

# Leucrotta Exploration Inc. Announces Q4 2021 Financial and Operating Results

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[Leucrotta Exploration Inc.](#) (TSXV: LXE) ("Leucrotta" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its financial and operating results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2021. All dollar figures are Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Achieved production of 5,000 boe/d in late Q4/21 and exited December 31, 2021 with approximately 4,500 boe/d of production. Estimated production for Q1/22 average is approximately 4,300 boe/d.
- December 31, 2021 adjusted working capital <sup>(1)</sup> balance of \$30.3 million.
- Increased adjusted funds flow <sup>(1)</sup> by 678% to \$6.3 million in Q4 2021 from \$0.8 million in Q4 2020.
- Entered into an arrangement agreement whereby Vermilion Energy Inc would acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Leucrotta ("Leucrotta Shares") in exchange for \$1.73 cash per Leucrotta Share, 1.0 common share of a new Montney-focused exploration and production company ("ExploreCo"), and 0.1917 of an ExploreCo common share purchase warrant.
- Entered into gas processing and battery funding agreements with NorthRiver Midstream Inc. ("NRM") to provide 50 mmcf/d of firm processing capacity at NRM's West Doe gas processing facility and provide up to \$55 million of capital funding that Leucrotta will use to construct a battery facility at Mica.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

(\$000s, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
Oil and natural gas sales	16,365	6,515	151	40,219	23,586	71
Cash flow from operating activities	4,367	212	1,960	9,509	1,187	701
Per share - basic and diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	0.02	-	100	0.04	0.01	300
Adjusted funds flow <sup>(1)</sup>	6,275	807	678	12,870	1,355	850
Per share - basic and diluted	0.03	-	100	0.05	0.01	400
Net earnings (loss)	28,892	(16,697)	(273)	95,012	(110,855)	(186)
Per share - basic and diluted	0.12	(0.08)	(250)	0.40	(0.55)	(173)
Capital expenditures and acquisitions <sup>(1)</sup>	21,452	395	5,331	39,667	13,716	189
Proceeds on sale of properties and equipment -	-	-	-	30,000	8,206	266
Adjusted working capital (deficiency) <sup>(1)</sup>				30,315	(5,807)	(622)
Common shares outstanding (000s)						
Weighted average - basic	247,704	200,525	24	235,729	200,525	18
Weighted average - diluted	248,803	200,525	24	235,884	200,525	18
End of period - basic				247,822	200,525	24
End of period - fully diluted				285,893	214,132	34

(1) See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" section.

OPERATING RESULTS (1)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
Daily production (2)						
Oil and condensate (bbls/d)	1,087	551	97	567	624	(9
Other NGLs (bbls/d)	24	94	(74	) 31	232	(87
Oil and NGLs (bbls/d)	1,111	645	72	598	856	(30
Natural gas (mcf/d)	13,074	13,508	(3	) 11,403	13,903	(18
Oil equivalent (boe/d)	3,290	2,897	14	2,498	3,173	(21
Oil and natural gas sales						
Oil and condensate (\$/bbl)	84.77	46.33	83	78.54	38.92	102
Other NGLs (\$/bbl)	41.49	23.97	73	32.78	20.53	60
Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl)	83.83	43.06	95	76.13	33.94	124
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	6.48	3.18	104	5.67	2.55	122
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	54.06	24.44	121	44.11	20.31	117
Royalties						
Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl)	17.25	3.09	458	12.88	1.79	620
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	0.73	0.10	630	0.50	0.06	733
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	8.72	1.14	665	5.36	0.75	615
Net operating expenses (3)						
Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl)	13.51	10.46	29	11.25	9.98	13
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	1.10	1.06	4	0.94	1.01	(7
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	8.93	7.29	22	6.97	7.10	(2
Transportation and marketing expenses						
Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl)	0.19	0.37	(49	) 0.51	0.75	(32
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	1.05	1.37	(23	) 1.30	1.51	(14
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	4.25	6.45	(34	) 6.04	6.83	(12
Operating netback (3)						
Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl)	52.88	29.14	81	51.49	21.42	140
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	3.60	0.65	454	2.93	(0.03	) (9,867
Oil equivalent (\$/boe)	32.16	9.56	236	25.74	5.63	357
Depletion and depreciation (\$/boe)	(8.22	) (7.41	) 11	(8.03	) (8.50	) (6
Asset (impairment) reversal (\$/boe)	78.38	(50.66	) (255	) 98.86	(87.31	) (213
General and administrative expenses (\$/boe)	(5.88	) (4.36	) 35	(6.60	) (3.90	) 69
Share based compensation (\$/boe)	(1.01	) (1.33	) (24	) (2.07	) (0.54	) 283
Gain on sale of assets (\$/boe)	-	-	-	-	1.30	(100
Loss on onerous contract (\$/boe)	-	(7.88	) (100	) -	(1.81	) (100
Finance expense (\$/boe)	(0.29	) (1.14	) (75	) (0.48	) (0.46	) 4
Finance income (\$/boe)	0.12	-	100	0.23	-	100
Other income (\$/boe)	0.35	-	100	0.12	-	100
Realized loss on risk management contracts (\$/boe)	(5.38	) -	100	(3.35	) -	100
Unrealized gain (loss) on risk management contracts (\$/boe)	5.20	0.55	845	(0.26	) 0.13	(300
Deferred income tax recovery (\$/boe)	-	-	-	0.04	-	100
Net earnings (loss) (\$/boe)	95.43	(62.67	) (252	) 104.20	(95.46	) (209

