

## Cenovus announces results of cash tender offers

### Debt repurchase demonstrates continued deleveraging progress

**Calgary, Alberta (June 18, 2019)** – Cenovus Energy Inc. (TSX: CVE) (NYSE: CVE) intends to repurchase US\$748,009,000 aggregate principal amount (the “Revised Maximum Amount”) of its debt as the result of successful cash tender offers (the “Tender Offers”) for certain of its outstanding Notes (as defined below) announced on June 4, 2019. The repurchase demonstrates continued progress in deleveraging Cenovus’s balance sheet.

The Tender Offers, originally for up to US\$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount (the “Maximum Amount”) of Cenovus’s 4.450% Notes due 2042, 5.200% Notes due 2043, 3.000% Notes due 2022, 4.250% Notes due 2027, 5.250% Notes due 2037, 5.400% Notes due 2047 and 3.800% Notes due 2023 (collectively, the “Notes”) were fully subscribed, and the company has exercised its right to increase the overall principal amount of the repurchase to US\$748,009,000.

Deleveraging remains a top priority for Cenovus after funding its sustaining capital requirements and maintaining its current dividend level. As a result of the company’s recent strong operating and financial performance, Cenovus plans to use internally generated cash to fund these Tender Offers.

The Tender Offers were made to all registered holders (individually, a “Holder” and collectively, the “Holders”) of the Notes upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated June 4, 2019 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, including by this announcement, the “Offer to Purchase”) and related Letter of Transmittal (the “Letter of Transmittal” and, together with the Offer to Purchase, the “Offer Documents”).

According to information received from D.F. King & Co., Inc. (“DF King”), the Tender and Information Agent for the Tender Offers, as of 5:00 p.m. New York City time, on June 17, 2019 (that date and time, the “Early Tender Date”), Cenovus had received valid tenders from Holders of the 4.450% Notes due 2042 and 5.200% Notes due 2043 as outlined in the table below.

Title of Notes	CUSIP/ISIN	Principal Amount Outstanding	Acceptance Priority Level	Principal Amount Tendered	Principal Amount Accepted	Proration Factor
4.450% Notes due 2042	15135UAH2/ US15135UAH23	US\$673,825,000	1	US\$505,561,000	US\$505,561,000	100%
5.200% Notes due 2043	15135UAK5/ US15135UAK51	US\$300,174,000	2	US\$242,448,000	US\$242,448,000	100%

Cenovus intends to accept for purchase US\$748,009,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes, which is the Revised Maximum Amount validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) on or before the Early Tender Date, subject to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offers having been either satisfied or waived by Cenovus. The Notes will be purchased on the

“Early Settlement Date”, which will be determined at Cenovus’s option and is currently expected to occur on June 19, 2019, subject to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offers having been either satisfied or waived by Cenovus.

The amount of each series of Notes that is to be purchased on the Early Settlement Date will be determined in accordance with the acceptance priority levels and the proration procedures described in the Offer Documents, subject to the Revised Maximum Amount. It is expected that the 2042 Notes and the 2043 Notes accepted for purchase will not be subject to proration and none of the 2022 Notes, the 2027 Notes, the 2037 Notes, the 2047 Notes or the 2023 Notes will be accepted for purchase. In addition, because the Tender Offers were fully subscribed as of the Early Tender Date, Holders who validly tender Notes after such date and on or before the Expiration Date (as defined in the Offer Documents) will not have any of their Notes accepted for purchase. Since the Withdrawal Deadline (as defined in the Offer Documents) has passed, Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offers may no longer be withdrawn, except as required by law.

Notes tendered in the Tender Offers that have not been accepted for purchase due to the acceptance priority levels will be returned promptly to the tendering Holders.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offers, the applicable Total Consideration per US\$1,000 principal amount of the Notes will be an amount based on the yield to maturity of the U.S. Treasury reference securities, as determined at 10:00 a.m. New York City time, on June 18, 2019, unless otherwise extended as described in the Offer to Purchase (the “Pricing Date”), plus a fixed spread, calculated in accordance with the Offer Documents.

Full details of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offers are set forth in the Offer Documents, which are available from DF King. Cenovus expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to amend or terminate the Tender Offers at any time. The Tender Offers are not conditioned on any minimum principal amount of Notes being tendered, but the Tender Offers are subject to certain general conditions as described in the Offer to Purchase.

Cenovus has retained Barclays Capital Inc. and MUFG Securities Americas Inc. to act as Dealer Managers for the Tender Offers. DF King has been retained to act as the Tender and Information Agent for the Tender Offers. For additional information regarding the terms of the Tender Offers, please contact Barclays Capital Inc. at (800) 438-3242 (toll free) or (212) 528-7581 (collect) or MUFG Securities Americas Inc. at (877) 744-4532 (toll-free) or (212) 405-7481 (collect). Requests for documents and questions regarding the tendering of Notes may be directed to DF King either by email at [cve@dfking.com](mailto:cve@dfking.com), or by phone (212) 269-5550 (for banks and brokers only) or (866) 796-7182 (for all others toll free).

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or purchase, or a solicitation of an offer to sell or purchase, or the solicitation of tenders with respect to, the Notes. No offer, solicitation, purchase or sale will be made in any jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful. The Tender Offers are being made solely pursuant to the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal made available to Holders of the Notes. None of Cenovus, the Dealer Managers, the Tender and Information Agent or the trustee with respect to the Notes, or any of their respective affiliates, is making any recommendation as to whether or not Holders should tender or refrain from tendering all or

any portion of their Notes in response to the Tender Offers. Holders are urged to evaluate carefully all information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, consult their own investment and tax advisers and make their own decisions whether to tender Notes in the Tender Offers, and, if so, the principal amount of Notes to tender.

### **Forward-Looking Information**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements and other information (collectively “forward-looking information”) about Cenovus’s current expectations, estimates and projections, made in light of the company’s experience and perception of historical trends. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the terms and timing for completion of the Tender Offers, including the acceptance for purchase of any Notes validly tendered and the expected Early Settlement Date and the Expiration Date; the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions of the Tender Offers; and Cenovus’s plan to use internally generated cash for these Tender Offers. Forward-looking information in this document is identified by words such as “believe”, “expect”, “plan”, “should”, “potential”, “capacity”, “strategy”, “target”, “focus” or similar expressions and includes suggestions of future outcomes, including statements about Cenovus’s strategy.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information as the company’s actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied.

Developing forward-looking information involves reliance on a number of assumptions and consideration of certain risks and uncertainties, some of which are specific to Cenovus and others that apply to the industry generally. The factors or assumptions on which the forward-looking information is based include: the successful and timely completion of the Tender Offers, and other risks and uncertainties described from time to time in the filings Cenovus makes with securities regulatory authorities.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists are not exhaustive and are made as at the date hereof. For a full discussion of Cenovus’s material risk factors, see “Risk Management and Risk Factors” in Cenovus’s most recent annual and quarterly Management’s Discussion & Analysis (MD&A), and risk factors described in other documents Cenovus files from time to time with securities regulatory authorities, all of which are available on SEDAR at [sedar.com](http://sedar.com) and EDGAR at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov).

### **Cenovus Energy Inc.**

Cenovus Energy Inc. is a Canadian integrated oil and natural gas company. It is committed to maximizing value by responsibly developing its assets in a safe, innovative and efficient way. Operations include oil sands projects in northern Alberta, which use specialized methods to drill and pump the oil to the surface, and established natural gas and oil production in Alberta and British Columbia. The company also has 50% ownership in two U.S. refineries. Cenovus shares trade under the symbol CVE, and are listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges.

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