# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# HighPeak Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1381 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) **84-3533602** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.  $\Box$ 

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\Box$ 

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerate an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.	
Large accelerated filer □ Non-accelerated filer ⊠	Accelerated filer □ Smaller reporting company ⊠ Emerging growth company ⊠
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section $7(a)(2)(B)$ of the section $8(a)(2)(B)(B)$ of the section $8(a)(2)(B)(B)(B)$ of the section $8(a)(2)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)(B)$	1 1 7 0 7

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additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.  $\Box$ 

#### **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

		Proposed	Downson	_
		Maximum Offering	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
	Amount to be	Price Per	Aggregate	Registration
Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Registered	Share	Offering Price	Fees(11)
Primary Offering:				_
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	(1)(2)	(1)(2)	\$300,000,000(3)	\$27,810.00(3)
Primary Offering Relating to Shares Underlying Existing Warrants				_
and Contingent Value Rights:				
Common Stock underlying Warrants	9,500,174(4)	(9)	\$128,869,860.31	\$11,946.24
Common Stock issuable upon settlement of the Contingent Value				
Rights	21,694,762(5)	(9)	\$294,289,446.53	\$27,280.63
Secondary Offering:				
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	117,064,602(6)	(9)(10)	\$1,587,981,326.13	\$147,205.87
Contingent Value Rights	8,341,875(7)	N/A	N/A	(12)
Warrants to purchase Common Stock	8,182,090(8)	N/A	N/A	(12)
Total (Primary and Secondary)			\$2,311,140,632.97	(13)

- (1) An indeterminate number of shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("common stock") of HighPeak Energy, Inc. (the "registrant") is being registered as may from time to time be offered hereunder, on a primary basis, at indeterminate prices with an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$300,000,000.
- (2) Includes such indeterminate amount of securities as may be issued upon exercise, conversion or exchange of, pursuant to anti-dilution adjustments, or pursuant to a stock dividend, stock split or similar transaction with respect to, securities that provide for such issuance, exercise, conversion, exchange, adjustment, stock split or similar transaction. Separate consideration may or may not be received for any of these securities.
- (3) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price has been calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and reflects the maximum aggregate offering price of securities that may be issued.
- (4) Reflects shares of common stock underlying the registrant's warrants issuable upon the exercise of the warrants, with each warrant exercisable for one share of common stock, for an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, including (i) 523,299 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants issued to former holders of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Pure Acquisition Corp. ("Pure") in connection with the business combination between the registrant and Pure (the "business combination") and (ii) 8,976,875 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants that have been sold by the selling securityholders pursuant to this prospectus or pursuant to the Original Registration Statement or POS AM Registration Statement (each as defined herein).
- (5) Represents the maximum total shares of common stock underlying the contingent value rights ("CVRs") of the registrant including (i) 19,075,859 shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of CVRs that have been sold pursuant to this prospectus, the Original Registration Statement or the POS AM Registration Statement by Forward Purchase Investors (as defined herein) who were issued CVRs in connection with the private placement of forward purchase units (as defined herein) pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement (as defined herein) and (ii) 2,618,903 shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of CVRs that were issued to former holders of Pure's Class A common stock in connection with the business combination, which such shares could be issued to any qualifying holder of the CVRs in connection with any settlement of the Preferred Return (as defined herein) on the applicable maturity date of such CVRs, which will occur on a date to be specified and which may be any date occurring during the period beginning on (and including) August 21, 2022 and ending on (and including) February 21, 2023, or in certain circumstances after the occurrence of certain change of control events with respect to our business, including certain mergers, consolidations and asset sales.

