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### Oil and gas price forecast

Strategic transitioning: The future of oil and gas in a decarbonized world

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### **Forecast commentary**

Global oil and gas prices soared in Q1 2022 as Russia invaded Ukraine and many countries rallied together to implement global economic sanctions against the aggressors in place. Several Western countries and refiners agreed to ban imports of Russian oil and gas as an economic lever. The announcement by OPEC that it would adhere to its supply agreement amid the turmoil elevated crude oil prices even more at the beginning of March.

In response, 31 member nations of the International Energy Agency (IEA) committed to emergency drawdowns of 60 million barrels of crude oil from strategic reserves, with the United States committed to releasing 30 million barrels. This is the first time since Libyan disruptions in 2011 that IEA members have agreed to emergency drawdowns to ensure adequate global supply. The impact, however, will be minimal as these releases represents only a single day's worth of combined global demand. Russia is the third -largest producer of liquid fuels in the world and exports a large percentage of production.

The various bans on Russian oil resulted in West Texas Intermediate (WTI) spot prices well above US\$100 per barrel. It seems unlikely the global crude oil market will ever return to where it was before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. With major producers announcing intentions to sell off stakes in Russian operations, and many countries' national energy policies shifting away from Russian supply, the future of crude oil supply routes remains undetermined as war rages on.

Western Canadian Select (WCS) prices have maintained a narrow differential to WTI in Q1 2022, even while Canadian oil production reached record highs. Oil prices were already trending upward prior to the war, with stronger crude oil demand due to the ease of COVID-19 restrictions in many places. The misalignment of supply and demand is well illustrated by global crude oil inventories, where Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries' total oil stocks dropped to the lowest levels since 2014.

The high price environment and import sanctions against Russian oil has spurred North American producers to increase production. Although US crude oil production has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels, US operator discipline is waning, and producers have indicated plans to increase capital spending for the year. In its March 2022 short-term energy outlook release, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) predicts that US production will average 12 million barrels per day in 2022, an increase of 0.4 million barrels from December 2021 rates but still below peak production of 13 million barrels per day in March 2020.

Western Canadian Select (WCS) prices have maintained a narrow differential to WTI in Q1 2022, even while Canadian oil production reached record highs. Canadian producers are likely to replace a portion of US import volumes from Russia, but, with oilsands operators already running near capacity in 2022, they may need to defer spring maintenance activities to increase outputs for export to the United States.



#### **Canadian crude production**

Source: CER; production volumes do not include condensate production.

Conventional assets are not typically as carbon intensive as oil sands production so increasing production here in the short term is not likely to challenge Canada's ability to meet our climate goals significantly. Investment in decarbonization technology for existing and future production is accelerating and is the foundation of the industry supporting those goals.

Deloitte expects oil prices will be as volatile over the next several years as the previous few, but for different reasons. Tight supply as a result of companies decarbonizing their portfolios will create upward pressure on prices. Managing the energy transition while meeting crude demand and energy security will present many challenges for countries and organizations. High crude oil prices may accelerate investment in alternative sources of fuel as consumers look to move away from elevated commodities, which could alleviate some of the upward pressure.

Energy security within the European Union (EU) and United Kingdom has become a major concern as western European nations attempt to dissociate from Russian natural gas; in 2021, 40% of total gas consumption in the EU was supplied by Russian imports.<sup>1</sup> The Russian invasion resulted in record jumps in the price of natural gas, with UK National Balancing Point (NBP) hitting \$41.94/ per million British thermal units in March 2022.



#### US LNG exports to select European nations

Source: EIA.

<sup>1</sup> IEA March 3, 2022 publication "A 10-Point Plan to Reduce the European Union's Reliance on Russian Natural Gas"

The IEA has introduced a ten-point plan to reduce Europe's reliance on Russian natural gas, which includes switching to liquified natural gas (LNG) from other suppliers, the introduction of minimum gas storage requirements within Europe, and the development of alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar. The European Commission also added their voice to calls for a move away from Russian natural gas. With these plans calling for increased investment in renewables, natural gas may lose its place as a primary energy source. That will depend on whether the renewable investment case is more promising than the case for increasing European regasification capacity or domestic natural gas production.

LNG providers are set to benefit from the pivot away from Russia's natural gas supply, with the United States well positioned within the market. In 2021, US LNG accounted for 26% of EU and UK LNG imports, followed by Qatar at 24% and Russia at 20%. By January 2022, the United States supplied more than 50% of all LNG imports into Europe, a record 6.5 billion cubic feet per day. LNG exports from the United States to Europe increased in Q1 2022 as a result of EU supply concerns and high European trading hub prices. This trend is expected to continue as the United States ramps up liquification capacity in 2022 and the EU looks to secure supply from alternative sources.

North American gas markets look strong heading into the spring and prices are expected to remain elevated into Q2 2022. With the current domestic development rates in the United States, Canadian natural gas is well positioned to be a supply source for US LNG exports.

### Lookback on oil and gas price drivers and major events and milestones since January 2020

It has been a historic two years for commodity prices as the world grappled with a demand shock from a global pandemic, energy transition investments competing against supply concerns, and supply disruptions with Russia sanctions.

#### **Oil prices**



---- WTI (US/bbl) ---- WCS (US/bbl)

#### **Gas prices**



NYMEX (US/mmbtu) — AECO (US/mmbtu)

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#### **Gas prices**



### Strategic transitioning: The future of oil and gas in a decarbonized world

#### Introduction

The global response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine quickly pushed the prices of oil and gas toward uncharted territory. The United States, a net exporter of energy, placed a total ban on Russian oil imports. The UK plans to phase out Russian oil imports by the end of this year. The fact that the 27 countries that make up the European Union have not followed suit speaks to their continued deep dependence on oil and gas for meeting their energy needs and maintaining their economies.

For Canadian producers, the soaring price of oil could result in record-high revenues in 2022. Many companies will be tempted to maximize profits from existing assets and reward shareholders with higher dividends. In fact, with so many countries in Europe turning off the taps for Russian energy, Canadian companies may find themselves selling into new markets (albeit not in the short term).

However, the situation in Ukraine and Europe's sourcing issues do not change the fact that the oil industry is under enormous pressure to continue to work toward global decarbonization goals. Indeed, Europe is now more incentivized than ever—both politically and economically—to find domestic energy alternatives for the long term. This, combined with the increasing value capital markets are placing on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors, is leading companies to consider investing current profits into projects that will help them transition to greener portfolios.

Broadly speaking, investing in a greener portfolio will allow these companies to continue as energy providers well into the future. Finding the right investments and the right mix for capital allocation, however, presents several challenges. An effective approach to making those difficult decisions will be key to finding the most robust solutions on what could be a volatile and variable transition path.

#### Ready, steady, go green

The oil and gas industry has never been as well positioned for the major transition required for it to continue to supply energy for a decarbonized future.

