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Laredo Petroleum Announces Second-Quarter 2022 Financial and Operating Results

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Updates Full-Year 2022 Outlook and Issues Preliminary 2023 Outlook

TULSA, OK, Aug. 03, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (NYSE: LPI) ("Laredo" or the "Company") today announced its second-quarter 2022 financial and operating results. Supplemental slides have been posted to the Company's website and can be found at www.laredoenergy.com. A conference call and webcast to discuss the results is planned for 7:30 a.m. CT, Thursday, August 4, 2022. Complete details can be found within this release.

Highlights

- Reported net income of \$262.5 million and cash flows from operating activities of \$368.1 million, generating Adjusted EBITDA¹ of \$278.4 million and Free Cash Flow² of \$110.5 million
- Produced 40,553 barrels of oil per day ("BOPO") and 87,032 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("BOEOPD"), increases of 53% and 1%, respectively, compared to second-quarter 2021
- Increased capital expenditures of \$138 million, excluding non-budgeted acquisitions and leasehold expenditures
- Increased total liquidity to \$1.14 billion from \$646 million in first-quarter 2022
- Reduced Net Debt³/Consolidated EBITDA⁴ ratio to 1.4x from 1.9x in first-quarter 2022
- Repurchased 184,173 shares for \$16.1 million and \$91.4 million face value of term-debt at 98% of par value, year to date, of which 85,161 shares and \$32.0 million face value of term-debt repurchases were executed during the second quarter

Our strong financial results in the second quarter are a direct result of our multi-year strategic transformation," stated Jason Pigott, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We delivered record Adjusted EBITDA and Free Cash Flow, introduced a plan to return capital to shareholders through a \$200 million equity repurchase program and repurchased more than \$40 million of equity and debt. All \$100 oil for the remainder of 2022 and \$90 of for 2023, we expect to deliver approximately \$80 million of Free Cash Flow for full-year 2022 and 2023 combined and to continue repurchasing our equity and debt."

Second-Quarter 2022 Financial and Operations Summary

Financial Results: For the second quarter of 2022, the Company reported net income attributable to common stockholders of \$262.5 million, or \$15.41 per diluted share. Adjusted Net Income⁵ for the second quarter of 2022 was \$127.8 million, or \$7.50 per adjusted diluted share. Adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter of 2022 was \$278.4 million.

Non-GAAP financial measure: please see supplemental reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures at the end of this release.

Production: In the second quarter of 2022, the Company's total oil and production averaged 87,032 BOEOPD and 40,553 BOPO, respectively. Total oil and production for the second quarter were reduced by 937 BOEOPD and 672 BOPO, respectively, for working interest adjustments to wells that reached payout prior to second-quarter 2022 for non-leased mineral owners.

Operating Expenses: Lease operating expenses ("LOE") in second-quarter 2022 were \$5.39 per BOE. Total LOE is expected to remain relatively flat for the remainder of the year, with unit LOE increasing slightly as total volumes are expected to decline.

Capital Investments: During the second quarter of 2022, Laredo completed 11 wells and turned-in-line ("TIL") seven wells. Total incurred capital expenditures were \$138 million, excluding non-budgeted acquisitions and leasehold expenditures. Total investments included \$112 million in drilling and completions activities, including \$12 million of non-operated capital, \$6 million in land, exploration and data related costs, \$13 million in infrastructure, including Laredo Midstream Services Investments, and \$7 million in other capitalized costs.

Equity and Debt Repurchases: During the second quarter of 2022, Laredo purchased 85,161 shares for \$16.1 million at an average price of \$106.50 per share. The Company purchased \$32.0 million face value of term debt at 101% of par value.

Liquidity: At June 30, 2022, the Company had no outstanding borrowings on its \$1.1 billion senior secured credit facility, including cash and cash equivalents of \$148 million, total liquidity was \$1.148 billion.

