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VITAL ENERGY INC. ANNOUNCES NEW \$10 MILLION CREDIT FACILITY

December 5, 2023 - Calgary, Alberta - **Vital Energy Inc. (the "Corporation") (TSX-V: VUX)** announces that it has entered into a loan agreement, effective December 4, 2023, with a company controlled by Mr. Hai Zhou, a director and control person of the Corporation, for a \$10,000,000 credit facility (the "**Credit Facility**"). The Credit Facility matures on December 4, 2024 and funds advanced bear interest at a rate of 12% per annum, payable on the maturity date.

Vital has determined that exemptions from the various requirements of the TSX Venture Exchange Policy 5.9 and Multilateral Instrument 61-101 are available in connection with the Credit Facility (Formal Valuation - Issuer Not Listed on Specified Markets; Minority Approval - Loan to Issuer, No Equity or Voting Component).

Vital Energy Inc. is a publicly traded junior oil and gas company ("VUX" TSXV) whose primary focus is light and medium crude oil production in Western Canada.

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