the Corporation's ability to market its products internationally, increase costs for goods and services required for the Corporation's operations, reduce access to skilled labour and negatively impact the Corporation's business, operations, financial conditions and the market value of the 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 where the Corporation is active.

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.

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 the Corporation's activities.

# **Regulatory Approvals**

In order to conduct its oil and natural gas operations, the Corporation requires regulatory approvals from various government authorities. There can be no assurance that Altura will be able obtain or renew all of the regulatory approvals that may be required to conduct operations that it may wish to undertake or that it will obtain such equipment and terms and conditions acceptable to Altura.

# **Operating and Capital Costs**

The Corporation's financial performance is significantly affected by the cost of operating and the capital costs associated with its assets. Operating and capital costs are affected by a number of factors including, but not limited to inflationary price pressure, scheduling delays, failure to maintain quality standards and supply chain disruptions. Electricity, chemicals, supplies, abandonment, reclamation and labour costs are

examples of operating costs that are susceptible to significant fluctuations. Fluctuations in operating and capital costs could negatively impact Altura's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and value of its oil and gas reserves.

# Natural Disasters, Terrorist Acts, Civil Unrest, Pandemics and Other Disruptions

Upon the occurrence of a natural disaster, or upon an incident of war, riot or civil unrest, the impacted country, province, or region may not efficiently and quickly recover from such event, which could have a materially adverse effect on Altura, its customers, and/or either of their businesses or operations. Terrorist attacks, public health crises including epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks of new infectious disease or viruses (including, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest (including the most recent protests and railway blockades in Canada) and related events can result in volatility and disruption to local and global supply chains, operations, mobility of people and the financial markets, which could affect interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk, inflation, business, financial conditions, results of operations and other factors relevant to Altura, its customers, and/or either of their businesses or operations.

### **Substantial Capital Requirements and Liquidity**

The Corporation anticipates that it will make substantial capital expenditures for the acquisition, exploration, development and production (including facility acquisition or construction) of oil and natural gas reserves in the future. If the Corporation does not have or is unable to increase revenues or reserves in the future, the Corporation may have limited ability to maintain cash flow and to attract the capital necessary to undertake or complete future drilling programs. There can be no assurance that debt or equity financing, or cash generated by operations or from the sale of non-core assets, will be available or sufficient to meet those requirements or for other corporate purposes or, if debt or equity financing is available, that it will be on terms acceptable to the Corporation. Moreover, future activities may require the Corporation to alter its capitalization significantly. The inability of the Corporation to access sufficient capital for its operations could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

# **Credit Facility Risk**

The current Credit Facility is subject to review on May 31, 2020 but may be set at an earlier or later date at the sole discretion of the Corporation's lender. There is a risk that the Credit Facility will not be renewed for the same amount or on the same terms or that the borrowing base will not be increased as a result of production growth to date and forecasted production growth. There can be no assurance that the amount will be adequate for the Corporation's future financial obligations including its capital expenditure program, or that additional funds will be available under the Credit Facility or from other sources on terms acceptable to the Corporation.

The Corporation is required to comply with its covenants under the Credit Facility. In the event that the Corporation does not comply with its covenants under the Credit Facility, access to the Credit Facility could be restricted or accelerated repayment could be required by its lenders and debt service costs would likely increase. Although the Corporation believes it is in compliance with existing covenants, compliance may not be sustainable or covenants may become increasingly onerous.

# **Additional Funding Requirements**

The Corporation's future cash flow may not be sufficient to fund its ongoing activities at all times. From time to time, the Corporation may require additional financing in order to carry out its oil and gas acquisition, exploration and development activities. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis could cause the Corporation to forfeit its interest in certain properties, miss certain acquisition opportunities and reduce or terminate its operations. If the Corporation's future revenues decrease as a result of lower oil and natural gas prices or otherwise, it will affect the Corporation's ability to attract the necessary capital to identify and increase reserves or to maintain its production. If the Corporation's cash flow from operations is not sufficient to satisfy its capital expenditure requirements, there can be no assurance that additional debt or equity financing or proceeds from asset sales will be available to meet this funding shortfall or will be available on terms acceptable to the Corporation.

