

#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# **AXP DELIVERS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RESERVES**

**AXP Energy Limited** (ASX: AXP, OTC US: AUNXF), ('AXP', 'Company') is pleased to provide an updated estimate of its Reserves and Contingent Resources as at 1 July 2022 (the 'Evaluation Date'). The Reserves and Contingent Resources ('R&R') below are net to AXP and its subsidiaries. The Company last reported on its R&R estimate for evaluation date 1 October 2021 in an announcement dated 26 November 2021.

Refer to Appendix 1 for a glossary of terms, the conversion rates used for gas and NGLs to oil equivalent and other important information related to this update.

- The increase in the Company's 2P Reserves was 14% over only 9 months;
- 2P Reserves are comprised of 29.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas, 1.14 million barrels of oil and 1.18 million barrels of NGLs:
- Importantly, the vast majority of AXP's Proved reserves are in the Producing and Developed category;
- The maturation of AXP's Field Development Plan ('FDP') since the last evaluation date has contributed significantly to the increase in 2P Reserves;
- Ongoing work to further enhance and refine the FDP, aimed at optimising its significant well
  inventory and gas behind pipe remains a key focus for the Company;
- The 2C Contingent Resources of 211.95 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe) remains unchanged;
- AXP is pleased to note a 3C Contingent Resource of 237 Bcf of gas in the Appalachian Basin where its main gas producing leases are situated.

#### **Reserves**

Proved reserves (1P) have increased by 2% which is attributable to multiple workover and pipeline projects, primarily focussed on oil production, completed throughout the year; as well as extended economic life due to increases in base product pricing. Further enhancements to the Company's FDP have resulted in an 89% increase in Probable Reserves, resulting in an aggregate 2P Reserves increase of 14% since 1 October 2021.

**AXP's Chief Executive Officer Tim Hart commented:** "This update in our Reserves & Resources estimate clearly demonstrates that our leases hold considerable value and also possess outstanding upside. The value is reflected in the vast majority of Reserves being in the Proven and Developed category, giving us production certainty for many years to come, and the upside is evident from the large contingent gas resource that sits within our extensive Appalachian Basin leases. This clearly illustrates AXP's considerable unlocked value.



"We are particularly pleased to see Reserves & Resources increase so significantly in a short period of 9 months and this demonstrates that our workovers and larger field development activities are resulting in material additions to our underlying value. As this work is ongoing, we expect our Reserves to continue building. We look forward to sharing updates on operational progress in the coming weeks."

RESERVE CATEGORY 1 July 2022	OIL [Mbbl]	<b>GAS</b> [MMcf]	<b>NGL</b> [Mbbl]	<b>TOTAL</b> [Mboe]
Proved Developed (PDP & PDNP)	937	21,244	1,127	5,605
Proved Undeveloped (PUD)	20	138	-	43
Total Proved (1P)	957	21,382	1,127	5,647
Probable	179	8,325	55	1,621
Total Proved + Probable (2P)	1,136	29,707	1,182	7,269
Possible	879	10,359	534	3,140
Total Proved + Probable + Possible (3P)	2,015	40,066	1,715	10,408

Appalachian Basin Projects have been prioritized according to midstream partnerships where security and movement of the gas is the most reliable. These projects have included remedial and restorative production efforts to pipelines, workovers, production equipment optimization and well swabbing.

Illinois Basin projects were focused on completions of DUC's, workover projects, production equipment optimization and improvements at water processing facilities.

DJ Basin Projects have been concentrated on completion of the power generation solution for crypto mining along with various workovers and hot-oil operations to improve production rates.

Significantly, the vast majority of AXP's Proved (1P) reserves are in both the Producing and Developed category. Within the 2P category, a further 7.7 Bcf of natural gas has been assessed for the Appalachian Basin and 0.6 Bcf for the Illinois Basin. 10.4 Bcf of Possible natural gas was assessed, bringing the 3P category up to 40.1 Bcf. Refer to Appendix 2 for further details.

The above totals represent an aggregation of the assessed Reserves for the Company's 3 producing areas. A more detailed breakdown of the above, segmented by both basin and development status, is provided in Appendix 2.

#### **Contingent Resources**

CONTINGENT RESOURCE CATEGORY	<b>OIL</b> [MMbbl]	<b>GAS</b> [Bcf]	<b>NGL</b> [MMbbl]	<b>TOTAL</b> [MMboe]
Low Estimate (1C)	46.82	507.16	2.28	149.02
Mid Estimate (2C)	68.32	713.99	3.70	211.95
High Estimate (3C)	96.55	1,041.92	9.25	306.27



There was no change in AXP's 2C Contingent Resources from 1 October 2021 through 1 July 2022 with the aggregate assessment remaining at 211.95 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe) as field development was primarily focused on the build of reserves in each of the respective categories. Notwithstanding, the Company is pleased to note that 237 Bcf of the .04 Tcf high estimate (3C) for natural gas was assessed for the Appalachian Basin, where AXP's main gas producing infrastructure is situated.