- (6) Includes (i) 7,776,549 shares of common stock issued to the Forward Purchase Investors pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement and offered for resale by the selling securityholders, (ii) 8,089,509 shares of common stock underlying the warrants and offered for resale by the selling securityholders, (iii) 17,726,484 shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs and that may be offered for resale (subject to the terms of the Contingent Value Rights Agreement (as defined herein)) by the selling securityholders, (iv) 76,383,054 shares of common stock issued as merger consideration in connection with the Closing, (v) 4,856,000 shares of common stock issued as merger consideration to the previous holders of Pure's Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, in connection with the Closing, (vi) 135,080 shares of common stock issued as consideration for the exchange of shares of Pure Class B Common Stock to certain former directors of Pure and identified as selling securityholders in this prospectus and (vii) 2,005,345 shares of common stock acquired by the selling securityholders, and 92,581 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the 92,581 warrants of the registrant acquired by the selling securityholders, in each case subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement.
- (7) Represents the resale of 8,341,875 CVRs issued in a private placement of forward purchase units to Forward Purchase Investors pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement.
- (8) Represents the resale of (i) 8,089,509 warrants of the registrant issued in a private placement of forward purchase units pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement and (ii) 92,581 warrants of the registrant acquired by the selling securityholders subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement.
- (9) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act on the basis of the average of the high and low sale prices of our common stock on December 15, 2021, as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market (the "Nasdaq"), which date is within five business days prior to filing this registration statement.
- (10) The proposed maximum offering price per share of our common stock as may be offered on a secondary basis will be determined by the selling securityholders from time to time in connection with, and at the time of, the sale by the selling securityholders of such securities.
- (11) The registration fee for the securities registered hereby has been calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act, by multiplying the proposed maximum aggregate offering price for the securities by 0.0000927.
- (12) Pursuant to Rule 457(g), no separate registration fee is required for the warrants or CVRs.
- (13) Of the aggregate \$2,311,140,632.97 of securities being offered herein, \$423,159,306.84 of securities registered in the primary offering (the "primary securities") and \$1,587,981,326.13 of securities registered in the secondary offering (the "secondary securities" and, together with the primary securities, the "Securities") were previously registered pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-248898), originally filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on September 18, 2020 and declared effective on November 10, 2020 (the "Original Registration Statement"), and subsequently amended via Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Original Registration Statement, filed with the SEC on March 17, 2021 and declared effective on March 24, 2021 (the "POS AM Registration Statement"). Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, this registration statement includes: (A) (i) up to 21,694,762 shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs by the Company, (ii) up to 9,500,174 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants by the Company, and (B) (i) up to 114,966,676 shares of common stock by the selling securityholders thereto, (ii) up to 8,089,509 warrants by the selling securityholders thereto and (iii) up to 8,341,875 CVRs by the selling securityholders thereto, that were previously registered on the POS AM Registration Statement, for which a filing fee of \$109,869 was paid in connection with the filing of the Original Registration Statement, for which such securities registered thereby had been offset in accordance with Rule 457(p) by the fee of \$38,988 paid in connection with the registration by the registrant of (i) 14,967,278 shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, (ii) 1,561,313 shares of common stock underlying warrants issued as merger consideration at the closing of the business combination, (iii) 5.811,000 shares of common stock underlying warrants offered for resale by certain selling securityholders thereto and (iv) 5,811,000 shares of common stock issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, aggregating a total 28,150,591 shares of common stock of the registrant, which were previously registered on a combined Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Form S-1, declared effective by the SEC on August 7, 2020 and initially filed with the SEC on December 2, 2019 (File No. 333-235313), which was subsequently withdrawn by the registrant. As such, a filing fee of \$104,373.74 will be paid in connection with this offering and registration statement. In accordance with the SEC staff's position on Rule 415(a)(6), the offering of any securities registered on the POS AM Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the effective date of this registration statement.

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This registration statements contains two prospectuses:

- a base prospectus which covers the offering, issuance and sale of by us of up to \$300,000,000 in the aggregate of our shares of common stock from time to time in one or more offerings; and
- a combined base prospectus and resale prospectus that covers:
  - i. the resale by the selling securityholders of an aggregate of 81,374,134 shares of common stock of the Company, including (a) 76,383,054 shares of common stock issued as merger consideration to HighPeak Energy, LP and HighPeak Energy II, LP, pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement (as defined below and further described in the accompanying prospectus) in connection with the closing of the business combination on August 21, 2020 (the "Closing") between the Company and Pure Acquisition Corp. ("Pure"), (b) 4,856,000 shares of common stock of the Company issued as consideration for the exchange of shares of Pure's Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share to HighPeak Pure Acquisition, LLC ("Sponsor") at the Closing and (c) 135,080 shares of common stock of the Company issued as consideration for the exchange of shares of Pure Class B common stock to certain former directors of Pure and identified as selling securityholders in this prospectus (the "selling securityholders") pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement (as defined below) at the Closing;
  - ii. the resale by the selling securityholders of an aggregate of 35,687,338 shares of common stock of the Company, including (a) 7,776,549 shares of common stock issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement (as defined below), (b) 8,089,509 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Company's warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, (c) 17,726,484 shares of common stock of the Company issuable upon settlement of the CVRs issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement and owned by the selling securityholders identified in this prospectus and (d) 2,005,345 shares of common stock acquired by the selling securityholders, and 92,581 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the 92,581 warrants acquired by the selling securityholders, in each case subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement;
  - iii. the resale by the selling securityholders of up to an aggregate of (i) 8,089,509 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement and (ii) 92,581 warrants acquired by the selling securityholders subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement:
  - iv. the resale by the selling securityholders of up to an aggregate of 8,341,875 CVRs issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement by the selling securityholders;
  - v. the offering, issuance and sale by us of up to 21,694,762 shares of our common stock that may be issuable upon settlement of our CVRs, including 19,075,859 shares of our common stock underlying CVRs that have been sold by the selling securityholders; and
  - vi. the offering, issuance and sale by us of up to 9,500,174 shares of our common stock that may be issuable upon the exercise of our warrants to purchase common stock, including 8,976,875 of which that have been sold by the selling securityholders.

#### Subject to completion, dated December 16, 2021

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### **PROSPECTUS**



# HighPeak Energy, Inc. \$300,000,000

Common Stock

From time to time we may offer and sell shares of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("common stock"). The aggregate initial offering price of all shares of common stock sold by us under this prospectus will not exceed \$300,000,000.