2022 Outlook

Later in the second quarter of 2022, Laredo TIL'd six well Leach package, developed in the Company's most southeastern unit of its Howard County leasehold. The package has been producing for approximately 60 days, with the expected increase in oil production slower than expected. Production guidance for the remainder of 2022 has been adjusted to reflect the current range of outcomes for the Leach wells. No additional completions are planned in this unit until 2024 and the Company will adjust development strategies based on the longer term performance of the package. Full-year 2022 total oil and production was revised from a range of 82.0 - 86.0 MBOPD and 39.5 - 42.5 MBOPD, respectively, to 82.0 - 83.5 MBOPD and 38.0 - 39.0 MBOPD, respectively. Free Cash Flow for full-year 2022 is projected to be approximately \$230 million at \$100 WTI for the remainder of the year versus previous projections of \$350 million.

The Company is currently operating two drilling rigs and one completions crew and expects to complete 11 wells and TIL 13 wells during the third quarter of 2022 and to complete 13 - 15 wells and TIL 12 - 17 wells during the fourth quarter of 2022. Laredo expects incurred capital expenditures for full-year 2022 to be in-line with its previously updated capital budget of \$650 million.

2023 Preliminary Outlook

Laredo anticipates operated activity levels in 2023 will be comparable to 2022 with an annual average of approximately two drilling rigs and 1.4 completions crews. Total capital expenditures, based on current service costs and anticipated activity levels, are expected to be approximately \$585 million.

At this time, the Company expects that the planned investments in 2023 will result in low single-digit oil growth. At \$90 WTI for full-year 2023, Free Cash Flow is expected to be approximately \$550 million.

Updated 2022 Projections

The table below reflects the Company's guidance for total oil and production and incurred capital expenditures for third-quarter, fourth-quarter and full-year 2022.

	3Q-22E	4Q-22E	FY-22E
Total production (MMBOE per day)	78.5 - 81.5	77.5 - 80.5	82.0 - 83.5
Oil production (MMBOPD)	35.5 - 37.5	35.5 - 37.5	36.0 - 39.0
Incurred capital expenditures, excluding non-budgeted acquisitions (\$ MM)	-\$120	-\$120	-\$650

The table below reflects the Company's guidance for select revenue and expense items for the third quarter of 2022.

	3Q-22E
Average sales price realizations (excluding derivatives):	
Oil (% of WTI)	103%
NGL (% of WTI)	31%
Natural gas (% of Henry Hub)	72%
Net settlements received (paid) for matured commodity derivatives (\$ MM):	
Oil	(\$10)
NGL	(\$12)
Natural gas	(\$30)
Selected average costs & expenses:	
Lease operating expenses (\$/BOE)	\$5.70
Production and ad valorem taxes (% of OIL and natural gas sales revenue)	7.00%
Transportation and marketing expenses (\$/BOE)	\$1.75
General and administrative expenses (excluding LTP) (\$/BOE)	\$1.80
General and administrative expenses (LTP) cash (\$/BOE)	\$0.40
General and administrative expenses (LTP) non-cash (\$/BOE)	\$0.30
Depreciation, amortization and impairment (\$/BOE)	\$10.25

Conference Call Details

On Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. CT, Laredo will host a conference call to discuss its second-quarter financial and operating results and management's outlook, the content of which is not part of this earnings release. A slide presentation providing summary financial and statistical information that will be discussed on the call will be posted to the Company's website and available for review. The Company invites interested parties to listen to the call via the Company's website at www.laredoenergy.com, under the tab for "Investor Relations." Portfolio managers and analysts who would like to participate on the call should call 800.715.9871, using conference code 692277. A replay will be available following the call via the Company's website.

About Laredo

Laredo Petroleum, Inc. is an independent energy company with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Laredo's business strategy is focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin of West Texas.

