

EQT Announces Transformative Transaction with Alta Resources

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Highly Economic Assets in the Core of the Northeast Marcellus

PITTSBURGH, May 6, 2021 - [EQT Corp.](#) (NYSE: EQT) today announced that it has entered into a purchase agreement with Alta Resources Development, LLC (Alta), pursuant to which EQT will acquire all of the membership interests in Alta's upstream and midstream subsidiaries for approximately \$2.925 billion, subject to customary closing adjustments. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2021, with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

Transaction Highlights:

- Attractive valuation with high-margin and robust free cash flow generation
 - Projected annual free cash flow⁽¹⁾ of \$300-\$400 million
 - Projected annual adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$550-\$600 million
 - Purchase price implies an ~18% unlevered free cash flow yield⁽¹⁾
- Low leverage acquisition accelerates EQT's path back to investment grade metrics
 - Immediately reduces leverage⁽²⁾; improving 0.3x by year-end 2022
 - Establishes a leverage⁽²⁾ profile comfortably below 2.0x target
- Accretive to free cash flow per share
 - Projected to increase free cash flow⁽¹⁾ by 55%, or \$2.0 billion, through 2026
 - Free cash flow per share⁽¹⁾ improves by more than 15% through 2026
- Adds highly prolific inventory with superior well economics in the core of the Northeast Marcellus
 - Integrated midstream assets and mineral ownership drive high margin operated development
 - Direct exposure to the geologic core through non-operated position

President and CEO Toby Rice stated, "Today marks another major milestone for EQT as we continue on our path to become the operator of choice for all of our stakeholders. The acquisition of Alta's assets represents an attractive entry into the Northeast Marcellus while accelerating our deleveraging path, providing attractive free cash flow per share accretion for our shareholders, and adding highly economic inventory to EQT's already robust portfolio. In addition to increasing our long-term optionality, this transaction accelerates both our path back to investment grade metrics and our shareholder return initiatives. We look forward to applying our differentiated modern operating model to maximize the prolific value embedded in these premier assets."

Asset Overview: Expansive Position in the Core Northeast Marcellus

- 300,000 core net Marcellus acres; 98% held by production
 - 222,000 net acre operated position
 - 78,000 net acre non-operated position
- 1.0 Bcfe per day of current net production, 100% dry gas
- 300-miles of owned and operated midstream gathering systems
- 100-mile freshwater system with 255 million gallons of storage capacity
- Attractive firm transportation portfolio to premium demand markets
- Existing hedge book covering approximately 35% of production through 2022

Strategic Rationale: Checks all the Boxes for Attractive Consolidation

This acquisition fits firmly within our strategic acquisition framework, while also establishing a significant and strategic position in the core of the Northeast Marcellus. We expect the acquisition to be accretive to both free cash flow per share and net asset value (NAV) per share, while also accelerating our deleveraging strategy and underscoring our commitment to achieving investment grade credit metrics.

Approximately 1.0 Bcfe per day of high-margin net production is expected to bolster our free cash flow profile by adding approximately \$300-400 million of annual free cash flow⁽¹⁾ and a total of approximately \$2.0 billion of free cash flow⁽¹⁾ through 2026, an improvement of approximately 55% compared to our pre-transaction outlook. As a result, this transaction is projected to accelerate our deleveraging strategy, comfortably pulling near-term leverage⁽²⁾ below our 2.0x target. We estimate this will improve leverage⁽²⁾ by 0.3x and 0.5x by year end 2022 and 2023, respectively. Our improved leverage profile provides a compelling case for an investment grade credit rating and is expected to accelerate our strategy to return value to shareholders.

This strong free cash flow contribution is a result of Alta's low-cost structure, driven by low royalty burdens averaging 1%, mineral ownership, a premium firm transportation portfolio and an owned and operated midstream gathering system serving an operated acreage position. We expect the transaction to reduce EQT's pro forma annual corporate free cash flow break-even price by at least \$0.10 per mmbtu.

Transaction Financing:

The total purchase price for the transaction is \$2.925 billion, consisting of \$1.0 billion in cash and approximately \$1.925 billion in debt.

EQT common stock issued directly to Alta's shareholders.

We expect to fund the \$1.0 billion of cash consideration with cash on hand, drawings under our revolving credit facility and through one or more debt capital markets transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors. Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. have jointly provided \$1.0 billion of committed financing in connection with the transaction and we have access to over \$1.4 billion of liquidity under our unsecured credit facility.