We may offer and sell these securities from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of our offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer the securities. Each time securities are offered, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market (the "Nasdaq") under the symbol "HPK." On December 15, 2021, the closing price of our common stock was \$13.89.

We are an "emerging growth company" as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, and, as such, have elected to avail ourselves of certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings.

You should read carefully this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before you invest. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 of this prospectus for information on certain risks related to the purchase of our securities.

We may sell the securities directly or to or through underwriters or dealers, and also to other purchasers or through agents. The names of any underwriters or agents that are included in a sale of securities to you, and any applicable commissions or discounts, will be stated in any accompanying prospectus supplement. In addition, the underwriters, if any, may over-allot a portion of the securities.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2021.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer and sell from time to time the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that are registered hereunder that may be offered by us. Each time we offer the securities, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will describe, among other things, the specific amounts and prices of the securities being offered and the terms of the offering.

Any prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in any prospectus supplement. The information in this prospectus is accurate as of its date. Additional information, including our financial statements and the notes thereto, is incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our reports filed with the SEC. Therefore, before you invest in our securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement relating to the securities offered to you together with the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement (including the documents described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated by Reference" in both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement).

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor anyone acting on our behalf is making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents.

Unless the context otherwise requires, throughout this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, the words "we," "us," the "registrant," "the Company," or "HighPeak Energy" refer to HighPeak Energy, Inc.; and the term "securities" refers to the shares of our common stock registered hereunder.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), that registers the offer and sale of the securities covered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the exhibits attached thereto and incorporated by reference therein, contains additional relevant information about us. In addition, we file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

We make available free of charge on or through our website, *www.highpeakenergy.com*, our filings with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. We make our website content available for information purposes only. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed to be "filed" with the SEC, will automatically update information previously filed with the SEC, and may update or replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding information deemed to be furnished and not filed with the SEC), after the date on which the registration statement was initially filed with the SEC (including all such documents that we may file with the SEC after the date the registration statement was initially filed and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement) until all offerings under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part are completed or terminated:

- our <u>Annual Report on Form 10-K</u> for the year ended December 31, 2020 filed on March 15, 2021, including those portions of our <u>definitive proxy</u> <u>statement on Schedule 14A</u>, filed on April 29, 2021, incorporated by reference therein;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2021, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021, filed on May 17, 2021, August 9, 2021, and November 8, 2021, respectively
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 1, 2021, June 24, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 22, 2021 and December 16, 2021; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our <u>Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B</u> filed on August 19, 2020, as amended by the <u>Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A12B/A</u> filed on August 20, 2020, including any amendments or reports that we may file in the future for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

You may obtain copies of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC's website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus), at no cost, by contacting us at:

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Attention: Investor Relations 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, Texas 76012 (817) 850-9200

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this prospectus includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. All statements, other than statements of present or historical fact included in this prospectus, regarding HighPeak Energy's future financial performance following the business combination, strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this prospectus, including any oral statements made in connection therewith, the words "could," "should," "will," "may," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "project," the negative of such terms and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, HighPeak Energy disclaims any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus. HighPeak Energy cautions you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of HighPeak Energy, incident to the development, production, gathering and sale of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids.

In addition, HighPeak Energy cautions you that forward-looking statements regarding HighPeak Energy, which are contained in this prospectus, are subject to the following factors:

- the length, scope and severity of the ongoing coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") pandemic, including the effects of related public health concerns and the impact of continued actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic and its impact on commodity prices, supply and demand considerations and storage capacity;
- the market prices of crude oil, NGL, natural gas, and other products or services;
- the supply and demand for crude oil, NGL, natural gas, and other products or services;
- the supply and demand for, and the market prices of, oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and other products or services;
- production and reserve levels;
- drilling risks;
- economic and competitive conditions;
- the availability of capital resources;
- capital expenditures and other contractual obligations;
- weather conditions;
- inflation rates:
- the availability of goods and services;
- legislative, regulatory or policy changes;
- cyber-attacks;
- occurrence of property acquisitions or divestitures;
- the integration of acquisitions; and
- the securities or capital markets and related risks such as general credit, liquidity, market and interest-rate risks.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this prospectus occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact the operations and projections discussed herein can be found in the section entitled "Risk Factors" herein and in HighPeak Energy's periodic filings with the SEC. HighPeak Energy's SEC Filings are available publicly on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

