



## NorAm Drilling AS (NORAM) – Monthly rig update and key information relating to the cash distribution for August 2023

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### Commercial update:

In July 2023, the Company's 11 drilling rigs achieved an average operating day rate of approximately USD 30,700<sup>(1)</sup> and rig utilization was 85.7%.

As of August 8, 2023, 75% of available rig days in August were contracted at an average operating day rate of approximately USD 30,200. The contracted backlog<sup>(2)</sup> beyond August was approximately USD 13.2 million with an average daily operating rate of approximately USD 28,700<sup>(1)</sup>.

Currently 9 of 11 rigs are working and later in August, one more of the Company's rigs will be released and marketed for new work. We expect activity to pick up later in 2023 and we will keep the idle rigs warm-stacked for now. During the time between contracts, the Company expects the rigs' opex to be approximately 30% lower than in a contracted mode.

### Cash distribution:

The Board of Directors approved today a monthly cash distribution of USD 3.9 million or USD 0.09 per share for August 2023. The distribution will be made from the Company's Contributed Surplus account which consists of previously paid in share premium transferred from the Company's Share Premium account.

### Key information:

Distribution amount: USD 0.09 per share

Declared currency: US\$. Payment to shares registered with Euronext VPS will be distributed in NOK<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of approval: August 8, 2023

Last day including right: August 11, 2023

Ex-date: August 14, 2023

Record date: August 15, 2023

Payment date: On or about August 18, 2023

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### **About NorAm Drilling**

NorAm Drilling owns and operates a portfolio of eleven advanced drilling rigs upgraded to maximize drilling efficiency in the Permian Basin in Texas, which is the largest oil producing region in North America. NorAm Drilling is debt free and has industry leading operating margins. The Company has a full pay-out dividend strategy, targeting frequent cash distributions in a profitable market.

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(1) Excluding add-on rates for equipment rentals, additional crew and overtime.

(2) The contracted backlog only includes the fixed part of 'pad to pad' agreements, where the contract rate is agreed before commencing drilling on a new pad, typically with 2-3 month intervals.

(3) The applicable USDNOK FX rate will be announced in the Company's ex dividend release before market open on August 14.