

# BIRCHCLIFF

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### BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD. ANNOUNCES 10-FOLD INCREASE TO QUARTERLY DIVIDEND AND DECLARATION OF Q1 2023 DIVIDEND OF \$0.20 PER COMMON SHARE, NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND 2023 BUDGET AND GUIDANCE

**Calgary, Alberta (January 18, 2023)** – Birchcliff Energy Ltd. (“Birchcliff” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: BIR) is pleased to announce that its board of directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share for the quarter ending March 31, 2023. Birchcliff is also pleased to announce its five-year plan for 2023 to 2027 and its 2023 budget and guidance.

“Our board of directors has approved a new five-year plan for 2023 to 2027, which is designed to generate substantial free funds flow, deliver significant returns to shareholders and establish a meaningful cash position, while achieving disciplined production growth of 10% over the five-year period<sup>(1)</sup>. The five-year plan provides for potential cumulative free funds flow<sup>(2)</sup> of approximately \$2.0 billion by the end of the five-year period, which provides us with the ability to deliver significant shareholder returns. Our board of directors has also approved the previously announced increase to our annual base dividend to \$0.80 per common share for 2023, which will be declared and paid quarterly at the rate of \$0.20 per common share. The five-year plan contemplates potential significant excess free funds flow after our targeted finding and development (“F&D”) capital expenditures and the payment of the base dividend, providing us with significant flexibility to further increase shareholder returns and invest in our business, depending on commodity prices,”<sup>(3)</sup> commented Jeff Tonken, Chief Executive Officer of Birchcliff.

“With respect to 2023, our board of directors has approved an F&D capital budget of \$260 million to \$280 million, which is expected to deliver 5% production growth over 2022<sup>(4)</sup>. Based on this targeted production and current strip prices<sup>(5)</sup>, we expect to generate approximately \$570 million of adjusted funds flow<sup>(2)</sup> and \$290 million to \$310 million of free funds flow in 2023 and pay dividends to our shareholders of approximately \$213 million<sup>(6)</sup>, resulting in excess free funds flow<sup>(2)</sup> of approximately \$77 million to \$97 million in 2023.”<sup>(7)</sup>

“We had an excellent year in 2022 which saw us safely and successfully execute our 2022 capital program, significantly reduce our indebtedness and redeem all of our issued and outstanding preferred shares for approximately \$88.2 million, while returning \$128.9 million to our common shareholders through dividends and common share buybacks. We look forward to announcing our unaudited results for the year ended December 31, 2022 on February 15, 2023.”

*This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. For further information regarding the forward-looking statements contained herein, see “Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements”. With respect to the disclosure of Birchcliff’s production contained in this press release, see “Advisories – Production”. In addition, this press release uses various “non-GAAP financial measures”, “non-GAAP ratios”, “supplementary financial measures” and “capital management measures” as such terms are defined in National Instrument 52-112 – Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure (“NI 52-112”). Non-GAAP financial measures and non-GAAP ratios are not standardized financial measures under GAAP and might not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers where similar terminology is used. For further information regarding the non-GAAP and other financial measures used in this press release, see “Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures”.*

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- (1) Based on an annual average production rate of 82,000 boe/d in 2023, which is the mid-point of Birchcliff’s annual average production guidance range for 2023, and an annual average production rate of 90,000 boe/d in 2027.
  - (2) Non-GAAP financial measure. See “Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures”.
  - (3) See “Five-Year Plan” and “Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements” for further information regarding the Corporation’s five-year plan and the commodity price, exchange rate and other assumptions underlying such plan.
  - (4) Based on an annual average production rate of 78,000 boe/d in 2022 and 82,000 boe/d in 2023, which is the mid-point of Birchcliff’s annual average production guidance range for 2023.
  - (5) See “2023 Guidance” for Birchcliff’s commodity price assumptions for 2023.
  - (6) Based on 266 million common shares outstanding.
  - (7) See “2023 F&D Capital Budget”, “2023 Guidance” and “Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements” for further information regarding the Corporation’s 2023 capital program and guidance and the commodity price, exchange rate and other assumptions underlying such guidance.

## 2023 DIVIDEND INCREASE AND DECLARATION OF Q1 2023 QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

As part of its commitment to increasing shareholder returns, Birchcliff's board of directors (the "Board") has approved the previously announced increase to the Corporation's annual base dividend to \$0.80 per common share for 2023. This annual base dividend will be declared and paid quarterly at the rate of \$0.20 per common share, at the discretion of the Board.

In connection therewith, the Board has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share for the quarter ending March 31, 2023, which represents a 10-fold increase over the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.02 per common share. The dividend will be payable on March 31, 2023 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2023. The ex-dividend date is March 14, 2023. The dividend has been designated as an eligible dividend for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

In Q4 2022, Birchcliff paid a special dividend of \$0.20 per common share. Together with the \$0.20 dividend for Q1 2023, this will be the second consecutive quarter in which Birchcliff has paid a cash dividend of \$0.20 to its shareholders.

## FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The Board has approved a new five-year plan for 2023 to 2027 (the "Five-Year Plan"), which is designed to generate substantial free funds flow, deliver significant returns to shareholders and establish a meaningful cash position, while achieving disciplined production growth to fully utilize the Corporation's existing processing and transportation capacity. The Five-Year Plan takes a balanced approach to increasing returns to shareholders, while investing in the long-term sustainability and profitability of the Corporation.

## Forecast Key Metrics

The following tables set forth the forecast production and financial metrics, commodity price assumptions and cumulative free funds flow sensitivity for the Five-Year Plan:

### Five-Year Plan – Production and Financial Metrics<sup>(1)</sup>

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Annual Average Production (boe/d)</b>	81,000 – 83,000	83,000	87,000	90,000	90,000
<b>Liquids (%)</b>	20%	21%	20%	19%	18%
<b>Number of Wells Brought on Production</b>	32	44	45	32	29
<b>Adjusted Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	\$570	\$745	\$735	\$755	\$745
<b>F&amp;D Capital Expenditures (millions)</b>	\$260 – \$280	\$355	\$360	\$305	\$285
<b>Free Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	\$290 – \$310	\$390	\$375	\$450	\$460
<b>Annual Base Dividend (millions)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213
<b>Excess Free Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(2)(3)</sup></b>	\$77 – \$97	\$177	\$162	\$237	\$247
<b>Total (Debt) Surplus at Year End (millions)<sup>(4)(5)</sup></b>	(\$50 – \$70)	\$110	\$260	\$490	\$725
<b>Cumulative Free Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(2)(5)</sup></b>	\$290 – \$310	\$690	\$1,065	\$1,515	\$1,975

### Average Expenses and Natural Gas Market Exposure<sup>(1)</sup>

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Average Expenses (\$/boe)</b>					
Royalty <sup>(6)</sup>	4.25 – 4.45	5.10	5.05	4.90	4.80
Operating <sup>(6)</sup>	3.45 – 3.65	3.50	3.40	3.30	3.25
Transportation and Other <sup>(7)</sup>	5.20 – 5.40	5.30	5.05	4.90	4.70
Current Income Tax <sup>(6)(8)</sup>	–	2.80	4.00	3.85	3.75
<b>Natural Gas Market Exposure<sup>(9)</sup></b>					
AECO Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	17%	28%	32%	63%	67%
Dawn Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	41%	39%	37%	35%	30%
NYMEX HH Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	36%	33%	31%	2%	3%
Alliance Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	6%	–	–	–	–

### Commodity Price Assumptions<sup>(1)</sup>

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Commodity Prices</b>					
Average WTI Price (US\$/bbl)	76.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Average WTI-MSW Differential (CDN\$/bbl)	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Average AECO Price (CDN\$/GJ)	3.30	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40
Average Dawn Price (US\$/MMBtu)	3.55	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45
Average NYMEX HH Price (US\$/MMBtu)	3.85	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
Exchange Rate (CDN\$ to US\$1)	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34

### Cumulative Free Funds Flow Sensitivity<sup>(1)(10)</sup>

	Estimated Change to 2023 to 2027 Cumulative Free Funds Flow (millions)
Change in WTI US\$1.00/bbl	\$21.0
Change in NYMEX HH US\$0.10/MMBtu	\$17.7
Change in Dawn US\$0.10/MMBtu	\$22.0
Change in AECO CDN\$0.10/GJ	\$25.8
Change in CDN/US Exchange Rate CDN\$0.01	\$25.4