# **Capital and Lending Markets**

As a result of general economic uncertainties and, in particular, the low price for crude oil and natural gas, the Corporation, along with other entities having substantial exposure to crude oil and natural gas, may have reduced access to bank debt and to equity. As future capital expenditures will be financed out of cash flow, bank borrowings, if available, and possible equity issues, the Corporation's ability to do so is dependent on, among other factors, the overall state of lending and capital markets and investor and lender appetite for investments in the energy industry and the Corporation's securities in particular.

To the extent that external sources of capital become limited, unavailable or available only on onerous terms, the Corporation's ability to invest and to maintain existing assets may be impaired and its assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected as a result.

Based on expected funds generated from operations and bank credit availability, the Corporation believes that it has sufficient funds available to support its projected capital expenditures. However, if funds generated from operations are lower than expected or capital costs for these projects exceed current estimates, or if the Corporation incurs major unanticipated expenses related to development or maintenance of its existing properties, it may be required to seek additional capital to maintain its capital expenditures at planned levels. Failure to obtain any financing necessary for the Corporation's capital expenditure plans may result in a delay in development or production on the Corporation's properties. The Corporation will also consider selling non-core assets to support investment programs.

# Failure to Realize Anticipated Benefits of Acquisitions and Dispositions

The Corporation makes acquisitions and dispositions of businesses and assets that occur in the ordinary course of business. Achieving the benefits of acquisitions depends in part on successfully consolidating functions and integrating operations and procedures in a timely and efficient manner, as well as realizing the anticipated growth opportunities and synergies from combining the acquired businesses and operations with those of the Corporation. The integration of acquired businesses may require substantial management effort, time and resources and may divert management's focus from other strategic opportunities and operational matters. Management continually assesses the value and contribution of individual properties and other assets. In this regard, non-core assets are periodically disposed of, so that the Corporation can focus its efforts and resources more efficiently. Depending on the state of the market

for such non-core assets, certain non-core assets of the Corporation, if disposed of, could realize less than their carrying amount on the financial statements of the Corporation.

# **Royalty Regimes**

There can be no assurance that the federal government and the provincial governments of the Western Canadian provinces will not adopt new royalty regimes or modify the existing royalty regimes which may have an impact on the economics of the Corporation's projects. An increase in royalties would reduce the Corporation's earnings and could make future capital investments, or its operations, less economic. On January 29, 2016, the Government of Alberta adopted a new royalty regime which took effect on January 1, 2017.

# **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 the 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 the Corporation is ultimately able to produce from its reserves.

# **Disposal of Fluids Used in Operations**

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 its 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 the Corporation's costs of compliance.

# Waterflood

The Corporation may undertake certain waterflooding programs which involve the injection of water or other liquids into an oil reservoir to increase production from the reservoir and to decrease production declines. To undertake such waterflooding activities, the Corporation needs to have access to sufficient volumes of water, or other liquids, to pump into the reservoir to increase the pressure in the reservoir. There is no certainty that the Corporation will have access to the required volumes of water. In addition, in certain areas, there may be restrictions on water use for activities such as waterflooding. If the Corporation is unable to access such water it may not be able to undertake waterflooding activities, which may reduce the amount of oil and natural gas that the Corporation is ultimately able to produce from its reservoirs. In addition, the Corporation may undertake certain waterflood programs that ultimately prove unsuccessful in increasing production from the reservoir and as a result have a negative impact on the Corporation's results of operations.

# Competition

The petroleum industry is competitive in all its phases. The Corporation competes with numerous other participants for the acquisition of oil and natural gas properties and in the marketing of oil and natural gas. The Corporation's competitors include companies which have greater financial resources, staff, access to land and facilities than those of the Corporation. The Corporation's ability to increase reserves in the future will depend not only on its ability to develop its present properties, but also on its ability to identify and acquire suitable producing properties or prospects for exploratory drilling. Competitive factors in the distribution and marketing of oil and natural gas include price, methods of delivery and reliability of delivery.