The stock consideration consists of approximately 105 million shares of EQT common stock representing \$1.925 billion at the 30-day volume-weighted average price as of May 5, 2021. The transaction was unanimously approved by our Board of Directors. EQT shares issued as part of the transaction will be distributed directly to Alta shareholders, which represent a diverse set of financial institutions and individuals. No Alta shareholder will receive more than 5% of EQT's pro forma outstanding common stock in connection with the transaction.

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2021, subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions, the approval by EQT's shareholders of the issuance of the common stock consideration. All post effective date purchase price adjustments will be netted against the stock consideration and are expected to result in a reduction of approximately 11 million shares issued at closing.

BofA Securities served as financial advisor to EQT, and Latham & Watkins, LLP is serving as EQT's legal counsel on the transaction. Citi Global Markets Inc. served as exclusive financial advisor to Alta, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP is serving as Alta's legal counsel.

About EQT Corporation

[EQT Corp.](#) is a leading independent natural gas production company with operations focused in the cores of the Marcellus and Utica Shales in the Appalachian Basin. We are dedicated to responsibly developing our world-class asset base and being the operator of choice for our stakeholders. By leveraging a culture that prioritizes operational efficiency, technology and safety, we seek to continuously improve the way we produce environmentally responsible, reliable and low-cost energy. We have a longstanding commitment to the safety of our employees, contractors, and communities, and to the reduction of our overall environmental footprint. Our values are evident in the way we operate and in how we interact each day - trust, teamwork and evolution are at the center of all we do.

EQT Management speaks to investors from time to time and the analyst presentation for these discussions, which is updated periodically, is available via EQT's investor relations website at <https://ir.eqt.com>.

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Important Additional Information will be Filed with the SEC

This news release is being made in respect of the proposed transaction involving [EQT Corp.](#) (EQT) and Alta Resources Inc. (Alta), and one or more of their subsidiaries. The issuance of the stock consideration for the proposed transaction will be made to the shareholders of EQT for their consideration. In connection with the proposed transaction, EQT will file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a proxy statement (the proxy statement). INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF EQT ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE PROXY STATEMENT, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC BY EQT, IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EQT, ALTA, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and other documents filed with the SEC by EQT from the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or through EQT's website at www.eqt.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

EQT and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from EQT's

shareholders in respect of the proposed transaction contemplated by the proxy statement. Information regarding the proposed transaction, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the proxy statement when it is filed with the SEC. Information regarding EQT's directors and executive officers is contained in its Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated April 20, 2021, which are filed with the SEC.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "forecasts," "plans," "projects," "estimates," "should," "will" or other similar expressions. Statements that do not relate strictly to historical or current facts are forward-looking. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, forward-looking statements contained in this news release specifically include plans, expectations, goals, projections, and statements about the benefits of the proposed transaction involving EQT and Alta, including projected impacts on EQT's free cash flow, deleveraging, and production volumes; EQT's plans, objectives, strategies, expectations and intentions; and the expected timing of completion of the transaction. The forward-looking statements included in this news release involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projected results. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. EQT has based these forward-looking statements on current expectations and assumptions about future events, taking into account all information currently available to EQT. While EQT considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and beyond EQT's control and which are not limited to, volatility of commodity prices; the costs and results of drilling and operations; access to and cost of capital; uncertainties about estimates of reserves, identification of drilling locations and the ability to add proved reserves in the future; assumptions underlying production forecasts; the quality of technical data; EQT's ability to appropriately allocate capital resources among its strategic opportunities; inherent hazards and risks normally incidental to drilling for, producing, transporting and storing natural gas, natural gas liquids and oil; cyber security risks; availability and cost of drilling rigs, completion services, equipment, supplies, personnel, oilfield services and water required to execute EQT's exploration and development plans; the ability to obtain environmental and other permits and the timing thereof; government regulation or action; negative public perception of the fossil fuels industry; increased consumer demand for alternatives to fossil fuels; environmental and weather risks, including the possible impacts of climate change; disruptions to EQT's business operations; acquisitions and other strategic transactions; and uncertainties related to the severity, and the magnitude and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. These and other risks and uncertainties are described under Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of EQT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on February 17, 2021, as updated by its subsequent Form 10-Qs, and those set forth in other documents EQT files from time to time with the SEC.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and EQT does not intend to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net loss, excluding interest expense, income tax (benefit) expense, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, (gain) loss on sale/exchange of long-lived assets, impairments, the revenue impact of the fair value of derivative instruments prior to settlement and certain other items that impact comparability between periods. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP supplemental financial measure used by the Company's management to evaluate period-over-period earnings trends. The Company's management believes that this measure provides useful information to external users of the Company's consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, lenders and ratings agencies. Management uses adjusted EBITDA to evaluate earnings trends because the measure reflects only the impact of settlement of derivative contracts; thus, the measure excludes the often-volatile revenue impact of changes in the fair value of derivative instruments prior to settlement. The measure also excludes other items that affect the comparability of results or that are not indicative of the ongoing business. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net loss presented in accordance with GAAP.