- (1) For illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as indicative of future results. The internal projections, expectations and beliefs underlying the Five-Year Plan are subject to change in light of ongoing results and prevailing economic and industry conditions. Birchcliff's F&D capital budgets for 2024 to 2027 have not been finalized and are subject to approval by the Board. Accordingly, the levels of F&D capital expenditures set forth herein are subject to change, which could have an impact on the forecasted production, production commodity mix, number of wells, adjusted funds flow, free funds flow, excess free funds flow, total (debt) surplus at year end, expenses and natural gas market exposure set forth herein. For further information regarding the risks and assumptions relating to the Five-Year Plan, see "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".
- (2) Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (3) Assumes that an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share is paid during 2023 to 2027 and that there are 266 million common shares outstanding, with no changes to the base dividend rate and no special dividends paid. Other than the dividend declared for the quarter ending March 31, 2023, the declaration of dividends is subject to the approval of the Board and is subject to change.
- (4) Capital management measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures". The forecast of total debt at year end 2023 is expected to be comprised of any amounts outstanding under the Corporation's extendible revolving credit facilities (the "Credit Facilities") plus accounts payable and accrued liabilities and less cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and deposits at the end of the year. The forecasts of total surplus at year end 2024 to 2027 are expected to be largely comprised of cash plus accounts receivable less accounts payable and accrued liabilities at the end of the year.
- (5) The Corporation has used the mid-point of its 2023 guidance for free funds flow and total debt at year end in determining the cumulative free funds flow and total debt or total surplus (as the case may be) at year end for 2024 to 2027.
- (6) Supplementary financial measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (7) Non-GAAP ratio. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (8) The Corporation had previously forecasted that it would be required to pay Canadian income taxes commencing in 2023. As a result of a lower than anticipated commodity price forecast, the Corporation now expects that it will be required to pay Canadian income taxes commencing in 2024.
- (9) Birchcliff's natural gas market exposure for 2023 to 2027 takes into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023.
- (10) Illustrates the expected impact of changes in commodity prices and the CDN/US exchange rate on the Corporation's forecast of potential cumulative free funds flow of approximately \$2.0 billion generated during 2023 to 2027, holding all other variables constant. The sensitivity is based on the commodity price and exchange rate assumptions set forth in the table above. The calculated impact on cumulative free funds flow is only applicable within the limited range of change indicated. Calculations are performed independently and may not be indicative of actual results. Actual results may vary materially when multiple variables change at the same time and/or when the magnitude of the change increases.

## Highlights of the Five-Year Plan

### Substantial Free Funds Flow and Capital Discipline

- Based on the Corporation's forecasted adjusted funds flow, F&D capital spending and commodity price assumptions, the Five-Year Plan projects that substantial free funds flow will be generated in each year of the plan, with the potential for cumulative free funds flow of approximately \$2.0 billion by the end of the five-year period.
- In order to enhance its ability to generate free funds flow, Birchcliff will focus on maintaining capital discipline over the course of the Five-Year Plan, with F&D capital expenditures targeted to be significantly lower than the Corporation's forecasted adjusted funds flow each year.

### Delivering Significant Shareholder Returns and Establishing a Cash Position

- Birchcliff's anticipated free funds flow over the course of the Five-Year Plan provides it with the ability to deliver significant shareholder returns.
- Birchcliff currently expects to use its base dividend as its primary mechanism for delivering shareholder returns over the course of the Five-Year Plan, which may be supplemented with special dividends.
- Birchcliff's annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share in 2023 (\$213 million annually) represents an annual dividend yield of approximately 9% in 2023, based on the closing price of the common shares of \$9.13 on January 17, 2023.

- The potential significant excess free funds flow after the Corporation’s targeted F&D capital expenditures and the payment of the base dividend on the common shares provides the Corporation with significant flexibility, allowing it to focus on ways to further increase shareholder returns and enhance long-term shareholder value. Birchcliff will continue to strategically evaluate the potential uses for its excess free funds flow, which may include special dividends, increases to the base dividend, building cash on the balance sheet and/or further investment in its business, taking into account the business environment, commodity prices and the amount of excess free funds flow available.
  - Although the Five-Year Plan contemplates an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share, it also illustrates that the Corporation has the potential capacity to increase the base dividend, subject to strong commodity prices and the discretion of the Board.
  - In addition, Birchcliff currently expects to use a portion of its excess free funds flow to establish a meaningful cash position, subject to strong commodity prices. This will help to protect the Corporation’s base dividend and capital programs in the event of a downturn in commodity prices and/or economic conditions and provide the Corporation with optionality to pursue various opportunities to enhance long-term shareholder value.
  - Depending on commodity prices, the Corporation will consider further investment in its business and accelerating the production growth contemplated in the Five-Year Plan, as well as strategic acquisitions and other opportunities that would enhance long-term shareholder value.
  - Birchcliff currently anticipates that it will continue to repurchase its common shares to help offset the dilution resulting from the exercise of stock options and will continue to evaluate opportunistic share buybacks.

#### **Disciplined Production Growth Utilizing Existing Available Processing and Transportation Capacity**

- The Five-Year Plan is focused on organically growing the Corporation’s production utilizing its existing available processing and transportation capacity. The Corporation is targeting production growth of 10% from 2023 to 2027, with a targeted annual average production rate of approximately 90,000 boe/d in 2027, subject to commodity prices.
- The Five-Year Plan contemplates that Birchcliff will fill its existing available processing capacity at its 100% owned and operated natural gas processing plant in Pouce Coupe (the “**Pouce Coupe Gas Plant**”) and utilize all of its available processing capacity at AltaGas’ deep-cut sour gas processing facility in Gordondale (the “**AltaGas Facility**”) by the end of 2025. The Five-Year Plan forecasts that a total of 182 wells will be brought on production over the course of the five-year period. Birchcliff expects that its rate of drilling will increase in 2024 and 2025 in order to bring on production the wells necessary to fill the existing processing capacity.
- Fully utilizing the available processing capacity of the Corporation’s existing infrastructure is expected to drive down its per unit operating and other cash costs as production steadily increases, which should result in increased netbacks. In addition, increasing the Corporation’s production to fully utilize its existing available processing and transportation capacity will further drive its ability to generate free funds flow.

#### **Extensive Drilling Inventory**

- Birchcliff’s extensive inventory of low-risk, potential future horizontal drilling locations supports its targeted production growth to 90,000 boe/d during the Five-Year Plan and beyond, without the need to rely on acquisitions of assets or Crown land. All of the Corporation’s lands are located within the Province of Alberta.
- As at December 31, 2021, Birchcliff had 730.7 potential net future horizontal drilling locations<sup>(8)</sup> in its core areas of Pouce Coupe and Gordondale to which proved plus probable reserves have been attributed by the Corporation’s independent qualified reserves evaluator. Assuming an average of 30 net wells required per year, these booked potential locations provide the Corporation with approximately 23 years of drilling inventory<sup>(9)</sup>.
- In addition, Birchcliff has identified in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale approximately 3,084 unbooked potential net future horizontal drilling locations<sup>(8)</sup> as at December 31, 2021, which provide the Corporation with further optionality for future growth.

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(8) See “*Advisories – Drilling Locations*”.

(9) Takes into account the wells drilled by the Corporation during 2022, as well as the 182 wells that are forecast to be brought on production over the course of the Five-Year Plan as set forth in further detail in the table above under the heading “*Five-Year Plan – Forecast Key Metrics*”.

### **Optionality for Further Growth at Pouce Coupe and Gordondale**

- Birchcliff's drilling inventory provides it with optionality to consider additional growth beyond its targeted production rate of 90,000 boe/d, to approximately 105,000 boe/d, subject to strong commodity prices.
- Birchcliff has agreed to acquire an additional 80 MMcf/d of firm receipt service on the NGTL system with an estimated in-service date in Q4 2026. This additional service, together with Birchcliff's existing firm receipt service, gives it the ability to grow its production as outlined above, should commodity prices and market conditions meet Birchcliff's expectations for growth. In the event market conditions are not favourable for further growth, Birchcliff can, with one year's notice, reduce its existing firm receipt service to keep its production flat at approximately 90,000 boe/d.
- This optionality for further growth in 2026 roughly coincides with the anticipated timing for the commencement of Phase 1 of LNG Canada's LNG export facility<sup>(10)</sup>, which Birchcliff believes will have a long-term positive impact on natural gas prices in Western Canada.

The Five-Year Plan set forth herein does not reflect any potential special dividends, increases to the Corporation's base dividend, common share buybacks or further investment in its business, all of which may receive consideration, and could have an impact on the Corporation's forecast metrics. Changes in assumed commodity prices and variances in production forecasts can have an impact on the Corporation's forecasts of adjusted funds flow and free funds flow and the Corporation's other metrics for the Five-Year Plan, which impact could be material. In addition, any acquisitions or dispositions completed over the course of the Five-Year Plan could have an impact on Birchcliff's forecasts and assumptions set forth herein, which impact could be material. For further information, see "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".

### **2023 F&D CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Board has approved a disciplined F&D capital budget of \$260 million to \$280 million for 2023, which is designed to deliver 5% production growth over 2022 and generate free funds flow of \$290 million to \$310 million.