Work programs being undertaken in the current fiscal year regarding current 2P development projects will solidify the need to revisit the Contingent category in subsequent annual R&R reports to adjust these cases accordingly. The ongoing projects are within reservoirs that are present in the vast majority of the acreage position across the Appalachian and Illinois basins.

The above totals represent an aggregation of the assessed Contingent Resources for the AXP's 3 producing areas. A detailed breakdown by producing area is provided in Appendix 2.

#### Qualified Petroleum Reserves and Resources Evaluator Statement

The above petroleum reserve and resource information is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared under the supervision of Mr. Russell Hamilton (Vice President and General Manager of AXP Energy, Inc - US) by independent experts Wright & Company, Inc, Brentwood, Tennessee ('Wright').

Mr. Hamilton is a licensed professional geologist in the state of Tennessee (license number 5624) and has been employed by AXP Energy, Inc, Kentucky, since 2005 including in the position of Senior Geologist. Mr Hamilton has also held positions at the Kentucky State Department of Mines and Minerals (Oil & Gas Conservation) as an Oil & Gas Inspector and Hinkle Environmental as an Environmental Scientist and Project Geologist. He holds a Bachelor of Geology from the Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky and has over 20 years' experience in the Appalachian and Illinois Basins' hydrocarbon geology.

Wright's founder and President, Mr D. Randall Wright is a qualified Reserves Estimator as set forth in the Society of Petroleum Engineers ('SPE') "Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves Information" (2019). This qualification is based on more than 48 years of practical experience in the estimation and evaluation of petroleum reserves with Texaco, Inc., First City National Bank of Houston, Sipes, Williamson & Associates, Inc., Williamson Petroleum Consultants, Inc., and now Wright & Company, Inc, which he founded in 1988. Mr. Wright has a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas (TBPE #43291), granted in 1978, a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and a member of the Order of the Engineer.



### Notes on Calculation of Reserves & Contingent Resources

The information prepared by Wright was prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines of the *Petroleum Resources Management System*, revised June 2018 ('SPE-PRMS 2018'), issued by the SPE and sponsored by (among others) the SPE, the World Petroleum Council ('WPC'), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists ('AAPG') and the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers ('SPEE').

The estimates of reserves and resources contained in the independent experts' reports were determined by accepted industry methods as determined by the SPE-PRMS 2018, the Guidelines for Application of the Petroleum Resources Management System (SPE revision 2011) and the Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves Information (SPE revision 2019). The independent experts also reviewed certain properties that may have contingent or prospective resources as defined by the SPE-PRMS 2018.

Reserves and Contingent Resources reports are prepared using deterministic and probabilistic methods. The Reserves and Contingent Resources estimate methodologies incorporate a range of uncertainty relating to each of the key reservoir input parameters to predict the likely range of outcomes.

Under the SPE-PRMS 2018, Reserves are those quantities of petroleum anticipated to be commercially recoverable by application of development projects to known accumulations from a given date forward under defined conditions. Reserves must further satisfy four criteria: they must be discovered, recoverable, commercial, and remaining (as of the Evaluation Date) based on the development project(s) applied. Reserves are further categorized in accordance with the level of certainty associated with the estimates and may be sub-classified based on project maturity and/or characterized by development and production status.

Categorization of Reserves according to the level of certainty associated with them is prescribed as follows:

**Proved** or 1P Reserves are those quantities of Petroleum that, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be commercially recoverable from known reservoirs and under defined technical and commercial conditions.

1P Reserves are further categorised by their development status, namely:

Proved <u>Developed</u> Producing (**PDP**) reserves are generally defined as estimated remaining quantities of oil and gas anticipated to be economically producible, as of a given date, by application of development projects to known accumulations under existing economic and operating conditions;

Proved <u>Developed</u> Non-Producing (**PDNP**) are proven resources that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells and existing equipment and operating methods;

Proved <u>Undeveloped</u> (**PUD**) reserves are proven reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for completion.

**Probable** Reserves are those additional Reserves which analysis of geoscience and engineering data indicate are less likely to be recovered than Proved Reserves but more certain to be recovered than Possible Reserves. It is equally likely that actual remaining



quantities recovered will be greater than or less than the sum of the estimated Proved plus Probable Reserves (2P).

**Possible** Reserves are those additional reserves that analysis of geoscience and engineering data suggest are less likely to be recoverable than Probable Reserves. The total quantities ultimately recovered from the project have a low probability to exceed the sum of Proved plus Probable plus Possible (3P).

Contingent Resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations, by the application of development project(s) not currently considered to be commercial owing to one or more contingencies. Contingent Resources have an associated chance of development. Contingent Resources may include, for example, projects for which there are currently no viable markets, or where commercial recovery is dependent on technology under development, or where evaluation of the accumulation is insufficient to clearly assess commerciality.