#### ABOUT HIGHPEAK ENERGY, INC.

HighPeak Energy is an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the acquisition, development and production of oil, natural gas and NGL reserves. The Company's assets are primarily located in Howard County, Texas, which lies within the northeastern part of the oil-rich Midland Basin. HighPeak Energy focuses on the Midland Basin and specifically the Howard County area of the Midland Basin. The Company's assets include certain rights, title and interests in oil and natural gas assets located primarily in Howard County. As of September 30, 2021, the assets consisted of two highly contiguous leasehold positions of approximately 79,218 gross (62,019 net) acres, approximately 46% of which were held by production, with an average working interest of 78%. Our acreage is composed of two core areas, Flat Top to the north and Signal Peak to the south. Approximately 95% and 5% of production from the assets were attributable to liquids (both crude oil and NGL) and natural gas, respectively. As of September 30, 2021, HighPeak Energy was drilling with two (2) drilling rigs and was participating in a 3-well pad of horizontal wells being drilled by another operator. We are the operator on approximately 92% of the net acreage across our assets. Further, as of September 30, 2021, the Company has an ownership interest in approximately 241 gross (101.1 net) producing wells, including 51 gross (43.3 net) horizontal wells, with total sales volumes net to the Company averaging 10,355 Boe/d during the month of September 2021, including wells in which the Company serves as operator of approximately 75 gross (67.8 net) producing wells, including 40 gross (39.0 net) horizontal wells. In addition, as of September 30, 2021, the Company was in the process of drilling four (4) wells and was in various stages of completing six (6) wells, including wells operated by other operators.

HighPeak Energy is a Delaware corporation initially formed on October 29, 2019, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Pure Acquisition Corp ("Pure") solely for the purpose of combining the businesses previously conducted by Pure and HPK Energy, LP ("HPK LP"), which was completed on August 21, 2020. Our principal executive offices are located at 421 W 3rd Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, and our telephone number is (817) 850-9200. Our website address is www.highpeakenergy.com. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

# **Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company**

We are an "emerging growth company" as defined in the JOBS Act enacted in April 2012. As a result, we may take advantage of reduced reporting requirements that are otherwise applicable to public companies, including delaying auditor attestation of internal control over financial reporting, providing only two years of audited financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and reducing executive compensation disclosures.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier to occur of (1) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of the completion of our business combination, which will be August 21, 2025, (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, or (c) in which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the rules of the SEC, which means the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the prior July 31st and (2) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt during the prior three-year period.

We have elected to take advantage of certain of the reduced disclosure obligations in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and may elect to take advantage of other reduced reporting requirements in future filings. Additionally, we are subject to an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. As a result, the information that we provide to our stockholders may be different than what you might receive from other public reporting companies in which you hold equity interests.

# RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a significant degree of risk. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider those risk factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, any subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any subsequently filed Current Reports on Form 8-K, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, and those risk factors that may be included in any applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference, in evaluating an investment in our securities. If any of these risks were actually to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial may also significantly impair our business operations and financial condition. Please read "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities covered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, paying or refinancing all or a portion of our indebtedness at the time, and funding acquisitions, capital expenditures and working capital.

The actual application of the net proceeds from the sale of any particular offering of securities using this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following description of our common stock is not complete and may not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. This description is a summary of certain provisions contained in, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the "A&R Charter"), and our amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws").

#### **Authorized and Outstanding Common Stock**

The A&R Charter authorizes the issuance of 600,000,000 shares of our common stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. The outstanding shares of our common stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Common stockholders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. As of the date of this prospectus there were 97,374,177 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding.

#### Common Stock

Please see our Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B (File No. 001-39464) filed August 19, 2020, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A12B/A filed on August 20, 2020, including any amendments or reports that we may file in the future for the purpose of updating such description, which is incorporated by reference herein, for a description of our common stock.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The Transfer Agent for HighPeak Energy's common stock is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company ("Continental"). HighPeak Energy has agreed to indemnify Continental in its roles as Transfer Agent, its agents and each of its stockholders, directors, officers and employees against all liabilities, including judgments, costs and reasonable counsel fees that may arise out of acts performed or omitted for its activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the indemnified person or entity.

#### Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions of Delaware Law and HighPeak Energy's A&R Charter and Bylaws

HighPeak Energy is subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") regulating corporate takeovers. This statute prevents certain Delaware corporations, under certain circumstances, from engaging in a "business combination" with:

- a stockholder who owns 15% or more of HighPeak Energy's outstanding voting stock (otherwise known as an "interested stockholder");
- an affiliate of an interested stockholder; or
- an associate of an interested stockholder, for three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder.

A "business combination" includes a merger or sale of more than 10% of HighPeak Energy's assets. However, the above provisions of Section 203 do not apply if:

- the board of directors of HighPeak Energy (the "Board") approves the transaction that made the stockholder an "interested stockholder," prior to the date of the transaction;
- after the completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, that stockholder owned at least 85% of HighPeak Energy's voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than statutorily excluded shares of voting common stock; or

• on or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the Board and authorized at a meeting of HighPeak Energy's stockholders, and not by written consent, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

HighPeak Energy's authorized but unissued voting common stock and preferred stock are available for future issuances without stockholder approval and could be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, acquisitions and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved voting common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of HighPeak Energy by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

#### Written Consent by Stockholders

HighPeak Energy's A&R Charter provides that prior to the first date in which Sponsor, HighPeak I, HighPeak II, HighPeak Energy, LLC and Jack Hightower and each of their respective affiliates and certain permitted transferees (collectively, the "HighPeak Group") no longer collectively beneficially owns more than 50% of the outstanding HighPeak Energy voting securities, HighPeak Energy stockholders may take action by written consent of the holders of not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Before such time, any action required or permitted to be taken by HighPeak Energy's stockholders that is approved in advance by the Board may be effected without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote of stockholders, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is or are signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. If any such action by written consent is taken then HighPeak Energy will notify its stockholders of the same.

