

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Announces Third Quarter 2024 Financial and Operating Results

November 4, 2024

FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 04, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- HighPeak Energy, Inc. ("HighPeak" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: HPK) today announced financial and operating results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2024, and provided updated 2024 production guidance.

Highlights

Third Quarter 2024

- Sales volumes averaged 51,346 barrels of crude oil equivalent per day ("Boe/d"), consisting of 88% liquids (crude oil and NGL), representing a 6% increase over the second quarter 2024.
- Net income was \$49.9 million, or \$0.35 per diluted share, and EBITDAX (a non-GAAP financial measure defined and reconciled below) was \$214.3 million, or \$1.51 per diluted share.
- Generated free cash flow (a non-GAAP financial measure defined and reconciled below) of \$36.1 million, which marks the fifth consecutive quarter of positive free cash flow generation.
- The Company reduced long-term debt by \$30 million during the third quarter and has reduced long-term debt by \$90 million year-to-date, paid a quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share and continued to execute its share buyback plan by repurchasing over 870,000 shares during the third quarter.

Recent Events

- Increased 2024 average production guidance by more than 5% from the second quarter guidance revision and 10% from our original 2024 guidance to a range of 48,000 to 51,000 Boe/d expected for the full year 2024.
- On November 4, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per common share outstanding payable in December 2024.

Statement from HighPeak Chairman and CEO, Jack Hightower:

"We promised this would be a year marked by steady and reliable achievements, and I am proud we have continued to demonstrate that commitment. There are three main takeaways from our third quarter results. First, our current well performance has led us to increase our full year production guidance 10% higher than originally projected. Second, our operations team continues to tighten costs, resulting in more capital and operating efficiencies across the corporate structure. Third, we continue to generate free cash flow, more than \$200 million over the last five quarters, which in turn has strengthened our balance sheet and positioned us to take advantage of opportunities that increase shareholder value.

"With HighPeak's core values of maintaining disciplined operations, strengthening our balance sheet and maximizing value for our shareholders, we will finish strong in 2024 and set the course for continued momentum in 2025. Concurrently, we will remain diligent in our strategic alternatives process, with the goal of identifying a line of sight that will realize optimal value of this high quality asset."

Third Quarter 2024 Operational Update

HighPeak's sales volumes during the third quarter of 2024 averaged 51,346 Boe/d, a 6% increase over second quarter of 2024. Third quarter sales volumes consisted of approximately 88% liquids (crude oil and NGL).

The Company ran two drilling rigs and one frac crew during the third quarter, drilled 17 gross (16.9 net) horizontal wells and completed 14 gross (10.5 net) producing horizontal wells. At September 30, 2024, the Company had 24 gross (23.9 net) horizontal wells and 1 gross (1.0 net) salt-water disposal well in various stages of drilling and completion.

HighPeak President, Michael Hollis, commented,

"The third quarter was another operationally disciplined, beat-and-raise quarter for HighPeak Energy. We increased the midpoint of our yearly production guide by an additional 5%, which is up 10% from our original guide. We also have exciting results both in our northern extension areas and our first well in the Middle Spraberry zone. The results of these successful wells bolster our massive runway of over 1,150 sub \$50 oil breakeven drilling location inventory. At our current development cadence, that is over two decades of highly economic inventory.

"As most are aware, there are structural differences between the Delaware and the Midland Basins that results in the D,C&E cost to be less in the Midland Basin. These structural differences of depth, pressure and horse-power requirements for stimulation can lead to over \$3 million of savings per well. HighPeak's acreage enjoys similar structural differences compared with the more central portions of the Midland Basin. HighPeak's D,C&E costs are roughly \$2 million dollars cheaper per well than average Midland Basin wells. Generating similar oil recoveries for roughly 25% less cost per foot, generates superior returns. Sustaining this for decades will drive significant shareholder value.

