



**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**Quarter Ended 31 March 2018**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is dated 30 May 2018, for the quarter ended 31 March 2018. It should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, and the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2018 of New Zealand Energy Corp. ("NZEC" or the "Company") as publicly filed on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

NZEC reports in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the associated consolidated financial statements, are presented in accordance with IFRS.

This MD&A includes certain statements which may be deemed "forward-looking statements" (see *Forward-looking Information*). All amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

NZEC's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "NZ". Additional information is available on SEDAR and on the Company's website at [www.newzealandenergy.com](http://www.newzealandenergy.com).

### NZEC's BUSINESS

NZEC, through its subsidiaries (collectively "NZEC" or "the Company") is engaged in the production of and exploration for oil and natural gas, as well as the operation of midstream assets, in New Zealand. The Company's assets are located on New Zealand's North Island in the Taranaki Basin which is New Zealand's only commercial oil and gas producing area.

#### Background

NZEC is the Operator of three Petroleum Mining Licences ("PMLs"), one Petroleum Mining Permit ("PMP") and one Petroleum Exploration Permit ("PEP") in which it has an interest. It holds a 50% interest in PML 38138 ("Tariki Licence"), PML 38140 ("Waihapa Licence") and PML 38141 ("Ngaere Licence") (collectively the "TWN Licences"). L&M Energy Limited ("L&M") hold the remaining 50%.

NZEC has a 100% interest in PMP 55491 ("Copper Moki PMP") and PEP 51150 (the "Eltham Permit") – see Recent Developments for PEP 51550 Application for Appraisal Extension status.

NZEC holds a 50% working interest (with New Dawn Energy Limited) in, and is operator of, the Waihapa Production Station and associated gathering and sales infrastructure (collectively the "TWN Assets"), providing a range of services to third parties including operation of the Ahuroa gas storage facility, oil handling and pipeline throughput, gas processing and transport, LPG storage and produced water handling and disposal.

### QUARTERLY OPERATING & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the operating and financial highlights for the quarter:

1. **Safety:** Achieved 1-year Harm Free until a first aid treatment case was reported on 4 May 2018.
2. **Copper Moki-1:** Copper Moki-1 returned to production on 20 February after installation of a new completion and rod pump. The subsequent production results have been above expectation. By the end of February Copper Moki-1 was producing at ~100 bopd and 115 bwpd. A further increase in production volumes occurred following well optimisation activities through early March 2018 and by March month end Copper Moki-1 was producing at ~175 bopd and 62 bwpd. Production rates through April and May have been sustained. See Recent Developments.
3. **Waihapa-Ngaere Production:** The average rate for the quarter was 69 boe per day (63% oil). This was an increase from the 64 boe per day NZEC share (73% oil) in the fourth quarter.
4. **TWN Enhanced Oil Recovery Project:** The joint venture has approved in principle the implementation of Stage 4 of the Enhanced Oil Project, the installation of an ESP in the Ngaere-1 well which is being progressed for mid-2018. This activity will predominantly use equipment that is in inventory or available to be deployed from elsewhere in the operated assets. The objective of Stage 4 is to double the fluid volume being produced from Waihapa-Ngaere and scale up the increasing oil cut with offtake rate effects proven from testing through the last two years. The result is expected to be increase oil production by more than the doubling of the offtake rate. See Recent Developments.
5. **Production:** Production for the first quarter was 12,705 boe (82% oil) (with an average 141 boe per day). Exit rate for the quarter was approximately 325 boe per day (75% oil).