#### Special Meeting of Stockholders

The Bylaws provide that special meetings of its stockholders may be called only by a majority vote of the Board, by HighPeak Energy's President or by HighPeak Energy's Chairman.

#### Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations

The Bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice of their intent in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice will need to be received by the Company's secretary at HighPeak Energy's principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, proposals seeking inclusion in HighPeak Energy's Annual Proxy Statement must comply with the notice periods contained therein. The Bylaws also specify certain requirements as to the form and content of a stockholders' meeting. These provisions may preclude HighPeak Energy's stockholders from bringing matters before HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders.

#### **Exclusive Forum**

The A&R Charter provides that a stockholder bringing a claim subject to Article 8 of the A&R Charter will be required to bring that claim in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware, subject to the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware having personal jurisdiction over the defendants. The forum selection provision is not intended to apply to claims arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. To the extent the provision could be constructed to apply to such claims, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision in connection with such claims. The A&R Charter also provides that any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock will be deemed to have notice of, and to have consented to, the provisions of Article 8 of the A&R Charter. Stockholders will not be deemed, by operation of Article 8 of the A&R Charter alone, to have waived claims arising under the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The enforceability of similar exclusive forum provisions in other companies' certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that, in connection with one or more actions or proceedings described above, a court could rule that this provision in the A&R Charter is inapplicable or unenforceable.

If any action the subject matter of which is within the scope of the forum selection provision described in the preceding paragraph is filed in a court other than the Court of Chancery (or, if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, another state court or a federal court located within the State of Delaware) (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any stockholder, such stockholder shall be deemed to have consented to (i) the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the State of Delaware in connection with any action brought in any such court to enforce the forum selection provision (a "Foreign Enforcement Action") and (ii) having service of process made upon such stockholder in any such Foreign Enforcement Action by service upon such stockholder's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such stockholder.

#### **Rule 144**

Pursuant to Rule 144, a person who has beneficially owned restricted shares of HighPeak Energy's voting common stock or warrants for at least six months would be entitled to sell their securities provided that (i) such person is not deemed to have been one of HighPeak Energy's affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale and (ii) HighPeak Energy is subject to the Exchange Act periodic reporting requirements for at least three months before the sale and has filed all required reports under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the twelve months (or such shorter period as HighPeak Energy was required to file reports) preceding the sale.

Persons who have beneficially owned restricted shares of HighPeak Energy's voting common stock or warrants for at least six months but who are HighPeak Energy's affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale, would be subject to additional restrictions, by which such person would be entitled to sell within any three-month period only a number of securities that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the total number of shares of such securities then-outstanding; or
- the average weekly reported trading volume of such securities during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

Sales by HighPeak Energy's affiliates under Rule 144 are also limited by manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us.

#### Restrictions on the Use of Rule 144 by Shell Companies or Former Shell Companies

Rule 144 is not available for the resale of securities initially issued by shell companies (other than business combination related shell companies) or issuers that have been at any time previously a shell company. However, Rule 144 also includes an important exception to this prohibition if the following conditions are met:

- the issuer of the securities that was formerly a shell company has ceased to be a shell company;
- the issuer of the securities is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act;
- the issuer of the securities has filed all Exchange Act reports and materials required to be filed, as applicable, during the preceding twelve months (or such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such reports and materials), other than Current Reports on Form 8-K; and
- at least one year has elapsed from the time that the issuer filed current Form 10 type information with the SEC reflecting its status as an entity that is not a shell company.

# **Listing of Securities**

HighPeak Energy's common stock is listed for trading on the Nasdaq under the symbol "HPK."

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- to or through one or more underwriters, initial purchasers, brokers, or dealers;
- through agents to investors or the public;
- in short or long transactions;
- through put or call option transactions relating to our common stock;
- directly to agents or other purchasers;
- in "at the market offerings" within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange or otherwise;
- though a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- through any other method described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering and the method of distribution and will identify any firms acting as underwriters, initial purchasers, dealers, or agents in connection with the offering, including:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents;
- the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us from the sale;
- any options (whether or not for over-allotments) under which the underwriters may purchase additional shares of common stock from us;
- any underwriting discounts, concessions, commissions, or agency fees and other items constituting compensation to underwriters, dealers, or agents;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any public offering price;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers; or
- any securities exchange or market on which the common stock offered in the prospectus supplement may be listed.

