

## LYCOS ENERGY INC. ANNOUNCES OPERATIONS UPDATE, 2023 GUIDANCE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

**Calgary, Alberta** – April 3, 2023 - Lycos Energy Inc. ("Lycos" or the "Company") (TSXV: LCX) is pleased to provide an operations update, 2023 guidance and personnel updates.

### Company Highlights

- Current production exceeds 3,000 boe/d (99% oil).
- The three most recently drilled wells have produced average initial production rates of 295 boe/d (100% oil) (30-60 days rates) and are currently producing an average of 290 boe/d (100% oil).
- Production is forecast to average 3,000 boe/d (99% oil) in 2023.
- 2023 Adjusted Funds Flow from Operations is forecast to be \$37.2 million.
- Q4 2023 forecasted production average is forecast to be 4,000 boe/d (99% oil).
- Q4 2023 Adjusted Funds Flow from Operations is forecast to be \$14 million.
- Greater than 35% growth in production per share is forecast in 2023 with exploration and development capital spending within cash flow.
- Promotions of Mr. Kyle Boon to the role of Chief Operating Officer and Mr. Barret Henschel to the role of Vice President, Production.

The highlights reported in this press release include certain non-IFRS financial measures and ratios which have been identified using capital letters. The reader is cautioned that these measures may not be directly comparable to other issuers; refer to additional information under the heading "*Specified Financial Measures*".

### Operations Update

The Company is currently producing more than 3,000 boe/d (99% oil), with production and drilling results from the recently completed heavy oil acquisition in Lloydminster exceeding expectations.

Initial production rates for the Company's three most recent wells were as follows:

|                                     | IP30 (boe/d)<br>(100% oil) | IP60 (boe/d)<br>(100% oil) | HZ Length in Zone (m) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 00/11-13-052-07W4/0 (10 Leg)        | 211                        | 200                        | 8,740                 |
| 02/13-13-052-07W4/0 (9 Leg)         | 325                        | 318                        | 10,238                |
| 00/04-14-052-07W4/0 (Half Fishbone) | 350                        | NA                         | 8,327                 |

The "half fishbone" well is a new geometry used by Lycos to access un-swept reservoir underneath and beside the heel sections of existing wells. The Company will continue to use this design to maximize reservoir access in drill spacing units. The continued success of this design will add 2 additional wells per section to the Company's multi-lateral inventory.

Lycos has also drilled and recently placed on production two additional fishbone multi-lateral wells. Both wells had encouraging geotechnical results and we look forward to reporting back initial production results by the end of the second quarter of 2023.

Field operations for the first quarter have been completed and we anticipate starting our next drilling campaign with two drilling rigs scheduled to start in mid-June.

Lycos's multi-lateral drills are delivering excellent results and Capital Efficiencies. The average total costs associated with the three most recent wells was \$1.75 million per well, including associated water and production infrastructure.

## 2023 Guidance

Lycos provides the following guidance for the calendar year 2023<sup>(1)</sup>:

|                                                    |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Annual average production                          | 3,000 boe/d (99% oil) |
| Q4 2023 average production                         | 4,000 boe/d (99% oil) |
| Acquisition capital                                | \$50.0 million        |
| Exploration, development and other capital         | \$37.0 million        |
| Total capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>          | \$87.0 million        |
| Adjusted Funds Flow from Operations <sup>(3)</sup> | \$37.2 million        |
| Exit Adjusted Working Capital <sup>(3)</sup>       | \$8.3 million         |

### Notes:

- (1) Annual guidance numbers are based on 2023 average pricing assumptions of: US\$75.00/bbl WTI; (US\$15.00) WCS differential; and \$0.741 CAD/USD.
- (2) Capital budget includes exploration and development capital, decommissioning, facilities, land and seismic and asset acquisitions and dispositions.
- (3) See "*Specified Financial Measures*".

## Organizational Changes

Lycos is pleased to announce that Mr. Kyle Boon, Vice President, Operations, has been promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Barret Henschel, Operations Manager, has been promoted to the position of Vice President, Production effective today. Messrs. Boon and Henschel have been integral to the Company's development strategy and capital discipline. These changes substantially augment Lycos' operational strengths and overall abilities.

## About Lycos

Lycos is an oil-focused, exploration, development and production company based in Calgary, Alberta, operating high-quality, heavy-oil, development assets in the Gull Lake area of southwest Saskatchewan and heavy-oil assets in the Lloydminster area.

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This press release contains future-oriented financial information and financial outlook information (collectively, "**FOFI**") about Lycos' prospective results of operations and production, organic growth and acquisitions, operating costs, 2023 outlook and guidance, including capital expenditures and adjusted funds flow from operations in 2023 and components thereof, all of which are subject to the same assumptions, risk factors, limitations, and qualifications as set forth in the above paragraphs. FOFI contained in this document was approved by management as of the date of this document and was provided for the purpose of providing further information about Lycos' proposed business activities in 2023. Lycos and its management believe that FOFI has been prepared on a reasonable basis, reflecting management's best estimates and judgments, and represent, to the best of management's knowledge and opinion, the Company's expected course of action. However, because this information is highly subjective, it should not be relied on as necessarily indicative of future activities or results. Lycos disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any FOFI contained in this document, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required pursuant to applicable law. Readers are cautioned that the FOFI contained in this document should not be used for purposes other than for which it is disclosed herein. Changes in forecast commodity prices, differences in the timing of capital expenditures, and variances in average production estimates can have a significant impact on the key performance measures included in Lycos' guidance. The Company's actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

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### ***Specified Financial Measures***

This press release includes various specified financial measures, including non-IFRS financial measures, non-IFRS financial ratios and capital management measures as further described herein. These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") and, therefore, may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures by other companies.

**"Adjusted Working Capital"** is calculated as current assets less current liabilities, excluding derivative financial instrument assets and liabilities, lease liabilities and the deferred premium on flow through shares (if applicable).

**"Adjusted Funds Flow from Operations"** (capital management measure) is calculated by taking cash-flow from operating activities, on a periodic basis, and adding back changes in non-cash working capital, expenditures on decommissioning obligations and transaction costs since Expenditures on decommissioning obligations may vary from period to period depending on capital programs and the maturity of the Company's operating areas. Expenditures on decommissioning obligations are managed through the capital budgeting process which considers available adjusted funds flow. Lycos uses adjusted funds flow as a key measure to demonstrate the Company's ability to generate funds to repay debt and fund future capital investment. Adjusted funds flow per share is calculated using the same weighted average basic and diluted shares that are used in calculating income per share.

**"Capital Efficiency"** is the amount spent to add an additional barrel a day of production to a Company's annual exit production.

### ***Abbreviations***

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| bbl   | barrels of oil         |
| bbl/d | barrels of oil per day |

|       |                                                                                                                         |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| boe   | barrels of oil equivalent                                                                                               |
| boe/d | barrels of oil equivalent per day                                                                                       |
| IP30  | average production for the first 30 days that a well is onstream                                                        |
| IP60  | average production for the first 60 days that a well is onstream                                                        |
| Mbbl  | thousand barrels of oil                                                                                                 |
| Mboe  | thousand barrels of oil equivalent                                                                                      |
| MMbbl | million barrels of oil                                                                                                  |
| MMboe | million barrels of oil equivalent                                                                                       |
| MMcf  | million cubic feet                                                                                                      |
| WTI   | West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma for the crude oil standard grade |
| WCS   | Western Canadian select, the benchmark for conventional and oil sands heavy production at Hardisty in Western Canada    |

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