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6. **Sales (oil):** Oil sales for the quarter of 6,762 bbl realised \$546,149 (with an average oil sale price of \$80.77 per bbl).
7. **Processing revenue:** The TWN Assets generated \$646,462 from processing fees for the quarter, with a number of third-party customers accessing a range of services including site operations, oil processing and handling, pipeline throughput services, gas processing, LPG storage and handling, and produced water disposal.
8. **Eltham PEP 51150:** An Appraisal Extension Application has been lodged with a modified Work Program and over a greatly reduced area of PEP 51150. The application area includes the 2012 Arakamu-2 discovery well, which produced oil from the Miocene Mt. Messenger Formation when tested in Q1 2013. The Appraisal Extension is being assessed by the regulatory authority, New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals and excellent progress has been on negotiating the work program for the Appraisal Extension area.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. **Annual General Meeting:** The New Zealand Energy Corp. 2018 Annual General Meeting preparations are underway. The meeting will be on 8 August 2018 in Wellington, New Zealand.
2. **Copper Moki-1:** The new completion and pump run in Copper Moki-1 in February continues to produce at high oil rates and with a decreased water cut. This continued strong response from this oil pool is the result of both the increased pump efficiency and the increased reservoir pressure and displaced oil from the managed water-flood of the pool via the Waitapu-2 well. The Copper Moki-1 well averaged 175 bopd (200 boe/d) with a water-cut of 27% through April 2018 and has been the same rates in May.
3. **TWN Enhanced Oil Recovery Project:** Long lead items have been ordered and work is proceeding on schedule for the planned workover of Ngaere-1 to replace the current gas-lift completion with a down-hole ESP (Electric Submersible Pump) based completion in early Q3 of 2018. This change is expected to more than triple the fluid production from Ngaere-1 and will double the total fluid production rates from the Waihapa-Ngaere Field.
4. **Ahuroa Gas Storage (AGS) Operations:** The AGS Facility is operated by the company on behalf of the facility owner, currently Contact Energy Limited (CEN). The AGS facility is in the process of being sold to a third-party infrastructure owner, Gas Services New Zealand (GSNZ). NZEC have engaged with GSNZ and CEN and are actively involved in the ownership and management transition process and will remain in place as facility operator post the planned ownership change, notionally 30 June 2018.

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### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	<i>Quarter ended 31 March 2018</i>	<i>Preceding quarter ended 31 December 2017</i>	<i>Comparative quarter ended 31 March 2017</i>
	<i>bbl</i>	<i>bbl</i>	<i>bbl</i>
Production	10,418	8,078	12,648
Sales	6,762	9,466	12,520
	<i>\$/bbl</i>	<i>\$/bbl</i>	<i>\$/bbl</i>
Price	80.77	74.45	66.70
Production costs	41.08	40.39	25.62
Royalties	5.54	7.33	5.80
Field netback	34.14	26.74	35.27
	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>
Revenue	2,042,297	2,553,907	1,906,695
Total comprehensive loss	(298,771)	(3,053,491)	(928,023)
Net finance expense	(116,712)	(168,689)	(85,228)
Loss per share – basic and diluted	(0.002)	(0.013)	(0.003)
Current Assets	3,142,703	2,939,449	2,677,790
Total Assets	20,487,574	21,157,962	24,358,299
Total non-current liabilities	11,786,130	12,491,711	11,841,220
Total liabilities	15,038,695	15,422,471	14,380,807
Shareholders' equity	5,448,879	5,735,491	9,977,492

Note: The abbreviation bbl means barrel of oil.

### RESERVES

As required under National Instrument 51-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities, the Company commissioned Deloitte LLP to prepare a year-end oil reserve estimate and economic evaluation with an effective date of 31 December 2017. NZEC's Proved + Probable ("2P") reserves, reflecting the Company's 100% interest in the Copper Moki Permit and its 50% interest in the Waihapa, Tariki and Ngaere PMLs, are estimated at 767,000 barrels of oil (1,039,000 barrels of oil equivalent, including associated gas<sup>1</sup>) with an after tax net present value discounted at 10% (at 31 December 2017) of \$13.2 million.

See the Company's *Form 51-101F1 Statement of Reserves Data* which is filed on SEDAR for full information on the Company reserves.

### PROPERTY REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

This section reviews activities and developments during the reporting period in respect of the Company's assets.

The Company produces from Waihapa and Ngaere production wells in the TWN Petroleum Mining Licences and from the Copper Moki wells in the Copper Moki Mining Permit.

#### TWN Petroleum Mining Licences

The enhanced oil recovery project being implemented mobilizes stranded oil by reducing reservoir pressure and increasing pressure differentials on lesser quality reservoir. Recent direct reservoir pressure measurements confirm this is being achieved and oil rates from wells increase when total fluid rates are maintained at, or above, 5,000 bbls per day of fluid.

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<sup>1</sup> Barrels of oil equivalent (boe) may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. The boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf : 1 bbl is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

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Stage-1 was implemented in H2-16 with a high fluid rate gas-lift valve system in Waihapa-6 (late July 2016). Stage 2 was completed in Q1-17 with continuous gas-lift being implemented in two additional wells (Ngaere-2A and 3), bringing the total number of wells on continuous production using gas-lift to four. The increase in water and gas throughput generated by this necessitated gas processing modifications and upgrades (Stage-3) prior to bringing further fluid production volumes on line. This work was completed late in 2017.