(1) See "Oil and Gas Terms" section.

(2) See "Product Types" section.

(3) See "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" section.

Selected financial and operational information outlined in this news release should be read in conjunction with Leucrotta's audited financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A")

for year ended December 31, 2021, which are available for review under the Company's profile on The System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## UPDATE

### Gas Processing and Battery Funding Agreements

On March 17, 2022, the Company has entered into a 10-year gas processing agreement with NorthRiver Midstream Inc. ("NRM") to provide 50 mmcf/d of firm processing capacity at NRM's West Doe gas processing facility. The agreement commences after the construction of the Mica Battery (see below) and is subject to a ramp-up period. Leucrotta will also hold certain rights to additional firm processing capacity that, along with Leucrotta's owned 25 mmcf/d processing facility at Doe, will allow Leucrotta to reach 25,000 boe/d in the Mica area. There is no commitment for the Company until it makes a final investment decision.

Concurrent with this agreement, NRM has agreed to provide up to \$55 million of capital funding that Leucrotta will use to construct a battery facility at Mica (the "Mica Battery"). The Mica Battery will consist of facilities for in-field processing of oil, gas and water and will deliver gas to NRM's West Doe gas processing facility. The Mica Battery will have an initial capacity of 60 mmcf/d expandable to 90 mmcf/d with added compression.

### Proposed Corporate Transaction

On March 28, 2022, the Company announced that it had entered into an arrangement agreement (the "Arrangement") whereby Vermilion Energy Inc. ("Vermilion") would acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Leucrotta ("Leucrotta Shares") in exchange for \$1.73 cash per Leucrotta Share, 1.0 common share of a new Montney-focused exploration and production company ("ExploreCo"), and 0.1917 of an ExploreCo common share purchase warrant (one whole warrant being an "ExploreCo Arrangement Warrant"). Each ExploreCo Arrangement Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one ExploreCo common share at an exercise price of \$0.27 per share at any time on or before 30 days following the closing of the Arrangement. The Arrangement is expected to close late May 2022.

Under the terms of the Arrangement, ExploreCo will receive approximately \$43.5 million cash, net of transaction costs, and certain oil and gas properties in the Two Rivers, BC area. In addition, ExploreCo plans to raise net proceeds of up to \$36.9 million through the exercise of the ExploreCo Arrangement Warrants and two private placement financings. The proceeds of the financings will be used to fund future capital projects.

