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## **Crown Point Warns Shareholders: Don't Fall For LAIG's Façade Consider the Facts And Vote the White Proxy To Protect Your Investment**

**TSX-V: CWV: Crown Point Energy Inc.** ("Crown Point" or the "Company") today warned shareholders not to fall for a façade presented by dissident shareholder LAIG Oil Investments ("LAIG") in its attempt to take control of Crown Point's Board and the Company itself. Crown Point also sets the record straight with respect to LAIG's inaccurate criticisms and LAIG's misleading claims.

"Crown Point is ready to move forward with two new, highly-respected and influential Argentine Board members and with the capital and expertise we need to advance our development and exploration program in Argentina," said Gordon Kettleson, Chairman of Crown Point's Board. "We are confident that we can significantly increase our production at Tierra del Fuego ("TDF") in 2015 compared with 2014."

"LAIG is trying to lure shareholders into voting for it based on empty promises and we urge shareholders to see through LAIG's façade," continued Mr. Kettleson. "If LAIG wins control of the Board, Crown Point's future will be at LAIG's mercy and Crown Point's stewardship will be in the hands of three dissidents with no experience as directors of Canadian public companies and a mystery CEO candidate."

Crown Point notes that it has received the recommendation of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"), a leading independent international corporate governance analysis and proxy advisory firm, following a review of the issues raised by both Crown Point and LAIG. ISS recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the Second Tranche and against LAIG, concluding: "Given the financing back-up and the strategic relationship with the strategic investors, and the overall positive trend of expected increasing production volumes, it may be reasonable to allow some more time for management to deliver the results on TDF."<sup>1</sup>

Crown Point reminds shareholders that the only bona fide financing available to Crown Point is its US\$8.5 million second tranche financing (the "Second Tranche") with Crown Point's strategic investors (the "Strategic Investors"). Crown Point urges shareholders to act today and vote the **WHITE** proxy to protect Crown Point's future. Vote **FOR** the Second Tranche, which Crown Point requires to meet its 2015 obligations. Vote **AGAINST** LAIG's resolutions to take control of the Board and ultimately the Company.

### **Second Tranche financing provides critical capital and cements an alliance**

The Second Tranche financing will provide critical capital so that Crown Point can advance its promising 14-well exploration and development program at TDF and a follow-up five-well program that is currently being planned. The 14-well program, which is still underway, has already resulted in significant production growth.

Moreover, Crown Point believes that its alliance with the Strategic Investors, who are providing the Second Tranche financing, will help grow the Company into a significant player in Argentina. The Strategic Investors have strong reputations in Argentina, extensive experience in Argentina's energy

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<sup>1</sup> Permission to quote from the ISS report was neither requested nor received

and banking industries, and deep relationships within the local Argentine business community. Crown Point anticipates that the Strategic Investors will enable Crown Point to gain access to new opportunities through, among other things, acquisitions and farm-ins on strategic assets.

### **LAIG's Façade Versus The Facts**

Crown Point believes that LAIG has repeatedly either embellished or omitted significant details in its communications to Crown Point's shareholders. Supplemental and supporting information can be found in our Management Information Circular (the "Circular") and on our website [www.crownpointenergy.com/proxycontest](http://www.crownpointenergy.com/proxycontest). After reading the Circular, shareholders should consider the following examples and ask themselves, "Is LAIG trustworthy and will it act in the best interests of all shareholders should it gain control of the Board and the Company?"