The joint venture has approved in principle proceeding with Stage 4, the installation of an ESP (Electric Submersible Pump) in the Ngaere-1 well, currently planned for early Q3-18. This activity will predominantly use equipment that is in inventory or available to be deployed from elsewhere in the operated assets. The objective of Stage 4 is to double the total fluid production to 14,000 bbls per day of fluid from Waihapa-Ngaere and accelerate the pressure depletion and hence oil production. Planning for Stage 4 is progressing according to schedule. A subsequent Stage 5 is envisaged to enable further oil production optimisation within the plant maximum capacity limit of 18,000 bbls per day of fluid, and will most likely involve one or more ESPs.

See also *Permit Expenditure Plans* below.

### Copper Moki Petroleum Mining Permit

Copper Moki-1: In mid-November 2017, Copper Moki-1 experienced pump related mechanical issues resulting in the well being shut in pending a pump replacement. A rig-based workover was completed successfully in mid-February 2018 with subsequent production results above expectation. The Copper Moki-1 well averaged 129 bopd (141 boe/d) with a 43% water-cut once returned to production in late February through end March 2018. Following maintenance and a minor increase in pump speed in early March the oil rates substantially increased with average rates for the last 14 days of March of 164 bopd (178 boe/d) with a 35% water-cut.

Copper Moki-2: Copper Moki-2 oil production has declined relatively slowly and is currently being produced (~18 bopd) on a 10-12 hour cycle every second day. Water production has remained stable and typically at less than 2 stb/d.

### Eltham Petroleum Exploration Permit

Having completed its assessment of appraisal and exploration opportunities portfolio in the Eltham PEP, the Company has applied for an Appraisal Extension over a greatly reduced area (898 acres or 3.6km<sup>2</sup>) of PEP 51150. The application area includes the 2012 Arakamu- 2 discovery well, which produced oil from the Miocene Mt. Messenger Formation when tested in Q1-13.

The previous flow testing at Arakamu-2 was hampered by sand production and the low reservoir gas content and hence there remains significant uncertainty about the nature of the petroleum deposit. Further evaluation and testing will reduce this uncertainty and allow the Operator to determine the commerciality of this resource.

The Appraisal Extension is being assessed by the regulatory authority New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals and a Work Program for the next term of the Appraisal Extension Area has being negotiated. Discussions regarding the area being relinquished are also near agreement.

### TWN Midstream Assets

Services are provided to Contact Energy in relation to operation of the Ahuroa Gas Storage facility. In addition, other parties are accessing services for oil processing, handling and pipeline throughput, gas processing and transport, and handling and disposal of produced water.

The Company continues to explore opportunities with existing and new customers.

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### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2018 Q1 \$	2017 Q4 \$	2017 Q3 \$	2017 Q2 \$
Total assets	20,487,574	21,157,962	23,908,933	25,476,119
Exploration and evaluation assets	-	-	-	-
Oil and gas assets	16,738,567	16,567,342	18,095,034	19,677,449
Working capital	(109,862)	8,689	70,478	(1,961)
Revenues	2,042,297	2,553,907	2,074,599	2,143,077
Accumulated deficit	(139,215,296)	(138,670,524)	(135,597,393)	(135,277,017)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(298,771)	(3,053,491)	(849,855)	(87,814)
Basic (loss) earnings per share	(0.002)	(0.013)	(0.001)	(0.002)
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	(0.002)	(0.013)	(0.001)	(0.002)

	2017 Q1 \$	2016 Q4 \$	2016 Q3 \$	2016 Q2 \$
Total assets	24,358,299	23,066,531	27,767,054	27,760,038
Exploration and evaluation assets	-	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	18,890,865	19,360,187	24,416,925	23,697,976
Working capital	138,203	226,866	2,246,930	2,330,257
Revenues	1,906,695	1,476,623	1,356,500	1,574,491
Accumulated deficit	(134,714,568)	(134,133,724)	(132,152,473)	(131,026,279)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(928,023)	(2,532,614)	(657,210)	(473,974)
Basic (loss) earnings per share	(0.003)	(0.010)	(0.005)	(0.004)
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	(0.003)	(0.010)	(0.005)	(0.004)

See "NZEC's Business", "Property Review & Outlook" and "Results of Operations", for the activities to which this summary of quarterly results relates.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

This section of the MD&A provides analysis of the Company's operations in respect of the first quarter of 2018 ("Three Month Period") compared to results achieved for the same periods in 2017. See *Operating & Financial Highlights* and *Property Review and Outlook* for a summary of the first quarter 2018 operational events and activities.