The strength of the industry's balance sheets, especially among the largest producers, is a key factor here. High crude prices mean that many energy producers have cash on hand to strategically deploy for decarbonization. And make no mistake, the transition to net-zero will be expensive. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates that annual investments of almost \$3 trillion are needed to limit warming to 2°C by 2050, or \$3.5 trillion to limit warming to 1.5°C.<sup>1</sup>

Going green has never been so appealing to capital markets. Investors are placing a premium on ESG factors and rewarding companies that are leading the industry in decarbonization as well as those making the technologies other organizations will need for their own net-zero goals.<sup>2</sup> This is not exclusive to public markets; projects with a green angle are also seen as more attractive to many private equity or venture capital investors.<sup>3</sup>

In short, this is an excellent time for companies to consider their roles in an increasingly decarbonized economy. Even without the situation in Ukraine, the world is putting a lot of energy into efforts to achieve net-zero. Technologies for alternatives to oil and gas are developing Other industries, noting market support for ESG, are seeking to reduce their carbon footprints. Major utilities, for example, expect to rely less on hydrocarbons to generate electricity in the future.

#### Challenges of the green pivot

Transforming to a decarbonized economy is not a matter of flipping a switch. While goals have been set, the timetables for specific transformations remain uncertain. Major oil and gas consumers—including utilities, airlines, shippers, and manufacturers—have different expectations for their own transformations. Those timetables will depend on the availability of alternatives and the capital and economics to make the shift possible.

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rapidly. Battery capacity for electric vehicles (EVs) is increasing and major automakers are including more EVs in their offerings. Investments in carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) facilities continue to grow.

Of course, EV batteries and CCUS facilities are only part of the story. The race to develop alternative energy sources is far from over. The intriguing opportunities offered by hydrogen as a fuel source continue to support the viability of hydrogen cells. At the same time, solar and wind energy prices continue to fall and, in some areas, are becoming more competitive than hydrocarbons. Similarly, countries are working on different timetables for achieving net-zero. Germany, where support for renewables is strong, put itself in a difficult position when it moved away from nuclear power generation without replacing it with sufficient generation or storage capacity of renewable sources to make the transition viable. As a result, Germany continues to rely on natural gas supplies from Russia. With the ongoing situation in Ukraine, German authorities would like nothing more than to end their dependence. Diversifying sources by purchasing from safer geographies is one option, but there are major hurdles for Germany if it adheres to its plan to transition to renewables. Take Canadian liquified natural gas (LNG) as an example. Apart from the challenge of attracting the long-term investment required to build and run LNG terminals, any new project would take about five years to construct once approved.<sup>4</sup> Other countries in Europe, to differing degrees, are facing similar dilemmas.

Another obstacle is infrastructure. The level of investment needed for a net-zero ecosystem is too great for any single entity. Building the necessary infrastructure will require collaboration among private industry, utilities, governments, Indigenous groups, and citizens. While Canada has invested \$376 million<sup>5</sup> in EV charging systems, a much larger investment will be needed to build out all the necessary infrastructure. Leveraging a US analysis, Electric Autonomy Canada estimates the total investment required for charging infrastructure to be about \$10.5 billion, with approximately \$4.5 billion of that figure going to public spaces.<sup>5</sup>

Regulations could also hamper efforts to build this infrastructure. For example, the mining of copper, an essential metal in electrification, may be limited by environmental regulators and, ironically, slow the transition from hydrocarbons. Sanctions blocking Russian imports boost the prices of other commodities, such as nickel, aluminum, and palladium, which could also hinder infrastructure projects.

Another constraint could be consumer buy-in. While most people agree that climate change must be controlled, not everyone is aware of or prepared for the disruptions this may entail. The recent spike in the price of gas has the US government considering ways to increase supply and ease the impact on consumers. It's unlikely any short-term measures will be aligned with net-zero goals. Consumer buy-in could also be affected in the long term if alternatives to oil and gas fail to provide the same level of reliability.

Companies should study the markets where transitions are making solid progress and understand what challenges may apply to transitioning in their own markets. Over the next decade, oil and gas price volatility could also impact transition timelines, depending on the industry and geography. As mentioned earlier, geopolitical pressures have amplified calls in Europe and the UK for greater energy security. Other than depending less on Russian suppliers, the path to energy security for Europe is far from certain. Solutions could prove disruptive to decarbonization efforts. Canadian energy suppliers are watching developments with keen interest.

#### No straight paths

The process of decarbonization and the transition away from hydrocarbons is already underway in many markets. However, the path is far from straight. The transition will occur in stages influenced by many factors, including shifts in demand, technology developments, infrastructure needs, government policies, and consumer sentiment. For oil and gas companies, the way forward is crowded with options. Companies considering how to allocate capital should take a holistic approach to their decision-making. They should study the markets where transitions are making solid progress and understand what challenges may apply to transitioning in their own markets.

Strategies should be thoroughly tested and modelled to determine the viability of specific products and services for a net-zero future. This will go a long way toward recognizing the possible risks and rewards of any potential investment and help companies decide where to invest, now and into the decarbonized future.

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# Canadian domestic price forecast

#### Crude oil price and market demand forecast

Edmonton par (real \$)



#### Forecast comments

- Edmonton Par is forecast as a differential to WTI. This differential is based on Canadian Light Sweet Oil Index Futures which began trading in January 2014.
- The Edmonton crude oil price is used as the basis for the remaining Canadian crude reference points. Offsets are based on five-year historical averages with recent years weighted more heavily in the determination.