Contingent Resources are further categorized in accordance with the range of uncertainty associated with the estimates and should be subclassified based on project maturity and/or economic status and have denotations such as 1C (low risk), 2C (same technical confidence as probable reserves but not commercially matured to reserves), and 3C (same technical confidence as possible reserves, but not commercially matured to reserves).

AXP has identified several potential upside projects that target deeper horizons known to be productive, but have not been exploited at this time. These were assessed and the estimate gross reserves potential and assigned to the 1C, 2C, or 3C category based on available data, risk of development, and geologic control.

Project and field totals are aggregated by arithmetic summation by category. Aggregated 1P and 1C estimates may be conservative, and aggregated 3P and 3C estimates may be optimistic due to the effects of arithmetic summation.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of AXP Energy Limited.

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### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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### ABOUT AXP ENERGY LIMITED

AXP ENERGY Limited (ASX: AXP) is an oil & gas production and development company with operations in Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. AXP's focus is to aggressively grow daily production by improving current asset performance and opportunistically acquiring onshore USA oil & gas assets with the following characteristics: producing conventional oil & gas wells; production that can be enhanced through low-cost field operations and workovers; leases which are held by production and which do not require ongoing drilling commitments; and economies of scale which can be achieved by acquiring and carrying out similar enhancement strategies on contiguous or nearby fields with similar characteristics.

# **DISCLAIMER**

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## **APPENDIX 1 – GLOSSARY AND OTHER INFORMATION**

TERM	DEFINITION
bbl	Barrel of oil
Bcf	Billion standard cubic feet of gas
boe	Barrel of oil equivalent
Mbbl	Thousand barrels of oil
MMbbl	Million barrels of oil
Mboe	Thousand barrels of oil equivalent
MMboe	Million barrels of oil equivalent
MMcf	Million standard cubic feet of gas

For **Reserves**: Natural gas is converted to barrel of oil equivalent (boe) using a conversion factor of 6 Bcf to 1 MMboe.

For **Contingent Resources**: Natural gas is converted to barrel of oil equivalent (boe) using a conversion factor of 6 Bcf to 1 MMboe for Appalachian and Illinois Basin gas; and using a conversion factor of 5 Bcf to 1 MMboe for DJ Basin gas.



# **APPENDIX 2 - RESERVES DETAIL BY BASIN**

RESERVE CATEGORY 1 JULY 2022	<b>OIL</b> [MBBL]	<b>GAS</b> [MMcf]	<b>NGL</b> [MBBL]	<b>TOTAL</b> [MBOE]
Proved				
Proved Developed Producing ( <b>PDP</b> )				
Appalachian Basin	533	20,219	1,086	4,989
Illinois Basin	280	188		312
Denver-Julesburg Basin	57	-		57
Total <b>PDP</b>	870	20,407		5,357
Proved Developed Non-Producing (I	PDNP)			
Appalachian Basin	33	727	40	195
Illinois Basin	31	2	-	32
Denver-Julesburg Basin	2	108	-	21
Total <b>PDNP</b>	67	838	40	247
Proved Undeveloped ( <b>PUD</b> )				
Appalachian Basin	-	-	-	-
Illinois Basin	20	138	-	43
Denver-Julesburg Basin	-	-	-	-
Total <b>PUD</b>	20	138	-	43
Total Proved (1P)	957	21,382	1,127	5,647
Probable				
Appalachian Basin	71	7,687	55	1,407
Illinois Basin	108	638	-	214
Denver-Julesburg Basin	-	-	-	-
Proved + Probable (2P)	1,136	29,707	1,182	7,269
Possible				
Appalachian Basin	301	9,959	534	2,495
Illinois Basin	578	400	-	645
Denver-Julesburg Basin	-	-	-	-
Proved + Probable + Possible (3P)	2,015	40,066	1,715	10,408



## **APPENDIX 3 – CONTINGENT RESOURCES BY BASIN**

CONTINGENT RESOURCE CATEGORY 1 JULY 2022	<b>OIL</b> [MMBBL]	GAS [Bcf]	<b>NGL</b> [MMBBL]	<b>TOTAL</b> [MMBOE]
Low Estimate				
Appalachian Basin	0.12	45.49	2.28	9.98
Illinois Basin	0.20	-	-	0.20
Denver-Julesburg Basin	46.50	461.67	-	138.83
Total 1C	46.82	507.16	2.28	149.02
Mid Estimate				
Appalachian Basin	0.63	86.06	3.70	18.67
Illinois Basin	0.36	-	-	0.36
Denver-Julesburg Basin	67.34	627.93	-	192.93
Total 2C	68.32	713.99	3.70	211.95
High Estimate				
Appalachian Basin	1.28	237.36	9.25	50.09
Illinois Basin	0.46	-	-	0.46
Denver-Julesburg Basin	94.81	804.56	-	255.72
Total 3C	96.55	1,041.92	9.25	306.27