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DATE: AUGUST 28, 2020

SUBJECT: WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION – ANTICIPATED

**ADJUSTMENT** 

**OPTION SYMBOL: WLL** 

**NEW OPTION SYMBOL: WLL1** 

DATE: 9/2/20???

On August 14, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas Houston Division confirmed the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") for Whiting Petroleum Corporation (WLL). The Plan is anticipated to become effective on or about September 1, 2020, and all existing WLL shares will be canceled.

If and when the Plan becomes effective, WLL shareholders will be entitled to receive i) a pro rata portion of New Whiting Petroleum Corporation Common Shares, ii) a pro rata portion of New Warrants-A, and iii) a pro rata portion of New Warrants-B for each existing WLL share held. Pursuant to the Plan, fractional shares equal to or less than 0.5 will be rounded down to the nearest whole share, and fractional shares greater than 0.5 will be rounded up to the next whole share.

The treatment of fractional warrants is not yet known.

## **POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

After the Plan is effective, an OTC or OTCBB (Bulletin Board) market may develop in the U.S. for the Warrants, although there is no assurance this will happen. OCC anticipates that if an OTC or OTCBB market develops, NSCC will accept transactions in the warrants which arise as a result of option exercise and assignment activity. In that event, WLL1 option exercise and assignment activity will settle in the normal fashion through NSCC. However, if a market does not develop or NSCC does not accept transactions in the warrants, OCC anticipates requiring broker to broker settlement for WLL1 options after the final distributions are determined.

Pursuant to customary OCC broker to broker settlement procedures, inability to effect delivery may subsequently occasion cash settlement as determined by OCC.

## **CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

DATE: On or about September 2, 2020

OPTION SYMBOL: WLL becomes WLL1

STRIKE DIVISOR: 1

CONTRACTS

MULTIPLIER: 1

NEW MULTIPLIER: 100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150; a strike of 2.50 yields \$250.00)

NEW DELIVERABLE

PER CONTRACT: 1) 100 x the pro rata portion of (New) Whiting Petroleum Corporation (WLL)

Common Shares distributed per existing WLL share

2) 100 x the pro rata portion of New Warrants-A distributed per existing WLL

share

3) 100 x the pro rata portion of New Warrants-B distributed per existing WLL

share

4) Cash in lieu of fractional Warrants-A, if any 5) Cash in lieu of fractional Warrants-B, if any

CUSIPS: (New) WLL: 966387508

Series A Warrants: 966387110 Series B Warrants: 966387128

Settlement

Allocation: (New) WLL: 90%

Series A Warrants: 5% Series B Warrants: 5%

## **DELAYED SETTLEMENT**

OCC will delay settlement of the WLL1 option deliverable until the final distribution ratios of (New) WLL shares and warrants, and the trading symbols and trading statuses of the warrants are determined. Upon determination of the final distribution ratios of (New) WLL shares and Warrants-A and Warrants-B, and the Warrants' trading symbols and trading statuses, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate number of shares, of warrants, if any, and cash in lieu amounts, if any.

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