

# Criterium Energy Provides Operational Update Highlighted by Secured Rig for Infill Drilling and Ongoing Workover Programs in the Tungkal PSC, Indonesia

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August 13, 2024 - Calgary, Alberta - Criterium Energy Ltd. ("Criterium" or the "Company") (TSXV: CEQ), an independent upstream energy development and production company focused on energizing growth for Southeast Asia and Criterium shareholders, is pleased to provide an operational update on the planned optimization activities in the Company's 100% owned, operated and producing Tungkal PSC Indonesia (the "Tungkal PSC").

## Tungkal PSC Update: Mengoepeh ("MGH") Field

## Infill Program - Rig Secured, Program On Track and On Budget

Criterium has successfully secured a favorable drilling rig for the upcoming infill drilling program in the oil-producing MGH Field, which is located within the Tungkal PSC. The 750 horsepower rig and select services will be provided by PT Patlance Putra Mandiri and PT Energi Technindo Tama, both integrated oilfield services companies in Indonesia, and the rig is scheduled to mobilize from Jambi, Indonesia to the Tungkal PSC later in August 2024. The Company's two-well infill program, targeting a previously undrilled section of the MGH Field, is anticipated to commence in early September with the wells expected to come on production in early November at a forecasted combined rate of 300 bbl/d¹.

For a presentation providing details and additional technical information on the drilling campaign, please visit the Presentation & Events section of Criterium's website.

## Workover Program – Continued Success Targeting New GH Sand Zone

Following up on the success of the Company's initial workover program (as <u>previously announced</u> on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024), Criterium commenced a five-well workover program on July 25, 2024. To date, two workovers have been completed, with well optimization ongoing and early indications of production levels exceeding internal base case forecasts that modeled approximately 30 bbl/d per workover<sup>1</sup>. The remaining three workovers, which target the newly discovered GH sand zone (as outlined in the June 25<sup>th</sup> release), are expected to be completed by mid-August. The Company intends to provide an update on the results of these workovers concurrent with the announcement of Criterium spudding the MGH infill well program.

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Shareholders and other interested parties who would like to learn more about the Criterium opportunity are encouraged to visit the Company's <a href="website">website</a> and review a recent <a href="corporate presentation">corporate presentation</a>, and to follow the Company on X (formerly Twitter) at <a href="https://x.com/CriteriumEnergy">https://x.com/CriteriumEnergy</a> and on LinkedIn at <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/criterium-energy/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/criterium-energy/</a> for ongoing corporate updates and relevant international oil and gas industry information.

## **About Criterium Energy Ltd.**

Criterium Energy Ltd. (TSXV: CEQ) is Canadian-based upstream energy company focused on the consolidation and sustainable development of assets in Southeast Asia that can deliver scalable growth and cash flow



generation. This region is expected to house a population approaching 800 million people within the next 25 years, driving world-leading economic growth and record energy demand. With international operating expertise and a local presence, Criterium intends to contribute responsible, safe and secure sources of energy to help meet this demand. The Company is committed to maximizing total shareholder return by executing across three strategic pillars that include (1) fostering a successful and sustainable reputation; (2) leveraging innovation and technology arbitrage; and (3) achieving operational excellence with an unwavering commitment to safety. For further information please visit our website (www.criteriumenergy.com) or contact:

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#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Management estimate based on previously disclosed 'Mont D'Or Venture Limited YE Evaluation' reserve and resource report, effective December 31, 2022. This report was conducted by an independent qualified reserves evaluator or auditor in accordance with the COGE Handbook.

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