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**SUBJECT: CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION – CONTRACT
ADJUSTMENT/ ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS
OPTION SYMBOL: CHKAQ
DATE: 2/9/21**

On January 15, 2021, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas Houston Division confirmed the Fifth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Its Debtor Affiliates (“Plan”). The Plan became effective on February 9, 2021, and CHKAQ shares were canceled.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

Effective February 9, 2021, existing CHKAQ options are adjusted to no longer call for the delivery of CHKAQ shares upon exercise.

The option symbol CHKAQ will not change.

In settlement of CHKAQ exercise/assignment activity, a CHKAQ put exerciser (or call assignee) will receive a cash payment of the full aggregate strike price amount on the exercise settlement date. A CHKAQ put assignee (or call exercise) will pay this amount on the exercise settlement date. Settlement will take place through OCC’s cash settlement system on the second business day after exercise.

Since CHKAQ options are American-style, they are exercisable at the election of the holder. Expiration processing for CHKAQ options will take place in the normal fashion, including automatic exercise thresholds.

ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Chesapeake Energy Corporation options whose expiration dates are after 2-19-2021 will have their expiration dates advanced to 2-19-2021. Expiration dates occurring before 2-19-2021 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All Chesapeake Energy Corporation options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: CHKAQ
Existing Expiration: All months

New expiration date: 2-19-2021

Existing American-style Chesapeake Energy Corporation options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in two business days.

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