| Year       | WTI Cushing,<br>OK (40 API) | WTI Cushing,<br>OK (40 API) | Edmonton City<br>Gate (40 API) | Edmonton City<br>Gate (40 API) | WCS Hardisty<br>(20.5 API) | Heavy Oil<br>Hardisty<br>(12 API) | Cost<br>Inflation | CAD to USD<br>Exchange |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|            | US\$/bbl                    | US\$/bbl                    | C\$/bbl                        | C\$/bbl                        | C\$/bbl                    | C\$/bbl                           | Data              | Dete                   |
|            | Real                        | Current                     | Real                           | Current                        | Current                    | Current                           | Rate              | Rate                   |
| Historical |                             |                             |                                |                                |                            |                                   |                   |                        |
| 2019       | \$60.60                     | \$56.98                     | \$73.40                        | \$69.02                        | \$57.33                    | \$55.11                           | 1.9%              | 0.754                  |
| 2020       | \$40.90                     | \$39.23                     | \$47.64                        | \$45.69                        | \$36.09                    | \$31.48                           | 0.7%              | 0.746                  |
| 2021       | \$70.38                     | \$67.99                     | \$83.27                        | \$80.44                        | \$68.21                    | \$63.82                           | 3.4%              | 0.798                  |
| 2022       |                             |                             |                                |                                |                            |                                   |                   |                        |
| 3 Mths H   | \$94.27                     | \$94.27                     | \$117.95                       | \$117.95                       | \$103.68                   | \$92.68                           | 5.3%              | 0.789                  |
| 9 Mths F   | \$92.50                     | \$92.50                     | \$115.40                       | \$115.40                       | \$104.50                   | \$100.00                          | 0.0%              | 0.780                  |
| Avg.       | \$92.94                     | \$92.94                     | \$116.04                       | \$116.04                       | \$104.30                   | \$98.17                           | -                 | 0.782                  |
| Forecast   |                             |                             |                                |                                |                            |                                   |                   |                        |
| 2022       | \$92.50                     | \$92.50                     | \$115.40                       | \$115.40                       | \$104.50                   | \$100.00                          | 0.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2023       | \$80.00                     | \$81.60                     | \$98.10                        | \$100.05                       | \$88.30                    | \$83.70                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2024       | \$70.00                     | \$72.85                     | \$83.35                        | \$86.70                        | \$73.35                    | \$68.65                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2025       | \$65.00                     | \$69.00                     | \$76.90                        | \$81.60                        | \$68.00                    | \$63.25                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2026       | \$65.00                     | \$70.35                     | \$76.90                        | \$83.25                        | \$69.40                    | \$64.50                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2027       | \$65.00                     | \$71.75                     | \$76.90                        | \$84.90                        | \$70.75                    | \$65.80                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2028       | \$65.00                     | \$73.20                     | \$76.90                        | \$86.60                        | \$72.20                    | \$67.10                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |
| 2029       | \$65.00                     | \$74.65                     | \$76.90                        | \$88.35                        | \$73.65                    | \$68.45                           | 2.0%              | 0.780                  |

#### Natural gas price and market demand forecast AECO natural gas (real \$)



#### Forecast comments

The AECO natural gas price is forecast based on historical differentials to Henry Hub and future contracts traded on the NGX based in Calgary.

| Year       | AB Ref.<br>Avg. Price | AB AECO<br>Avg. Price | AB AECO<br>Avg. Price | BC Direct<br>Station 2 Sales | NYMEX<br>Henry Hub | NYMEX<br>Henry Hub |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|            | C\$/Mcf               | C\$/Mcf               | C\$/Mcf               | C\$/Mcf                      | US\$/Mcf           | US\$/Mcf           |
|            | Current               | Real                  | Current               | Current                      | Real               | Current            |
| Historical |                       |                       |                       |                              |                    |                    |
| 2019       | \$1.48                | \$1.93                | \$1.81                | \$1.02                       | \$2.73             | \$2.57             |
| 2020       | \$2.00                | \$2.35                | \$2.25                | \$2.20                       | \$2.12             | \$2.04             |
| 2021       | \$3.27                | \$3.77                | \$3.64                | \$3.34                       | \$4.05             | \$3.91             |
| 2022       |                       |                       |                       |                              |                    |                    |
| 3 Mths H   | \$4.37                | \$4.75                | \$4.75                | \$4.74                       | \$4.58             | \$4.58             |
| 9 Mths F   | \$4.45                | \$4.85                | \$4.85                | \$4.75                       | \$4.90             | \$4.90             |
| Avg.       | \$4.43                | \$4.83                | \$4.83                | \$4.75                       | \$4.82             | \$4.82             |
| Forecast   |                       |                       |                       |                              |                    |                    |
| 2022       | \$4.45                | \$4.85                | \$4.85                | \$4.75                       | \$4.90             | \$4.90             |
| 2023       | \$3.55                | \$3.90                | \$4.00                | \$3.90                       | \$4.00             | \$4.10             |
| 2024       | \$3.15                | \$3.45                | \$3.60                | \$3.50                       | \$3.50             | \$3.65             |
| 2025       | \$3.25                | \$3.45                | \$3.65                | \$3.55                       | \$3.50             | \$3.70             |
| 2026       | \$3.30                | \$3.45                | \$3.75                | \$3.65                       | \$3.50             | \$3.80             |
| 2027       | \$3.35                | \$3.45                | \$3.80                | \$3.70                       | \$3.50             | \$3.85             |
| 2028       | \$3.45                | \$3.45                | \$3.90                | \$3.75                       | \$3.50             | \$3.95             |
| 2029       | \$3.50                | \$3.45                | \$3.95                | \$3.85                       | \$3.50             | \$4.00             |

## **International price forecast**

#### Crude oil price and market demand forecast

| Year     | Av. WTI Spot | Brent Spot (38.3<br>APl with 0.37%<br>sulphur content) | Gulf Coast ASC | Avg. OPEC Basket | Nigerian Bonny<br>Light (33.4 API<br>FOB) | Mexico Maya<br>(21.8 API FOB) | Russia Urals<br>(31.7 API FOB) |
|----------|--------------|--|----------------|------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|          | US\$/bbl     | US\$/bbl   | US\$/bbl       | US\$/bbl         | US\$/bbl                                  | US\$/bbl                      | US\$/bbl                       |
|          | Current      | Current  | Current        | Current          | Current                                   | Current                       | Current                        |
| Forecast |              |  |                |                  |   |                               |                                |
| 2022     | \$92.50      | \$95.50  | \$90.50        | \$94.50          | \$95.50                                   | \$88.25                       | \$70.50                        |
| 2023     | \$81.60      | \$84.65  | \$79.55        | \$83.65          | \$84.65                                   | \$77.25                       | \$69.35                        |
| 2024     | \$72.85      | \$75.95  | \$70.75        | \$74.90          | \$75.95                                   | \$68.40                       | \$68.65                        |
| 2025     | \$69.00      | \$72.15  | \$66.85        | \$71.10          | \$72.15                                   | \$64.45                       | \$69.00                        |
| 2026     | \$70.35      | \$73.60  | \$68.20        | \$72.50          | \$73.60                                   | \$65.75                       | \$70.35                        |
| 2027     | \$71.75      | \$75.10  | \$69.55        | \$73.95          | \$75.10                                   | \$67.05                       | \$71.75                        |
| 2028     | \$73.20      | \$76.60  | \$70.95        | \$75.45          | \$76.60                                   | \$68.40                       | \$73.20                        |
| 2029     | \$74.65      | \$78.10  | \$72.35        | \$76.95          | \$78.10                                   | \$69.80                       | \$74.65                        |

- International crude quality reference points for OPEC Basket, Venezuelan, Nigerian, UAE, Mexican, Chinese, Russian, and Indonesian crudes are now based on Brent in US dollars. For the purposes of this forecast Brent is receiving a premium to WTI on the world markets.
- Current forecasts for other Crude Oil reference points are based on historical trends to the WTI price.
- Brent, United Kingdom crude is based on 38.3°API with 0.37% Sulphur content. Brent blend is a light sweet North Sea crude oil that serves as an international benchmark grade.
- United States Gulf Coast Argus Sour Crude Index (ASCI) is a blend of offshore Gulf Coast oil from Mars, Poseidon, and Southern Green Canyon.
- OPEC Basket represents the current grouping of crude oil prices from the OPEC member countries.
- Russia Urals 31.7°API is the FOB delivered price to the Mediterranean destinations.