"The HighPeak team continues to be focused on reducing operational and capital costs. All the hard work and effort over the last few years is now paying off. HighPeak lowered the midpoint of its 2024 LOE guide by 12.5% last quarter and we reaffirm our LOE range and tightened capital expenditure range for 2024. As continuous improvement is in our DNA, we look forward to achieving additional efficiency gains in 2025."

Third Quarter 2024 Financial Results

HighPeak reported net income of \$49.9 million for the third quarter of 2024, or \$0.35 per diluted share. The Company reported EBITDAX of \$214.3 million, or \$1.51 per diluted share.

Third quarter average realized prices were \$75.99 per barrel ("\$/Bbl") of crude oil, \$21.14 per barrel of NGL and \$0.42 per Mcf of natural gas, resulting in an overall realized price of \$57.49 per Boe, or 76.3% of the weighted average of NYMEX crude oil prices, excluding the effects of derivatives. HighPeak's cash costs for the third quarter were \$11.81 per Boe, including lease operating expenses of \$7.12 per Boe, workover expenses of \$0.38 per Boe, production and ad valorem taxes of \$3.26 per Boe and G&A expenses of \$1.05 per Boe. As a result, the Company's unhedged EBITDAX per Boe was \$45.68, or 79.5% of the overall realized price per Boe for the quarter, excluding the effects of derivatives.

HighPeak's third quarter 2024 capital expenditures to drill, complete, equip, provide facilities and for infrastructure were \$140.0 million.

Dividends

During the third quarter of 2024, HighPeak's Board of Directors approved a quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share, or \$5.0 million in dividends paid to stockholders during the quarter. In addition, in November 2024, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share, or approximately \$5.0 million in dividends, to be paid on December 23, 2024 to stockholders of record on December 2, 2024.

Conference Call

HighPeak will host a conference call and webcast on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time for investors and analysts to discuss its results for the third quarter of 2024. Conference call participants may register for the call <u>here</u>. Access to the live audio-only webcast and replay of the earnings release conference call may be found <u>here</u>. A live broadcast of the earnings conference call will also be available on the HighPeak Energy website at <u>www.highpeakenergy.com</u> under the "Investors" section of the website. A replay will also be available on the website following the call.

When available, a copy of the Company's earnings release, investor presentation and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may be found on its website at www.highpeakenergy.com.

About HighPeak Energy, Inc.

HighPeak Energy, Inc. is a publicly traded independent crude oil and natural gas company, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional crude oil and natural gas reserves in the Midland Basin in West Texas. For more information, please visit our website at <u>www.highpeakenergy.com</u>.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The information in this press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. When used in this document, the words "believes," "plans," "expects," "anticipates," "forecasts," "intends," "continue," "may," "will," "could," "should," "future," "potential," "estimate" or the negative of such terms and similar expressions as they relate to HighPeak Energy, Inc. ("HighPeak Energy," the "Company" or the "Successor") are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which are generally not historical in nature. The forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about the Company and the industry in which the Company operates. Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, they involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, in many cases, beyond the Company's control. For example, the Company's review of strategic alternatives may not result in a sale of the Company, a recommendation that a transaction occur or result in a completed transaction, and any transaction that occurs may not increase shareholder value, in each case as a result of such risks and uncertainties.

These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, the results of the strategic review being undertaken by the Company's Board and the interest of prospective counterparties, the Company's ability to realize the results contemplated by its 2024 guidance, volatility of commodity prices, product supply and demand, the impact of a widespread outbreak of an illness, such as the coronavirus disease pandemic, on global and U.S. economic activity, competition, the ability to obtain environmental and other permits and the timing thereof, other government regulation or action, the ability to obtain approvals from third parties and negotiate agreements with third parties on mutually acceptable terms, litigation, the costs and results of drilling and operations, availability of ransportation, processing, fractionation, refining and storage facilities, HighPeak Energy's ability to replace reserves, implement its business plans or complete its development activities as scheduled, access to and cost of capital, the financial strength of counterparties to any credit facility and derivative contracts entered into by HighPeak Energy, if any, and purchasers of HighPeak Energy's oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas production, uncertainties about estimates of reserves, identification of drilling locations and the ability to add proved reserves in the future, the assumptions underlying forecasts, including forecasts of production, expenses, cash flow from sales of oil and gas and tax rates, quality of technical data, environmental and weather risks, including the possible impacts of climate change, cybersecurity risks and acts of war or terrorism. These and other risks are described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the SEC. The Company undertakes no duty to publicly update these statements except as required by law.

