



## HIGHWOOD ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD. ANNOUNCES 2023 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

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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 ended March 31, 2023. The Company also announces that its unaudited financial statements and associated Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) for the period ended March 31, 2023, can be found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.highwoodmgmt.com](http://www.highwoodmgmt.com).

### Highlights

- The focus of the first quarter of 2023 for the Company was on the evaluation of various acquisition opportunities. The Company has been reviewing and discussing several transactions, including discussions with financing partners. The Company filed a Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus in December of 2022 to help facilitate the Company’s plan for future acquisitions and growth in a timely manner. Subsequent to March 31, 2023, the Company filed a Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus in New Brunswick and Manitoba and an Amended and Restated Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Ontario for a maximum offering of \$80.0 million.
- Within the upstream oil & gas production business unit, the Company delivered average production of 123 bbl/d of oil in the first quarter of 2023. Current net production from Highwood is approximately 105 bbl/d of oil with Deer Mountain temporarily shut in due to seasonal road bans.
- Net debt at March 31, 2023 was \$710 thousand and the Company was in a working capital surplus position, excluding bank debt, of \$197 thousand. The increase in net debt during the first quarter of 2023 is primarily driven by the capital activity during the quarter.

## Summary of Financial & Operating Results

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2023	2022	%
<b>Financial (in thousands)</b>			
Oil and natural gas sales	\$ 958	\$ 1,151	(21)
Transportation pipeline revenues	748	797	-
Total revenues, net of royalties <sup>(1)</sup>	1,791	1,618	11
Income (Loss)	(27)	456	(106)
Funds flow from operations <sup>(5)</sup>	146	875	(83)
Capital expenditures	685	138	396
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>	(710)	(1,694)	(58)
Shareholder's equity (end of period)	10,729	8,529	25
Shares outstanding (end of period)	6,037	6,014	-
Weighted-average basic shares outstanding	6,037	6,170	-
<b>Operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>			
Production			
Crude oil (bbls/d)	123	120	2
Total (boe/d)	123	120	2
Average realized prices <sup>(4)</sup>			
Crude Oil (per bbl)	86.88	106.92	(23)
Upstream Operating netback (per BOE) <sup>(5)</sup>	37.18	49.33	(34)

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on commodity contracts

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

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Before hedging.

<sup>(5)</sup> See "Non-GAAP measures".

## 2023 First Quarter Operations

With the continued strong commodity prices and increased interest in Canadian energy, the Company's primary focus in the first 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.

## 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 acquisition opportunities 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*

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## **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.*

*Mcf Conversions: Thousands of cubic feet of gas equivalent ("Mcf") 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. Mcf 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.*