The marketability of oil and natural gas acquired or discovered is affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Corporation. These factors include reservoir characteristics, market fluctuations, the proximity, capacity and access to oil and natural gas pipelines and processing facilities as well as government regulation. Oil and natural gas operations (exploration, drilling, well completions and tie-ins, production, distribution, pricing, marketing and transportation) are subject to extensive controls and regulations imposed by various levels of government, which may be amended from time-to-time. The Corporation's oil and natural gas operations are also subject to compliance with increasingly demanding federal, provincial and local laws and regulations controlling the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment. Although the Corporation believes that it is in material compliance with current applicable environmental regulations, changing government regulations may have an adverse effect on the Corporation.

#### **Environmental Concerns**

The oil and natural gas industry is subject to environmental regulation pursuant to local, provincial and federal legislation. A breach of such legislation may result in the imposition of fines, issuance of clean up orders or suspension of licences or operations by a governmental authority in respect of Altura or its properties. Such legislation may be changed to impose higher standards and potentially more costly obligations on Altura, and there can be no assurance that Altura will be able to satisfy its actual future environmental and reclamation obligations.

Actual asset retirement costs incurred in the ordinary course in a specific period will reduce the amount of cash available to the Corporation.

#### **Abandonment and Reclamation Costs**

The Corporation is required to abandon and reclaim all of its projects at the end of their economic life. These costs will be substantial. The estimate for abandonment and reclamation costs are based on a number of sources including guidelines from provincial regulatory groups, historical data from operations and management's estimation of costs to remediate, reclaim and abandon wells and facilities in which it has a working interest.

Recently as a result of the prolonged downturn in the oil and gas industry the number of orphan wells (wells owned by insolvent parties) has increased. The cost of abandoning orphan wells has largely been funded by industry. Accordingly, the increase in the number of orphan wells could result in an increase in fees or assessments to other oil and gas producers, such as Altura, to fund the abandonment and reclamation of these orphan wells.

# **Management Estimates and Assumptions**

In preparing consolidated financial statements estimates and assumptions are used by management in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses recognized during the periods presented and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities known to exist as of the date of the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions must be made because certain information that is used in the preparation of such financial statements is dependent on future events, cannot be calculated with a high degree of precision from data available, or is not capable of being readily calculated based on generally accepted methodologies. In some cases, these estimates are particularly difficult to determine and the Corporation must exercise significant judgment. Estimates may be used in management's assessment of items such as depreciation and accretion, fair values, useful life of assets, income taxes, stock-based compensation and asset retirement obligations. Actual results for all estimates could differ materially from the estimates and assumptions used by the Corporation, which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Corporation.

#### **Insurance Risks**

The Corporation's property and liability insurance is subject to deductibles, limits and exclusions, and may not provide sufficient coverage for these or other insurable risks. There can be no assurance that such insurance will continue to be offered on an economically feasible basis, that all events that could give rise to a loss or liability are insurable, or that the amounts of insurance (net of applicable deductibles) will at all times be sufficient to cover each and every loss or claim that may occur involving the assets or operations of the Corporation.

# **Carbon Pricing Risk**

The majority of countries across the globe have agreed to reduce their carbon emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement. In Canada, the federal and certain provincial governments have 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. The 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 the Corporation's operating expenses, each of which may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation 's profitability and financial condition. Further, the imposition of carbon taxes puts the Corporation at a disadvantage with its counterparts who operate in jurisdictions where there are less costly carbon regulations.

# **Climate Change Regulations**

The Corporation's exploration and production facilities and other operations and activities emit GHG, which may require the Corporation to comply with GHG legislation at the provincial or federal level. 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. As a signatory to the UNFCCC and a signatory to the Paris Agreement, which was ratified in Canada on October 3, 2016, the Government of Canada pledged to cut its GHG emissions by 30 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030. One of the pertinent policies announced to date by the Government of Canada to reduce GHG emission is the planned implementation of a nation-wide price on carbon emissions. The federal carbon levy goes into effect on April 1, 2019 and will affect provinces which have not implemented their

own carbon taxes, cap-and-trade systems or other plans for carbon pricing, namely Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. The federal carbon levy will be at an initial rate of \$20 per tonne. Provincially, the Government of Alberta has already implemented a carbon levy on almost all sources of GHG emissions, now at a rate of \$30 per tonne. The implementation of the federal carbon levy is currently subject to a constitutional challenge submitted by the Province of Saskatchewan, which is supported by the Provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick. The direct or indirect costs of compliance with GHG-related regulations may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Some of the Corporation's significant facilities may ultimately be subject to future regional, provincial and/or federal climate change regulations to manage GHG emissions. In addition, concerns about climate change have resulted in a number of environmental activists and members of the public opposing the continued exploitation and development of fossil fuels. Given the evolving nature of the debate related to climate change and the control of GHG and resulting requirements, it is expected that current and future climate change regulations will have the effect of increasing the Corporation's operating expenses and in the long-term reducing the demand for oil and gas production resulting in a decrease in the Corporation's profitability and a reduction in the value of its assets or asset write-offs.