#### Natural gas price and market demand forecast

| Year     | USD to GBP<br>Exchange | USD to EUR<br>Exchange | NYMEX Henry<br>Hub | Permian Waha | San Juan<br>Ignacio | Rocky<br>Mountain Opal | UK NBP   | India<br>Domestic Gas |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
|          |                        |                        | US\$/Mcf           | US\$/Mcf     | US\$/Mcf            | US\$/Mcf               | US\$/Mcf | US\$/Mcf              |
|          | Rate                   | Rate                   | Current            | Current      | Current             | Current                | Current  | Current               |
| Forecast |                        |                        |                    |              |                     |                        |          |                       |
| 2022     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$4.90             | \$4.50       | \$4.65              | \$4.75                 | \$34.90  | \$7.65                |
| 2023     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$4.10             | \$3.65       | \$3.85              | \$3.95                 | \$24.50  | \$14.35               |
| 2024     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$3.65             | \$3.25       | \$3.40              | \$3.50                 | \$14.05  | \$10.25               |
| 2025     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$3.70             | \$3.30       | \$3.45              | \$3.55                 | \$14.35  | \$6.30                |
| 2026     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$3.80             | \$3.35       | \$3.50              | \$3.65                 | \$14.60  | \$6.45                |
| 2027     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$3.85             | \$3.40       | \$3.60              | \$3.70                 | \$14.90  | \$6.55                |
| 2028     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$3.95             | \$3.50       | \$3.65              | \$3.75                 | \$15.20  | \$6.70                |
| 2029     | 1.33                   | 1.10                   | \$4.00             | \$3.55       | \$3.75              | \$3.85                 | \$15.50  | \$6.85                |

### **Global trends**

#### Storage

#### **United States**

Natural gas storage in the Unitd States is below the five year average and close to a five year low. This sets the stage for continued strong prices moving into spring.

#### US natural gas storage



Source: EIA.

#### **US rig counts**





#### Canada rig counts



#### Rigs

#### **United States**

Oil rig counts continue to grow as oil prices remain strong. Gas rig counts have also begun to climb after remaining flat through much of 2021.

#### Canada

Oil and gas rig counts reached a similar peak to those seen in 2019 as companies looked to capitalize on stronger oil and gas prices.

#### International

Strength in both oil and gas markets has led to rig counts increasing across much of the globe. Global rig activity outside of North America appears to have temporarily peaked in January 2022, in spite of continued growth in prices.

Source: Baker Hughes.

#### International rig counts



Source: Baker Hughes.

### **Canadian domestic price tables**

|            |                    |                   |                        | Crude Oil Pricing             |                               |                       |                       |                                  |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Year       | Price<br>Inflation | Cost<br>Inflation | CAD to USD<br>Exchange | WTI at<br>Cushing<br>Oklahoma | WTI at<br>Cushing<br>Oklahoma | Edmonton<br>City Gate | Edmonton<br>City Gate | WCS<br>20.5 Deg. API<br>Hardisty |
|            |                    |                   |                        | US\$/bbl                      | US\$/bbl                      | C\$/bbl               | C\$/bbl               | C\$/bbl                          |
|            | Rate               | Rate              | Rate                   | Real                          | Current                       | Real                  | Current               | Current                          |
| Historical |                    |                   |                        |                               |                               |                       |                       |                                  |
| 2012       | 1.5%               | 1.5%              | 1.001                  | \$111.59                      | \$94.11                       | \$102.65              | \$86.57               | \$73.10                          |
| 2013       | 0.9%               | 0.9%              | 0.972                  | \$114.33                      | \$97.91                       | \$109.02              | \$93.36               | \$74.97                          |
| 2014       | 1.9%               | 1.9%              | 0.906                  | \$107.88                      | \$93.26                       | \$108.73              | \$94.00               | \$81.06                          |
| 2015       | 1.1%               | 1.1%              | 0.783                  | \$55.25                       | \$48.69                       | \$64.68               | \$57.00               | \$44.80                          |
| 2016       | 1.4%               | 1.4%              | 0.755                  | \$48.42                       | \$43.15                       | \$58.59               | \$52.22               | \$38.90                          |
| 2017       | 1.6%               | 1.6%              | 0.771                  | \$56.27                       | \$50.88                       | \$68.69               | \$62.12               | \$49.51                          |
| 2018       | 2.3%               | 2.3%              | 0.772                  | \$70.66                       | \$64.94                       | \$75.18               | \$69.10               | \$49.89                          |
| 2019       | 1.9%               | 1.9%              | 0.754                  | \$60.60                       | \$56.98                       | \$73.40               | \$69.02               | \$57.33                          |
| 2020       | 0.7%               | 0.7%              | 0.746                  | \$40.90                       | \$39.23                       | \$47.64               | \$45.69               | \$36.09                          |
| 2021       | 3.4%               | 3.4%              | 0.798                  | \$70.38                       | \$67.99                       | \$83.27               | \$80.44               | \$68.21                          |
| 2022       |                    |                   |                        |                               |                               |                       |                       |                                  |
| 3 Mths H   | 5.3%               | 5.3%              | 0.789                  | \$94.27                       | \$94.27                       | \$117.95              | \$117.95              | \$103.68                         |
| 9 Mths F   | 0.0%               | 0.0%              | 0.780                  | \$92.50                       | \$92.50                       | \$115.40              | \$115.40              | \$104.50                         |
| Avg.       | N/A                | N/A               | 0.782                  | \$92.94                       | \$92.94                       | \$116.04              | \$116.04              | \$104.30                         |
| Forecast   |                    |                   |                        |                               |                               |                       |                       |                                  |
| 2022       | 0.0%               | 0.0%              | 0.780                  | \$92.50                       | \$92.50                       | \$115.40              | \$115.40              | \$104.50                         |
| 2023       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$80.00                       | \$81.60                       | \$98.10               | \$100.05              | \$88.30                          |
| 2024       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$70.00                       | \$72.85                       | \$83.35               | \$86.70               | \$73.35                          |
| 2025       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$69.00                       | \$76.90               | \$81.60               | \$68.00                          |
| 2026       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$70.35                       | \$76.90               | \$83.25               | \$69.40                          |
| 2027       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$71.75                       | \$76.90               | \$84.90               | \$70.75                          |
| 2028       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$73.20                       | \$76.90               | \$86.60               | \$72.20                          |
| 2029       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$74.65                       | \$76.90               | \$88.35               | \$73.65                          |
| 2030       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$76.15                       | \$76.90               | \$90.10               | \$75.10                          |
| 2031       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$77.70                       | \$76.90               | \$91.90               | \$76.60                          |
| 2032       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$79.25                       | \$76.90               | \$93.75               | \$78.15                          |
| 2033       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$80.80                       | \$76.90               | \$95.60               | \$79.70                          |
| 2034       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$82.45                       | \$76.90               | \$97.55               | \$81.30                          |
| 2035       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$84.10                       | \$76.90               | \$99.50               | \$82.90                          |
| 2036       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$85.75                       | \$76.90               | \$101.45              | \$84.60                          |
| 2037       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$87.50                       | \$76.90               | \$103.50              | \$86.25                          |
| 2038       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$89.25                       | \$76.90               | \$105.55              | \$88.00                          |
| 2039       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$91.00                       | \$76.90               | \$107.70              | \$89.75                          |
| 2040       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$92.85                       | \$76.90               | \$109.85              | \$91.55                          |
| 2041       | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.780                  | \$65.00                       | \$94.70                       | \$76.90               | \$112.05              | \$93.40                          |
| 2041+      | 2.0%               | 2.0%              | 0.800                  | 0.0%                          | 2.0%                          | 0.0%                  | 2.0%                  | 2.0%                             |

