

Newport Receives Aud\$2,735,960 (gross)/aud\$1,915,172 (net) Quarterly Royalty Payment

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VANCOUVER, March 2, 2022 - [Newport Exploration Ltd.](#) ("Newport" or "the Company") is pleased to report the receipt of its after tax 2.5% Gross Overriding Royalty ("GOR") payment from Beach Energy Ltd. ("Beach") for the November 2021 - January 2022 quarter. Gross royalty income for the quarter was AUD\$2,735,960. The AUD\$1,915,172 payment received by Newport is net of 30% Australian withholding tax (AUD\$820,788).

Company Financial Status

Newport has approximately CDN\$5.6 million in its Treasury, comprised of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. As announced on February 8th, 2022, Newport's first quarterly dividend payment date for 2022 is March 10th, 2022. After the dividend payment, the Company will have approximately CDN\$4.5 million in its Treasury, and no debt.

The Company has a strong balance sheet and management is confident in its ability to maintain regular quarterly dividend payments as committed to in its News Release dated December 10th, 2019.

Management Strategy

The Company's Management Strategy was summarized in a Company News Release dated February 10th, 2021.

Newport proposes to maintain regular dividend payments to shareholders with the option of increasing quarterly payments at any time. Investors are cautioned that historical results are no guarantee of future performance.

"With global oil prices currently at around US\$100/bbl, and short term forecasts (Goldman Sachs) for Brent Oil at US\$115/bbl, and with three horizontal wells on ex-PEL 91 soon to be producing, we are optimistic about GOR payments in 2022", stated Ian Rozier, President and CEO of Newport.

About Newport

Newport has a 2.5% GOR over permits in the Cooper Basin, Australia, operated by Beach. There is no time limit or expiry date on the GOR assets, and no cost to the Company to retain them.

Newport has no control over operating decisions made by Beach. Accordingly, this prevents the Company from commenting on Beach's operating plans going forward. The Company recommends that shareholders and potential investors access material information relevant to the Company as released independently by Beach and Santos Ltd in order to keep current during exploration, development and potential production of all the licences subject to the Company's GOR. The Company receives its GOR from Beach which is not a reporting issuer in Canada, therefore Newport is not able to confirm if the disclosure satisfies the requirements of NI 51-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities, or other requirements of Canadian securities legislation.

The Company currently has 105,579,874 common shares issued and outstanding.

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