The budget is fully funded, with the Corporation's F&D capital expenditures representing approximately 47% of Birchcliff's anticipated 2023 adjusted funds flow<sup>(11)</sup>. Birchcliff's F&D capital budget and base dividend of \$0.80 per common share for 2023 would remain fully funded at an average WTI price of US\$70.00/bbl, an average AECO price of CDN\$3.00/GJ, an average Dawn price of US\$3.25/MMBtu and an average NYMEX HH price of US\$3.35/MMBtu<sup>(11)(12)</sup>.

The following table sets forth details regarding Birchcliff's expected capital spending allocation in 2023:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Capital (millions)</b>
DCCET <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$191 – \$206
Facilities and Infrastructure <sup>(3)</sup>	\$26 – \$28
Maintenance and Optimization <sup>(4)</sup>	\$19 – \$20
Land and Seismic <sup>(5)</sup>	\$6
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	\$18 – \$20
<b>Total F&amp;D Capital Expenditures<sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>\$260 – \$280</b>

(1) On a DCCET basis, the average well cost in 2023 is estimated to be approximately \$7 million for each of Pouce Coupe and Gordondale. These costs can vary depending on factors such as the size of the associated multi-well pads, horizontal well length, the costs of construction, the existence of pipelines and other infrastructure and the distance to existing or planned pipelines and other infrastructure.

(2) Includes the completion, equipping and tie-in costs of approximately \$37.8 million associated with 9 wells that were drilled and rig released in Q4 2022.

(3) Facilities and infrastructure includes capital for a variety of projects, including gas gathering and plant emissions reduction initiatives that will provide long-term economic and environmental benefits.

(4) Maintenance and optimization includes capital to enhance production, reduce operating expense and maximize netbacks.

(5) Land and seismic includes capital for crown sales and rental payments but does not include other property acquisitions and dispositions.

(6) Other primarily includes capitalized G&A.

(7) Net property acquisitions and dispositions have not been included in the table above as these amounts are generally unbudgeted. See "Advisories – F&D Capital Expenditures" and "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".

Birchcliff's F&D capital budget for 2023 has taken into account expected inflationary increases in materials, labour and services costs as compared to 2022.

(10) Source: LNG Canada Project Mid-Year Update, Summer 2022 (July 28, 2022).

(11) Based on F&D capital expenditures of approximately \$270 million in 2023, which is the mid-point of the Corporation's F&D capital expenditures guidance range for 2023.

(12) Holding all other variables constant.

## Highlights of the 2023 F&D Capital Budget and Guidance

### Disciplined Production Growth

- Based on its targeted F&D capital expenditures, Birchcliff expects to deliver annual average production of 81,000 to 83,000 boe/d in 2023, which represents a 5% increase over Birchcliff's anticipated 2022 annual average production.

### Efficient Two-Drilling Rig Program

- The 2023 capital program contemplates that Birchcliff will drill 23 wells and bring 32 wells on production in 2023, all of which will be 100% working interest.
- Similar to 2022, the 2023 capital program has been designed to utilize multi-well pads and two drilling rigs, which is more operationally efficient for the Corporation. Birchcliff has secured multi-year contracts with its key service providers and ordered various long-lead items, which will help to ensure the efficient execution of the Corporation's 2023 capital program, as well as help Birchcliff mitigate inflationary pressures and manage supply chain constraints by ensuring security of equipment and services.

### Significant Adjusted Funds Flow and Free Funds Flow

- Birchcliff expects to generate adjusted funds flow of approximately \$570 million in 2023<sup>(13)</sup> and free funds flow of approximately \$290 million to \$310 million in 2023, based on current strip prices.
- Birchcliff does not have any fixed price commodity hedges in place and does not currently intend to enter into any, which gives it the ability to fully participate in any strengthening of commodity prices in 2023 above current strip prices.

### Delivering Shareholder Returns

- Birchcliff plans to pay an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share in 2023 (\$213 million annually). This annual base dividend will be declared and paid quarterly at the rate of \$0.20 per common share, at the discretion of the Board.

### Excess Free Funds Flow

- After the payment of its targeted base dividend of \$213 million in 2023, Birchcliff is forecasting that it will have approximately \$77 million to \$97 million of excess free funds flow in the year, which is expected to be primarily allocated towards debt reduction.

See "2023 Guidance" and "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements" for additional information regarding Birchcliff's 2023 guidance.

### Capital Activities

Birchcliff's 2023 drilling program is focused on high rate-of-return targets and developing its low-cost natural gas and liquids production in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale. Wells will be brought on production from multi-well pads, which allows Birchcliff to reduce its environmental footprint and keep its per well costs low. The program builds off the technical and operational knowledge Birchcliff gained from its previous capital programs. As previously announced on October 13, 2022, Birchcliff accelerated the execution of its 2023 capital program into Q4 2022, drilling 9 wells that will be brought on production in 2023.

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(13) Based on an annual average production rate of 82,000 boe/d, which is the mid-point of the Corporation's annual production guidance range for 2023.

The following table sets forth the number and types of wells Birchcliff expects to drill and bring on production in 2023:

Area	Total Wells to be Drilled in 2023	Total Wells to be Brought on Production in 2023 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Pouce Coupe</b>		
Basal Doig/Upper Montney Horizontal Natural Gas Wells	4	4
Montney D2 Horizontal Natural Gas Wells	6	8
Montney D1 Horizontal Natural Gas Wells	9	15
Montney C Horizontal Natural Gas Wells	2	3
<b>Total – Pouce Coupe</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Gordondale</b>		
Montney D2 Horizontal Oil Wells	1	1
Montney D1 Horizontal Oil Wells	1	1
<b>Total – Gordondale</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL – COMBINED</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>

(1) Includes 9 wells that were drilled and rig released in Q4 2022 in Pouce Coupe.

In Pouce Coupe, Birchcliff plans to drill 21 wells and bring 30 wells on production in 2023 from 5 pads targeting a mix of liquids-rich and high-rate natural gas wells placed in the lower Montney and upper Montney/Doig intervals. The program is designed to deliver profitable production growth with robust returns that will be further enhanced as Birchcliff progressively fills the processing capacity of its existing available infrastructure. As part of the 2023 program for Pouce Coupe, Birchcliff will continue to make significant investments in gas gathering pipelines to support future field development. In addition, the Corporation plans to install approximately 20 km of fuel gas lines that will provide long-term economic and environmental benefits. By delivering natural gas to existing and future sites, Birchcliff's adoption of bi-fuel technology will reduce emissions and costs. In addition, the fuel gas will be used to enhance production and reduce future well downtime by installing gas lift systems where appropriate.

In Gordondale, Birchcliff plans to drill and bring 2 wells on production in 2023, which are expected to keep the AltaGas Facility full during the year. The pad is strategically placed to target high-rate, liquids-rich wells in the Montney D1 and D2 intervals.

### Environmental Stewardship

Birchcliff anticipates spending approximately \$3.5 million in 2023 on its abandonment and reclamation activities. Birchcliff is in an enviable position as it has a focused asset base with minimal abandonment and reclamation obligations compared to the industry average.

### 2023 GUIDANCE

The following tables set forth Birchcliff's guidance, commodity price assumptions and free funds flow sensitivity for 2023:

	2023 Guidance and Assumptions <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Production</b>	
Annual Average Production ( <i>boe/d</i> )	81,000 – 83,000
% Light Oil	3%
% Condensate	7%
% NGLs	10%
% Natural Gas	80%
<b>Average Expenses (\$/boe)</b>	
Royalty <sup>(2)</sup>	4.25 – 4.45
Operating <sup>(2)</sup>	3.45 – 3.65
Transportation and Other <sup>(3)</sup>	5.20 – 5.40
<b>Adjusted Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$570
<b>F&amp;D Capital Expenditures (millions)</b>	\$260 – \$280
<b>Free Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$290 – \$310
<b>Annual Base Dividend (millions)<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$213
<b>Excess Free Funds Flow (millions)<sup>(4)(5)</sup></b>	\$77 – \$97
<b>Total (Debt) at Year End (millions)<sup>(6)</sup></b>	(\$50 – \$70)

**2023 Guidance and Assumptions<sup>(1)</sup>****Natural Gas Market Exposure<sup>(7)</sup>**

AECO Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	17%
Dawn Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	41%
NYMEX HH Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	36%
Alliance Exposure as a % of Total Natural Gas Production	6%

**Commodity Prices<sup>(8)</sup>**

Average WTI Price (US\$/bbl)	76.00
Average WTI-MSW Differential (CDN\$/bbl)	4.75
Average AECO Price (CDN\$/GJ)	3.30
Average Dawn Price (US\$/MMBtu)	3.55
Average NYMEX HH Price (US\$/MMBtu)	3.85
Exchange Rate (CDN\$ to US\$1)	1.34

**Forward Twelve Months' Free Funds Flow Sensitivity<sup>(9)</sup>****Estimated Change to 2023 Free Funds Flow (millions)**