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|            | Natural Gas Liqui<br>Edmonton Par Pri |         |         |                          | Natural Gas Pricin                 | g                             |                               |                             |                       |                       | Sulphur                  |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Year       | Ethane                                | Propane | Butane  | Pentanes +<br>Condensate | Alberta<br>Reference<br>Avg. Price | Alberta<br>AECO<br>Avg. Price | Alberta<br>AECO<br>Avg. Price | B.C. Direct<br>Stn. 2 Sales | NYMEX<br>Henry<br>Hub | NYMEX<br>Henry<br>Hub | Alberta<br>Plant<br>Gate |
|            | C\$/bbl                               | C\$/bbl | C\$/bbl | C\$/bbl                  | C\$/mcf                            | C\$/mcf                       | C\$/mcf                       | C\$/mcf                     | US\$/Mcf              | US\$/Mcf              | C\$/lt                   |
|            | Current                               | Current | Current | Current                  | Current                            | Real                          | Current                       | Current                     | Real                  | Current               | Current                  |
| Historical |                                       |         |         |                          |                                    |                               |                               |                             |                       |                       |                          |
| 2012       | \$6.73                                | \$30.80 | \$75.47 | \$99.67                  | \$2.25                             | \$2.83                        | \$2.39                        | \$2.29                      | \$3.26                | \$2.75                | \$126.81                 |
| 2013       | \$8.68                                | \$38.54 | \$77.44 | \$103.52                 | \$2.98                             | \$3.71                        | \$3.17                        | \$3.11                      | \$4.35                | \$3.73                | \$62.17                  |
| 2014       | \$12.46                               | \$42.93 | \$59.43 | \$101.47                 | \$4.22                             | \$5.21                        | \$4.50                        | \$4.16                      | \$5.08                | \$4.39                | \$88.99                  |
| 2015       | \$7.49                                | \$5.35  | \$33.70 | \$55.15                  | \$2.56                             | \$3.05                        | \$2.69                        | \$1.81                      | \$2.98                | \$2.63                | \$107.45                 |
| 2016       | \$6.04                                | \$8.71  | \$31.45 | \$52.43                  | \$1.93                             | \$2.42                        | \$2.16                        | \$1.75                      | \$2.82                | \$2.52                | \$45.40                  |
| 2017       | \$6.11                                | \$27.92 | \$40.98 | \$63.65                  | \$2.13                             | \$2.42                        | \$2.19                        | \$1.56                      | \$3.30                | \$2.99                | \$41.85                  |
| 2018       | \$6.90                                | \$29.76 | \$46.17 | \$75.74                  | \$1.36                             | \$1.67                        | \$1.54                        | \$1.26                      | \$3.45                | \$3.17                | \$89.25                  |
| 2019       | \$5.00                                | \$15.82 | \$21.40 | \$67.57                  | \$1.48                             | \$1.93                        | \$1.81                        | \$1.02                      | \$2.73                | \$2.57                | \$37.54                  |
| 2020       | \$6.20                                | \$16.11 | \$20.93 | \$47.14                  | \$2.00                             | \$2.35                        | \$2.25                        | \$2.20                      | \$2.12                | \$2.04                | \$2.60                   |
| 2021       | \$10.08                               | \$45.46 | \$40.28 | \$82.91                  | \$3.27                             | \$3.77                        | \$3.64                        | \$3.34                      | \$4.05                | \$3.91                | \$69.73                  |
| 2022       |                                       |         |         | I                        |                                    |                               |                               |                             |                       |                       |                          |
| 3 Mths H   | \$13.58                               | \$64.07 | \$61.82 | \$119.87                 | \$4.37                             | \$4.75                        | \$4.75                        | \$4.74                      | \$4.58                | \$4.58                | \$112.05                 |
| 9 Mths F   | \$13.35                               | \$63.45 | \$69.25 | \$121.15                 | \$4.45                             | \$4.85                        | \$4.85                        | \$4.75                      | \$4.90                | \$4.90                | \$100.00                 |
| Avg.       | \$13.41                               | \$63.61 | \$67.39 | \$120.83                 | \$4.43                             | \$4.83                        | \$4.83                        | \$4.75                      | \$4.82                | \$4.82                | \$103.01                 |
| Forecast   | I                                     |         |         | I                        |                                    |                               |                               |                             |                       |                       |                          |
| 2022       | \$13.35                               | \$63.45 | \$69.25 | \$121.15                 | \$4.45                             | \$4.85                        | \$4.85                        | \$4.75                      | \$4.90                | \$4.90                | \$100.00                 |
| 2023       | \$10.95                               | \$45.05 | \$60.05 | \$105.05                 | \$3.55                             | \$3.90                        | \$4.00                        | \$3.90                      | \$4.00                | \$4.10                | \$76.50                  |
| 2024       | \$9.90                                | \$39.00 | \$52.00 | \$91.05                  | \$3.15                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.60                        | \$3.50                      | \$3.50                | \$3.65                | \$78.05                  |
| 2025       | \$10.10                               | \$36.70 | \$48.95 | \$85.70                  | \$3.25                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.65                        | \$3.55                      | \$3.50                | \$3.70                | \$79.60                  |
| 2026       | \$10.30                               | \$37.45 | \$49.95 | \$87.40                  | \$3.30                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.75                        | \$3.65                      | \$3.50                | \$3.80                | \$81.20                  |
| 2027       | \$10.50                               | \$38.20 | \$50.95 | \$89.15                  | \$3.35                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.80                        | \$3.70                      | \$3.50                | \$3.85                | \$82.80                  |
| 2028       | \$10.70                               | \$38.95 | \$51.95 | \$90.95                  | \$3.45                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.90                        | \$3.75                      | \$3.50                | \$3.95                | \$84.45                  |
| 2029       | \$10.90                               | \$39.75 | \$53.00 | \$92.75                  | \$3.50                             | \$3.45                        | \$3.95                        | \$3.85                      | \$3.50                | \$4.00                | \$86.15                  |
| 2030       | \$11.15                               | \$40.55 | \$54.05 | \$94.60                  | \$3.55                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.05                        | \$3.95                      | \$3.50                | \$4.10                | \$87.85                  |
| 2031       | \$11.35                               | \$41.35 | \$55.15 | \$96.50                  | \$3.65                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.10                        | \$4.00                      | \$3.50                | \$4.20                | \$89.65                  |
| 2032       | \$11.60                               | \$42.20 | \$56.25 | \$98.45                  | \$3.70                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.20                        | \$4.10                      | \$3.50                | \$4.25                | \$91.40                  |
| 2033       | \$11.80                               | \$43.00 | \$57.40 | \$100.40                 | \$3.80                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.30                        | \$4.15                      | \$3.50                | \$4.35                | \$93.25                  |
| 2034       | \$12.05                               | \$43.90 | \$58.55 | \$102.40                 | \$3.85                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.40                        | \$4.25                      | \$3.50                | \$4.45                | \$95.10                  |
| 2035       | \$12.30                               | \$44.75 | \$59.70 | \$104.45                 | \$3.95                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.45                        | \$4.35                      | \$3.50                | \$4.55                | \$97.00                  |
| 2036       | \$12.55                               | \$45.65 | \$60.90 | \$106.55                 | \$4.00                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.55                        | \$4.40                      | \$3.50                | \$4.60                | \$98.95                  |
| 2030       | \$12.80                               | \$46.55 | \$62.10 | \$108.70                 | \$4.10                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.65                        | \$4.50                      | \$3.50                | \$4.00                | \$100.95                 |
| 2037       | \$13.05                               | \$47.50 | \$63.35 | \$110.85                 | \$4.20                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.75                        | \$4.50                      | \$3.50                | \$4.80                | \$102.95                 |
| 2038       | \$13.30                               | \$48.45 | \$64.60 | \$113.05                 | \$4.25                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.85                        | \$4.70                      | \$3.50                | \$4.90                | \$105.00                 |
| 2039       | \$13.55                               | \$49.40 | \$65.90 | \$115.35                 | \$4.35                             | \$3.45                        | \$4.95                        | \$4.80                      | \$3.50                | \$5.00                | \$107.10                 |
| 2040       | \$13.55                               | \$49.40 | \$67.25 | \$115.35                 | \$4.35                             | \$3.45                        | \$5.05                        | \$4.00                      | \$3.50                | \$5.00                | \$107.10                 |
| 2041       | 2.0%                                  | \$50.40 | 2.0%    | 2.0%                     | \$4.45                             | \$3.45                        | \$5.05                        | 2.0%                        | \$3.50                | \$5.10                | \$109.25                 |