Climate change has been linked to extreme weather conditions. Extreme hot and cold weather, heavy snowfall, heavy rainfall and wildfires may restrict or could interfere with Altura's operations, increasing costs and negatively impacting production. Moreover, extreme weather conditions may lead to disruptions in the ability to transport produced oil and natural gas as well as goods and services along supply chains. At this time, the Corporation is unable to determine the extent to which climate change may lead to increased storm or weather hazards affecting operations.

# **Liability Management**

Alberta has developed a liability management program 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. This program involves an assessment of the ratio of a licensee's deemed assets to deemed liabilities. If a licensee's deemed liabilities exceed its deemed assets, a security deposit is generally required. Changes to the required ratio of the Corporation's deemed assets to deemed liabilities or other changes to the requirements of liability management programs, may result in significant increases to the Corporation's compliance obligations. In addition, the liability management regime may prevent or interfere with the Corporation's 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. The Alberta Court of Queen's Bench 2016 decision, Redwater Energy Corporation (Re), found an operational conflict between the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the AER's abandonment and reclamation powers when the licensee is insolvent, which was affirmed by a majority of the Alberta Court of Appeal, and has been appealed by the AER to the Supreme Court of Canada for final determination. In response to the decision, the AER issued interim rules to administer the liability management program and until the Government of Alberta can develop new regulatory measures to adequately address environmental liabilities. There remains a great deal of uncertainty as to what new regulatory measures will be developed by the provinces or in concert with the federal government, as the final ruling will become binding in all Canadian jurisdictions.

# **Information Technology Systems and Cyber-Security**

Altura depends upon the availability, capacity, reliability and security of its information technology infrastructure to conduct daily operations. Various information technology systems are relied upon to estimate reserve quantities, process and record financial data, manage the land base, analyze seismic information, administer contracts and communicate with employees and third-party partners. The Corporation is subject to a variety of information technology and system risks as a part of its normal course operations, including potential breakdown, invasion, virus, cyber-attack, cyber-fraud, security breach, and destruction or interruption of Altura's 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 its business activities or competitive position. Disruption of critical information technology services, or breaches of information security, could have a negative effect on the Corporation's performance and earnings, as well as reputation. Altura applies technical and process controls in line with industryaccepted standards to protect information assets and systems; however, these controls may not adequately prevent cyber-security breaches. 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 the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

# **Hedging Activities**

The Corporation may enter into agreements to receive fixed or collared prices on its oil and natural gas production to offset the risk of revenue losses if commodity prices decline; conversely, if commodity prices increase beyond the levels set in such agreements, the Corporation will not benefit from such increases and will record losses from hedging activities based on mark-to-market measurement.

# **Exchange Rate Fluctuations**

The Corporation may enter into agreements to fix the exchange rate of Canadian to United States dollars in order to offset the risk of revenue losses if the Canadian dollar increases in value compared to the United States dollar; however, if the Canadian dollar declines in value compared to the United States dollar, during the period of such agreements, the Corporation would not benefit from the changing exchange rate.

# **Reserves Estimate Uncertainty**

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of reserves and cash flows to be derived therefrom, including many factors that are beyond the control of the Corporation. The reserve and cash flow information set forth in this Annual Information Form represent estimates only. The reserves and estimated future net cash flow from the Corporation's properties have been independently evaluated, effective December 31, 2019 by McDaniel. These evaluations include a number of assumptions relating to factors such as initial production rates, production decline rates, ultimate recovery of reserves, timing and amount of capital expenditures, marketability of production, future prices of oil and natural gas, operating costs and royalties and other government levies that may be imposed over the producing life of the reserves. These assumptions were based on price forecasts in use at the date that the relevant evaluations were prepared and many of these assumptions are subject to change and are beyond the control of the Corporation. Actual production and cash flows derived therefrom will vary from these evaluations, and such variations could be material. The foregoing evaluations are based in part on the assumed success of exploitation activities intended to be undertaken in future years. The reserves and estimated cash flows to

be derived therefrom contained in such evaluations will be reduced to the extent that such exploitation activities do not achieve the level of success assumed in the evaluations.