Additional information about Laredo may be found on its website at www.laredoenergy.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release and any oral statements made regarding the contents of this release, including in the conference call referenced herein, contain forward-looking statements as defined under Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, that address activities that Laredo assumes, plans, expects, believes, intends, projects, indicates, enables, contemplates, estimates or anticipates (and other similar expressions) will, should or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on management's current belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risk, assumptions and uncertainties. General risks relating to Laredo include, but are not limited to, the decline in prices of oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas and the related impact to financial statements as a result of asset impairments and revisions to reserve estimates, the ability of the Company to execute its strategies, including its ability to successfully identify and consummate strategic acquisitions or purchase prices that are accretive to its financial results and to successfully complete acquired businesses, assets and properties, "Resource potential" is used by the Company to refer to the estimated quantities of hydrocarbons that may be added to proved reserves, largely from a specified region (likely) supporting numerous drilling locations. A "Resource play" is a term used by the Company to describe an accumulation of hydrocarbons known to exist over a large area (expansive and/or thick) and/or potentially supporting numerous drilling locations, which, when compared to a conventional play, typically has a lower geological and/or commercial development risk. "EURs" are based on the Company's previous operating experience in a given area and publicly available information relating to the operations of producers who are conducting operations in these areas. Unbooked resource potential and "EURs" do not constitute reserves within the Permian Basin, to cold weather, possible impacts of litigation and regulations, the impact of the Company's transactions, if any, with its securities from time to time, the impact of new laws and regulations, including those regarding the use of hydraulic fracturing, the impact of new environmental, health and safety requirements applicable to the Company's business activities, the possibility of the estimation of federal income tax deductions for oil and gas exploration and development and other factors, including those and other risks described in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and those set forth from time to time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These documents are available through Laredo's website at www.laredoenergy.com under the tab "Investor Relations" or through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Analysis Retrieval System at www.sec.gov. Any of these factors could cause Laredo's actual results and plans to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, Laredo can give no assurance that its future results will be as estimated. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. Laredo does not intend to, and disclaims any obligation to, correct, update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

The SEC generally permits oil and natural gas companies, in filings made with the SEC, to disclose proved reserves, which are reserve estimates that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, and certain probable and possible reserves that meet the SEC's definitions for such terms. In this press release and the conference call, the Company may use the terms "resource potential," "resource play," "estimated ultimate recovery" or "EURs," "type curve" and "standardized measure," each of which the SEC guidelines restrict from being included in filings with the SEC without strict compliance with SEC definitions. These terms refer to the Company's internal estimates of unbooked hydrocarbon quantities that may be potentially discovered through exploratory drilling or recovered with additional drilling or recovery techniques. "Resource potential" is used by the Company to refer to the estimated quantities of hydrocarbons that may be added to proved reserves, largely from a specified region (likely) supporting numerous drilling locations. A "Resource play" is a term used by the Company to describe an accumulation of hydrocarbons known to exist over a large area (expansive and/or thick) and/or potentially supporting numerous drilling locations, which, when compared to a conventional play, typically has a lower geological and/or commercial development risk. "EURs" are based on the Company's previous operating experience in a given area and publicly available information relating to the operations of producers who are conducting operations in these areas. Unbooked resource potential and "EURs" do not constitute reserves within the Permian Basin, to cold weather, possible impacts of litigation and regulations, the impact of the Company's transactions, if any, with its securities from time to time, the impact of new laws and regulations, including those regarding the use of hydraulic fracturing, the impact of new environmental, health and safety requirements applicable to the Company's business activities, the possibility of the estimation of federal income tax deductions for oil and gas exploration and development and other factors, including those and other risks described in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and those set forth from time to time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These documents are available through Laredo's website at www.laredoenergy.com under the tab "Investor Relations" or through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Analysis Retrieval System at www.sec.gov. Any of these factors could cause Laredo's actual results and plans to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, Laredo can give no assurance that its future results will be as estimated. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. Laredo does not intend to, and disclaims any obligation to, correct, update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

This press release and any accompanying disclosures include financial measures that are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), such as Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Free Cash Flow. While management believes that such measures are useful for investors, they should not be used as a replacement for financial measures that are in accordance with GAAP. For a reconciliation of such non-GAAP financial measures to the nearest comparable measure in accordance with GAAP, please see the supplemental financial information at the end of this press release.

Unless otherwise specified, references to "average sales price" refer to average sales price excluding the effects of the Company's derivative transactions.

All amounts, dollars and percentages presented in this press release are rounded and therefore approximate.

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.

