

# Avila Energy Corporation announces the commencement of its Corporate Restructuring and the filing of Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal

CALGARY, Alberta, September 23, 2024 – Avila Energy Corporation ("Avila" or "Company"), trading symbol, (CSE: VIK, OTCM: PTRVF and FRA:6HGO), has taken steps to initiate a corporate restructuring through the filing of a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal (the "Notice of Intention") to its creditors under the provisions of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) (the "BIA"). Pursuant to the Notice of Intention, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. has been appointed as the proposal trustee in the Corporation's Notice of Intention proceedings and will assist the Corporation in its restructuring efforts.

MLT Aikins LLP is legal counsel to the Corporation.

The decision to file the Notice of Intention by Avila Energy Corporation was made by the board so that it can:

- Complete the orderly restart of operations in West Central Alberta, including the suspension of operations that occurred as a result of the contamination of the Company's facilities being exposed to H2S from production that was associated with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's natural gas production delivered to the Company in the second quarter of 2024.
- 2) Complete the negotiations and sale of certain non-core heavy oil and associated natural gas production, that the Company has received proposals to either farm-in and restart suspended production or the outright Sale and Acquisition of these Assets.
- 3) The closing of proposed financing(s) and or recapitalization that are under negotiation and/or being advanced and that are budgeted to fund the orderly completion of a proposal to its creditors, both secured and unsecured.
- 4) The completion of negotiations and the approval from the Alberta Energy Regulatory of all necessary regulatory filings for the wind-up of Avila Energy Corporation's association with AVEX Energy Inc. that will result in a streamlining of the operations upon the completion of the financings, payment of creditors and recapitalization of the Company.

While subject to the Notice of Intention proceedings, the Corporation in addition to continuing with its current efforts, is prepared to and will consider also pursuing a strategic alternatives process. To this end,

the Corporation has been contacted by a number of interested parties, that may include a sale or sales of the Corporation's property, assets and undertaking, a financing or refinancing which may include an accompanying restructuring of the Corporation's financial and contractual obligations, or a combination of any of the foregoing. Further details of the strategic alternatives process may be communicated in the near future as part of the proposal proceedings.

A Notice of Intention is the first stage of a restructuring process under the BIA, which permits the Corporation to pursue a restructuring of its affairs. The filing of the Notice of Intention has the effect of imposing an automatic 30 day stay of proceedings ("**Stay**") that will protect the Corporation and its assets from claims and enforcement proceedings of creditors and contractual counterparties. During the Stay, subject to certain exceptions as set out in the BIA, no creditor has any remedy against the Corporation or its property and no person may terminate or amend any agreement, including a security agreement, or claim an accelerated payment, or a forfeiture of the term, under any agreement, including a security agreement, by reason only that the Corporation is insolvent or that the Notice of Intention has been filed. The initial Stay period of 30 days and may be extended by court order. There can be no assurance that the current process will result in a transaction or, if a transaction is undertaken, that it will be successfully concluded in a timely manner, or at all.

## **About Avila Energy Corporation**

The Company is an emerging CSE listed corporation trading under the symbol ('VIK'), and in combination with an expanding portfolio of 100% Owned and Operated oil and natural gas production, pipelines and facilities is a licensed producer, explorer, and developer of Energy in Canada. The Company's long-term vision is to achieve through the implementation of a closed system of carbon capture and sequestration, an established path towards the material reduction of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 emissions and continues to work towards becoming a vertically integrated Carbon Neutral Energy Producer. The Company's goals are to be achieved by focusing on the application of proven geological, geophysical, engineering, and production techniques in combination with the delivery of Direct-to Consumer energy sales to both residential and commercial consumers.

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#### Abbreviations

bbls/d - barrels per day
BOE/d - barrels oil equivalent per day
NGLs - Natural Gas Liquids
Mboe - Thousands of barrels of oil equivalent
MMboe - Millions of barrels of oil equivalent
PDP - Proved Developed Producing
TP - Total Proved Reserves
TPP - Total Proved and Probable Reserves
IFRS - International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards
Board
WTI - West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma for the crude oil standard grade

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