

### April 8, 2015

This note is provided to analysts and associates that cover Cenovus and will be posted on the Cenovus website under Related links in the <u>Investors</u> section.

The company will issue its first quarter 2015 results on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00AM MT (6:00AM ET) with a conference call to follow at 9:00AM MT (11:00AM ET).

We'd like to remind you of the following items that have been previously disclosed by Cenovus or are a summation of public information. Please note that all such information and statements were made as at the dates of the disclosure documents or conference calls specifically noted below, and this document is not intended to be an update of any such information or statements. Any updates on the prior statements and information summarized in this document will be provided in the company's announcement of its first quarter 2015 results.

#### **Production:**

- "Strong performance in our oil sands and conventional assets continued into 2015 with production of approximately 72,000 barrels per day at Foster Creek, 77,000 barrels per day at Christina Lake and 75,000 barrels per day in conventional in January" – Q4 and 2014 conference call (February 12, 2015)
- "Our continuing focus on well optimization has also led to flush production in the quarter (Q4). We anticipate some decline in these volumes, which is expected to be partially offset by the ramp-up of phase F in 2015"

   Q4 and 2014 conference call (February 12, 2015)

### **Transportation:**

- "With the addition of new transportation alternatives (Flanagan South, IPL and rail) and slower production growth in the next few years due to capital spending deferrals, our unit costs for transportation are expected to be higher in the near term. Our expectation is that the per barrel cost at Foster Creek and Christina Lake will increase to approximately \$8\* per barrel and then start to decrease again as our growth phases come online. Much of this increase is expected to be offset by improvements in realized pricing from our delivered sales over the long term, and from increased options for blended crude placement"
  - Q4 and 2014 conference call (February 12, 2015)
    - \*\$8/bbl assumes the full use of Cenovus's 30,000 bbls/d rail loading capacity, and rail tolls to end markets; transportation costs could be lower in the event only partial rail capacity is utilized.

### **Refining:**

Cenovus's refining operating cash flow is calculated on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) inventory accounting basis. As such, Cenovus's refining operating cash flow is negatively impacted during periods of declining benchmark commodity prices
 Q4 and 2014 news release (February 12, 2015)



# **Corporate:**

- On March 3, 2015 Cenovus announced that it had closed its previously announced bought-deal common share financing. A total of 67.5 million common shares were sold at a price of \$22.25 per share for gross proceeds of approximately \$1.5 billion. Cenovus further announced its intent to use the net proceeds from the Offering to partially fund the company's previously announced \$1.8 billion to \$2.0 billion capital expenditure program for 2015, to repay commercial paper outstanding as it matures and for general corporate purposes
  - March 3, 2015 news release
- To help further support balance sheet flexibility, the company has approved an update to its dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP), which permits shareholders to automatically reinvest cash dividends paid on their common shares in additional common shares. Cenovus intends to offer shareholders who wish to take advantage of the DRIP a 3% discount to the average market price for its shares. The company plans to issue common shares under the DRIP from treasury Q4 and 2014 news release (February 12, 2015)
- Shares outstanding as of <u>March 6, 2015</u> were 824,603,201 (i.e. post-closing of the bought-deal but prior to the March 31, 2015 dividend payment and related share issuance under the DRIP).

## **Hedging:**

Cenovus had the following contracts in place as of December 31, 2014
 -2014 Annual Consolidated Financial Statements



#### Net Fair Value of Commodity Price Positions as at December 31, 2014

As at December 31, 2014	Notional Volumes	Term	Average Price	Fair Value
Crude Oil Contracts				
Fixed Price Contracts				
Brent Fixed Price	18,000 bbls/d	2015	\$113.75/bbl	269
Brent Fixed Price	1,000 bbls/d	January - June 2015	\$100.25/bbl	5
Brent Fixed Price	6,000 bbls/d	January - June 2015	US\$65.03/bbl	6
WCS Differential (1)	5,000 bbls/d	January – June 2015	US\$(19.85)/bbl	(2)
Brent Collars	10,000 bbls/d	2015	\$105.25 - \$123.57/bbl	121
Other Financial Positions (2)				17
Crude Oil Fair Value Position				416
Natural Gas Contracts				
Fixed Price Contracts				
AECO Fixed Price	149 MMcf/d	2015	\$3.86/Mcf	55
Natural Gas Fair Value Position				55
Power Purchase Contracts				
Power Fair Value Position				(9)

- (1) Cenovus entered into fixed price swaps to protect against widening light/heavy price differentials for heavy crudes.
- (2) Other financial positions are part of ongoing operations to market the Company's production.

# Forward-Looking Information:

This document contains references to forward-looking information previously provided, identified by words such as "anticipated", "expected", "plan" and "intend", and includes forecast operating and financial results. This document is prepared solely for the purposes of providing information about Cenovus Energy Inc.'s forecast operating and financial results and is not intended to be relied upon for the purpose of making investment decisions, including without limitation, to purchase, hold or sell any securities of Cenovus Energy Inc. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information as our actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied. The underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties are described in the Advisories of our 2014 Fourth Quarter and Year-End News Release and the 2015 Updated Budget News Release, available at www.sedar.com and cenovus.com. For a full discussion of our material risk factors, see "Risk Factors" in our 2014 Annual Information Form, available at www.sedar.com and cenovus.com.