Selected operating data

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
Sales volumes:				
Oil (MMbbl)	3,690	2,406	7,317	4,590
NGL (MMbbl)	2,100	2,651	4,094	4,872
Natural gas (MMcf)	12,774	17,169	25,017	32,799
Oil equivalents (MMBOE) ⁽¹⁾	7,920	7,819	15,881	14,828
Average daily oil equivalent sales volumes (BOEOPD) ⁽²⁾	87,032	85,824	86,665	82,405
Average daily oil sales volumes (BOOPD) ⁽²⁾	40,553	26,440	40,424	26,567
Average sales prices⁽²⁾:				
Oil (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾	\$ 111.20	\$ 65.55	\$ 103.17	\$ 62.19
NGL (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.82	\$ 34.52	\$ 33.67	\$ 17.48
Natural gas (\$/Mcf) ⁽²⁾	\$ 5.21	\$ 1.81	\$ 4.20	\$ 1.96
Average sales price (\$/BOE) ⁽²⁾	\$ 69.38	\$ 29.71	\$ 64.22	\$ 29.13
Oil, with commodity derivatives (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾	\$ 74.72	\$ 47.00	\$ 71.01	\$ 46.06
NGL, with commodity derivatives (\$/bbl) ⁽²⁾	\$ 12.24	\$ 19.24	\$ 16.65	\$ 10.81
Natural gas, with commodity derivatives (\$/Mcf) ⁽²⁾	\$ 3.33	\$ 1.46	\$ 2.90	\$ 1.55
Average sales price, with commodity derivatives (\$/BOE) ⁽²⁾	\$ 47.41	\$ 21.05	\$ 45.01	\$ 21.10
Selected average costs and expenses per BOE sold:				
Lease operating expenses	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.29	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.29
Production and ad valorem taxes	4.17	1.88	3.88	1.88
Transportation and marketing expenses	1.39	1.37	1.65	1.53
Midstream service expenses	0.22	0.09	0.20	0.10
General and administrative (excluding LTP)	1.71	1.60	1.72	1.48
Total selected operating expenses	\$ 12.78	\$ 7.47	\$ 12.72	\$ 7.56
General and administrative (LTP):				
LTP cash	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.59
LTP non-cash	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.21
Depreciation, amortization and amortization	\$ 9.87	\$ 5.11	\$ 9.73	\$ 5.23

(1) BOE is calculated using a conversion rate of six Mcf per one bbl.

Net income (loss)	\$	262,546	\$	(132,661)	\$	175,765	\$	(208,100)
Plus:								
Mark-to-market on derivatives:								
Loss on derivatives, net		65,927		216,942		391,743		371,307
Settlements paid for matured derivatives, net		(172,454)		(57,607)		(297,824)		(98,711)
Net premiums paid for commodity derivatives that matured during the period ⁽¹⁾		—		(10,183)		—		(21,188)
Organizational restructuring expenses		—		9,800		—		9,800
Transaction expenses		—		1,241		—		1,241
Impairment expense		—		1,613		—		1,613
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		798		(96)		798		—
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net		(38)		(66)		222		6
Income tax expense (benefit)		7,092		(1,322)		6,215		(2,084)
Adjusted income before adjusted income tax expense		163,871		28,257		276,919		54,314
Adjusted income tax expense ⁽²⁾		(96,022)		(6,217)		(60,322)		(17,349)
Adjusted Net Income (non-GAAP)	\$	127,819	\$	22,040	\$	215,997	\$	42,305
Net income (loss) per common share:								
Basic	\$	15.00	\$	(10.47)	\$	10.46	\$	(16.50)
Diluted	\$	15.41	\$	(10.47)	\$	10.31	\$	(16.92)
Adjusted Net Income per common share:								
Basic	\$	7.59	\$	1.74	\$	12.86	\$	3.44
Diluted	\$	7.50	\$	1.74	\$	12.68	\$	3.44
Adjusted diluted	\$	7.50	\$	1.71	\$	12.68	\$	3.40
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:								
Basic		16,834		12,674		16,800		12,298
Diluted		17,039		12,674		17,040		12,298
Adjusted diluted		17,039		12,686		17,040		12,476

(1) Reflects net premiums paid previously or upon settlement that are attributable to derivatives settled in the respective periods presented.