- **LAIG asks you to believe** in an ability to "leverage" a relationship with Hispania Petroleum ("Hispania"), but the nature of the relationship is not disclosed and there are questions about whether Hispania still owns and operates an oil producing property in Argentina. LAIG's CEO candidate is unnamed and the candidate's experience (or lack thereof) as a CEO of a Canadian public company is undisclosed. Nor has LAIG named the directors that it would appoint to the Board following the special meeting of shareholders.
- **LAIG misleadingly represented itself** as Argentine or Argentine-based until Crown Point disclosed otherwise. Crown Point believes that LAIG, a foreign investor in Argentina whose principals reside in England and Mexico, does not have the kind of deep and influential relationships that Crown Point needs in Argentina, and that Crown Point's Strategic Investors provide.
- **LAIG did not present a balanced picture of itself** – As detailed in our Circular, LAIG has presented a grandiose self-description, which we believe is contradicted by court documents that describe several attempts by LAIG to acquire Argentine oil and gas assets since 2013, none of which appear to have closed. One such attempt resulted in an ongoing lawsuit, with which Crown Point does not want to be associated, against an Argentine oil and gas company.
- **LAIG obscured or embellished** the biographies of its nominees. As detailed in our Circular, we believe the biographies presented by LAIG obscure the inexperience of LAIG's dissident nominees as directors of publicly traded companies.
- **LAIG has refused to disclose** to shareholders the unfavourable and highly dilutive terms of its initial financing proposal (the "Inferior Proposal"), or how LAIG attempted to force the Inferior Proposal on Crown Point in November 2014. LAIG told Crown Point the terms it would "require", and bullied Crown Point to acquiesce on exclusivity within one day by threatening a proxy contest if Crown Point refused.
- **LAIG's flawed new proposal** (the "Last-Minute Proposal") is not a bona fide financing offer. Crown Point's Special Committee has determined, with the advice of counsel, that LAIG's Last-Minute Proposal is not binding, despite LAIG's claim that it is. Shareholders should be aware of the following:
  - LAIG has not presented Crown Point with a definitive agreement or third-party verification that LAIG has the funds available.
  - LAIG has not disclosed that the Last-Minute Proposal would make LAIG a "control person" under TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") rules.

- LAIG has not disclosed that Crown Point requires, but has not applied for or obtained, TSXV approval of the Last-Minute Proposal or the related "control person" transaction.
- There is no vote at the special meeting on the Last-Minute Proposal. LAIG incorrectly claims this is because the Board is not "doing the right thing." In fact the real reason, which LAIG has not disclosed, is because (among other things) there is nothing to vote on: LAIG is soliciting votes to approve a control person financing that does not exist and that has not been approved (and might never be approved) by the TSXV, even though such approval is required. Unlike LAIG, Crown Point takes its legal and regulatory obligations seriously and has obtained the required TSXV approval for the Second Tranche.
- **LAIG isn't bringing anything new** to the table in Crown Point's view other than litigious, risky and ill-conceived ideas. The first four components of LAIG's plan are identical to Crown Point's current plan. The remaining components are fraught with risk, primarily the risk that Crown Point, under LAIG, will be unable to properly function as a Canadian publicly traded company after LAIG closes the Calgary office and eliminates Crown Point's directors and officers with Canadian public company experience.
- **LAIG is trying to mislead** shareholders with unfounded criticisms of management – Crown Point wishes to set the record straight for shareholders pertaining to LAIG's hypocritical and false attacks. Crown Point's management and Board have been acting in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Among other things:
  - LAIG's criticism on dilution is hypocritical: LAIG hypocritically attacks the Second Tranche as a "highly dilutive 'sweetheart' financing", notwithstanding that LAIG's Inferior Proposal (which was delivered to Crown Point before the Second Tranche was agreed to) was far more dilutive. It appears that because LAIG was to be the beneficiary, LAIG had no concern about trying to impose a more dilutive financing on Crown Point and its shareholders.
  - Our El Valle reassessment was prudent: Contrary to LAIG's assertions, in light of disappointing drilling and operating results that were damaging Crown Point's financial performance, Crown Point acted reasonably in narrowing its strategic focus to more prospective concessions. As part of the sale, the purchasers assumed Crown Point's US\$13 million of net future capital commitments in respect of El Valle, money that Crown Point had determined was better invested elsewhere.
  - Our G&A expenses are declining: Crown Point is committed to efficiently managing its G&A expenses and reduced its G&A expenses by 17%, including a 22% decrease in salaries, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with a year earlier. Moreover, contrary to LAIG's assertions, Crown Point does not have two CFOs and two COOs. Our management structure is typical and appropriate for a company with international operations that needs to oversee operations abroad and adhere to regulatory requirements in Canada.
  - LAIG's G&A analysis is flawed and misleading: It has selected four companies as "selected comparables" for the purpose of comparing G&A to gross profit. But for the purpose of applying this ratio, all of these comparables are flawed because the ratio is strongly affected by scale. At Crown Point's size, small changes in production can have a significantly greater favourable or unfavourable impact on this ratio compared with the impact when this ratio is applied to larger operators. By market capitalization, LAIG's purported ratio comparables are significantly larger than Crown Point. For example, Geopark is 15 times larger, Petrobas Argentina is 25 times larger

and APCO Oil and Gas is 30 times larger. Even the smallest, Americas Petrogas, is more than twice the size of Crown Point.

