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# QUESTFIRE ENERGY CORP. ANNOUNCES 2014 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

Questfire Energy Corp. (the "Corporation" or "Questfire") (TSX Venture – Q.A, Q.B) is pleased to announce that it has filed on SEDAR its unaudited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") for the three month period ended March 31, 2014.

Financial and Operating Highlights

	Three month	ende	ed March 31,
	201	4	2013
Financial			
Oil and natural gas sales	\$ 20,955,81	\$	64,121
Funds flow from (used in) operations <sup>(1)</sup>	8,389,81	,	(951,247)
Per share, basic	0.6	5	(0.07)
Per share, diluted	0.13	3	(0.07)
Income (loss)	14,375,280	)	(1,102,943)
Per share, basic	1.13	L	(0.09)
Per share, diluted	0.33	2	(0.09)
Capital expenditures	3,176,003		210,515
Working capital deficit (end of period) (2)	44,616,550	)	2,838,335
Long-term contract obligation (end of period)	14,665,23		-
Non-current debentures (end of period)		-	1,379,009
Shareholders' equity (deficiency) (end of period)	10,413,50	L	(3,164,588)
Shares outstanding (end of period)			
Class A	12,963,003		12,813,001
Class B	2,055,840	)	555,840
Options outstanding (end of period)	2,056,000	)	1,281,000
Warrants outstanding (end of period)	1,510,000	)	1,510,000
Weighted-average basic shares outstanding	12,963,002		12,813,001
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding	48,343,594	Ļ	12,813,001
Class A share trading price			
High	1.8	5	0.70
Low	1.4	;	0.50
Close	1.70	)	0.50
Operations <sup>(3)</sup>			
Production			
Natural gas ( <i>Mcf/d</i> )	23,392	2	79
NGL (bbls/d)	669	)	1
Crude oil (bbls/d)	400	;	5
Total (boe/d)	4,974	L	19

	Three months ended	Three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	
Benchmark prices			
Natural gas			
AECO (Cdn\$/GJ)	5.45	3.03	
Crude oil			
WTI (US\$/bbl)	98.68	94.35	
Edmonton par <i>(Cdn\$/bbl)</i>	100.18	88.60	
Average realized prices (4)			
Natural gas (per Mcf)	5.97	3.48	
Natural gas liquids (per bbl)	82.05	63.26	
Crude oil (per bbl)	94.48	84.01	
Operating netback (per boe)	24.87	16.41	
Funds flow netback (per boe)	18.74	(568.25)	

<sup>(1)</sup> See "Additional GAAP measure".

(2) 2014 Working capital deficit includes risk management contracts of \$3,325,181 and convertible debentures of \$1,408,802. The convertible debentures mature on June 30, 2014 and are convertible at \$0.50 per Class A share. Excluding these two items, the working capital deficit would be \$39,882,567.

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

(4) Before hedging.

# First Quarter 2014 Corporate Highlights

- Achieved average production of 4,974 boe per day, 78 percent natural gas.
- Achieved record quarterly sales of \$21.0 million and record funds flow from operations of \$8.4 million (\$0.65 per basic share).
- Made capital expenditures of \$3.2 million, focused on drilling, well workovers, recompletions and facility maintenance and optimization.
- Repurchased \$32.6 million of the 2013 Debentures, for a purchase price of \$13.6 million.
- Subsequent to quarter-end, on May 5, 2014, Questfire repurchased 1,505,400 million Class B shares at \$2.60 per share.

### **President's Message**

### First Quarter 2014 Developments

### **Strong Realized Natural Gas Prices**

The first quarter of 2014 showcased Questfire's leverage to increasing natural gas prices. With approximately 70 percent of our gas production having no ceiling price, the average realized natural gas price for the quarter was \$5.97 per mcf. This helped achieve record quarterly sales of \$21 million, record quarterly funds flow of \$8.4 million and a record average operating netback of \$24.87 per boe. Due to the cold winter weather experienced in much of North America, natural gas storage inventories at the end of the first quarter reached lows not seen since 2003, which is helping to support forward natural gas prices for the remainder of 2014 and beyond.