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|            | Crude oil pricing                     |                                |  | Natural gas<br>pricing             |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Year       | Lt. Sour<br>35 Deg. API<br>Cromer, SK | MSO<br>31 Deg. API<br>Hardisty | Synbit (AWB)<br>70% Bitumen<br>30% Cond. 21 Deg. API | Ontario Dawn<br>Reference<br>Point |
|            | C\$/bbl                               | C\$/bbl                        | C\$/bbl  | C\$/mcf                            |
|            | Current                               | Current                        | Current  | Current                            |
| Historical | carrent                               | carrent                        | carrente   | current                            |
| 2012       | \$84.27                               | \$77.53                        | \$74.75  | \$3.11                             |
| 2013       | \$91.76                               | \$82.65                        | \$76.90  | \$4.13                             |
| 2014       | \$92.91                               | \$89.39                        | \$82.03  | \$5.76                             |
| 2015       | \$55.46                               | \$54.70                        | \$44.28  | \$3.72                             |
| 2016       | \$51.37                               | \$48.29                        | \$39.58  | \$3.46                             |
| 2017       | \$62.06                               | \$58.16                        | \$50.60  | \$3.97                             |
| 2018       | \$73.06                               | \$62.82                        | \$54.46  | \$4.07                             |
| 2019       | \$69.68                               | \$65.72                        | \$58.85  | \$3.22                             |
| 2020       | \$45.41                               | \$43.55                        | \$36.18  | \$2.51                             |
| 2021       | \$80.08                               | \$76.58                        | \$69.55  | \$4.55                             |
| 2022       |                                       |                                |  | 1                                  |
| 3 Mths H   | \$105.51                              | \$110.51                       | \$86.83  | \$5.52                             |
| 9 Mths F   | \$114.40                              | \$111.40                       | \$106.35   | \$6.00                             |
| Avg.       | \$112.18                              | \$111.18                       | \$101.47   | \$5.88                             |
| Forecast   |                                       |                                |  | I                                  |
| 2022       | \$114.40                              | \$111.40                       | \$106.35   | \$6.00                             |
| 2023       | \$99.05                               | \$96.00                        | \$90.10  | \$4.95                             |
| 2024       | \$85.70                               | \$82.55                        | \$75.40  | \$4.35                             |
| 2025       | \$80.55                               | \$77.35                        | \$70.00  | \$4.45                             |
| 2026       | \$82.15                               | \$78.90                        | \$71.40  | \$4.55                             |
| 2027       | \$83.80                               | \$80.50                        | \$72.80  | \$4.65                             |
| 2028       | \$85.50                               | \$82.10                        | \$74.25  | \$4.75                             |
| 2029       | \$87.20                               | \$83.75                        | \$75.75  | \$4.80                             |
| 2030       | \$88.95                               | \$85.40                        | \$77.25  | \$4.90                             |
| 2031       | \$90.70                               | \$87.10                        | \$78.80  | \$5.00                             |
| 2032       | \$92.50                               | \$88.85                        | \$80.40  | \$5.10                             |
| 2033       | \$94.35                               | \$90.65                        | \$82.00  | \$5.20                             |
| 2034       | \$96.25                               | \$92.45                        | \$83.65  | \$5.35                             |
| 2035       | \$98.20                               | \$94.30                        | \$85.30  | \$5.45                             |
| 2036       | \$100.15                              | \$96.20                        | \$87.00  | \$5.55                             |
| 2037       | \$102.15                              | \$98.10                        | \$88.75  | \$5.65                             |
| 2038       | \$104.20                              | \$100.10                       | \$90.55  | \$5.75                             |
| 2039       | \$106.30                              | \$102.10                       | \$92.35  | \$5.90                             |
| 2040       | \$108.40                              | \$104.10                       | \$94.20  | \$6.00                             |
| 2041       | \$110.55                              | \$106.20                       | \$96.10  | \$6.10                             |
| 2041+      | 2.0%                                  | 2.0%                           | 2.0%   | 2.0%                               |