Change in WTI US\$1.00/bbl	\$5.7
Change in NYMEX HH US\$0.10/MMBtu	\$7.0
Change in Dawn US\$0.10/MMBtu	\$8.3
Change in AECO CDN\$0.10/GJ	\$4.3
Change in CDN/US exchange rate CDN\$0.01	\$6.4

- (1) Birchcliff's guidance for its production commodity mix, adjusted funds flow, free funds flow, excess free funds flow, total debt and natural gas market exposure in 2023 is based on an annual average production rate of 82,000 boe/d in 2023, which is the mid-point of Birchcliff's annual average production guidance range for 2023. Birchcliff's guidance for its free funds flow, excess free funds flow and total debt in 2023 is based on F&D capital expenditures of approximately \$270 million in 2023, which is the mid-point of the Corporation's F&D capital expenditures guidance range for 2023. For further information regarding the risks and assumptions relating to the Corporation's guidance, see "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".
- (2) Supplementary financial measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (3) Non-GAAP ratio. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (4) Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures".
- (5) Assumes that an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share is paid and that there are 266 million common shares outstanding, with no changes to the base dividend rate and no special dividends paid. Other than the dividend declared for the quarter ending March 31, 2023, the declaration of dividends is subject to the approval of the Board and is subject to change.
- (6) Capital management measure. See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures". The forecast of total debt at December 31, 2023 is expected to be comprised of any amounts outstanding under the Credit Facilities plus accounts payable and accrued liabilities and less cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and deposits at the end of the year.
- (7) Birchcliff's natural gas market exposure for 2023 takes into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023. Birchcliff's preliminary 2023 guidance (disclosed on October 13, 2022 and reiterated on November 9, 2022) for its AECO, Dawn and NYMEX HH natural gas market exposure was 23%, 41% and 36%, respectively. As a result of entering into contracts for transportation service on the Alliance pipeline system, Birchcliff's AECO natural gas market exposure for 2023 has been revised from 23% to 17%, with a corresponding increase to its forecast Alliance natural gas market exposure.
- (8) Birchcliff's commodity price and exchange rate assumptions for 2023 are based on anticipated full-year averages using the forward strip benchmark commodity prices and CDN/US exchange rate as of January 9, 2023.
- (9) Illustrates the expected impact of changes in commodity prices and the CDN/US exchange rate on the Corporation's forecast of free funds flow for 2023, holding all other variables constant. The sensitivity is based on the commodity price and exchange rate assumptions set forth in the table above. The calculated impact on free funds flow is only applicable within the limited range of change indicated. Calculations are performed independently and may not be indicative of actual results. Actual results may vary materially when multiple variables change at the same time and/or when the magnitude of the change increases.

Birchcliff's 2023 guidance for its production is unchanged from its preliminary guidance. Birchcliff's 2023 guidance for F&D capital expenditures of \$260 million to \$280 million is slightly higher than its preliminary guidance of \$240 million to \$270 million as a result of higher inflation and the inclusion of some minor additional capital projects. Primarily as a result of a lower than anticipated commodity price forecast for 2023, Birchcliff's 2023 guidance for its adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow is lower than its preliminary guidance of \$855 million, \$585 million to \$615 million and \$370 million to \$400 million, respectively. Birchcliff's 2023 guidance for its royalty expense is lower than its preliminary guidance of \$4.95 to \$5.15 per boe as a result of a lower than anticipated commodity price forecast for 2023.

In addition, the Corporation had previously forecasted that it would have a total surplus of \$295 million to \$325 million at December 31, 2023 and have a total surplus at the end of the Q1 2023. Primarily as a result of a lower than anticipated commodity price forecast for 2023, the Corporation is now forecasting that it will have total debt of \$50 million to \$70 million at December 31, 2023. Birchcliff continues to believe that operating with little to no debt is in the best interests of the Corporation over the long-term, as it increases the resiliency and sustainability of the Corporation. Accordingly, Birchcliff will continue to progress towards its goal of reaching zero total debt over the course of 2023.

Changes in assumed commodity prices and variances in production forecasts can have an impact on the Corporation's forecasts of adjusted funds flow and free funds flow and the Corporation's other guidance, which impact could be material. In addition, any acquisitions or dispositions completed over the course of 2023 could have an impact on Birchcliff's 2023

guidance and assumptions set forth herein, which impact could be material. For further information, see “Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements”.

## ABBREVIATIONS

AECO	benchmark price for natural gas determined at the AECO ‘C’ hub in southeast Alberta
bbl	barrel
boe	barrel of oil equivalent
boe/d	barrel of oil equivalent per day
condensate	pentanes plus (C5+)
DCCET	drill, case, complete, equip and tie-in
F&D	finding and development
G&A	general and administrative
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles for Canadian public companies, which are currently International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board
GJ	gigajoule
GJ/d	gigajoules per day
HH	Henry Hub
km	kilometre
LNG	liquefied natural gas
Mcf	thousand cubic feet
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MMBtu/d	million British thermal units per day
MMcf/d	million cubic feet per day
MSW	price for mixed sweet crude oil at Edmonton, Alberta
NGLs	natural gas liquids consisting of ethane (C2), propane (C3) and butane (C4) and specifically excluding condensate
NGTL	NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
WTI	West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma, for crude oil of standard grade
\$000s	thousands of dollars

## NON-GAAP AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES

This press release uses various “non-GAAP financial measures”, “non-GAAP ratios”, “supplementary financial measures” and “capital management measures” (as such terms are defined in NI 52-112), which are described in further detail below. These measures facilitate management’s comparisons to the Corporation’s historical operating results in assessing its results and strategic and operational decision-making and may be used by financial analysts and others in the oil and natural gas industry to evaluate the Corporation’s performance.

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

NI 52-112 defines a non-GAAP financial measure as a financial measure that: (i) depicts the historical or expected future financial performance, financial position or cash flow of an entity; (ii) with respect to its composition, excludes an amount that is included in, or includes an amount that is excluded from, the composition of the most directly comparable financial measure disclosed in the primary financial statements of the entity; (iii) is not disclosed in the financial statements of the entity; and (iv) is not a ratio, fraction, percentage or similar representation. The non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release are not standardized financial measures under GAAP and might not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. Investors are cautioned that non-GAAP financial measures should not be construed as alternatives to or more meaningful than the most directly comparable GAAP measures as indicators of Birchcliff’s performance. Set forth below is a description of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release.

### Adjusted Funds Flow, Free Funds Flow and Excess Free Funds Flow

Birchcliff defines “adjusted funds flow” as cash flow from operating activities before the effects of decommissioning expenditures and changes in non-cash operating working capital. Birchcliff eliminates settlements of decommissioning expenditures from cash flow from operating activities as the amounts can be discretionary and may vary from period to period depending on its capital programs and the maturity of its operating areas. The settlement of decommissioning expenditures is managed with Birchcliff’s capital budgeting process which considers available adjusted funds flow. Changes in non-cash operating working capital are eliminated in the determination of adjusted funds flow as the timing of collection and payment are variable and by excluding them from the calculation, the Corporation believes that it is able to provide a more meaningful measure of its operations and ability to generate cash on a continuing basis. Adjusted funds flow can also be derived from petroleum and natural gas revenue less royalty expense, operating expense, transportation and other expense, net G&A expense, interest expense and any realized losses (plus realized gains) on financial instruments and plus

any other cash income and expense sources. Management believes that adjusted funds flow assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's financial performance after deducting all operating and corporate cash costs, as well as its ability to generate the cash necessary to fund sustaining and/or growth capital expenditures, repay debt, settle decommissioning obligations, buy back common shares and pay dividends.

Birchcliff defines "free funds flow" as adjusted funds flow less F&D capital expenditures. Management believes that free funds flow assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's ability to generate shareholder returns through a number of initiatives, including but not limited to, debt repayment, common share buybacks, the payment of dividends and acquisitions.

Birchcliff defines "excess free funds flow" as free funds flow less common share dividends paid. Management believes that excess free funds flow assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's ability to further enhance shareholder returns after the payment of common share dividends, which may include debt repayment, special dividends, increases to the Corporation's base dividend, common share buybacks, acquisitions and other opportunities that would complement or otherwise improve the Corporation's business and enhance long-term shareholder value.

Birchcliff has disclosed in this press release forecasts of adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow for 2023 to 2027, which are forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures. The equivalent historical non-GAAP measures are adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021. The most directly comparable GAAP measure for adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow is cash flow from operating activities. The following table provides a reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities to adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021:

	Twelve months ended December 31,
<i>(\$000s)</i>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>515,369</b>
Change in non-cash operating working capital	21,161
Decommissioning expenditures	3,203
<b>Adjusted funds flow</b>	<b>539,733</b>
F&D capital expenditures	(230,479)
<b>Free funds flow</b>	<b>309,254</b>
Dividends on common shares	(6,639)
<b>Excess free funds flow</b>	<b>302,615</b>

Birchcliff anticipates the forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures for adjusted funds flow and free funds flow disclosed herein to generally exceed their respective historical amounts for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to higher anticipated benchmark oil and natural gas prices which are expected to increase the average realized sales prices the Corporation receives for its production. Birchcliff anticipates the forward-looking non-GAAP financial measure for excess free funds flow disclosed herein to be lower than its respective historical amount for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to a higher targeted annual common share dividend payment forecasted during 2023 to 2027. The commodity price assumptions on which the Corporation's guidance is based are set forth in the tables under the headings "Five-Year Plan" and "2023 Guidance".

