



Kosmos Energy Provides Operational Update

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DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Following the announcement of [Kosmos Energy's](#) (NYSE/LSE: KOS) full year 2019 results on February 24, 2020, the company is today providing an operational update.

In response to the current market price volatility, Kosmos is taking the following actions to maintain balance sheet strength and preserve flexibility:

1. Reduce Capital Expenditures:

At the 4Q19 results, we guided to a 2020 capital budget for our base production business of \$325-\$375 million. We have identified over \$100 million of discretionary expenditure largely related to exploration activities in the Gulf of Mexico and our basin-opening exploration portfolio. We are now targeting to reduce our 2020 capital budget for the base business by around 30% to under \$250 million whilst keeping 2020 production flat, in line with previous guidance and with minimal expected impact on 2021 production. The company also has significant flexibility in its 2021 capital program should current market conditions persist.

In Mauritania & Senegal, we are working with the Operator to defer 2020 Tortue Phase 1 capital spending with the goal of extending the carry of our capital obligations through the end of this year. In addition, our priority remains to sell down our interests to support a self-funded growing gas business. Tortue Phases 2 and 3 are expected to take final investment decision (FID) in mid-2022 and mid-2023 respectively with minimal capital required ahead of FID with the objective to project finance both thereafter.

2. Reduce Both Operational Expenditures (Opex) and General and Administrative Costs (G&A)

We plan to implement cost reductions with over \$60 million of savings expected in Opex and G&A in 2020. Whilst a significant portion of our Opex is fixed, we are targeting a reduction of \$1/boe without impacting asset integrity or near-term production. Through a reduction in company headcount, no planned cash bonuses for employees in 2020 and other cost reductions we plan to significantly reduce cash G&A in 2020.

3. Suspend the Dividend

Our priority is to ensure the strength of the balance sheet in the current market price volatility. The Board has therefore decided to suspend the dividend after the announced 4Q'19 payment until market conditions improve. This will provide savings of approximately \$75 million annually.

As a result of the actions above, and taking into account the company's hedging position, Kosmos believes it can be free cash flow neutral beginning in 2Q and fund all of its obligations at a \$35/bbl Brent price.

Full details of the hedging portfolio can be found in the most recent Form 10-K document or on the company's website. The current cash value of the 2020 and 2021 hedges is approximately \$100 million and \$45 million respectively.

About Kosmos Energy

Kosmos is a full-cycle deepwater independent oil and gas exploration and production company focused along the Atlantic Margins. Our key assets include production offshore Ghana, Equatorial Guinea and U.S. Gulf of Mexico, as well as a world-class gas development offshore Mauritania and Senegal. We also maintain a sustainable exploration program balanced between proven basin infrastructure-led exploration (Equatorial Guinea and U.S. Gulf of Mexico), emerging basins (Mauritania, Senegal and Suriname) and frontier basins (Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe and South Africa). Kosmos is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and London Stock Exchange and is traded under the ticker symbol KOS. As an ethical and transparent company, Kosmos is committed to doing things the right way. The Company's Business Principles articulate our commitment to transparency, ethics, human rights, safety and the environment. Read more about this commitment in the Kosmos 2018 Corporate Responsibility Report. For additional information, visit www.kosmosenergy.com.

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