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### **International price tables**

|          | Crude Oil Pri          | icing                     |                                 |                             |                             |               |                  |               |  |                           |                     |                            |                                 |                |                 |                    |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Year     | Average<br>WTI<br>Spot | Alaskan<br>North<br>Slope | California<br>Midway-<br>Sunset | Louisiana<br>Heavy<br>Sweet | Louisiana<br>Light<br>Sweet | MARS<br>Blend | Wyoming<br>Sweet | Brent<br>Spot | Gulf<br>Coast<br>Argus<br>Sour<br>Crude<br>Index<br>ASCI | Average<br>OPEC<br>Basket | Venezuelan<br>Merey | Nigerian<br>Bonny<br>Light | Arabia<br>UAE<br>Dubai<br>Feteh | Mexico<br>Maya | Russia<br>Urals | Indonesia<br>Minas |
|          | US\$/bbl               | US\$/bbl                  | US\$/bbl                        | US\$/bbl                    | US\$/bbl                    | US\$/bbl      | US\$/bbl         | US\$/bbl      | US\$/bbl   | US\$/bbl                  | US\$/bbl            | US\$/bbl                   | US\$/bbl                        | US\$/bbl       | US\$/bbl        | US\$/bbl           |
|          | Current                | Current                   | Current                         | Current                     | Current                     | Current       | Current          | Current       | Current  | Current                   | Current             | Current                    | Current                         | Current        | Current         | Current            |
| Forecast |                        |                           |                                 |                             |                             |               |                  |               |  |                           |                     |                            |                                 |                |                 |                    |
| 2022     | \$92.50                | \$87.00                   | \$91.50                         | \$92.50                     | \$91.75                     | \$90.50       | \$89.25          | \$95.50       | \$90.50  | \$94.50                   | \$76.50             | \$95.50                    | \$94.00                         | \$88.25        | \$70.50         | \$93.25            |
| 2023     | \$81.60                | \$76.00                   | \$80.60                         | \$81.60                     | \$80.85                     | \$79.55       | \$78.30          | \$84.65       | \$79.55  | \$83.65                   | \$65.30             | \$84.65                    | \$83.15                         | \$77.25        | \$69.35         | \$82.35            |
| 2024     | \$72.85                | \$67.10                   | \$71.80                         | \$72.85                     | \$72.05                     | \$70.75       | \$69.45          | \$75.95       | \$70.75  | \$74.90                   | \$56.20             | \$75.95                    | \$74.40                         | \$68.40        | \$68.65         | \$73.60            |
| 2025     | \$69.00                | \$63.15                   | \$67.90                         | \$69.00                     | \$68.20                     | \$66.85       | \$65.55          | \$72.15       | \$66.85  | \$71.10                   | \$52.00             | \$72.15                    | \$70.55                         | \$64.45        | \$69.00         | \$69.75            |
| 2026     | \$70.35                | \$64.40                   | \$69.30                         | \$70.35                     | \$69.55                     | \$68.20       | \$66.85          | \$73.60       | \$68.20  | \$72.50                   | \$53.05             | \$73.60                    | \$72.00                         | \$65.75        | \$70.35         | \$71.15            |
| 2027     | \$71.75                | \$65.70                   | \$70.65                         | \$71.75                     | \$70.95                     | \$69.55       | \$68.20          | \$75.10       | \$69.55  | \$73.95                   | \$54.10             | \$75.10                    | \$73.40                         | \$67.05        | \$71.75         | \$72.60            |
| 2028     | \$73.20                | \$67.00                   | \$72.05                         | \$73.20                     | \$72.35                     | \$70.95       | \$69.55          | \$76.60       | \$70.95  | \$75.45                   | \$55.20             | \$76.60                    | \$74.90                         | \$68.40        | \$73.20         | \$74.05            |
| 2029     | \$74.65                | \$68.35                   | \$73.50                         | \$74.65                     | \$73.80                     | \$72.35       | \$70.95          | \$78.10       | \$72.35  | \$76.95                   | \$56.30             | \$78.10                    | \$76.40                         | \$69.80        | \$74.65         | \$75.55            |
| 2030     | \$76.15                | \$69.70                   | \$75.00                         | \$76.15                     | \$75.30                     | \$73.80       | \$72.35          | \$79.65       | \$73.80  | \$78.50                   | \$57.40             | \$79.65                    | \$77.90                         | \$71.20        | \$76.15         | \$77.05            |
| 2031     | \$77.70                | \$71.10                   | \$76.50                         | \$77.70                     | \$76.80                     | \$75.30       | \$73.80          | \$81.25       | \$75.30  | \$80.05                   | \$58.55             | \$81.25                    | \$79.45                         | \$72.60        | \$77.70         | \$78.60            |
| 2032     | \$79.25                | \$72.55                   | \$78.00                         | \$79.25                     | \$78.30                     | \$76.80       | \$75.25          | \$82.90       | \$76.80  | \$81.65                   | \$59.75             | \$82.90                    | \$81.05                         | \$74.05        | \$79.25         | \$80.15            |
| 2033     | \$80.80                | \$74.00                   | \$79.60                         | \$80.80                     | \$79.90                     | \$78.35       | \$76.80          | \$84.55       | \$78.35  | \$83.30                   | \$60.95             | \$84.55                    | \$82.70                         | \$75.55        | \$80.80         | \$81.75            |
| 2034     | \$82.45                | \$75.45                   | \$81.15                         | \$82.45                     | \$81.50                     | \$79.90       | \$78.30          | \$86.25       | \$79.90  | \$84.95                   | \$62.15             | \$86.25                    | \$84.35                         | \$77.05        | \$82.45         | \$83.40            |
| 2035     | \$84.10                | \$76.95                   | \$82.80                         | \$84.10                     | \$83.10                     | \$81.50       | \$79.90          | \$87.95       | \$81.50  | \$86.65                   | \$63.40             | \$87.95                    | \$86.00                         | \$78.60        | \$84.10         | \$85.05            |
| 2036     | \$85.75                | \$78.50                   | \$84.45                         | \$85.75                     | \$84.80                     | \$83.15       | \$81.50          | \$89.70       | \$83.15  | \$88.40                   | \$64.65             | \$89.70                    | \$87.75                         | \$80.15        | \$85.75         | \$86.75            |
| 2037     | \$87.50                | \$80.10                   | \$86.15                         | \$87.50                     | \$86.45                     | \$84.80       | \$83.10          | \$91.50       | \$84.80  | \$90.15                   | \$65.95             | \$91.50                    | \$89.50                         | \$81.75        | \$87.50         | \$88.50            |
| 2038     | \$89.25                | \$81.70                   | \$87.85                         | \$89.25                     | \$88.20                     | \$86.50       | \$84.75          | \$93.35       | \$86.50  | \$92.00                   | \$67.25             | \$93.35                    | \$91.30                         | \$83.40        | \$89.25         | \$90.25            |
| 2039     | \$91.00                | \$83.30                   | \$89.60                         | \$91.00                     | \$89.95                     | \$88.20       | \$86.45          | \$95.20       | \$88.20  | \$93.80                   | \$68.60             | \$95.20                    | \$93.10                         | \$85.05        | \$91.00         | \$92.05            |
| 2040     | \$92.85                | \$85.00                   | \$91.40                         | \$92.85                     | \$91.75                     | \$90.00       | \$88.20          | \$97.10       | \$90.00  | \$95.70                   | \$70.00             | \$97.10                    | \$95.00                         | \$86.75        | \$92.85         | \$93.90            |
| 2041     | \$94.70                | \$86.70                   | \$93.25                         | \$94.70                     | \$93.60                     | \$91.80       | \$89.95          | \$99.05       | \$91.80  | \$97.60                   | \$71.40             | \$99.05                    | \$96.90                         | \$88.50        | \$94.70         | \$95.80            |
| 2041+    | 2.0%                   | 2.0%                      | 2.0%                            | 2.0%                        | 2.0%                        | 2.0%          | 2.0%             | 2.0%          | 2.0%   | 2.0%                      | 2.0%                | 2.0%                       | 2.0%                            | 2.0%           | 2.0%            | 2.0%               |