## OIL AND GAS TERMS

The Company uses the following frequently recurring oil and gas industry terms in the news release:

### Liquids

bbls: Barrels

Bbl/d: Barrels per day

NGLs: Natural gas liquids (includes condensate, pentane, butane, propane, and ethane)

Condensate: Pentane and heavier hydrocarbons

### Natural Gas

Mcf: Thousands of cubic feet

Mcf/d: Thousands of cubic feet per day

MMbtu: Million of British thermal units

MMbtu/d: Million of British thermal units per day

### Oil Equivalent

Boe: Barrels of oil equivalent

Boe/d: Barrels of oil equivalent per day

Disclosure provided herein in respect of a boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion rate of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil equivalent has been used for the calculation of boe amounts in the news release. This boe conversion rate is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

## NON-GAAP AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES

This news release refers to certain measures that are not determined in accordance with IFRS (or "GAAP"). These non-GAAP and other financial measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. The non-GAAP and other financial measures should not be considered alternatives to, or more meaningful than, financial measures that are determined in accordance with IFRS as indicators of the Company's performance. Management believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP and other financial measures provides useful information to shareholders and investors in understanding and evaluating the Company's ongoing operating performance, and the measures provide increased transparency to better analyze the Company's performance against prior periods on a comparable basis.

### Adjusted funds flow

Management uses adjusted funds flow to analyze performance and considers it a key measure as it demonstrates the Company's ability to generate the cash necessary to fund future capital investments and abandonment obligations and to repay debt, if any. Adjusted funds flow is a non-GAAP financial measure and has been defined by the Company as cash flow from operating activities excluding the change in non-cash working capital related to operating activities, expenditures on decommissioning obligations, and transaction costs on property disposition. Management believes the timing of collection, payment or incurrence of these items involves a high degree of discretion and as such may not be useful for evaluating the Company's cash flows. Adjusted funds flow is reconciled from cash flow from operating activities as follows:

(\$000s)	Three Months Ended December 31		Year Ended December 31	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Cash flow from operating activities	4,367	212	9,509	1,187
Add (deduct):				
Decommissioning expenditures	156	39	207	144
Transaction costs on property disposition -	-	-	750	-
Change in non-cash working capital	1,752	556	2,404	24
Adjusted funds flow (non-GAAP)	6,275	807	12,870	1,355

### Net operating expenses

Net operating expenses is a non-GAAP financial measure, determined by deducting processing revenues primarily generated by processing third party volumes at processing facilities where the Company has an ownership interest. It is common in the industry to earn third party processing revenue on facilities where the entity has a working interest in the infrastructure asset. Where the Company has excess capacity at one of its facilities, it will look to process third party volumes as a means to reduce the cost of operating/owning the facility. As such, third party processing revenue is netted against operating expenses in the news release. Net operating expenses is calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31		Year Ended December 31	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Oil and NGLs	1,381	621	2,454	3,125
Natural gas	1,454	1,486	4,718	5,601
Operating expenses	2,835	2,107	7,172	8,726
Less: processing revenue	(132)	(165)	(815)	(477)
Net operating expenses (non-GAAP)	2,703	1,942	6,357	8,249

### Operating netback

Management considers operating netback an important measure as it demonstrates its profitability relative to current commodity prices. Operating netback is calculated as oil and natural gas sales less royalties, net operating expenses, and transportation and marketing expenses and is calculated as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31    Year Ended December 31

	2021	2020	2021	2020
Oil and natural gas sales	16,365	6,515	40,219	23,586
Royalties	(2,639)	(304)	(4,884)	(868)
Net operating expenses	(2,703)	(1,942)	(6,357)	(8,249)
Transportation and marketing expenses	(1,285)	(1,720)	(5,508)	(7,935)
Operating netback (non-GAAP)	9,738	2,549	23,470	6,534

#### Capital expenditures and acquisitions

Leucrotta utilizes capital expenditures and acquisitions as a measure of capital investment on property, plant, and equipment, exploration and evaluation assets and property acquisitions compared to its annual budgeted capital expenditures. Capital expenditures and acquisitions are calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31		Year Ended December 31	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Capital expenditures - property, plant, and equipment	16,124	193	28,793	6,953
Capital expenditures - exploration and evaluation assets	4,720	202	10,266	6,763
Property acquisitions	608	-	608	-
Capital expenditures and acquisitions	21,452	395	39,667	13,716

#### Capital Management Measures

##### Adjusted working capital (deficiency)

Management uses adjusted working capital (deficiency) as a measure to assess the Company's financial position. Adjusted working capital (deficiency) includes current assets less current liabilities excluding the effects of any current portion of risk management contracts. Adjusted working capital (deficiency) is reconciled to working capital (deficiency) in note 18 "Capital management" of the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Ratios

##### Adjusted Funds Flow per Share

Adjusted funds flow per share is a non-GAAP financial ratio, calculated using adjusted funds flow and the same weighted average basic and diluted shares used in calculating net earnings (loss) per share.