Reserve engineering is a process of estimating underground accumulations of hydrocarbons that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and price and cost assumptions made by reserve engineers. Reserves estimates included herein may not be indicative of the level of reserves or PV-10 value of oil and natural gas production in the future. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production activities may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions could impact HighPeak's strategy and change the schedule of any further production and development drilling. Accordingly, reserve estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered.

Use of Projections

The financial, operational, industry and market projections, estimates and targets in this press release and in the Company's guidance (including production, operating expenses and capital expenditures in future periods) are based on assumptions that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the Company's control. The assumptions and estimates underlying the projected, expected or target results are inherently uncertain and are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the financial, operational, industry and market projections, estimates and targets, including assumptions, risks and uncertainties described in "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" above.

These projections are speculative by their nature and, accordingly, are subject to significant risk of not being actually realized by the Company. Projected results of the Company for 2024 are particularly speculative and subject to change. Actual results may vary materially from the current projections, including for reasons beyond the Company's control. The projections are based on current expectations and available information as of the date of this release. The Company undertakes no duty to publicly update these projections except as required by law.

Drilling Locations

The Company has estimated its drilling locations based on well spacing assumptions and upon the evaluation of its drilling results and those of other operators in its area, combined with its interpretation of available geologic and engineering data. The drilling locations actually drilled on the Company's properties will depend on the availability of capital, regulatory approvals, commodity prices, costs, actual drilling results and other factors. Any drilling activities conducted on these identified locations may not be successful and may not result in additional proved reserves. Further, to the extent the drilling locations are associated with acreage that expires, the Company would lose its right to develop the related locations.

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Data (In thousands)

		ptember 30, 2024	December 31, 2023		
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	135,573	\$	194,515	
Accounts receivable		76,444		94,589	
Derivative instruments		24,843		31,480	
Inventory		7,966		7,254	
Prepaid expenses		3,921		995	
Total current assets		248,747		328,833	
Crude oil and natural gas properties, using the successful efforts method of accounting:					
Proved properties		3,798,128		3,338,107	
Unproved properties		75,088		72,715	
Accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization		(1,079,113)		(684,179)	
Total crude oil and natural gas properties, net		2,794,103		2,726,643	
Other property and equipment, net		3,483		3,572	
Derivative instruments		_		16,059	
Other noncurrent assets		15,133		5,684	
Total assets	\$	3,061,466	\$	3,080,791	
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt, net	\$	120,000	\$	120,000	
Accounts payable – trade		52,557		63,583	
Accrued capital expenditures		30,388		39,231	
Revenues and royalties payable		28,532		29,724	
Other accrued liabilities		25,499		19,613	
Derivative instruments		1,937		13,054	
Advances from joint interest owners		425		262	
Operating leases		290		528	
Accrued interest		_		1,398	
Total current liabilities		259,628		287,393	
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Long-term debt, net		953,825		1,030,299	
Deferred income taxes		227,966		197,068	
Asset retirement obligations		14,231		13,245	
Operating leases		126		_	
Derivative instruments		_		65	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' equity					
Common stock		13		13	
Additional paid-in capital		1,173,231		1,189,424	
Retained earnings		432,446		363,284	
Total stockholders' equity		1,605,690		1,552,721	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,061,466	\$	3,080,791	
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HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share data)