## **Production**

Production of oil and natural gas reserves at an acceptable level of profitability may not be possible during periods of low commodity prices. The Corporation will attempt to mitigate this risk by focusing on higher netback opportunities and will act as operator where possible, thus allowing the Corporation to manage costs, timing, method and marketing of production. Production risk is also addressed by concentrating exploration and development efforts in regions where infrastructure is or will be owned by the Corporation or readily accessible at an acceptable cost. In periods of low commodity prices and if netbacks are subeconomic, the Corporation may shut in production, either temporarily or permanently.

Production is also dependent in part on access to third party facilities with the result that production may be reduced by outages, accidents, maintenance programs and similar interruptions outside of the Corporation's control.

# **Marketing Risks**

Markets for future production of crude oil and natural gas are outside the Corporation's capacity to control or influence and can be affected by events such as weather, climate change, regulation, regional, national and international supply and demand imbalances, facility and pipeline access, geopolitical events, currency fluctuation, introduction of new or termination of existing supply arrangements, and downtime due to maintenance or damage, either owned by the Corporation or by a third party.

#### **Financial Risks**

The Corporation may enter into transactions to acquire assets or the shares of other corporations. These transactions may be financed partially or wholly with debt, which may result in the Corporation's debt exceeding acceptable levels. Depending on future exploration and development plans, the Corporation may require financing additional to existing resources, which may not be available or, if available, may not be available on favourable terms.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors of the Corporation are also directors of other oil and gas companies and as such may, in certain circumstances, have a conflict of interest requiring them to abstain from certain decisions. Conflicts, if any, will be subject to the procedures and remedies of the ABCA.

#### **Reliance on Management**

Shareholders will be dependent on the management of Altura in respect of the administration and management of all matters relating to Altura and its operations and administration. The loss of the services of key individuals could have a detrimental effect on Altura.

## **Dilution**

The Corporation may make future acquisitions or enter into financing or other transactions involving the issuance of securities which may be dilutive.

# **Third Party Credit Risk**

The Corporation is or may be exposed to third party credit risk through its contractual arrangements with its current or future joint venture partners, marketers of its petroleum and natural gas production, counterparties to financial instruments and other parties. In the event that such entities fail to meet their contractual obligations, such failures could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation, its cash flow from operations and its liquidity structure.

#### **Income Taxes**

Altura files all required income tax returns and management believes that the Corporation is 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 the Corporation, whether by re-characterization of exploration and development expenditures or otherwise, such reassessment may have an impact on current and future taxes payable.

### **Forward-Looking Statements May Prove Inaccurate**

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information in this Annual Information Form. 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.

#### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

During the year ended December 31, 2019, Altura has not entered into any contracts, nor are there any contracts still in effect, that are material to the business, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business.

#### **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

There is no person or company whose profession or business gives authority to a statement made by such person or company and who is named as having prepared or certified a statement, report or valuation described or included in a filing, or referred to in a filing, made under National Instrument 51-102 by the Corporation during, or related to, the Corporation's most recently completed financial year other than McDaniel, the Corporation's independent reserve evaluators, and KPMG LLP, the Corporation's auditors.

None of the principals of McDaniel had any registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in any securities or other property of the Corporation or its associates or affiliates either at the time they prepared the statement, report or valuation or at any time thereafter.

KPMG LLP are the auditors of the Corporation and have confirmed that they are independent with respect to the Corporation within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada and any applicable legislation or regulations.

### **AUDITORS, TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

The auditors of the Corporation are KPMG LLP, 3100, 205 - 5th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2V7.

The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares of the Corporation is Odyssey Trust Company at its office in Calgary, Alberta.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Corporation may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of Common Shares and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, will be contained in the Corporation's information circular dated April 30, 2020 relating to the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held on June 4, 2020.