#### **Transportation and Other Expense**

Birchcliff defines "transportation and other expense" as transportation expense plus marketing purchases less marketing revenue. Birchcliff may enter into certain marketing purchase and sales arrangements with the objective of reducing any available transportation and/or fractionation fees associated with its take-or-pay commitments. Management believes that transportation and other expense assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's total cost structure related to transportation activities. The most directly comparable GAAP measure for transportation and other expense is transportation expense. The following table provides a reconciliation of transportation expense to transportation and other expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021:

	Twelve months ended December 31,
<i>(\$000s)</i>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Transportation expense</b>	<b>151,263</b>
Marketing purchases	18,034
Marketing revenue	(20,722)
<b>Transportation and other expense</b>	<b>148,575</b>

## Non-GAAP Ratios

NI 52-112 defines a non-GAAP ratio as a financial measure that: (i) is in the form of a ratio, fraction, percentage or similar representation; (ii) has a non-GAAP financial measure as one or more of its components; and (iii) is not disclosed in the financial statements of the entity. The non-GAAP ratio used in this press release is not a standardized financial measure under GAAP and might not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. Set forth below is a description of the non-GAAP ratio used in this press release.

### *Transportation and Other Expense Per Boe*

Birchcliff calculates “transportation and other expense per boe” as aggregate transportation and other expense in the period divided by the production (boe) in the period. Management believes that transportation and other expense per boe assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s cost structure as it relates to its transportation and marketing activities by isolating the impact of production volumes to better analyze its performance against prior periods on a comparable basis.

## Supplementary Financial Measures

NI 52-112 defines a supplementary financial measure as a financial measure that: (i) is, or is intended to be, disclosed on a periodic basis to depict the historical or expected future financial performance, financial position or cash flow of an entity; (ii) is not disclosed in the financial statements of the entity; (iii) is not a non-GAAP financial measure; and (iv) is not a non-GAAP ratio. The supplementary financial measures used in this press release are per unit disclosures of corresponding GAAP measures presented in the financial statements, which are calculated by dividing the aggregate GAAP measure by the applicable unit for the period. The supplementary financial measures used in this press release are operating expense per boe, royalty expense per boe and current income tax expense per boe.

## Capital Management Measures

NI 52-112 defines a capital management measure as a financial measure that: (i) is intended to enable an individual to evaluate an entity’s objectives, policies and processes for managing the entity’s capital; (ii) is not a component of a line item disclosed in the primary financial statements of the entity; (iii) is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the entity; and (iv) is not disclosed in the primary financial statements of the entity. Set forth below is a description of the capital management measures used in this press release.

### *Total Debt and Total Surplus*

Birchcliff calculates “total debt” and “total surplus” as the amount outstanding under the Corporation’s Credit Facilities (if any) plus working capital deficit (less working capital surplus) plus the fair value of the current asset portion of financial instruments less the fair value of the current liability portion of financial instruments and less capital securities (if any) at the end of the period. Management believes that total debt and total surplus assist management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s overall liquidity and financial position at the end of the period. The following table provides a reconciliation of the amount outstanding under the Credit Facilities, as determined in accordance with GAAP, to total debt as at December 31, 2021:

<i>As at, (\$000s)</i>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
<b>Revolving term credit facilities</b>	<b>500,870</b>
Working capital deficit <sup>(1)</sup>	53,312
Fair value of financial instruments – asset <sup>(2)</sup>	69
Fair value of financial instruments – liability <sup>(2)</sup>	(16,586)
Capital securities	(38,268)
<b>Total debt<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>499,397</b>

(1) Current liabilities less current assets.

(2) Reflects the current portion only.

(3) Total debt can also be derived from the amounts outstanding under the Corporation’s Credit Facilities plus accounts payable and accrued liabilities and less cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and deposits at the end of the year.

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### Currency

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars and all references to “\$” and “CDN\$” are to Canadian dollars and all references to “US\$” are to United States dollars.

## Boe Conversions

Boe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 6 Mcf of natural gas to 1 bbl of oil. Boe amounts may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A 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. Given that the value ratio based on the current price of crude oil as compared to natural gas is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6:1, utilizing a conversion on a 6:1 basis may be misleading as an indication of value.

## MMBtu Pricing Conversions

\$1.00 per MMBtu equals \$1.00 per Mcf based on a standard heat value Mcf.

## Production

With respect to the disclosure of Birchcliff's production contained in this press release: (i) references to "light oil" mean "light crude oil and medium crude oil" as such term is defined in National Instrument 51-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities* ("NI 51-101"); (ii) references to "liquids" mean "light crude oil and medium crude oil" and "natural gas liquids" (including condensate) as such terms are defined in NI 51-101; and (iii) references to "natural gas" mean "shale gas", which also includes an immaterial amount of "conventional natural gas", as such terms are defined in NI 51-101. In addition, NI 51-101 includes condensate within the product type of natural gas liquids. Birchcliff has disclosed condensate separately from other natural gas liquids as the price of condensate as compared to other natural gas liquids is currently significantly higher and Birchcliff believes presenting the two commodities separately provides a more accurate description of its operations and results therefrom.

## F&D Capital Expenditures

Unless otherwise stated, references in this press release to "F&D capital expenditures" denotes exploration and development expenditures determined in accordance with GAAP. Management believes that F&D capital expenditures assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff capital cost outlay associated with its exploration and development activities for the purposes of finding and developing its reserves.

## Potential Future Drilling Locations

This press release discloses potential net future horizontal drilling locations, specifically: (i) 730.7 potential net future horizontal drilling locations to which proved plus probable reserves have been attributed by the Corporation's independent qualified reserves evaluator, Deloitte LLP ("**Deloitte**"); and (ii) approximately 3,084 unbooked potential net future horizontal drilling locations.

Proved plus probable locations consist of proposed drilling locations identified in the reserves report of Deloitte dated February 9, 2022 with an effective date of December 31, 2021 (the "**Deloitte Report**") that have proved and/or probable reserves, as applicable, attributed to them. Unbooked locations are internal estimates based on Birchcliff's prospective acreage and an assumption as to the number of wells that can be drilled per section based on industry practice and internal technical analysis review. Unbooked locations have been identified by management as an estimate of Birchcliff's multi-year drilling activities based on evaluation of applicable geologic, seismic, engineering, production and reserves information. Unbooked locations do not have proved or probable reserves attributed to them in the Deloitte Report.

Birchcliff's ability to drill and develop these locations and the drilling locations on which Birchcliff actually drills wells depends on a number of uncertainties and factors, including, but not limited to, the availability of capital, equipment and personnel, oil and natural gas prices, costs, inclement weather, seasonal restrictions, drilling results, additional geological, geophysical and reservoir information that is obtained, production rate recovery, gathering system and transportation constraints, the net price received for commodities produced, regulatory approvals and regulatory changes. As a result of these uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the potential future drilling locations that Birchcliff has identified will ever be drilled and, if drilled, that such locations will result in additional oil, condensate, NGLs or natural gas production and, in the case of unbooked locations, additional reserves. As such, Birchcliff's actual drilling activities may differ materially from those presently identified, which could adversely affect Birchcliff's business. While certain of the unbooked drilling locations have been de-risked by drilling existing wells in relatively close proximity to such unbooked drilling locations, some of the other unbooked drilling locations are farther away from existing wells, where management has less information about the characteristics of the reservoir and there is therefore more uncertainty whether wells will be drilled in such locations and, if drilled, there is more uncertainty that such wells will result in additional proved or probable reserves, resources or production.

Additional information regarding the Corporation's oil and gas activities and its reserves is contained in its Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release constitute forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively referred to as "**forward-looking statements**") within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release relate to future events or Birchcliff's future plans, strategy, operations, performance or financial position and are based on Birchcliff's current expectations, estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements have been made by Birchcliff in light of the information available to it at the time the statements were made and reflect its experience and perception of historical trends. All statements and information other than historical fact may be forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "plan", "focus", "future", "outlook", "position", "expect", "project", "intend", "believe", "anticipate", "estimate", "forecast", "guidance", "potential", "proposed", "predict", "budget", "continue", "targeting", "may", "will", "could", "might", "should", "would", "on track", "maintain", "deliver" and other similar words and expressions.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Although Birchcliff believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct and Birchcliff makes no representation that actual results achieved will be the same in whole or in part as those set out in the forward-looking statements.

