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This note is provided to analysts and associates that cover Cenovus and will be posted on the Cenovus website under Quarterly results in the [Investors](#) section.

The company will announce its first quarter 2024 results on Wednesday May 1, at 4:00AM MT (6:00AM ET) with a conference call to follow at 9:00AM MT (11:00AM ET). Cenovus will then host its virtual annual meeting of shareholders at 11:00AM MT (1:00PM 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 fourth quarter results.

Prices

- Benchmark pricing as of March 31, 2024:

Selected Average Benchmark Prices	2024				2023			
	Q1	January	February	March	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Crude Oil Prices (US\$/bbl)								
Brent	81.84	79.15	81.72	84.67	82.68	85.95	78.01	82.22
West Texas Intermediate ("WTI")	76.96	73.86	76.61	80.41	78.32	82.26	73.78	76.13
Differential Brent Futures-WTI	4.88	5.29	5.11	4.26	4.36	3.69	4.24	6.09
Western Canadian Select ("WCS") @ Hardisty	57.65	53.81	57.85	61.28	56.43	69.35	58.74	51.36
Differential - WTI-WCS	19.31	20.05	18.76	19.13	21.89	12.91	15.04	24.77
Differential - WTI-WTS	(0.57)	(0.51)	(0.64)	(0.55)	(0.17)	0.69	(0.06)	0.61
Mixed Sweet Blend ("MSW")	68.31	65.48	67.29	72.15	73.13	80.46	70.82	73.27
Condensate (C5 @ Edmonton)	72.78	71.11	71.92	75.32	76.24	77.96	72.39	79.87
Differential - WTI-Condensate (premium)/discount	4.18	2.75	4.69	5.09	2.09	4.30	1.39	(3.74)
Refining Margins 3-2-1 Crack Spreads (US\$/bbl)⁽¹⁾								
Chicago	17.45	5.56	21.72	25.06	13.24	26.06	28.56	28.88
Midwest Combined (Group 3)	17.50	10.50	18.15	23.84	18.55	36.99	31.78	31.35
Natural Gas Prices								
AECO (C\$/Mcf)	2.50	3.89	1.81	1.79	2.30	2.39	2.45	3.22
AECO (US\$/Mcf)	1.85	2.90	1.34	1.32	1.69	1.94	1.82	2.38
NYMEX (US\$/Mcf)	2.24	2.62	2.49	1.62	2.88	2.55	2.10	3.42
Differential NYMEX - AECO (US\$/Mcf) ⁽²⁾	0.72	1.06	0.77	0.34	0.93	0.77	0.27	0.22
RINs								
RVO (US\$/bbl)	3.68	4.42	3.17	3.45	4.77	7.42	7.69	8.20

⁽¹⁾ The 3-2-1 crack spread is an indicator of the refining margin generated by converting three barrels of crude oil into two barrels of regular unleaded gasoline and one barrel of ultra-low sulphur diesel using current month WTI based crude oil feedstock prices and on a last in, first out accounting basis ("LIFO").

⁽²⁾ Differential on NYMEX natural gas monthly index and Alberta Energy Company ("AECO") 7A natural gas monthly index.

Corporate:

- Cenovus held its 2024 investor day on March 5, 2024. Investor Day materials can be found here: [Investor Day \(cenovus.com\)](#)
- "Cenovus Energy Inc. (TSX: CVE) (NYSE: CVE) today announced its 2024 budget, delivering disciplined capital investment and balancing growth of the company's base business with meaningful shareholder returns. Continuing with the growth plan embarked on in 2023, Cenovus expects to invest capital of between \$4.5 billion and \$5.0 billion in 2024. This investment includes \$1.5 billion to \$2.0 billion of optimization and growth capital, primarily for progressing the West White Rose project as well as incrementally growing production at the Foster Creek, Christina Lake and Sunrise oil sands facilities." (Cenovus News Release December 14, 2023)