If we use underwriters for a sale of securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account for resale to the public, either on a firm commitment basis or a best efforts basis. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer the securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. If an underwriter or underwriters are used in the sale of securities hereunder, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriters or underwriters at the time an agreement for sale is reached. Unless we inform you otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions. We may change from time to time any public offering price and any discounts or concessions the underwriters allow or pay to dealers.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, which means that selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue these activities at any time.

Some or all of the securities that we offer though this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell our securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

If dealers are used for the sale of securities, we, or an underwriter, will sell the securities to them as principals. The dealers may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. We will include in the applicable prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

We may also sell the securities through agents designated from time to time. In the applicable prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities, and we will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly in transactions not involving underwriters, dealers, or agents.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement.

Underwriters, dealers, and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be underwriters as defined in the applicable securities laws and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on their resale of the securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the applicable securities laws. We will identify in the applicable prospectus supplement any underwriters, dealers, or agents and will describe their compensation. We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers, and agents to indemnify them against specified civil liabilities, including liabilities under the applicable securities laws.

Underwriters, dealers, and agents may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of their businesses for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses.

We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe the nature of such relationship in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Under the securities laws of some states, the securities offered by this prospectus may be sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

We may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers and the broker-dealers may engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume with us, including, without limitation, in connection with distributions of the securities by those broker-dealers. We may enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers that involve the delivery of the securities offered hereby to the broker-dealers, who may then resell or otherwise transfer those securities. We may also loan or pledge the securities offered hereby to a broker-dealer and the broker-dealer may sell the securities offered hereby so loaned or upon a default may sell or otherwise transfer the pledged securities offered hereby.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the issuance of the securities offered in this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas. If certain legal matters in connection with an offering of the securities made by this prospectus and a related prospectus supplement are passed upon by counsel for the underwriters of such offering, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement related to that offering.

#### **EXPERTS**

The balance sheet of HighPeak Energy, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and partners' capital (Predecessors), and cash flows for the period from August 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (Successor Company) and the period from January 1, 2020 through August 21, 2020 (Predecessor Company) and the balance sheet as of December 31, 2019 (Predecessor Company) consolidated and combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Predecessor Company) included in this prospectus have been audited by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein and is included upon reliance of the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information included herein regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves of the Company, the future net revenues from those reserves and their present value as of December 31, 2020, are based on the proved reserves report prepared by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. These estimates are included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm as an expert in these matters.

#### Subject to completion, dated December 16, 2021

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### **PROSPECTUS**



# HighPeak Energy, Inc.

The securities to be offered using this combined prospectus include (A) the resale of up to (i) 117,064,602 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("common stock"), (ii) 8,182,090 of our warrants to purchase common stock ("warrants") and (iii) 8,341,875 of our contingent value rights ("CVRs") by the selling securityholders and (B) the offering, issuance and sale of by us of up to (i) 21,694,762 shares of our common stock that may be issuable upon settlement of our CVRs, including (i) 19,075,859 shares of our common stock underlying CVRs that have been sold by the selling securityholders and (ii) 9,500,174 shares of our common stock that may be issuable upon the exercise of our warrants to purchase common stock, including 8,976,875 of which that have been sold by the selling securityholders.

The common stock, warrants and CVRs offered for resale under this prospectus were issued to the selling securityholders (as applicable to each selling securityholder) in accordance with the terms of, and transactions contemplated by, the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of May 4, 2020 (the "Business Combination Agreement"), as amended from time to time, by and among Pure, the Company, Pure Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., HighPeak Energy, LP ("HighPeak II"), HighPeak Energy III, LP ("HighPeak III" and, together with HighPeak I and HighPeak II, the "HighPeak Funds"), HPK Energy, LLC, and solely for the limited purposes specified therein, HighPeak Energy Management, LLC, and that certain Amended & Restated Forward Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020 (the "Forward Purchase Agreement"), by and among the Company, each party designated as a purchaser therein (including purchasers that subsequently joined prior to the Closing as parties thereto), HighPeak Energy Partners, LP, and, solely for the limited purposes specified therein, Pure. The transactions contemplated under the Business Combination Agreement and the Forward Purchase Agreement closed concurrently with the consummation of the business combination at the Closing. The common stock, warrants and CVRs registered hereunder represent the securities issued to the selling securityholders pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement and the Forward Purchase Agreement, as applicable to each selling securityholder, concurrently with the closing.

Pursuant to this prospectus, the selling securityholders are permitted to offer the securities from time to time, if and to the extent as they may determine, through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Plan of Distribution" at prevailing market prices, at prices different than prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. The selling securityholders may sell shares through agents they select or through underwriters and dealers they select. The selling securityholders also may sell their securities directly to investors. If the selling securityholders use agents, underwriters or dealers to sell their shares, we will name such agents, underwriters or dealers and describe any applicable commissions or discounts in a supplement to this prospectus if required.

