

AXP Energy Limited (OTC US: AUNXF, ASX: AXP) announces newly formed drilling division to advance 8-well program

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HIGHLIGHTS

- AXP has formed an in-house drilling function staffed with existing team members to undertake an internally-funded 4 + 4 well vertical well drill program in the Illinois and Appalachian Basins;
- Company has internal geological, drilling and field service capabilities which will operate this drilling division with its key deliverable to increase oil production;
- Significant cost advantages over contracting an external drilling company; AXP can drill and complete all wells and will dry-hire a drilling rig; logging and cementing are the only outsourced functions;
- Multiple stacked pay zones with target depths of ~2,150 feet- ~3,600 feet; Locations are in-fill, meaning all targets are offset wells to existing producing wells;
- Favourable permitting regime; drilling to commence in the coming weeks;
- Drill program will run concurrently with existing workover programs; broader field development program to be developed following completion of first 4 wells.

SYDNEY, Nov. 4, 2021 - [AXP Energy Ltd.](#) (ASX: AXP, OTC US: AUNXF), ('AXP', 'Company') is pleased to confirm that its newly formed drilling division staffed by existing Company employees will now commence an 8-well back-to-back drill program across 4 leases in the Illinois Basin (see map overleaf).

AXP has a team of 35 people in its Kentucky operations with geological, drilling and operations capabilities that can operate a fully integrated, internally funded drilling function with only cementing and logging services to be outsourced. AXP has a major cost advantage by tapping its existing resources which will operate a leased drilling rig. Permits are pending on the first wells and drilling will commence in the coming weeks. Permitting is straightforward in the Illinois Basin.

AXP has formed this division as a platform to substantially increase current oil production and to add to the gains being realised from ongoing workover programs which will continue uninterrupted. It is anticipated that drilling new vertical wells will increase production much more rapidly as opposed to undertaking workovers alone.

The Company is planning an initial 4 + 4 well drilling program, the first phase of which is likely to run for around 3 months and then will model a more extensive drilling development program based on results of the initial wells.

All targets are infill drilling locations and offset wells to existing producing wells which means AXP is drilling on proven oil-producing leases. The locations have been identified and chosen after many months of assessment by the Company's head geologist. AXP's focus is to drill low-cost, high impact vertical wells. If the target warrants it, advanced stimulation will be undertaken (capped at ~USD\$75k per well). This technique has not been deployed on any wells in the area and could yield improved flow rates.

Comment

AXP's Chief Executive Officer Tim Hart said: "As we have progressively integrated the MHP and Trey businesses, we have uncovered new opportunities to cost effectively and more rapidly increase oil & gas production; An internally-staffed drilling function is one such opportunity. The fact that we have been able to very quickly define new drill targets, assemble a team from existing resources and have first permits pending demonstrates that we can pursue production growth opportunities very quickly and cost effectively. The fact that we are drilling on producing oil and gas leases limits downside risk.

"With the WTI oil price now tracking above US\$80 per barrel, we are intent on capitalising on the upside from our leases. As we have communicated previously, the Trey Exploration leases in particular have exceptional potential for oil production and they are a key focus for this first phase program.

"As well as these first targets, we are assessing opportunities to deepen some existing wells, side track others and bring into production some wells that were previously drilled and cased for future production. We look forward to regularly updating shareholders on progress and results."

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of [AXP Energy Ltd.](#)

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