Additional financial information is provided in the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements, and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2019. These documents are available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

#### **APPENDIX "A"**

# FORM 51-101F2 REPORT ON RESERVES DATA BY INDEPENDENT QUALIFIED RESERVES EVALUATOR OR AUDITOR OF ALTURA ENERGY INC.

To the Board of Directors of Altura Energy 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.
- We carried out our evaluation in accordance with standards set out in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (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 + 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 Management:

Altura Energy Inc. Forecast Prices and Costs

			Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue \$M (before income taxes, 10% discount rate)			
Independent Qualified Reserves Evaluator	Effective Date of Evaluation Report	Location of Reserves	Audited	Evaluated	Reviewed	Total
McDaniel	December 31, 2019	Canada	-	102,876	-	102,876

- 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. We express no opinion on the reserves data that we reviewed but did not audit or evaluate.
- 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 report.

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.

(signed)
Michael J. Verney, P. Eng.
Executive Vice President

Calgary, Alberta, Canada March 4, 2020

#### **APPENDIX "B"**

# FORM 51-101F3 REPORT OF MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS ON RESERVES DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION

Management of Altura Energy Inc. (the "**Company**") is responsible for the preparation and disclosure of information with respect to the Company's oil and gas activities in accordance with securities regulatory requirements. This information includes reserves data.

An independent qualified reserves evaluator has evaluated the Company's reserves data. The report of the independent qualified reserves evaluator is presented in Appendix "A" to the Annual Information Form of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2019 (the "AIF").

The reserves committee (the "Reserves Committee") of the board of directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") has:

- (a) reviewed the Company's procedures for providing information to the independent qualified reserves evaluator, McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd. ("**McDaniel**");
- (b) met with McDaniel to determine whether any restrictions affected the ability of McDaniel to report without reservation; and inquired whether there had been disputes between the previous independent qualified reserves evaluator and management; and
- (c) reviewed the reserves data with management and with McDaniel.

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

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

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

(signed)	(signed)	
David Burghardt	Darren Gee	
President & Chief Executive Officer	Director	
(signed)	(signed)	
Travis Stephenson	John McAleer	
Vice-President, Engineering	Director	

April 29, 2020

#### **APPENDIX "C"**

# ALTURA ENERGY INC. (the "Corporation") Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee")

#### **CHARTER**

### 1. Purpose

The primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing:

- (a) the financial information that will be provided to the shareholders and others;
- (b) the systems of internal controls and accounting policies that management and the Board have established; and
- (c) all audit processes.

Primary responsibility for the financial reporting, information systems, risk management and internal controls of the Corporation is vested in management and is overseen by the Board. Consistent with this function, the Committee should encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Corporation's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- (a) Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Corporation's financial reporting process and the system of internal controls.
- (b) Monitor the independence and performance of the Corporation's external auditors.
- (c) Provide an open avenue of communication among the auditors, management and the Board.

# 2. Composition and Process

- (a) The Committee shall be comprised of at least three directors, a majority of whom are not executive officers, employees or control persons of the Corporation or of an affiliate of the Corporation in accordance with National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees*.<sup>1</sup>
- (b) Members shall be appointed by the Board on an annual basis, shall serve one-year terms and may serve consecutive terms, which are encouraged to ensure continuity of experience.
- (c) The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board for a one-year term, and may serve any number of consecutive terms.
- (d) The Chair shall, in consultation with management and the external auditor and internal auditor (if any), establish the agenda for the meetings and ensure that properly prepared agenda materials are circulated to the members with sufficient time for study prior to the meeting. The external auditor will also receive notice of all meetings of the Committee. The Committee may employ a list of prepared questions and considerations as a portion of its review and assessment process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As per National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* (Part 6) Venture issuers are exempt from the requirements of Parts 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and 5 (*Reporting Obligations*).

- (e) The Committee shall endeavour to meet at least four times per year and may call additional meetings as required. A quorum at meetings of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. The Committee may hold its meetings, and members of the Committee may attend meetings, by telephone conference if this is deemed appropriate or make written resolutions which must be signed by all members of the Committee.
- (f) The Chair shall appoint a secretary to keep all minutes of Committee meetings, which secretary does not have to be a member of the Committee or a director.
- (g) The minutes of the Committee meetings shall accurately record the decisions reached and shall be distributed to Committee members with copies to the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer (or persons performing similar functions) and the external auditor.
- (h) The Committee reviews, prior to their presentation to the Board and their release, all material financial information required by securities regulations.
- (i) The Committee enquires about potential claims, assessments and other contingent liabilities.
- (j) The Committee periodically reviews with management, depreciation and amortization policies, loss provisions and other accounting policies for appropriateness and consistency.