# **Significant Corporate Deals**

Three highly significant corporate deals occurred in the first quarter, all of which have been press released. The first was the repurchase of the \$32.6 million of 2013 Debentures for \$13.6 million, which closed on March 26. The second was an Issuer Bid for Questfire's Class B shares at \$2.60 per share. It was mailed out on March 31 and, subsequent to the first quarter, on May 5 was closed with 1.5054 million Class B Shares tendered to the bid. The third deal was a long-term joint venture financing arrangement with Stream Asset Financial Questfire LP, raising \$15 million which Questfire used to finance the other two transactions. The result of these deals is a significant reduction in our overall debt, simplification of our share structure, with a 73 percent reduction in Class B shares outstanding, and a reduction of dilution risk to the Class A shareholders.

# **Oil Focused Operations**

Operational activities during the first quarter incurred \$3.2 million of capital spending, of which approximately \$2.28 million was spent on drilling, completion and workovers. While the spending level was modest, our results have been very encouraging and are expected to lead to significant drilling activity and incremental oil production over the remainder of the year.

Our emerging heavy oil plays in East–Central Alberta experienced a number of successes in the first quarter. A 100 percent working interest stratigraphic test well, drilled in February in the Mannville field, encountered 14 metres of oil-bearing sands which include 7 metres of 14 API oil pay in the Sparky Formation. The Sparky has been the target of significant horizontal drilling activity adjacent to Questfire's land and in the broader area. Questfire has acquired a surface pad-site and is making preparations for drilling up to 16, 100 percent working interest, conventional heavy oil horizontal wells. The first of these is expected to be drilled in late May or early June.

In January a 33.33 percent working interest Lloydminster horizontal oil well in the Auburndale field was completed, equipped and placed on production at a gross oil rate of approximately 125 bbls per day. Current gross production is still over 110 bbls per day, exceeding our expectations. Up to 15 gross additional horizontal wells may be drilled on this play, with Questfire holding a 33.33 percent working interest. In the Wildmere field, Questfire operated the shooting of a 10.4 square kilometre 3D seismic program targeting the Sparky Formation. The results are highly encouraging and may lead to the drilling of up to 13 horizontal oil wells, with a 25 percent Questfire working interest.

In the Open Lake field in West Central Alberta, the 100 percent working interest vertical 13-27 Ostracod light oil well, drilled in late 2013, was completed and placed on production in January 2014 as a flowing oil well with very low drawdown and production of approximately 40 boe per day (50 percent light oil). Installation of artificial lift following spring break-up is expected to double production. During the quarter Questfire continued preparations to drill three additional vertical locations, which will commence after spring break-up. A further nine, 100 percent working interest light oil drilling locations have been identified in the Open Lake field.

#### 2014 Outlook

The remainder of Questfire's \$20 million 2014 capital budget will be focused mainly on light oil drilling at our Open Lake field and on our heavy oil plays in the Mannville, Auburndale and Wildmere fields in East Central Alberta, as well as on lower-cost well and facility optimization projects in our gas properties. Our previous guidance remains unchanged, with target average annual production of 5,200–5,300 boe per day, and a year-end target rate of 5,500 boe per day with a 28 percent oil and NGL weighting. Funds flow from operations is forecast to be \$25-\$28 million for the year. We expect to exit the year with bank debt of approximately \$36 million.

With three significant corporate deals completed so far this year, stronger than expected natural gas prices and a growing inventory of drill-ready oil prospects, 2014 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Questfire.

Questfire Energy Corp. is an Alberta-based company formed to participate in oil and gas exploration, development and acquisitions focusing in the W4 and W5 regions of Alberta. The Corporation's shares trade on the TSX Venture exchange under the symbols Q.A and Q.B. The Corporation currently has 13,013,001 Class A shares and 550,440 Class B shares outstanding.

To view a full copy of the Corporation's unaudited financial results for the period ended March 31, 2014, including the Corporation's unaudited financial statements and accompanying MD&A, please refer to the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com or contact the Corporation at Questfire Energy Corp., 500, 400 – 3rd Ave S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4H2.

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