We are registering the offer and sale of 33,592,542 shares of common stock, 8,089,509 warrants and 8,341,875 CVRs pursuant to the registration rights afforded pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement. We are further registering the offer and sale of 81,374,134 shares of common stock pursuant to the registration rights afforded pursuant to that certain Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2020 (the "Registration Rights Agreement") by and among the Company, Sponsor, HighPeak I, HighPeak II and certain other security holders named therein. We have agreed to bear all expenses incurred in connection with the registration of these securities. The selling securityholders will pay or assume underwriting fees, discounts and commissions or similar charges, if any, incurred in the sale of these securities.

The selling securityholders identified in this prospectus are offering all of the common stock, warrants and CVRs included under this prospectus (as applicable to each selling securityholder) in the section entitled "Selling Securityholders." We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of these securities by the selling securityholders.

Our common stock and warrants are traded on the Nasdaq Global Market (the "Nasdaq") under the symbol "HPK" and "HPKEW," respectively. Further, the Company has applied to list the CVRs on the Nasdaq, and they are currently quoted on the Over-The-Counter Market ("OTC") under the symbol "HPKER." There is no assurance, however, that the CVRs will be listed on the Nasdaq. On December 15, 2021, the closing price of our common stock was \$13.89 and the closing price of our warrant was \$4.73.

We are an "emerging growth company" as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, and, as such, have elected to avail ourselves of certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings.

You should read carefully this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before you invest. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 of this prospectus for information on certain risks related to the purchase of our securities.

The selling securityholders may sell the securities directly or to or through underwriters or dealers, and also to other purchasers or through agents. The names of any underwriters or agents that are included in a sale of securities to you, and any applicable commissions or discounts, will be stated in any accompanying prospectus supplement. In addition, the underwriters, if any, may over-allot a portion of the securities.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2021.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the selling securityholders may offer and sell from time to time the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that are registered hereunder that may be offered by the selling securityholders. Each time we offer the securities, we and the selling securityholders will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will describe, among other things, the specific amounts and prices of the securities being offered and the terms of the offering.

Any prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in any prospectus supplement. The information in this prospectus is accurate as of its date. Additional information, including our financial statements and the notes thereto, is incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our reports filed with the SEC. Therefore, before you invest in our securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement relating to the securities offered to you together with the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement (including the documents described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated by Reference" in both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement).

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the selling securityholders have authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we, the selling securityholders nor anyone acting on our behalf is making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents.

Unless the context otherwise requires, throughout this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, the words "we," "us," the "registrant," "the Company," or "HighPeak Energy" refer to HighPeak Energy, Inc. and the term "securities" refers to the shares of our common stock registered hereunder.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), that registers the offer and sale of the securities covered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the exhibits attached thereto and incorporated by reference therein, contains additional relevant information about us. In addition, we file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

We make available free of charge on or through our website, www.highpeakenergy.com, our filings with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. We make our website content available for information purposes only. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed to be "filed" with the SEC, will automatically update information previously filed with the SEC, and may update or replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of Exchange Act (excluding information deemed to be furnished and not filed with the SEC), after the date on which the registration statement was initially filed with the SEC (including all such documents that we may file with the SEC after the date the registration statement was initially filed and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement) until all offerings under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part are completed or terminated:

- our <u>Annual Report on Form 10-K</u> for the year ended December 31, 2020 filed on March 15, 2021, including those portions of our <u>definitive proxy</u> <u>statement on Schedule 14A</u>, filed on April 29, 2021, incorporated by reference therein;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2021, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021, filed on May 17, 2021, August 9, 2021, and November 8, 2021, respectively
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 1, 2021, June 24, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 22, 2021 and December 16, 2021; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our <u>Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B</u> filed on August 19, 2020, as amended by the <u>Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A12B/A</u> filed on August 20, 2020, including any amendments or reports that we may file in the future for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

You may obtain copies of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC's website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus), at no cost, by contacting us at:

HighPeak Energy, Inc. Attention: Investor Relations 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, Texas 76012 (817) 850-9200

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this prospectus includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. All statements, other than statements of present or historical fact included in this prospectus, regarding HighPeak Energy's future financial performance following the business combination, strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this prospectus, including any oral statements made in connection therewith, the words "could," "should," "will," "may," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "project," the negative of such terms and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, HighPeak Energy disclaims any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus. HighPeak Energy cautions you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of HighPeak Energy, incident to the development, production, gathering and sale of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids.

In addition, HighPeak Energy cautions you that forward-looking statements regarding HighPeak Energy, which are contained in this prospectus, are subject to the following factors:

- the length, scope and severity of the ongoing coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") pandemic, including the effects of related public health concerns and the impact of continued actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic and its impact on commodity prices, supply and demand considerations and storage capacity;
- the market prices of crude oil, NGL, natural gas, and other products or services;
- the supply and demand for crude oil, NGL, natural gas, and other products or services;
- the supply and demand for, and the market prices of, oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and other products or services;
- production and reserve levels;
- drilling risks;
- economic and competitive conditions;
- the availability of capital resources;
- capital expenditures and other contractual obligations;
- weather conditions;
- inflation rates:
- the availability of goods and services;
- legislative, regulatory or policy changes;
- cyber-attacks;
- occurrence of property acquisitions or divestitures;
- the integration of acquisitions; and
- the securities or capital markets and related risks such as general credit, liquidity, market and interest-rate risks.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this prospectus occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact the operations and projections discussed herein can be found in the section entitled "Risk Factors" herein and in HighPeak Energy's periodic filings with the SEC. HighPeak Energy's SEC Filings are available publicly on the SEC's website at www.sec.qov.