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|          |            |            | Natural Gas pricing |              |                  |                 |          |                       | Ethanol         |
|----------|------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Year     | USD to GBP | USD to EUR | NYMEX<br>Henry Hub  | Permian Waha | San Juan Ignacio | Rocky Mtn. Opal | UK NBP   | India<br>Domestic Gas | US CBOT Ethanol |
|          | Exchange   | Exchange   | US\$/Mcf            | US\$/Mcf     | US\$/Mcf         | US\$/Mcf        | US\$/Mcf | US\$/Mcf              | US\$/gal        |
|          | rate       | rate       | Current             | Current      | Current          | Current         | Current  | Current               | Current         |
| Forecast |            |            |                     |              |                  |                 |          |                       |                 |
| 2022     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.90              | \$4.50       | \$4.65           | \$4.75          | \$34.90  | \$7.65                | \$2.50          |
| 2023     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.10              | \$3.65       | \$3.85           | \$3.95          | \$24.50  | \$14.35               | \$2.55          |
| 2024     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$3.65              | \$3.25       | \$3.40           | \$3.50          | \$14.05  | \$10.25               | \$2.60          |
| 2025     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$3.70              | \$3.30       | \$3.45           | \$3.55          | \$14.35  | \$6.30                | \$2.65          |
| 2026     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$3.80              | \$3.35       | \$3.50           | \$3.65          | \$14.60  | \$6.45                | \$2.70          |
| 2027     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$3.85              | \$3.40       | \$3.60           | \$3.70          | \$14.90  | \$6.55                | \$2.75          |
| 2028     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$3.95              | \$3.50       | \$3.65           | \$3.75          | \$15.20  | \$6.70                | \$2.80          |
| 2029     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.00              | \$3.55       | \$3.75           | \$3.85          | \$15.50  | \$6.85                | \$2.85          |
| 2030     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.10              | \$3.65       | \$3.80           | \$3.95          | \$15.80  | \$6.95                | \$2.95          |
| 2031     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.20              | \$3.70       | \$3.90           | \$4.00          | \$16.15  | \$7.10                | \$3.00          |
| 2032     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.25              | \$3.80       | \$3.95           | \$4.10          | \$16.45  | \$7.25                | \$3.05          |
| 2033     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.35              | \$3.85       | \$4.05           | \$4.15          | \$16.80  | \$7.40                | \$3.10          |
| 2034     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.45              | \$3.95       | \$4.10           | \$4.25          | \$17.10  | \$7.55                | \$3.15          |
| 2035     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.55              | \$4.00       | \$4.20           | \$4.35          | \$17.45  | \$7.70                | \$3.25          |
| 2036     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.60              | \$4.10       | \$4.30           | \$4.40          | \$17.80  | \$7.85                | \$3.30          |
| 2037     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.70              | \$4.15       | \$4.35           | \$4.50          | \$18.15  | \$8.00                | \$3.35          |
| 2038     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.80              | \$4.25       | \$4.45           | \$4.60          | \$18.55  | \$8.15                | \$3.45          |
| 2039     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$4.90              | \$4.35       | \$4.55           | \$4.70          | \$18.90  | \$8.35                | \$3.50          |
| 2040     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$5.00              | \$4.45       | \$4.65           | \$4.80          | \$19.30  | \$8.50                | \$3.55          |
| 2041     | 1.330      | 1.100      | \$5.10              | \$4.50       | \$4.75           | \$4.90          | \$19.65  | \$8.65                | \$3.65          |
| 2041+    | 1.330      | 1.100      | 2.0%                | 2.0%         | 2.0%             | 2.0%            | 2.0%     | 2.0%                  | 2.0%            |

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Price forecasting takes into account many variables that can influence future prices. Our experience tells us that we must continually review the forecasting tools we use to predict where oil and gas prices are heading. However, one constant influence on oil and gas pricing is the geo-political landscape. This impact is most accurately reflected in the financial industry's futures market for commodities, a main influence when Deloitte creates its price forecast. In other words, Deloitte looks to both the futures and the past when we create our forecasts.

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### Glossary

Some of the words, phrases and acronyms we use frequently when talking about pricing are listed below:

| AECO | Alberta Energy Company -                                      | LNG   | Liquefied Natural Gas                            |
|------|---|-------|--|
|      | historical name of a virtual trading<br>hub on the NGX system | MESC  | Middle East Sour Crude                           |
| ANS  | Alaska North Slope  | MSO   | Mixed Sour Crude Oil                             |
|      |   | MSW   | Canadian Light Sweet                             |
| ASCI | Argus Sour Crude Oil  | NEB   | Canadian National Energy Board                   |
| AWB  | Access Western Blend - Canadian<br>condensate/bitumen mix     | NGX   | Natural Gas Exchange                             |
| BR   | Bow River Crude Oil   | NIT   | Nova Inventory Transfer                          |
| CAPP | Canadian Association of Petroleum                             | NRC   | Natural Resources Canada                         |
|      | Producers   | NYMEX | New York Mercantile Exchange                     |
| CBOT | Chicago Board Of Trade  | OECD  | Organization of Economic                         |
| CGA  | Canadian Gas Association                                      |       | Cooperation and Development                      |
| CME  | Chicago Mercantile Exchange                                   | OPEC  | Organization of Petroleum<br>Exporting Countries |
| DCQ  | Daily Contract Quantity                                       |       |  |
| DOB  | Daily Oil Bulletin  | PADD  | Petroleum Administration<br>Defense District     |
| EIA  | Energy Information Administration                             | USGC  | US Gulf Coast                                    |
| FERC | US Federal Energy Regulatory<br>Commission                    | USWC  | US West Coast                                    |
| FOD  |   | WCS   | Western Canada Select Crude Oil                  |
| FOB  | Free on Board (shipper term)                                  | WTI   | West Texas Intermediate                          |
| IEA  | International Energy<br>Administration                        | WTS   | West Texas Sour                                  |

LLB Lloydminster Blend Crude Oil



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