

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NEWPORT PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND IN 2021**

**Vancouver, Canada, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Newport Exploration Ltd ("Newport" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the payment of its second quarterly cash dividend ("the Dividend") in 2021 of \$0.02/share, to its shareholders of record at the close of business on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As previously disclosed, the Company proposes to continue with the payment of quarterly dividend distributions, with the next payment scheduled for September, 2021.

#### **Annual Dividend and 2021 Share Price Performance**

The \$0.01/share dividend paid on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the \$0.03/share dividend paid on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the \$0.01/share dividend paid on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the second quarterly dividend payment in 2021 of \$0.02/share dividend paid today, will be recorded in the Financial Year ended July 31, 2021. The Company's ability to return cash to shareholders is attributed to the recurring free cash flow generated by its 2.5% Gross Overriding Royalty ("GOR") from licences in the Cooper Basin, Australia, operated by Beach Energy Ltd ("Beach").

Newport's Dividend Performance, Annual Yields and Earnings Per Share since 2015 were documented in a Company News Release dated November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Investors are cautioned that historical results are no guarantee of future performance.

#### **Management Strategy**

As reported in a Company News Release dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Management's dividend strategy has enabled the Company to retain a margin of safety to maintain dividend distributions despite the sector downturn in 2020, with the option of increasing the quarterly dividend at any time, as it did in December, 2020 with the tripling of the scheduled quarterly dividend amount.

The recent increase in the oil price has helped offset Beach's decrease in production and has enabled the Company to double the second quarterly dividend of 2021, with payment made today.

#### **Guidance**

Newport has an advantageous business model with a 2.5% GOR over permits in the Cooper Basin, Australia, operated by Beach. There is no time limit or expiry date on the GOR assets, and no cost to the Company to retain them.

Newport has no control over operating decisions made by Beach. Accordingly, this prevents the Company from commenting on Beach's operating plans going forward. The Company recommends that shareholders and potential investors access material information relevant to the Company as released independently by Beach and Santos Ltd ("Santos") in order to keep current during exploration, development and potential production of all the licences subject to the Company's GOR. The Company receives its GOR from Beach which is not a reporting issuer in Canada, therefore Newport is not able to confirm if the disclosure satisfies the requirements of NI 51-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities, or other requirements of Canadian securities legislation.

### **About Newport**

Newport holds a 2.5% GOR on several oil and gas licences and permits in the Cooper Basin in Australia. These licences and permits are currently being operated and explored by Beach and Santos, both major Australian oil and gas producers.

The Company currently has 105,579,874 common shares issued and outstanding, and after this dividend to shareholders has approximately \$5.4 million in the Treasury (comprised of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments), and no debt.

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