#### Production and sales

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
<b>Barrels or BOE</b>		
Production - Oil	10,418	12,648
Sales - Oil	6,762	12,520
Sales – Gas (BOE)	2,287	1,691
TOTAL Production (BOE)	12,705	14,339

The production decrease results principally from the shut in of Copper Moki-1 from mid-November 2017 due to pump related mechanical issues, which only saw production flowing again from late-February 2018.

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### Revenues

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Oil Sales	546,149	835,038
Processing Revenue	646,462	595,986
Purchased oil sold*	723,177	453,658
Royalty**	(37,481)	(72,623)
Oil sales per bbl	80.77	66.70

Note. In respect to Oil Sales, revenue is derived from oil sales volume, oil price and exchange rate. The realised per barrel price is based on the Brent crude oil price. See item 6 in "Quarterly Operating Highlights" above.

Processing Revenue – the increase reflects higher third-party processing volumes.

\*Purchased light oil sold: The Company has an arrangement with a third party whereby the Company purchases oil, charges a processing fee and subsequently sells the oil. Any unsold oil is carried as inventory.

\*\*Royalty: Royalties paid are based on an ad valorem Crown royalty of 5% at Copper Moki and 10% (less allowable costs) for the TWN Licences. In addition, for the TWN Licences, there is a 9% overriding royalty payable to Beach Energy with a calculation based on the Crown royalty calculation. Total costs are related to the mix and source of production.

### Production costs

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Production costs	277,792	320,809
Production cost per bbl	41.08	25.62

Production costs include the impact of oil inventory value changes\*. If these impacts are excluded, the comparable costs would have been \$490,012 (2017: \$340,744) and production cost per barrel \$72.47 (2017: \$27.22).

Excluding the change above, the 2018 comparable costs are higher. This is predominately due to costs associated with the Copper Moki-1 workover (\$229,613). Offsetting this is a reduction in variable operating costs associated with the lower production in 2018.

*\*Oil inventory value changes. Particularly in Q1-2018, higher oil inventory volumes (production being greater than sales) resulted in an increase in the oil inventory value, hence a decrease in production cost.*

### Processing costs

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Processing costs	236,098	269,106

The 2018 costs are lower due to impact of oil inventory value changes associated with purchased oil inventory (\$24,317).

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### Depreciation and depletion

		Three Month Period ended 31 March	
		2018	2017
		\$	\$
Depreciation and depletion		379,102	392,771

Depletion on oil and gas assets is calculated using the unit-of-production method by reference to the ratio of production during the respective periods compared to the related total proved and probable reserves of oil and natural gas, taking into account estimated future development costs necessary to access those reserves.

The decrease in 2018 reflects the lower levels of production and impairment of TVL assets (\$1.3m) in 2017.

### Share Based Compensation

		Three Month Period ended 31 March	
		2018	2017
		\$	\$
Share Based Compensation		12,159	12,159

The 2018 and 2017 expense reflect the fair market value attributed to options issued in November 2015. See also further detail in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 9b Share Purchase Options*.

### General and Administrative Expenses

		Three Month Period ended 31 March	
		2018	2017
		\$	\$
General and administrative expense		896,628	1,101,998

Cost reductions continue to be a focus, with notable reductions in Salary and wages (\$90,997) and Administrative expenses (\$55,625). See further breakdown in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 11, General and Administrative Expenses*.

### Finance Expense

		Three Month Period ended 31 March	
		2018	2017
		\$	\$
Accretion		80,373	80,626
Interest on Revolving Credit Facility		5,138	4,602
Interest on Financial Payables		31,201	-
Total Finance Expense		116,712	85,228

Finance expense reflects the accretion expense associated with asset retirement obligations. See *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 7, Long Term Asset Retirement Obligations*, for more information. Interest on Financial Payables has been recognised using the effective interest method.

### Abandonment Provision movement

		Three Month Period ended 31 March	
		2018	2017
		\$	\$
Abandonment provision movement		(62,100)	17,323

Abandonment provision movement arises from the change in estimate for abandonment on wells which have previously been fully impaired.