	Thre	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nir	eptember 30,			
		2024		2023	2024		2023	
Operating revenues:								
Crude oil sales	\$	270,636	\$	338,372	\$	827,595	\$	790,458
NGL and natural gas sales		942		7,214		7,013		19,682
Total operating revenues		271,578		345,586		834,608		810,140
Operating costs and expenses:								
Crude oil and natural gas production		35,413		39,820		98,482		107,696
Production and ad valorem taxes		15,412		18,839		46,410		44,395
Exploration and abandonments		362		1,728		1,027		4,372
Depletion, depreciation and amortization		136,578		117,420		395,121		291,562
Accretion of discount		241		122		722		360
General and administrative		4,971		6,934		14,391		11,952
Stock-based compensation		3,753		14,057		11,326		22,095
Total operating costs and expenses		196,730		198,920		567,479		482,432
Other expense		1,404		540		3,405		8,042
Income from operations		73,444		146,126		263,724		319,666
Interest income		2,172		730		6,964		923
Interest expense		(42,579)		(37,022)		(129,204)		(103,278)
Loss on derivative instruments, net		32,334		(29,655)		(23,411)		(30,898)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		_		(27,300)		_		(27,300)
Income before income taxes		65,371		52,879		118,073		159,113
Income tax expense		15,438		14,100		31,985		38,251
Net income	\$	49,933	\$	38,779	\$	86,088	\$	120,862
Earnings per share:								
Basic net income	\$	0.36	\$	0.28	\$	0.62	\$	0.94
Diluted net income	\$	0.35	\$	0.28	\$	0.60	\$	0.90
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic		124,988		123,159		125,595		115,164
Diluted		129,094		127,006		129,581		120,531
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.04	\$	0.025	\$	0.12	\$	0.075

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
		2024		2023			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:							
Net income	\$	86,088	\$	120,862			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:							
Provision for deferred income taxes		30,898		38,251			
Loss on extinguishment of debt		—		27,300			
Loss on derivative instruments		23,411		30,898			
Cash paid on settlement of derivative instruments		(11,897)		(21,032)			
Amortization of debt issuance costs		6,199		9,352			
Amortization of original issue discounts on long-term debt		7,385		12,660			
Stock-based compensation expense		11,326		22,095			
Accretion expense		722		360			
Depletion, depreciation and amortization expense		395,121		291,562			

Exploration and abandonment expense	386	3,747
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	18,145	(29,385)
Prepaid expenses, inventory and other assets	(12,387)	(1,628)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other current liabilities	 (4,524)	 16,700
Net cash provided by operating activities	 550,873	521,742
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to crude oil and natural gas properties	(452,148)	(840,663)
Changes in working capital associated with crude oil and natural gas property additions	(13,214)	(86,468)
Acquisitions of crude oil and natural gas properties	(10,367)	(9,602)
Proceeds from sales of properties	118	—
Deposit and other costs related to pending acquisitions	—	(409)
Other property additions	 (216)	(103)
Net cash used in investing activities	 (475,827)	(937,245)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayments under Term Loan Credit Agreement	(90,000)	—
Repurchased shares under buyback program	(27,247)	—
Dividends paid	(15,082)	(8,706)
Dividend equivalents paid	(1,602)	(903)
Debt issuance costs	(58)	(26,401)
Proceeds from exercises of warrants	1	1,728
Borrowings under Term Loan Credit Agreement	—	1,170,000
Repayments under Prior Credit Agreement	—	(525,000)
Repayments of 10.000% Senior Notes and 10.625% Senior Notes	—	(475,000)
Borrowings under Prior Credit Agreement	_	255,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	—	155,768
Stock offering costs	—	(5,371)
Premium on extinguishment of debt	—	(4,457)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	 	 148
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	 (133,988)	 536,806
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(58,942)	121,303
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	 194,515	 30,504
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 135,573	\$ 151,807

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Summary Operating Highlights