- No misrepresentation of cash by Crown Point: There was no misrepresentation of Crown Point's cash position by the CEO in June 2014 or by the CFO in October 2014, as LAIG alleges. When asked, the CEO and the CFO quite appropriately referenced the most recent public disclosure. To provide LAIG with more current information would have been selective disclosure, which is prohibited under securities laws prevailing in Canada and most other jurisdictions. LAIG should have been aware that it was not entitled to information about the Company's cash position other than what was already disclosed in the public domain. Perhaps this is indicative of LAIG's unfamiliarity with the legal and regulatory regime that Crown Point must comply with.
- Legitimate timing of financing completion: LAIG unfairly criticizes Crown Point for waiting to complete the financing when the Company's stock price was well below the price at the outset of negotiations. Certainly the Company would have preferred to close the transaction earlier, and especially before LAIG demanded that the Board acquiesce to LAIG's Inferior Proposal, but the complex nature of the financing negotiations and the extensive due diligence conducted by both parties took significant amounts of time. In any event, the strategic financing was concluded in a timely fashion at a significant premium to the market price of Crown Point's shares and allowed Crown Point to avoid submitting to LAIG's Inferior Proposal.
- Second Tranche financing structure beyond reproach: LAIG unfairly criticizes Crown Point's financing with the Strategic Investors on the grounds that it was structured in two tranches, with only the Second Tranche being subject to shareholder approval. This structure was formally approved by the TSXV, the only regulatory body that requires Crown Point to obtain shareholder approval for a financing. In contrast, LAIG is seeking a shareholder vote for its Last-Minute Proposal without having obtained TSXV approval, even though such approval is required prior to a shareholder vote being held. It is possible that the Last-Minute Proposal might never be approved by the TSXV.

**We urge you to follow the voting recommendations of Crown Point and ISS, a leading independent international corporate governance analysis and proxy advisory firm**

**Protect Your Investment and Vote the WHITE Proxy FOR the Second Tranche and AGAINST the Dissidents**

To learn more about the reasons for Crown Point's voting recommendations, which have been supported by ISS, shareholders should read Crown Point's proxy materials, including a Letter to Shareholders and Circular, both dated January 22, 2015. The Circular and other materials have been mailed to shareholders and are available on Crown Point's website at [www.crownpointenergy.com/proxycontest](http://www.crownpointenergy.com/proxycontest) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**ACT NOW** – Vote before 10:00 am Calgary time on February 20, 2015. Vote for growth, investment and experience for Crown Point. Vote to halt LAIG's opportunism.

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### **About Crown Point**

Crown Point Energy Inc. is an international oil and gas exploration and development company headquartered in Calgary, Canada, incorporated in Canada, trading on the TSX Venture Exchange and operating in South America. Crown Point's exploration and development activities are focused in the Austral and Neuquén basins in Argentina. Crown Point has a strategy that focuses on establishing a portfolio of producing properties, plus production enhancement and exploration opportunities to provide a basis for future growth.

### **Advisory**

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*This press release contains forward-looking information concerning, among other things, the following: the Company's assessment of LAIG's motivations, capabilities and the intended outcomes of its actions; the Company's assessment that it can materially increase its production at Tierra Del Fuego (TDF) in 2015 compared with 2014; the Company's assessment that if LAIG wins control of the Board, Crown Point's financial future will be at LAIG's mercy and Crown Point's stewardship will be in the hands of three dissidents with no experience as directors of Canadian companies; Crown Point's belief that its alliance with its strategic investors, who are providing the Second Tranche financing, will help grow the Company into a significant player in Argentina; Crown Point's belief that the strategic investors will enable Crown Point to gain access to new opportunities through, among other things, acquisitions and farm-ins on strategic assets; Crown Point's assessment of the potential risks associated with LAIG's purported business plan for Crown Point; and matters with respect to the date and time for the meeting and anticipated proxy cut-offs for the same.*

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