2024 Guidance

Corporate guidance

2024 Corporate guidance - C\$, before royalties

December 13, 2023

UPSTREAM				
	Production (Mbbbls/d or MBOE/d)	Capital investments (\$ millions)	Operating costs (\$/bbl or \$/BOE) ⁽¹⁾	
			Fuel	Non-fuel
				Total
Oil Sands total	590 - 610	2,500 - 2,750	3.00 - 4.00	9.00 - 10.00
Conventional total	120 - 130	350 - 425		12.00 - 13.00
Atlantic	10 - 15			55.00 - 65.00
Asia Pacific ⁽²⁾	50 - 55			11.00 - 13.00
Offshore total ⁽³⁾	60 - 70	850 - 950		
Total upstream	770 - 810	3,700 - 4,125		
DOWNSTREAM				
	Throughput (Mbbbls/d)	Capital investments (\$ millions)	Operating costs (\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	
Canadian Refining ⁽⁴⁾	85 - 95		18.00 - 20.00	
U.S. Refining ⁽⁵⁾	545 - 575		11.75 - 13.75	
Downstream total	630 - 670	750 - 850	12.50 - 14.50	
CORPORATE				
Corporate capital investment (\$ millions)		60 - 70	G&A (\$ millions) ⁽⁷⁾	625 - 725
Total capital investments (\$ billions) ⁽⁶⁾		4.5 - 5.0	Cash tax (\$ billions)	1.3 - 1.6
			Effective tax rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	23 - 25
PRICE ASSUMPTIONS & ADJUSTED FUNDS FLOW SENSITIVITIES ⁽⁹⁾				
		Independent base case sensitivities (For the full year 2024)		
			Increase (\$ millions)	Decrease (\$ millions)
Brent (US\$/bbl)	\$ 79.00	Crude oil (WTI) - US\$1.00 change	150	(150)
WTI (US\$/bbl)	\$ 75.00	Light-heavy differential (WTI-WCS) - US\$1	(85)	85
Western Canada Select (US\$/bbl)	\$ 58.00	Chicago 3-2-1 crack spread - US\$1.00 char	200	(200)
Differential WTI-WCS (US\$/bbl)	\$ 17.00	RINs (RVO) - US\$1.00 change	(175)	175
Chicago 3-2-1 Crack Spread (US\$/bbl)	\$ 21.00	Natural gas (AECO) - C\$1.00 change	(25)	25
RINs (US\$/bbl)	\$ 4.50	Exchange rate (US\$/C\$) - \$0.01 change	(160)	160
AECO (\$/Mcf)	\$ 2.80			
Exchange Rate (US\$/C\$)	\$ 0.73			

(1) Upstream operating expenses are divided by sales volumes. Downstream operating expenses are divided by barrels of crude oil throughput. Operating costs per barrel include expensed turnaround costs.

(2) Indonesia capital investments are excluded from totals due to being accounted for under the equity method for consolidated financial statement purposes.

(3) Offshore capital investments includes capitalized interest.

(4) Canadian Refining throughput and operating costs are associated with the Lloydminster Upgrader & Refinery.

(5) U.S. Refining capital and operating costs are reported in C\$, but incurred in US\$ and as such will be impacted by foreign exchange.

(6) Ranges are not intended to add and may include rounding.

(7) Forecasted general and administrative (G&A) does not include stock-based compensation.

(8) Statutory rates of 24% in Canada, 25% in the U.S. and 25% in China are applied separately to pre-tax operating earnings streams for each country. Excludes the effect of divestiture and mark-to-market gains & losses.

(9) Refining results embedded in the sensitivities are based on unlagged margin changes and do not include the effect of changes in inventory valuation for first-in, first-out/lower of cost or net realizable value.

Planned Maintenance

- “The following table provides details on planned turnaround activities at Cenovus assets in 2024 and anticipated production or throughput impacts.” (Cenovus News Release February 15, 2024)

2024 Planned maintenance					
Potential quarterly production/throughput impact (Mbbbls/d or MBOE/d)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annualized impact
Upstream					
Oil Sands	-	2 - 3	50 - 60	-	13 - 16
Atlantic	8 - 10	8 - 10	8 - 10	-	5 - 7
Conventional	-	3 - 5	4 - 6	-	2 - 4
Downstream					
Canadian Refining	-	42 - 46	-	-	10 - 12
U.S. Refining	20 - 24	12 - 16	30 - 34	56 - 60	30 - 35

Share Buybacks

2024 Summary of share buybacks

Period	Shares (Millions)	Average Price (C\$)	Buybacks (millions)	Date of Filing
January	3.57	\$21.07	\$75.21	2024-02-09
February	2.25	\$22.83	\$51.40	2024-03-09

- Source: <https://www.sedi.ca/sedi/>

Cenovus financial results and 2024 guidance dated December 14, 2023, provide relevant details for Oil Sands realized pricing and the effective royalty rate ranges for each of the upstream assets. The ranges are based on the commodity price assumptions set out in the Guidance document.

Forward-Looking Information:

This document contains references to forward-looking information previously provided, identified by words such as “anticipate”, “expect”, “plan”, and “will” or similar expressions and includes forecast operating and financial results. This document is prepared solely for the purposes of providing information about Cenovus’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. 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 Advisory of our revised 2024 Corporate Guidance (dated December 14, 2023) and in the Advisories of the above referenced News Releases, available at cenovus.com. For a full discussion of our material risk factors, see “Risk Management and Risk Factors” in our 2023 Annual Management’s Discussion and Analysis, available at sedar.com, sec.gov and cenovus.com.

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