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nii	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2024		2023		2024		2023	
Average Daily Sales Volumes:									
Crude oil (Bbls)		38,710		44,381		38,581		37,171	
NGLs (Bbls)		6,497		4,708		5,890		3,895	
Natural gas (Mcf)		36,831		21,716		32,418		18,221	
Total (Boe)		51,346		52,708		49,874		44,102	
Average Realized Prices (excluding effects of derivatives):									
Crude oil per Bbl	\$	75.99	\$	82.87	\$	78.29	\$	77.90	
NGL per Bbl	\$	21.14	\$	20.08	\$	21.96	\$	22.23	
Natural gas per Mcf	\$	0.42	\$	1.89	\$	0.58	\$	1.58	
Total per Boe	\$	57.49	\$	71.27	\$	61.07	\$	67.29	
Margin Data (\$ per Boe):									
Average price, excluding effects of derivatives	\$	57.49	\$	71.27	\$	61.07	\$	67.29	
Lease operating expenses		(7.12)		(7.87)		(6.74)		(8.23)	
Expense workovers		(0.38)		(0.34)		(0.47)		(0.71)	
Production and ad valorem taxes		(3.26)		(3.89)		(3.40)		(3.69)	
General and administrative expenses		(1.05)		(1.43)		(1.05)		(0.99)	
	\$	45.68	\$	57.74	\$	49.41	\$	53.67	

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Earnings Per Share Details

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 3				
		2024		2023		2024		2023
Net income as reported	\$	49,933	\$	38,779	\$	86,088	\$	120,862
Participating basic earnings		(4,835)		(3,771)		(8,280)		(12,413)
Basic earnings attributable to common shareholders		45,098		35,008		77,808		108,449
Reallocation of participating earnings		66		54		102		192
Diluted net income attributable to common shareholders	\$	45,164	\$	35,062	\$	77,910	\$	108,641
Basic weighted average shares outstanding		124,988		123,159		125,595		115,164
Dilutive warrants and unvested stock options		1,952		1,688		1,832		3,208
Dilutive unvested restricted stock		2,154		2,159		2,154		2,159
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		129,094		127,006		129,581		120,531
Net income per share attributable to common shareholders:								
Basic	\$	0.36	\$	0.28	\$	0.62	\$	0.94
Diluted	\$	0.35	\$	0.28	\$	0.60	\$	0.90

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Unaudited Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDAX, Discretionary Cash Flow and Net Cash Provided by Operations (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2	024		2023		2024	2023		
Net income	\$	49,933	\$	38,779	\$	86,088	\$	120,862	
Interest expense		42,579		37,022		129,204		103,278	
Interest income		(2,172)		(730)		(6,964)		(923)	
Income tax expense		15,438		14,100		31,985		38,251	
Depletion, depreciation and amortization		136,578		117,420		395,121		291,562	
Accretion of discount		241		122		722		360	
Exploration and abandonment expense		362		1,728		1,027		4,372	
Stock based compensation		3,753		14,057		11,326		22,095	
Derivative related noncash activity		(33,775)		15,883		11,514		9,866	
Loss on extinguishment of debt		—		27,300		—		27,300	
Other expense		1,404		540		3,405		8,042	
EBITDAX		214,341		266,221		663,428		625,065	
Cash interest expense		(38,020)		(33,798)		(115,620)		(85,723)	
Other (a)		53		4,480		1,831		(3,287)	
Discretionary cash flow		176,374		236,903		549,639		536,055	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		729		(78,837)		1,234		(14,313)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	177,103	\$	158,066	\$	550,873	\$	521,742	

(a) includes interest and other income net of current tax expense, other expense and operating portion of exploration and abandonment expenses.

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Unaudited Free Cash Flow Reconciliation (in thousands)

Three Months	
Ended	Nine Months
September 30,	Ended September
2024	30, 2024

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 177,103	\$ 550,873
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	 (729)	(1,234)
Discretionary cash flow	176,374	549,639
Less: Additions to crude oil and natural gas properties (excluding acquisitions)	 (140,251)	(452,148)
Free cash flow	\$ 36,123	\$ 97,491

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