# 3. Authority

- (a) The Committee is appointed by the Board pursuant to provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) and the bylaws of the Corporation.
- (b) Primary responsibility for the Corporation's financial reporting, accounting systems and internal controls is vested in senior management and is overseen by the Board. The Committee is a standing committee of the Board established to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities in this regard. The Committee shall have responsibility for overseeing management reporting on internal controls. While it is management's responsibility to design and implement an effective system of internal control, it is the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that management has done so.
- (c) The Committee shall have unrestricted access to the Corporation's personnel and documents and will be provided with the resources necessary to carry out its responsibilities.
- (d) The Committee shall have direct communication channels with the internal auditors (if any) and the external auditors to discuss and review specific issues as appropriate.
- (e) The Committee shall have the sole authority to retain (or terminate) independent counsel, advisors or consultants as it determines necessary to assist the Committee in discharging its functions hereunder. The Committee shall be provided with the necessary funding to compensate the independent counsel, advisors or consultants retained by the Committee.

# 4. Relationship with External Auditors

- (a) An external auditor must report directly to the Committee.
- (b) The Committee is directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditors' report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the issuer, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.

(c) The Committee shall implement structures and procedures to ensure that it meets with the external auditor at least once annually in the absence of management.

# 5. Accounting Systems, Internal Controls and Procedures

- (a) The Committee shall obtain reasonable assurance from discussions with and/or reports from management, and reports from external auditors that accounting systems are reliable and that the prescribed internal controls are operating effectively for the Corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates.
- (b) The Committee shall review to ensure to its satisfaction that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements and will periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.
- (c) The Committee shall review with the external auditor the quality and not just the acceptability of the Corporation's accounting principles and direct the external auditors' examinations to particular areas.
- (d) The Committee will review control weaknesses identified by the external auditors, together with management's response and review with external auditors their view of the qualifications and performance of the key financial and accounting executives.
- (e) In order to preserve the independence of the external auditor, the Committee will:
  - (i) recommend to the Board the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation;
  - (ii) recommend to the Board the compensation of the external auditor's engagement;
  - (iii) review and pre-approve any engagements for non-audit services to be provided by the external auditors or its affiliates, together with estimated fees, and consider the impact, if any, on the independence of the external auditor.
- (f) The Committee will review with management and with the external auditor any proposed changes in major accounting policies, the presentation and impact of significant risks and uncertainties, and key estimates and judgments of management that may be material to financial reporting.
- (g) The Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- (h) The Committee shall establish a periodic review procedure to ensure that the external auditor complies with the Canadian Public Accountability Regime under Multilateral Instrument 52-108, Auditor Oversight.
- (i) The Committee shall review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Corporation.
- 6. Statutory and Regulatory Responsibilities

- (a) Annual Financial Information review the annual audited financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") and related press releases and recommend their approval to the Board, after discussing matters such as the selection of accounting policies (and changes thereto), major accounting judgments, accruals and estimates with management and the external auditor.
- (b) Interim Financial Statements review the quarterly interim financial statements, interim MD&A and recommend their approval to the Board.
- (c) Earnings Guidance/Forecasts review any forecasted financial information and forward looking statements regarding forecasted financial information, if any.
- (d) In addition, the Committee must review the Corporation's press releases pertaining to the financial statements, MD&A and earnings updates, if any, before the Corporation publicly discloses this information.

# 7. Reporting

- (a) The Committee will report, through the Chair of the Committee, to the Board following each meeting on the major discussions and decisions made by the Committee, and report annually to the Board on the Committee's responsibilities and how it has discharged them.
- (b) In addition, the Committee will review and reassess this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board.

### 8. Other Responsibilities

- (a) Investigating fraud, illegal acts or conflicts of interest.
- (b) Discussing selected issues with counsel or the outside auditor or management.