



## **Criterium Energy Announces Anticipated Late Filing of Annual Financial Statements and Voluntary Application for Management Cease Trade Order**

April 30, 2025 - Calgary, Alberta - **Criterium Energy Ltd.** ("**Criterium**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: CEQ) announces that as a result of delays in the completion of its audit, the Company anticipates that it will experience a short-term delay in filing its audited consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 (the "**Financial Statements**"), the related management's discussion and analysis, and its Form 52-109FV1 CEO and CFO certifications of annual filings (collectively the "**Required Filings**"). Under National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, the Required Filings are required to be made not later than April 30, 2025 (the "**Filing Deadline**").

Despite the Company's best efforts to prepare the necessary accounting records supporting its financial statements, its auditor, has notified the Company that it may be unable to complete its audit procedures in respect of the Financial Statements ahead of the Filing Deadline. The auditor has faced challenges in connection with deferred income taxes and consolidation as a result of the Company's acquisition of all the issued and outstanding shares of Mont D'Or Petroleum Ltd. In addition, and in order to complete the audit of the Financial Statements, the Company must obtain confirmations from foreign financial institutions where the Company has bank accounts. As of the date hereof, certain of the requested confirmations remain outstanding. As such, the Company wishes to proactively advise investors that the Required Filings may not be made on or before the Filing Deadline.

Out of caution in the event that the Company is unable to make the Required Filings on or before the Filing Deadline, the Company has applied to the Alberta Securities Commission (the "**ASC**") pursuant to Part 3 of National Policy 12-203 – *Management Cease Trade Orders* ("**NP 12-203**") for a management cease trade order ("**MCTO**"). If granted, the MCTO will prohibit trading in securities of the Company by the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer until such time as the Required Filings and all continuous disclosure requirements have been filed by the Company, and the MCTO has been lifted. During the period in which the MCTO is effective, there will be no impact to the operations of the Company and the general public, who are not insiders of the Company, would continue to be able to trade in the Company's listed securities. The MCTO application has been made but there is no guarantee or assurance that the MCTO will be granted.

The Company expects that its auditors will be in a position to complete the audit by May 9, 2025, with the Required Filings to be completed as soon as possible thereafter. The Company plans to issue a news release once the Required Filings have been filed.

During the period of default and until the Required Filings have been made, the Company intends to satisfy the provisions of the alternative information guidelines as required by NP 12-203.

The Company expects the Financial Statements to be prepared on a going concern basis and other than the foregoing, the Company confirms that there is no other material information concerning the affairs of the Company that has not been generally disclosed as of the date of this news release. The Company confirms that there are no insolvency proceedings involving the Company.



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### ***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 contain 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](http://www.criteriumenergy.com)) or contact:

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