



## HIGHWOOD ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD. ANNOUNCES 2022 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR END RESULTS, 2022 YEAR-END RESERVES ALONG WITH OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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Highwood Asset Management Ltd., (“**Highwood**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: HAM) is pleased to announce financial and operating results for the three months and twelve months ended December 31, 2022 and to provide the results of its independent oil and gas reserves evaluation as of December 31, 2022, prepared by GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd. (“**GLJ**”). The Company also announces that its audited financial statements and associated Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) for the year ended December 31, 2022, can be found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.highwoodmgmt.com](http://www.highwoodmgmt.com).

### **Highlights**

- Within the upstream oil & gas production business unit, the Company delivered average production of 119 bbl/d of oil in the fourth quarter of 2022. Current net production from Highwood is approximately 130 bbl/d of oil.
- During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company and its 50% working interest partner in the EVI terminal completed the reactivation of the blending portion of the facility, which was commissioned on October 2, 2022. The Company is planning to reactivate the heavy trucking terminal located at EVI in the first half of 2023.
- Corporately, net debt at December 31, 2022 was \$255 thousand and the Company is in a working capital surplus position of \$411 thousand. The Company has reduced net debt, from \$2.2 million at December 31, 2021, including a bank draw of \$1.1 million.
- Overall, the Company saw an increase in Proved Developed Producing reserves of ~21%, Proved reserves of 8% and Proved and Probable reserves of 5%. The increase in reserves and impact of economic factors resulted in before tax net present value, discounted at 10%, to increase 36%, 63% and 75%, respectively for each of the reserve categories.

## Summary of Financial & Operating Results

	Three months ended December 31			Year ended December 31		
	2022	2021	%	2022	2021	%
<b>Financial (in thousands)</b>						
Oil and natural gas sales	\$ 1,027	\$ 966	6	\$ 4,438	\$ 7,389	(40)
Transportation pipeline revenues	769	718	7	3,255	3,523	(8)
Total revenues, net of royalties <sup>(1)</sup>	1,827	1,351	35	6,618	7,593	(13)
Income (Loss)	62	(951)	107	2,246	(2,321)	197
Funds flow from operations <sup>(5)</sup>	308	59	422	1,543	(75)	2,157
Capital expenditures	362	3	11,967	2,045	273	649
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>				(255)	(2,244)	(89)
Shareholder's equity (end of period)				10,697	7,993	34
Shares outstanding (end of period)				6,037	6,014	-
<b>Operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>						
Production						
Crude oil (bbls/d)	119	125	(4)	113	331	(66)
Total (boe/d)	119	125	(4)	113	331	(66)
Average realized prices <sup>(4)</sup>						
Crude Oil (per bbl)	93.44	84.06	11	107.54	61.18	76
Upstream Operating netback (per BOE)	40.40	31.85	27	46.28	19.63	136

(1) Includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on commodity contracts

(2) Net debt consists of bank debt and working capital surplus (deficit) excluding commodity contract assets and/or liabilities.

(3) For a description of the boe conversion ratio, see "Basis of Barrel of Oil Equivalent".

(4) Before hedging.

(5) See "Non-GAAP measures".

## 2022 Fourth Quarter Operations

With the continued strong commodity prices and increased interest in Canadian energy, the Company's focus in the fourth quarter was reviewing and assessing several potential acquisitions for its upstream operations. The Company will continue to review and assess opportunities which are accretive to the Company as Highwood seeks to grow this segment of its operations. The Company will also assess land offerings in strategic areas where the Company sees significant growth opportunities. During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company acquired Viking Kinsella lands which the Company plans to drill one well within the next 18 months and another within the next 24 months.

The Company also focused time and resources in Q4 2022 on extraction technologies for Lithium from Brine.

## Outlook

As of today, the Company is minimally drawn on its credit facility and has a working capital surplus, which provides considerable financial and operational flexibility. The Company remains open to completing accretive acquisitions through the balance of 2023 and beyond. The Company is currently engaged in several encouraging dialogues regarding various acquisitions and partnership opportunities.

While Highwood sold the majority of its producing oil assets in the first quarter of 2021, the Company has, and will continue to evaluate opportunities in the mergers and acquisitions ("M&A") market but will remain disciplined to pursue only those opportunities that are accretive with low to moderate liability

profiles.

Highwood is continuing to evaluate its undeveloped lands for drilling opportunities, particularly on its W4 lands, which the Company anticipates drilling at least 2 wells by the end of 2024.

Corporately, the Company intends to build a growing profile of recurring free funds flow that will provide maximum flexibility for growth and / or other strategic M&A opportunities in a non-dilutive fashion.

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*In connection with the forward-looking information contained in this news release, Highwood has made numerous assumptions, regarding, among other things: the geological, metallurgical, engineering, financial and economic advice that Highwood has received is reliable and is based upon practices and methodologies which are consistent with industry standards. While Highwood considers these assumptions to be reasonable, these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies.*

*Additionally, there are known and unknown risk factors which could cause Highwood's actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information contained herein. Known risk factors include, among others: the Li-brine resource assessment may not be completed as planned or at all, the exploration and continued sampling may exceed the budget; continued sampling and the reservoir model may not achieve the results expected; investor support for a pure play lithium public spinout; the need to obtain additional financing; uncertainty as to the availability and terms of future financing; the*

*possibility of delay in exploration or development programs and uncertainty of meeting anticipated program milestones; uncertainty as to timely availability of permits and other governmental approvals.*

*A more complete discussion of the risks and uncertainties facing Highwood is disclosed in Highwood's continuous disclosure filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). All forward-looking information herein is qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement, and Highwood disclaims any obligation to revise or update any such forward-looking information or to publicly announce the result of any revisions to any of the forward-looking information contained herein to reflect future results, events, or developments, except as required by law.*

## **Oil and Gas Measures**

*Readers should see the "Selected Technical Terms" in the Annual Information Form filed on April 28, 2023 for the definition of certain oil and gas terms.*

*Basis of Barrels of Oil Equivalent – This news release discloses certain production information on a barrels of oil equivalent ("boe") basis with natural gas converted to barrels of oil equivalent using a conversion factor of six thousand cubic feet of gas (Mcf) to one barrel (bbl) of oil (6 Mcf:1 bbl). Condensate and other NGLs are converted to boe at a ratio of 1 bbl:1 bbl. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf:1 bbl is based roughly on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at sales point. Although the 6:1 conversion ratio is an industry-accepted norm, it is not reflective of price or market value differentials between product types. Based on current commodity prices, the value ratio between crude oil, NGLs and natural gas is significantly different from the 6:1 energy equivalency ratio. Accordingly, using a conversion ratio of 6 Mcf:1 bbl may be misleading as an indication of value.*

*Mcfе Conversions: Thousands of cubic feet of gas equivalent ("Mcfе") amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of one barrel of oil (1 bbl) to six thousand cubic feet (6 Mcf) of natural gas. Mcfе amounts may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A conversion ratio of 1 bbl to 6 Mcf is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. Given that the value ratio based on the current price of natural gas as compared to oil is significantly different from the energy equivalent of 1:6, utilizing a conversion on a 1:6 basis may be misleading as an indication of value.*

## **Non-GAAP Measures**

*"Funds flow from operations" is a non-GAAP financial measure and is calculated as cash flow from operating activities adjusted for changes in non-cash working capital and changes in long term accounts payable and accrued liabilities.*

*"Netback" is a non-GAAP financial measure and is calculated as revenues net of royalties, less transportation and processing charges and operating expenses and then divided by BOE or Mcf sold.*