In particular, this press release contains forward-looking statements relating to:

- Birchcliff's plans and other aspects of its anticipated future financial performance, results, operations, focus, objectives, strategies, opportunities, priorities and goals, including: Birchcliff's commitment to increasing shareholder returns; Birchcliff's belief that operating with little to no debt is in the best interests of the Corporation over the long-term, as it increases the resiliency and sustainability of the Corporation; and that Birchcliff will continue to progress towards its goal of reaching zero total debt over the course of 2023;
- statements with respect to dividends, including: that the annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share for 2023 will be declared and paid quarterly at the rate of \$0.20 per common share; and that Birchcliff's annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share in 2023 (\$213 million annually) represents an annual dividend yield of approximately 9% in 2023, based on the closing price of the common shares of \$9.13 on January 17, 2023;
- the information set forth under the heading "*Five-Year Plan*" and elsewhere in this press release as it relates to Birchcliff's Five-Year Plan, including: forecasts of annual average production, production commodity mix, the number of wells to be brought on production, adjusted funds flow, F&D capital expenditures, free funds flow, annual base dividend, excess free funds flow, total debt or total surplus (as the case may be) at year end, average expenses and natural gas market exposure; that the Five-Year Plan is designed to generate substantial free funds flow, deliver significant returns to shareholders and establish a meaningful cash position, while achieving disciplined production growth of 10% over the five-year period to fully utilize the Corporation's existing processing and transportation capacity; that the Five-Year Plan provides for potential cumulative free funds flow of approximately \$2.0 billion by the end of the five-year period, which provides the Corporation with the ability to deliver significant shareholder returns; that the Five-Year Plan contemplates potential significant excess free funds flow after the Corporation's targeted F&D capital expenditures and the payment of the base dividend, providing it with significant flexibility to further increase shareholder returns and invest in its business, depending on commodity prices; that the Five-Year Plan takes a balanced approach to increasing returns to shareholders, while investing in the long-term sustainability and profitability of the Corporation; that the forecasts of total surplus at year end 2024 to 2027 are expected to be largely comprised of cash plus accounts receivable less accounts payable and accrued liabilities at the end of the year; the expected impact of changes in commodity prices and the CDN/US exchange rate on Birchcliff's forecast of potential cumulative free funds flow; that the Corporation anticipates that it will be required to pay Canadian income taxes commencing in 2024; that based on the Corporation's forecasted adjusted funds flow, F&D capital spending and commodity price assumptions, the Five-Year Plan projects that substantial free funds flow will be generated in each year of the plan; that in order to enhance its ability to generate free funds flow, Birchcliff will focus on maintaining capital discipline over the course of the Five-Year Plan, with F&D capital expenditures targeted to be significantly lower than the Corporation's forecasted adjusted funds flow each year; that Birchcliff currently expects to use its base dividend as its primary mechanism for delivering shareholder returns over the course of the Five-Year Plan, which

may be supplemented with special dividends; that the potential significant excess free funds flow after the Corporation's targeted F&D capital expenditures and the payment of the base dividend on the common shares provides the Corporation with significant flexibility, allowing it to focus on ways to further increase shareholder returns and enhance long-term shareholder value; that Birchcliff will continue to strategically evaluate the potential uses for its excess free funds flow, which may include special dividends, increases to the base dividend, building cash on the balance sheet and/or further investment in its business, taking into account the business environment, commodity prices and the amount of excess free funds flow available; that although the Five-Year Plan contemplates an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share, it also illustrates that the Corporation has the potential capacity to increase the base dividend, subject to strong commodity prices and the discretion of the Board; that Birchcliff currently expects to use a portion of its excess free funds flow to establish a meaningful cash position, subject to strong commodity prices, which will help to protect the Corporation's base dividend and capital programs in the event of a downturn in commodity prices and/or economic conditions and provide the Corporation with optionality to pursue various opportunities to enhance long-term shareholder value; that depending on commodity prices, the Corporation will consider further investment in its business and accelerating the production growth contemplated in the Five-Year Plan, as well as strategic acquisitions and other opportunities that would enhance long-term shareholder value; that Birchcliff currently anticipates that it will continue to repurchase its common shares to help offset the dilution resulting from the exercise of stock options and will continue to evaluate opportunistic share buybacks; that the Five-Year Plan is focused on organically growing the Corporation's production utilizing its existing available processing and transportation capacity; that the Corporation is targeting production growth of 10% from 2023 to 2027, with a targeted annual average production rate of approximately 90,000 boe/d in 2027, subject to commodity prices; that the Five-Year Plan contemplates that Birchcliff will fill its existing available processing capacity at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and utilize all of its available processing capacity at the AltaGas Facility by the end of 2025; that Birchcliff expects that its rate of drilling will increase in 2024 and 2025 in order to bring on production the wells necessary to fill the existing processing capacity; that fully utilizing the available processing capacity of the Corporation's existing infrastructure is expected to drive down its per unit operating and other cash costs as production steadily increases, which should result in increased netbacks; that increasing the Corporation's production to fully utilize its existing available processing and transportation capacity will further drive its ability to generate free funds flow; that Birchcliff's extensive inventory of low-risk, potential future horizontal drilling locations supports its targeted production growth to 90,000 boe/d during the Five-Year Plan and beyond, without the need to rely on acquisitions of assets or Crown land; that Birchcliff's drilling inventory provides it with optionality to consider additional growth beyond its targeted production rate of 90,000 boe/d, to approximately 105,000 boe/d, subject to strong commodity prices; the estimated in-service date of Q4 2026 for the additional 80 MMcf/d of firm receipt service on the NGTL system; that this additional service, together with Birchcliff's existing firm receipt service, gives it the ability to grow its production, should commodity prices and market conditions meet Birchcliff's expectations for growth; that Birchcliff can, with one year's notice, reduce its existing firm receipt service to keep its production flat at approximately 90,000 boe/d; and that the optionality for further growth in 2026 roughly coincides with the anticipated timing for the commencement of Phase 1 of LNG Canada's LNG export facility, which Birchcliff believes will have a long-term positive impact on natural gas prices in Western Canada;

- Birchcliff's drilling inventory and estimates of potential net future horizontal drilling locations, including: that assuming an average of 30 net wells required per year, Birchcliff's booked potential locations provide the Corporation with approximately 23 years of drilling inventory; and that Birchcliff's unbooked potential net future horizontal drilling locations in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale provide the Corporation with further optionality for future growth;
- the information set forth under the heading "2023 F&D Capital Budget" and elsewhere in this press release as it relates to Birchcliff's 2023 capital program and its exploration, production and development activities and the timing thereof, including: the focus of, the objectives of, the anticipated results from and expected benefits of the 2023 capital program; that the F&D capital budget of \$260 million to \$280 million is expected to deliver 5% production growth over 2022; that the budget is fully funded, with the Corporation's F&D capital expenditures representing approximately 47% of Birchcliff's anticipated 2023 adjusted funds flow; that Birchcliff's F&D capital budget and base dividend of \$0.80 per common share for 2023 would remain fully funded at an average WTI price of US\$70.00/bbl, an average AECO price of CDN\$3.00/GJ, an average Dawn price of US\$3.25/MMBtu and an average NYMEX HH price of US\$3.35/MMBtu; estimates of capital expenditures (including Birchcliff's expected capital spending allocation and average well costs in 2023); that based on its targeted F&D capital expenditures, Birchcliff expects to deliver annual average production of 81,000 to 83,000 boe/d in 2023, which represents a 5% increase over Birchcliff's anticipated 2022 annual average production; the number, types and working interest of wells to be drilled and brought on production in 2023; targeted product types; the number of well pads; that the 2023 capital program has been

designed to utilize multi-well pads and two drilling rigs, which is more operationally efficient for the Corporation; that Birchcliff has secured multi-year contracts with its key service providers and ordered various long-lead items, which will help to ensure the efficient execution of the Corporation's 2023 capital program, as well as help Birchcliff mitigate inflationary pressures and manage supply chain constraints by ensuring security of equipment and services; that Birchcliff does not have any fixed price commodity hedges in place and does not currently intend to enter into any, which gives it the ability to participate in any strengthening of commodity prices in 2023 above current strip prices; that after the payment of its targeted base dividend of \$213 million in 2023, Birchcliff is forecasting that it will have approximately \$77 million to \$97 million of excess free funds flow in the year, which is expected to be primarily allocated towards debt reduction; that Birchcliff's 2023 drilling program is focused on high rate-of-return targets and developing its low-cost natural gas and liquids production in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale; that wells will be brought on production from multi-well pads, which allows Birchcliff to reduce its environmental footprint and keep its per well costs low; that the program is designed to deliver profitable production growth with robust returns that will be further enhanced as Birchcliff progressively fills the processing capacity of its existing available infrastructure; that Birchcliff will continue to make significant investments in gas gathering pipelines to support future field development; that the Corporation plans to install approximately 20 km of fuel gas lines that will provide long-term economic and environmental benefits; that by delivering natural gas to existing and future sites, Birchcliff's adoption of bi-fuel technology will reduce emissions and costs; that the fuel gas will be used to enhance production and reduce future well downtime by installing gas lift systems where appropriate; that the wells drilled and brought on production in Gordondale are expected to keep the AltaGas Facility full during the year; and estimated spending on abandonment and reclamation activities;