##### Net operating expenses per boe

The Company utilizes net operating expenses per boe to assess its operating efficiency of its petroleum and natural gas assets on a per unit of production basis. Net operating expense per boe is calculated as net operating expenses divided by total production for the applicable period.

##### Operating netback per boe

The Company utilizes operating netback per boe to assess the operating performance of its petroleum and natural gas assets on a per unit of production basis. Operating netback per boe is calculated as operating netback divided by total production for the applicable period.

#### Supplementary Financial Measures

The supplementary financial measures used in this news release (primarily average sales price per product type, and certain per boe and per share figures) are either a per unit disclosure of a corresponding GAAP measure, or a component of a corresponding GAAP measure, presented in the financial statements. Supplementary financial measures that are disclosed on a per unit basis are calculated by dividing the aggregate GAAP measure (or component thereof) by the applicable unit for the period. Supplementary financial measures that are disclosed on a component basis of a corresponding GAAP measure are a granular representation of a financial statement line item and are determined in accordance with GAAP.

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**PRODUCT TYPES**

The Company uses the following references to sales volumes in the news release:

Natural gas refers to shale gas

Oil and condensate refers to condensate, light and medium crude oil, and tight oil combined

Other NGLs refers to butane, propane and ethane combined

Oil and NGLs refers to light and medium crude oil, tight oil, and NGLs combined

Oil equivalent refers to the total oil equivalent of shale gas, light and medium crude oil, tight oil, and NGLs combined, using the conversion rate of six thousand cubic feet of shale gas to one barrel of oil equivalent as described above.

The following is a complete breakdown of sales volumes for applicable periods by specific product types of shale gas, light and medium crude oil, tight oil, and NGLs:

Sales Volumes by Product Type	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Year 2021
Condensate (bbls/d)	124	79	68	98	93
Other NGLs (bbls/d)	41	34	26	24	31
NGLs (bbls/d)	165	113	94	122	124
Light and medium crude oil (bbls/d) -	-	-	-	-	-
Tight oil (bbls/d)	354	318	231	989	474
Condensate (bbls/d)	124	79	68	98	93
Oil and condensate (bbls/d)	478	397	299	1,087	567
Other NGLs (bbls/d)	41	34	26	24	31
Oil and NGLs (bbls/d)	519	431	325	1,111	598
Shale gas (mcf/d)	13,053	10,559	8,953	13,074	11,403
Natural gas (mcf/d)	13,053	10,559	8,953	13,074	11,403
Oil equivalent (boe/d)	2,695	2,191	1,817	3,290	2,498
Sales Volumes by Product Type	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Year 2020
Condensate (bbls/d)	144	166	145	125	145
Other NGLs (bbls/d)	271	317	248	94	232
NGLs (bbls/d)	415	483	393	219	377
Light and medium crude oil (bbls/d)	41	-	-	-	10
Tight oil (bbls/d)	406	645	397	426	469
Condensate (bbls/d)	144	166	145	125	145
Oil and condensate (bbls/d)	591	811	542	551	624
Other NGLs (bbls/d)	271	317	248	94	232
Oil and NGLs (bbls/d)	862	1,128	790	645	856
Shale gas (mcf/d)	12,354	16,019	13,739	13,508	13,903
Natural gas (mcf/d)	12,354	16,019	13,739	13,508	13,903
Oil equivalent (boe/d)	2,921	3,797	3,080	2,897	3,173

**FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This document contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The use of any of the words "expect", "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "may", "will", "should", "believe", "intends", "forecast", "plans", "guidance" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements or information.

More particularly and without limitation, this news release contains forward-looking statements and

information relating to the Company's risk management program, oil and condensate, other NGLs, and natural gas production, operating expenses, capital programs, and adjusted working capital. The forward-looking statements and information are based on certain key expectations and assumptions made by the Company, including expectations and assumptions relating to prevailing commodity prices and exchange rates, applicable royalty rates and tax laws, future well production rates, the performance of existing wells, the success of drilling new wells, the availability of capital to undertake planned activities, and the availability and cost of labour and services.

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Leucrotta is an oil and natural gas company, actively engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration, and production of oil and natural gas reserves in northeastern British Columbia, Canada.

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