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### Exchange Difference on Translation of Foreign Currency

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Exchange Difference – gain / (loss)	246,001	(347,179)
Exchange rate at beginning of period	0.8914	0.9385
Exchange rate at end of period	0.9308	0.9328

Exchange differences arise from the translation of foreign operations and monetary items (largely based in NZD).

The NZD exchange rate has strengthened against the CAD over the Three Month Period to 31 March 2018 resulting in a translation gain. The NZD weakened against the CAD over the same 2017 period resulting in a loss.

### PETROLEUM PROPERTY ACTIVITIES, OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

#### Capital Expenditure

The Company recognised the following additions in Oil and gas assets during the Three Month Periods:

	Three Month Period ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Copper Moki assets	200,422	-
TWN Assets	-	14,245

2018 expenditure is the capital component of the Copper Moki 1 workover. In TWN, 2017 spend relates to a glycol dehydration unit refurbishment.

#### COMMITMENTS

See details provided in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 14, Commitments*.

#### PERMIT EXPENDITURE PLANS

See details provided in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 15, Permit Expenditure Plans*.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

	31 March	31 December
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	36,840	55,351
Revolving credit facility	(422,576)	(331,968)
Working capital	(109,862)	8,689

The Company continues to pursue opportunities to improve its financial capacity, including cash flow from oil and gas production, credit facilities, commercial arrangements or other financing alternatives to enable it to undertake operations required to further exploit the permits and licences it holds, with the objective of increasing petroleum production.

In this quarter, further operating cost reductions have been realised, and production increased (see *“Quarterly Operating & Financial Highlights”*).

The Company's ability to improve its financial capacity and the relative success, and cash flow generated from, intended operations cannot be assured. See the *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 1, Going Concern*.

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### CASH FLOW

	31 March 2018	31 March 2017
<b>Cash provided by / (used in)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating activities	111,926	124,595
Investing activities	(200,422)	(3,062)
Financing activities	90,608	(129,440)

The net loss for the period was \$544,772 (2017: \$580,844). The material factors were the cost of the Copper Moki-1 workover and \$464,500 in depreciation, depletion and accretion (2017: \$473,397) together with a positive working capital change of \$234,639 (2017: \$203,176).

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

See details provided in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 12, Related Party Transactions*.

### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

### CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING POLICY and ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED IFRSs

The Company has used the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, except as disclosed in the Changes in Accounting Policies in *Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*.

### NON-IFRS DISCLOSURES

NZEC uses certain terms for measurement within this MD&A which do not have standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS, and these measurements may differ from other companies' and accordingly may not be comparable to measures used by other companies. The term "field netback" is not a recognized measure under the applicable IFRSs. Management of the Company believes the measure is useful to provide shareholders and potential investors with additional information, in addition to profit and loss and cash flow from operating activities as defined by IFRS, for evaluating the Company's operating performance. Field netback is reconciled as follows to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the three month periods ended 31 March 2018 and 2017:

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>Net Revenue</b>		
Oil sales	546,149	835,038
Royalties	(37,481)	(72,623)
Production Costs	(277,792)	(320,809)
<b>Sub-total net revenue (a)</b>	<b>230,876</b>	<b>441,606</b>
Barrels of Oil sold (b)	6,762	12,520
<b>Field Netback [(a)/(b)] \$/bbl</b>	<b>34.14</b>	<b>35.27</b>

### SHARE CAPITAL

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of voting common shares. As at 31 March 2018, the Company had 232,123,459 common shares outstanding.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company's share capitalization included 232,123,459 common shares, 41,452,178 warrants and 10,608,000 share options, of which 608,000 stock options have vested and are exercisable.

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### RISK FACTORS

Natural resources exploration and development involves a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond management's control. The Company's business is subject to the risks normally encountered in the oil and natural gas industry such as the marketability of, and prices for, oil and natural gas, competition with companies having greater resources, acquisition, exploration and production risks, need for capital, fluctuations in the market price and demand for oil and natural gas, the regulation of the oil and natural gas industry by various levels of government and public protests. The success of further development and exploration projects cannot be assured. In addition, the Company's operations are primarily outside of Canada and are subject to risks arising from foreign exchange and foreign regulatory regimes. The Company works to mitigate these risks through such mechanisms as its project and opportunity evaluation processes, engagement with joint venture parties and employing appropriately skilled staff. In addition, insurance policies, consistent with industry practice, are maintained to protect against loss of assets, well blowouts and third party liability. The Company is committed to operating in accordance with all applicable the laws and regulations, safely and with due regard to the environment.

### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

*This document contains certain forward-looking information and forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities legislation (collectively "forward-looking statements"). The use of any of the words "will", "objective", "plan", "seek", "expect", "potential", "pursue", "subject to", "can", "could", "hopeful", "contingent", "anticipate", "look forward", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. The Company believes the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable, but no assurance can be given these expectations will prove to be correct.*

*This document contains forward-looking statements and assumptions pertaining to the following: business strategy, strength and focus; the granting of regulatory approvals; the timing for receipt of regulatory approvals; geological and engineering estimates relating to the resource potential of the properties; the estimated quantity and quality of the Company's oil and natural gas resources; supply and demand for oil and natural gas and the Company's ability to market crude oil and natural gas; expectations regarding the Company's ability to continually add to reserves and resources through acquisitions and development; the Company's ability to obtain qualified staff and equipment in a timely and cost-efficient manner; the Company's ability to raise capital on appropriate terms, or at all; the ability of the Company's subsidiaries to obtain mining permits and access rights in respect of land and resource and environmental consents; the recoverability of the Company's crude oil, natural gas reserves and resources; and future capital expenditures to be made by the Company.*

*Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the risk factors set forth below and elsewhere in the document, such as the speculative nature of exploration, appraisal and development of oil and natural gas properties; uncertainties associated with estimating oil and natural gas resources; changes in the cost of operations, including costs of extracting and delivering oil and natural gas to market, affecting the potential profitability of oil and natural gas exploration; operating hazards and risks inherent in oil and natural gas operations; volatility in market prices for oil and natural gas; market conditions which prevent the Company from raising the funds necessary for exploration and development on acceptable terms or at all; global financial market events which cause significant volatility in commodity prices; unexpected costs or liabilities for environmental matters; competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of resources, skilled personnel, and access to equipment and services required for exploration, development and production; changes in exchange rates, laws of New Zealand or laws of Canada affecting foreign trade, taxation and investment; failure to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions; and other factors. Readers are cautioned the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive.*

*Statements relating to "reserves and resources" are deemed to be forward-looking statements, as they involve the implied assessment, based on certain estimates and assumptions that the resources described can be profitably produced in the future. This document includes references to management's forecasts of future development, probability of success, production and cash flows from such operations, which represent management's best estimates at the time. The forward-looking statements contained in the document are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. These statements speak only as of the date of this document and the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements contained in this document, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.*

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING RESERVE & RESOURCE ESTIMATES

*The oil and gas reserves calculations and income projections were estimated in accordance with the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook ("COGEH") and National Instrument 51-101 ("NI 51-101"). The term barrels of oil equivalent ("boe") may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of six Mcf: one bbl was used by NZEC. This conversion ratio*

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*is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. Reserves are estimated remaining quantities of oil and natural gas and related substances anticipated to be recoverable from known accumulations, as of a given date, based on: the analysis of drilling, geological, geophysical, and engineering data; the use of established technology; and specified economic conditions, which are generally accepted as being reasonable.*

*Reserves are classified according to the degree of certainty associated with the estimates. Proved Reserves are those reserves which can be estimated with a high degree of certainty to be recoverable. It is likely the actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the estimated proved reserves. Probable Reserves are those additional reserves which are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves. It is equally likely the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.*

*Revenue projections presented are based in part on forecasts of market prices, current exchange rates, inflation, market demand and government policy which are subject to uncertainties and may in future differ materially from the forecasts above. Present values of future net revenues do not necessarily represent the fair market value of the reserves evaluated. The report also contains forward-looking statements including expectations of future production and capital expenditures. Information concerning reserves may also be deemed to be forward looking as estimates imply the reserves described can be profitably produced in the future. These statements are based on current expectations which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, which could cause the actual results to differ from those anticipated. Contingent resources are those quantities of oil and gas estimated on a given date to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations using established technology or technology under development, but which are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable due to one or more contingencies. Contingencies may include factors such as economic, legal, environmental, political and regulatory matters, or a lack of markets. Prospective resources are those quantities of oil and gas estimated on a given date to be potentially recoverable from undiscovered accumulations. The resources reported are estimates only and there is no certainty any portion of the reported resources will be discovered and, if discovered, will be economically viable or technically feasible to produce.*