

HARVEST OPERATIONS REPORTS Q3 2016 RESULTS

CALGARY, ALBERTA – NOVEMBER 9, 2016: Harvest Operations Corp. ("Harvest" or the "Company") announced its financial and operating results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2016.

This press release is an overview of the third quarter results for 2016 and should be read with the unaudited consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for the third quarter ended September 30, 2016 available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at www.sedar.com.

All financial data has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board except where otherwise noted. All figures reported herein are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

Q3 2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

Upstream

- Production for the quarter was 30,051 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("boe/d"), not including an additional 4,704 boe/d which is Harvest's share of the Deep Basin Partnership ("DBP") production.
- Cash contributions from Harvest's Upstream operations for the third quarter was \$25.2 million (Q3 2015: \$53.1 million). The decrease in cash contribution was mainly due to lower sales volumes and lower realized prices, partially offset by lower operating expenses, and general and administrative expenses.
- Capital asset additions of \$2.5 million were mainly related to well equipment, pipelines and facilities.
- Harvest incurred an operating loss of \$37.9 million (Q3 2015: \$354.0 million). The decrease in operating loss from 2015 is due to gains on dispositions of assets and lower impairment expenses, depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses, royalties, operation expenses, general and administrative expenses, partially offset by lower realized prices and sales volumes.
- On August 16, 2016 Harvest closed the disposition of some of its oil and gas assets in Southern Alberta for net proceeds
 of \$6.7 million. On June 30, 2016, Harvest closed the disposition of all of its oil and gas assets in Saskatchewan for net
 proceeds of \$61.6 million. Together with other less significant dispositions of Upstream assets, Harvest recognized a
 gain of \$17.6 million (Q3 2015: loss of \$0.9 million), relating to the de-recognition of PP&E, E&E, goodwill and
 decommissioning and environmental liabilities.

BlackGold

- Pre-operating losses for the quarter were \$2.8 million (Q3 2015: \$266.7 million). The 2016 pre-operating losses were
 mainly due to pre-operating and general and administrative expenses, whereas the 2015 pre-operating losses also
 included an asset impairment expense of \$262.0 million.
- The central processing facility ("CPF') was substantially completed in early 2015. The decision to complete
 commissioning of the CPF and commence steam injection depends on a number of factors including the bitumen price
 environment.

Corporate

- The credit facility net movement during the third quarter was a \$3.7 million net borrowing (Q3 2015: \$6.0 million net repayment). At September 30, 2016, Harvest had \$888.6 million drawn under the credit facility (December 31, 2015: \$926.6 million).
- The weakening of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar during the latter part of the third quarter of 2016 resulted in net unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$36.4 million for the quarter (Q3 2015: \$122.7 million loss). The weakening

- of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar during the first nine months of 2016 resulted in net unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$69.3 million (2015: \$238.8 million loss). Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses resulted primarily due to the translation of U.S. dollar denominated debt (including related party loans) into Canadian dollars.
- Subsequent to September 30, 2016, KNOC and Harvest Board of Directors approved the conversion of all KNOC's outstanding related party loans plus accrued interest to common equity. The transaction is subject to certain registration requirements involving the government of South Korea and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2016. After the transaction closes there will be no related party loans outstanding. The total related party loan balance as at September 30, 2016 was \$702.6 million (December 31, 2015 \$629.9 million). The transaction provides significant saving to Harvest by reducing interest expense by approximately \$40.0 million annually, which improves the company's balance sheet and is further evidence of KNOC's continuing financial support of Harvest.

FINANCIAL & OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS:

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Upstream | | | | |
| Daily sales volumes (boe/d) ⁽¹⁾ | 30,051 | 43,356 | 33,812 | 42,946 |
| Deep Basin Partnership | | | | |
| Daily sales volumes (boe/d) | 5,735 | 4,569 | 5,885 | 3,691 |
| Harvest's share of daily sales | | | | |
| volumes (boe/d) (3) | 4,704 | 3,626 | 4,826 | 2,920 |
| Average realized price | | | | |
| Oil and NGLs (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾ | 39.31 | 41.50 | 35.10 | 44.61 |
| Gas (\$/mcf) ⁽²⁾ | 2.11 | 2.80 | 1.66 | 2.72 |
| Operating netback prior to hedging(\$/boe)(3) | 13.16 | 12.97 | 8.69 | 13.18 |
| Operating loss ⁽³⁾ | (37.9) | (354.0) | (184.4) | (598.3) |
| Cash contribution from operations ⁽³⁾ | 25.2 | 53.1 | 41.4 | 124.6 |
| Capital asset additions (excluding acquisitions) | 2.5 | 19.0 | 5.3 | 124.1 |
| Corporate acquisition ⁽⁴⁾ | _ | 0.4 | _ | 37.1 |
| Property dispositions, net | (31.5) | (1.5) | (170.2) | (60.0) |
| Net wells drilled | _ | _ | 0.3 | 19.2 |
| Net undeveloped land additions (acres) | 316 | 3,648 | 11,184 | 42,192 |
| Net undeveloped land dispositions (acres) | _ | (281) | (33,867) | (5,799) |
| BlackGold | | | | |
| Capital asset additions | (0.1) | 0.9 | _ | 65.5 |
| Pre-operating loss ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ | (2.8) | (266.7) | (10.0) | (273.6) |
| NET LOSS | (106.9) | (588.7) | (185.7) | (899.2) |

- (1) Excludes volumes from Harvest's equity investment in the Deep Basin Partnership.
- (2) Excludes the effect of derivative contracts designated as hedges.
- (3) This is a non-GAAP measure; please refer to "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.
- (4) Corporate acquisition represents the total consideration for the transaction including working capital assumed.
- (5) BlackGold was substantially completed in Q1 2015, all pre-operating expenses prior to Q1 2015 were capitalized.

CONFERENCE CALL

Harvest will hold a conference call to discuss our third quarter 2016 results on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time (12:30 a.m. Eastern Time).

To access the conference call dial 1-866-225-2055 (international callers) or 1-416-340-2220 (Toronto local) a few minutes prior to start and request the Harvest Operations conference call. The call will be available for replay by dialing 1-800-408-3053 and entering the passcode 4762044. The replay will be available up to and including November 17, 2016.

HARVEST CORPORATE PROFILE

Harvest is a wholly-owned, subsidiary of Korea National Oil Corporation ("KNOC"). Harvest is a significant operator in Canada's energy industry offering stakeholders exposure to exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas (Upstream) and an oil sands project under construction and development in northern Alberta (BlackGold).

KNOC is a state owned oil and gas company engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas along with storing petroleum resources. KNOC will fully establish itself as a global government-run petroleum company by applying ethical, sustainable and environment-friendly management and by taking corporate social responsibility seriously at all times. For more information on KNOC, please visit their website at www.knoc.co.kr/ENG/main.jsp.

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