(2) Adjusted income tax expense is calculated by applying a statutory tax rate of 22% for each of the periods ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

Adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited)

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that the Company defines as net income or loss (GAAP) plus adjustments for share-settled equity-based compensation, depletion, depreciation and amortization, impairment expense, mark-to-market on derivatives, premiums paid or received for commodity derivatives that matured during the period, accretion expense, gains or losses on disposal of assets, interest expense, income taxes and other non-recurring income and expenses. Adjusted EBITDA provides no information regarding a company's capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, working capital movement or tax position. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent funds available for future discretionary use because it excludes funds required for debt service, capital expenditures, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. However, management believes Adjusted EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating the Company's operating performance because this measure:

- is widely used by investors in the oil and natural gas industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items that can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods, the book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired, among other factors;
- helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of the Company's operations from period to period by removing the effect of its capital structure from its operating structure; and
- is used by management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to the Company's board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

There are significant limitations to the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effect of certain recurring and non-recurring items that materially affect the Company's net income or loss and the lack of comparability of results of operations to different companies due to the different methods of calculating Adjusted EBITDA reported by different companies. The Company's measurements of Adjusted EBITDA for financial reporting are compared to compliance under its debt agreements often.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) (GAAP) to Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP) for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 30,			
	2022		2021		2022		2021	
Net income (loss)	\$	262,546	\$	(132,661)	\$	175,765	\$	(208,100)
Plus:								
Share-settled equity-based compensation, net		2,604		1,730		4,657		3,798
Depletion, depreciation and amortization		78,135		39,876		151,627		78,095
Impairment expense		—		1,613		—		1,613
Organizational restructuring expenses		—		9,800		—		9,800
Transaction expenses		—		1,241		—		1,241
Mark-to-market on derivatives:								
Loss on derivatives, net		65,927		216,942		391,743		371,307
Settlements paid for matured derivatives, net		(172,454)		(57,607)		(297,824)		(98,711)
Net premiums paid for commodity derivatives that matured during the period ⁽¹⁾		—		(10,183)		—		(21,188)
Accretion expense		973		1,158		1,992		2,301
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net		(38)		(66)		222		6
Interest expense		32,807		25,870		65,284		51,816
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		798		—		798		—
Income tax expense (benefit)		7,092		(1,322)		6,215		(2,084)
Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP)	\$	278,390	\$	96,991	\$	500,479	\$	190,314

(1) Reflects net premiums paid previously or upon settlement that are attributable to derivatives settled in the respective periods presented.

Consolidated EBITDAX (Unaudited)

Consolidated EBITDAX is a non-GAAP financial measure defined in the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility as net income or loss (GAAP) plus adjustments for extraordinary gains (or losses), non-cash recurring gains (or losses), depletion, depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense, any provisions for (or benefit from) income or franchise taxes, exploration expenses and other non-cash charges. Consolidated EBITDAX is used by the Company's management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance and compliance under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility. Additional information on the calculation of Consolidated EBITDAX can be found in the Company's Eighth Amendment to the Senior Secured Credit Facility as filed with the SEC on April 19, 2022.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) (GAAP) to Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP) for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended							
	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021					
Net income (loss)	\$	262,546	\$	(86,781)	\$	216,276	\$	136,832
Plus:								
Share-settled equity-based compensation, net		2,604		2,063		2,066		1,811
Depletion, depreciation and amortization		78,135		73,492		74,592		62,678
Mark-to-market on derivatives:								
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net		65,927		325,816		(15,372)		96,240
Settlements paid for matured derivatives, net		(172,454)		(125,370)		(129,361)		(92,726)
Accretion expense		973		1,519		1,028		906
Gain on sale of oil and natural gas properties, net		—		—		—		(95,223)
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net		(38)		260		8,903		22
Interest expense		32,807		32,477		31,163		30,406
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net		798		—		—		—
Income tax expense (benefit)		7,092		(877)		3,054		2,877
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP)	\$	278,390	\$	322,089	\$	192,346	\$	143,993

Net Debt, a non-GAAP financial measure, is calculated as the face value of long-term debt plus any outstanding letters of credit, less cash and cash equivalents. Management believes Net Debt is useful to management and investors in determining the Company's leverage position since the Company has the ability, and may decide, to use a portion of its cash and cash equivalents to reduce debt. Net Debt as of June 30, 2022 is \$1,159 billion.

Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX (Unaudited)

Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX, a non-GAAP financial measure, is calculated as Net Debt divided by Consolidated EBITDAX for the previous four quarters, as defined in the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility. Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX is used by the Company's management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to its board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

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