The Company has not provided projected net income (loss) or a reconciliation of projected adjusted EBITDA to projected net income (loss), the most comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. Net income (loss) includes depreciation and depletion expense, income tax (benefit) expense, the revenue impact of changes in the projected fair value of derivative instruments prior to settlement, and certain other items that impact comparability between periods.

derivative instruments prior to settlement and certain other items that impact comparability between periods and the tax effects of such items, which may be significant and difficult to project with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Therefore, projected net cash provided by operating activities (loss), and a reconciliation of projected adjusted EBITDA to projected net income (loss), are not available without unreasonable effort.

Free Cash Flow, Free Cash Flow Yield and Free Cash Flow Per Share

Free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities, less changes in other assets and liabilities, less nonaccrual-based capital expenditures excluding capital expenditures attributable to noncontrolling interests. Free cash flow yield is defined as free cash flow divided by market capitalization. Free cash flow per share is defined as free cash flow divided by the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. Free cash flow, free cash flow yield and free cash flow per share are supplemental financial measures used by the Company's management to assess liquidity, including the Company's ability to generate cash flow in excess of its capital requirements and return cash to shareholders. The Company's management believes that these measures provide useful information to external users of the Company's consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, lenders and ratings agencies. Free cash flow, free cash flow yield and free cash flow per share should not be considered as alternatives to net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP.

The Company has not provided projected net cash provided by operating activities or a reconciliation of projected free cash flow to projected net cash provided by operating activities, the most comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. The Company is unable to project net cash provided by operating activities for any future period because this metric includes the impact of changes in operating assets and liabilities related to the timing of cash receipts and disbursements that may not relate to the period in which the operating activities occurred. The Company is unable to project these timing differences with any reasonable degree of accuracy without unreasonable efforts such as predicting the timing of its payments and its customers' payments, with accuracy to a specific day, months in advance. Furthermore, the Company does not provide guidance with respect to its average realized price, among other items, that impact reconciling items between net cash provided by operating activities free cash flow. Natural gas prices are volatile and out of the Company's control, and the timing of transactions and the income tax effects of future transactions and other items are difficult to accurately predict. Therefore, the Company is unable to provide projected net cash provided by operating activities, or the related reconciliation of projected free cash flow, free cash flow yield or free cash flow per share to projected net cash provided by operating activities, without unreasonable effort.

Net Debt

Net debt is defined as total debt less cash and cash equivalents. Total debt includes the Company's current portion of credit facility borrowings, senior notes and note payable to EQM Midstream Partners, LP. Net debt is a non-GAAP supplemental financial measure used by the Company's management to evaluate leverage since the Company could choose to use its cash and cash equivalents to retire debt. The Company's management believes that this measure provides useful information to external users of the Company's consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, lenders and ratings agencies. Net debt should not be considered as an alternative to total debt presented in accordance with GAAP.

The Company has not provided a reconciliation of projected net debt to projected total debt, the most comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. The Company is unable to project total debt for any future period because total debt is dependent on the timing of cash receipts and disbursements that may not relate to the periods in which the operating activities occurred. The Company is unable to project these timing differences with any reasonable degree of accuracy and therefore cannot reasonably determine the timing and payment of credit facility borrowings or other components of total debt without unreasonable effort. Furthermore, the Company does not provide guidance with respect to its average realized price, among other items, that impact reconciling items between certain of the projected total debt and projected net debt, as applicable. Natural gas prices are volatile and out of the Company's control, and the timing of transactions and the distinction between cash on hand as compared to credit facility borrowings are too difficult to accurately predict. Therefore, the Company is unable to provide a reconciliation of projected net debt to projected total debt, without unreasonable effort.

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