- the information set forth under the heading "2023 Guidance" and elsewhere in this press release as it relates to Birchcliff's guidance for 2023, including: forecasts of annual average production, production commodity mix, average expenses, adjusted funds flow, F&D capital expenditures, free funds flow, annual base dividend, excess free funds flow, total debt at year end and natural gas market exposure; that based on the Corporation's targeted production and current strip prices, it expects to generate approximately \$570 million of adjusted funds flow and \$290 million to \$310 million of free funds flow in 2023 and pay dividends to its shareholders of approximately \$213 million, resulting in excess free funds flow of approximately \$77 million to \$97 million in 2023; the expected impact of changes in commodity prices and the CDN/US exchange rate on Birchcliff's forecast of free funds flow; and that the forecast of total debt at December 31, 2023 is expected to be comprised of any amounts outstanding under the Credit Facilities plus accounts payable and accrued liabilities and less cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and deposits at the end of the year;
- that Birchcliff will announce its unaudited results for the year ended December 31, 2022 on February 15, 2023; and
- that Birchcliff anticipates the forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures for adjusted funds flow and free funds flow disclosed herein to generally exceed their respective historical amounts for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021 and that Birchcliff anticipates the forward-looking non-GAAP financial measure for excess free funds flow disclosed herein to be lower than its respective historical amount for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021.

With respect to the forward-looking statements contained in this press release, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: the degree to which the Corporation's results of operations and financial condition will be disrupted by circumstances attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic; prevailing and future commodity prices and differentials, exchange rates, interest rates, inflation rates, royalty rates and tax rates; the state of the economy, financial markets and the exploration, development and production business; the political environment in which Birchcliff operates; the regulatory framework regarding royalties, taxes, environmental, climate change and other laws; the Corporation's ability to comply with existing and future laws; future cash flow, debt and dividend levels; future operating, transportation, G&A and other expenses; Birchcliff's ability to access capital and obtain financing on acceptable terms; the timing and amount of capital expenditures and the sources of funding for capital expenditures and other activities; the sufficiency of budgeted capital expenditures to carry out planned operations; the successful and timely implementation of capital projects and the timing, location and extent of future drilling and other operations; results of operations; Birchcliff's ability to continue to develop its assets and obtain the anticipated benefits therefrom; the performance of existing and future wells; reserves volumes and Birchcliff's ability to replace and expand reserves through acquisition, development or exploration; the impact of competition on Birchcliff; the availability of, demand for and cost of labour, services and materials; the approval of the Board of future dividends; the ability to obtain any necessary regulatory or other approvals in a timely manner; the satisfaction by third parties of their obligations to Birchcliff; the ability of Birchcliff to secure adequate processing and transportation for its products; Birchcliff's ability to successfully market natural gas and liquids; the results of the Corporation's risk management and market diversification activities; and Birchcliff's natural gas market exposure. In

addition to the foregoing assumptions, Birchcliff has made the following assumptions with respect to certain forward-looking statements contained in this press release:

- With respect to Birchcliff's Five-Year Plan, such plan is based on the commodity price, exchange rate and other assumptions set forth under the heading "*Five-Year Plan*". In addition:
  - Birchcliff's production forecasts assume that: the Corporation's capital programs will be carried out as currently contemplated; no unexpected outages occur in the infrastructure that Birchcliff relies on to produce its wells and that any transportation service curtailments or unplanned outages that occur will be short in duration or otherwise insignificant; the construction of new infrastructure meets timing and operational expectations; existing wells continue to meet production expectations; and future wells scheduled to come on production meet timing, production and capital expenditure expectations.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of F&D capital expenditures assume that the Corporation's capital programs will be carried out as currently contemplated, with the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and the AltaGas Facility being filled by the end of 2025, and exclude any net potential acquisitions and dispositions and the capitalized portion of cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board. The Five-Year Plan also forecasts that approximately 182 wells will be brought on production over the five-year period, which forecast is subject to similar assumptions regarding wells drilled and brought on production as set forth herein. The amount and allocation of capital expenditures for exploration and development activities by area and the number and types of wells to be drilled and brought on production is dependent upon results achieved and is subject to review and modification by management on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Actual spending may vary due to a variety of factors, including commodity prices, economic conditions, results of operations and costs of labour, services and materials.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and cumulative free funds flow assume that: the Corporation's capital programs will be carried out as currently contemplated and the level of capital spending for each year set forth herein is met; and the forecasts of production, production commodity mix, expenses and natural gas market exposure and the commodity price and exchange rate assumptions set forth herein are met. Birchcliff's forecasts of adjusted funds flow take into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023 and exclude cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of excess free funds flow assume that: the forecasts of adjusted funds flow and free funds flow are achieved each year; and an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share is paid during the Five-Year Plan and there are 266 million common shares outstanding, with no changes to the base dividend rate and no special dividends paid.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of year end total surplus during 2024 to 2027 assume that: (i) the forecasts of adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow are achieved, with the level of capital spending for each year met and the payment of an annual base dividend of \$213 million each year; (ii) any free funds flow remaining after the payment of dividends, asset retirement obligations and other amounts for administrative assets, financing fees and capital lease obligations is allocated towards full debt repayment, with any remaining amounts allocated to increasing the Corporation's total surplus balance contemplated in the Five-Year Plan; (iii) there are no buybacks of common shares during the Five-Year Plan; (iv) there are no significant acquisitions or dispositions completed by the Corporation during the Five-Year Plan; (v) there are no equity issuances during the Five-Year Plan; and (vi) there are no further proceeds received from the exercise of stock options or performance warrants during the Five-Year Plan. The forecasts of total surplus exclude cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of its natural gas market exposure assume: (i) 175,000 GJ/d being sold on a physical basis at the Dawn price during 2023 to 2026; (ii) 155,000 GJ/d being sold on a physical basis at the Dawn price in 2027; (iii) 27,400 GJ/d being sold at Alliance on a physical basis at the AECO 5A price plus a premium in 2023, with no Alliance deals during 2024 to 2027; (iv) 152,500 MMBtu/d being contracted during 2023, 2024 and 2025 on a financial and physical basis at an average fixed basis differential price between AECO 7A and NYMEX HH of approximately US\$1.23/MMBtu, US\$1.13/MMBtu and US\$1.09/MMBtu, respectively; (v) 10,000 MMBtu/d being contracted in 2026 on a financial basis at an average fixed basis differential price between AECO 7A and NYMEX HH of approximately US\$0.90/MMBtu; and (vi) 15,000 MMBtu/d being contracted in 2027 on a financial basis at an average fixed basis differential price between AECO 7A and NYMEX HH of approximately US\$0.71/MMBtu. Birchcliff's natural gas market exposure takes into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023.

- The Five-Year Plan disclosed herein supersedes Birchcliff's previous five-year plan for 2022 to 2026 (the "**Previous Plan**") as disclosed by the Corporation on May 11, 2022. Primarily as a result of a lower than anticipated commodity price forecast, the new Five-Year Plan now forecasts lower adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow over a five-year period, as well as a total debt balance at the end of 2023 and lower year end total surplus balances during 2024 to 2026. Primarily as a result of higher than anticipated inflation, the forecasts of F&D capital expenditures under the new Five-Year Plan are higher than the Previous Plan. The Corporation's forecasted average annual production under the new Five-Year Plan is generally comparable to the Previous Plan.
- The Corporation's expectation that it will be required to pay Canadian income taxes commencing in 2024 and the forecasts of taxes set forth herein are based on the current tax regime in Canada, the Corporation's current available income tax pools and the commodity price assumptions set forth herein. In addition, this expectation is based on the Five-Year Plan as illustrated herein and assumes, among other things, that the levels of spending and production set forth under the heading "*Five-Year Plan*" are achieved. Changes to any of the foregoing factors could result in the Corporation paying income taxes earlier or later than currently forecast.
- With respect to Birchcliff's 2023 guidance, such guidance is based on the commodity price, exchange rate and other assumptions set forth under the heading "*2023 Guidance*". In addition:
  - Birchcliff's production guidance assumes that: the 2023 capital program will be carried out as currently contemplated; no unexpected outages occur in the infrastructure that Birchcliff relies on to produce its wells and that any transportation service curtailments or unplanned outages that occur will be short in duration or otherwise insignificant; the construction of new infrastructure meets timing and operational expectations; existing wells continue to meet production expectations; and future wells scheduled to come on production meet timing, production and capital expenditure expectations.
  - Birchcliff's forecast of capital expenditures assumes that the 2023 capital program will be carried out as currently contemplated and excludes any net potential acquisitions and dispositions and the capitalized portion of cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board.
  - Birchcliff's forecasts of adjusted funds flow and free funds flow assume that: the 2023 capital program will be carried out as currently contemplated and the level of capital spending for 2023 set forth herein is met; and the forecasts of production, production commodity mix, expenses and natural gas market exposure and the commodity price and exchange rate assumptions set forth herein are met. Birchcliff's forecast of adjusted funds flow takes into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023 and excludes cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board.
  - Birchcliff's forecast of excess free funds flow assumes that: the forecasts of adjusted funds flow and free funds flow are achieved; and an annual base dividend of \$0.80 per common share is paid during 2023 and there are 266 million common shares outstanding, with no changes to the base dividend rate and no special dividends paid.
  - Birchcliff's forecast of year end total debt assumes that: (i) the forecasts of adjusted funds flow, free funds flow and excess free funds flow are achieved, with the level of capital spending for 2023 met and the payment of an annual base dividend of \$213 million; (ii) any free funds flow remaining after the payment of dividends, asset retirement obligations and other amounts for administrative assets, financing fees and capital lease obligations is allocated towards debt reduction; (iii) there are no buybacks of common shares during 2023; (iv) there are no significant acquisitions or dispositions completed by the Corporation during 2023; (v) there are no equity issuances during 2023; and (vi) there are no further proceeds received from the exercise of stock options or performance warrants during 2023. The forecast of total debt excludes cash incentive payments that have not been approved by the Board.
  - Birchcliff's forecast of its natural gas market exposure assumes: (i) 175,000 GJ/d being sold on a physical basis at the Dawn price; (ii) 152,500 MMBtu/d being contracted on a financial and physical basis at an average fixed basis differential price between AECO 7A and NYMEX HH of approximately US\$1.23/MMBtu; and (iii) 27,400 GJ/d being sold at Alliance on a physical basis at the AECO 5A price plus a premium. Birchcliff's natural gas market exposure takes into account its physical and financial basis swap contracts outstanding as at January 9, 2023.
- With respect to statements of future wells to be drilled and brought on production, such statements assume: the continuing validity of the geological and other technical interpretations performed by Birchcliff's technical staff, which indicate that commercially economic volumes can be recovered from Birchcliff's lands as a result of drilling future wells; and that commodity prices and general economic conditions will warrant proceeding with the drilling of such wells.

Birchcliff's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of both known and unknown risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to: the risks posed by pandemics (including COVID-19), epidemics and global conflict (including the Russian invasion of Ukraine) and their impacts on supply and demand and commodity prices; actions taken by OPEC and other major producers of crude oil and the impact such actions may have on supply and demand and commodity prices; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to production, revenue, costs, expenses and reserves; the risk that any of the Corporation's material assumptions prove to be materially inaccurate (including the Corporation's commodity price and exchange rate assumptions for 2023 to 2027); general economic, market and business conditions which will, among other things, impact the demand for and market prices of Birchcliff's products and Birchcliff's access to capital; volatility of crude oil and natural gas prices; risks associated with increasing costs, whether due to high inflation rates, supply chain disruptions or other factors; fluctuations in exchange and interest rates; stock market volatility; loss of market demand; an inability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources on terms acceptable to the Corporation; risks associated with Birchcliff's Credit Facilities, including a failure to comply with covenants under the agreement governing the Credit Facilities and the risk that the borrowing base limit may be redetermined; fluctuations in the costs of borrowing; operational risks and liabilities inherent in oil and natural gas operations; the occurrence of unexpected events such as fires, severe weather, explosions, blow-outs, equipment failures, transportation incidents and other similar events; an inability to access sufficient water or other fluids needed for operations; uncertainty that development activities in connection with Birchcliff's assets will be economic; an inability to access or implement some or all of the technology necessary to operate its assets and achieve expected future results; the accuracy of estimates of reserves, future net revenue and production levels; geological, technical, drilling, construction and processing problems; uncertainty of geological and technical data; horizontal drilling and completions techniques and the failure of drilling results to meet expectations for reserves or production; uncertainties related to Birchcliff's future potential drilling locations; delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; the accuracy of cost estimates and variances in Birchcliff's actual costs and economic returns from those anticipated; incorrect assessments of the value of acquisitions and exploration and development programs; changes to the regulatory framework in the locations where the Corporation operates, including changes to tax laws, Crown royalty rates, environmental laws, climate change laws, carbon tax regimes, incentive programs and other regulations that affect the oil and natural gas industry; political uncertainty and uncertainty associated with government policy changes; actions by government authorities; an inability of the Corporation to comply with existing and future laws and the cost of compliance with such laws; dependence on facilities, gathering lines and pipelines; uncertainties and risks associated with pipeline restrictions and outages to third-party infrastructure that could cause disruptions to production; the lack of available pipeline capacity and an inability to secure adequate and cost-effective processing and transportation for Birchcliff's products; an inability to satisfy obligations under Birchcliff's firm marketing and transportation arrangements; shortages in equipment and skilled personnel; the absence or loss of key employees; competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands, equipment and skilled personnel; management of Birchcliff's growth; environmental and climate change risks, claims and liabilities; potential litigation; default under or breach of agreements by counterparties and potential enforceability issues in contracts; claims by Indigenous peoples; the reassessment by taxing or regulatory authorities of the Corporation's prior transactions and filings; unforeseen title defects; third-party claims regarding the Corporation's right to use technology and equipment; uncertainties associated with the outcome of litigation or other proceedings involving Birchcliff; uncertainties associated with counterparty credit risk; risks associated with Birchcliff's risk management and market diversification activities; risks associated with the declaration and payment of future dividends, including the discretion of the Board to declare dividends and change the Corporation's dividend policy and the risk that the amount of dividends may be less than currently forecast; the failure to obtain any required approvals in a timely manner or at all; the failure to complete or realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions and dispositions and the risk of unforeseen difficulties in integrating acquired assets into Birchcliff's operations; negative public perception of the oil and natural gas industry and fossil fuels; the Corporation's reliance on hydraulic fracturing; market competition, including from alternative energy sources; changing demand for petroleum products; the availability of insurance and the risk that certain losses may not be insured; breaches or failure of information systems and security (including risks associated with cyber-attacks); risks associated with the ownership of the Corporation's securities; and the accuracy of the Corporation's accounting estimates and judgments.

The declaration and payment of any future dividends are subject to the discretion of the Board and may not be approved or may vary depending on a variety of factors and conditions existing from time to time, including commodity prices, free funds flow, current and forecast commodity prices, fluctuations in working capital, financial requirements of Birchcliff, applicable laws (including solvency tests under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) for the declaration and payment of dividends) and other factors beyond Birchcliff's control. The payment of dividends to shareholders is not assured or guaranteed and dividends may be reduced or suspended entirely. In addition to the foregoing, the Corporation's ability to

pay dividends now or in the future may be limited by covenants contained in the agreements governing any indebtedness that the Corporation has incurred or may incur in the future, including the terms of the Credit Facilities. The agreement governing the Credit Facilities provides that Birchcliff is not permitted to make any distribution (which includes dividends) at any time when an event of default exists or would reasonably be expected to exist upon making such distribution, unless such event of default arose subsequent to the ordinary course declaration of the applicable distribution.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors are not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other risk factors that could affect results of operations, financial performance or financial results are included in Birchcliff's most recent Annual Information Form under the heading "Risk Factors" and in other reports filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

This press release contains information that may constitute future-orientated financial information or financial outlook information (collectively, "FOFI") about Birchcliff's prospective financial performance, financial position or cash flows, all of which is subject to the same assumptions, risk factors, limitations and qualifications as set forth above. Readers are cautioned that the assumptions used in the preparation of such information, although considered reasonable at the time of preparation, may prove to be imprecise or inaccurate and, as such, undue reliance should not be placed on FOFI. Birchcliff's actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, FOFI. Birchcliff has included FOFI in order to provide readers with a more complete perspective on Birchcliff's future operations and management's current expectations relating to Birchcliff's future performance. Readers are cautioned that such information may not be appropriate for other purposes. FOFI contained herein was made as of the date of this press release. Unless required by applicable laws, Birchcliff does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any FOFI statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Management has included the above summary of assumptions and risks related to forward-looking statements provided in this press release in order to provide readers with a more complete perspective on Birchcliff's future operations and management's current expectations relating to Birchcliff's future performance. Readers are cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are expressly qualified by the foregoing cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this press release. Unless required by applicable laws, Birchcliff does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **ABOUT BIRCHCLIFF:**

Birchcliff is a Calgary, Alberta based intermediate oil and natural gas company with operations focused on the Montney/Doig Resource Play in Alberta. Birchcliff's common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "BIR".

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