#### ABOUT HIGHPEAK ENERGY, INC.

HighPeak Energy is an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the acquisition, development and production of oil, natural gas and NGL reserves. The Company's assets are primarily located in Howard County, Texas, which lies within the northeastern part of the oil-rich Midland Basin. HighPeak Energy focuses on the Midland Basin and specifically the Howard County area of the Midland Basin. The Company's assets include certain rights, title and interests in oil and natural gas assets located primarily in Howard County. As of September 30, 2021, the assets consisted of two highly contiguous leasehold positions of approximately 79,218 gross (62,019 net) acres, approximately 46% of which were held by production, with an average working interest of 78%. Our acreage is composed of two core areas, Flat Top to the north and Signal Peak to the south. Approximately 95% and 5% of production from the assets were attributable to liquids (both crude oil and NGL) and natural gas, respectively. As of September 30, 2021, HighPeak Energy was drilling with two (2) drilling rigs and was participating in a 3-well pad of horizontal wells being drilled by another operator. We are the operator on approximately 92% of the net acreage across our assets. Further, as of September 30, 2021, the Company has an ownership interest in approximately 241 gross (101.1 net) producing wells, including 51 gross (43.3 net) horizontal wells, with total sales volumes net to the Company averaging 10,355 Boe/d during the month of September 2021, including wells in which the Company serves as operator of approximately 75 gross (67.8 net) producing wells, including 40 gross (39.0 net) horizontal wells. In addition, as of September 30, 2021, the Company was in the process of drilling four (4) wells and was in various stages of completing six (6) wells, including wells operated by other operators.

HighPeak Energy is a Delaware corporation initially formed on October 29, 2019, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Pure Acquisition Corp ("Pure") solely for the purpose of combining the businesses previously conducted by Pure and HPK Energy, LP ("HPK LP"), which was completed on August 21, 2020. Our principal executive offices are located at 421 W 3rd Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, and our telephone number is (817) 850-9200. Our website address is www.highpeakenergy.com. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

# **Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company**

We are an "emerging growth company" as defined in the JOBS Act enacted in April 2012. As a result, we may take advantage of reduced reporting requirements that are otherwise applicable to public companies, including delaying auditor attestation of internal control over financial reporting, providing only two years of audited financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and reducing executive compensation disclosures.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier to occur of (1) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of the completion of our business combination, which will be August 21, 2025, (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, or (c) in which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the rules of the SEC, which means the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the prior July 31st and (2) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt during the prior three-year period.

We have elected to take advantage of certain of the reduced disclosure obligations in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and may elect to take advantage of other reduced reporting requirements in future filings. Additionally, we are subject to an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. As a result, the information that we provide to our stockholders may be different than what you might receive from other public reporting companies in which you hold equity interests.

# RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a significant degree of risk. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider those risk factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, any subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any subsequently filed Current Reports on Form 8-K, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, and those risk factors that may be included in any applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference, in evaluating an investment in our securities. If any of these risks were actually to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial may also significantly impair our business operations and financial condition. Please read "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common stock, warrants or CVRs to be offered by the selling securityholders pursuant to this prospectus. We will also not receive any proceeds from the issuance of common stock upon settlement of the CVRs. With respect to the issuance of shares of common stock underlying the warrants, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of such shares except with respect to the amounts received by us due to the exercise of the warrants to the extent they are exercised for cash. We will receive up to an aggregate of approximately \$121,189,104 from the exercise of warrants, assuming the exercise in full of all warrants for cash. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from any such exercise of the existing warrants for general corporate purposes.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following description of our common stock is not complete and may not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. This description is a summary of certain provisions contained in, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the "A&R Charter"), and our amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws").

# **Authorized and Outstanding Common Stock**

The A&R Charter authorizes the issuance of 600,000,000 shares of our common stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. The outstanding shares of our common stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Common stockholders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. As of the date of this prospectus, there were 97,374,177 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding.

#### Common Stock

Please see our registration statement on Form 8-A12B (File No. 001-39464) filed August 19, 2020, as amended by the Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A12B/A filed on August 20, 2020, including any amendments or reports that we may file in the future for the purpose of updating such description, which is incorporated by reference herein, for a description of our common stock.

#### **Warrants**

HighPeak Energy currently has outstanding 9,500,174 warrants consisting of (i) 8,976,875 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement plus (ii) 1,561,308 warrants issued pursuant to the business combination to holders of Pure's then outstanding warrants and Pure Class A common stock, respectively less (iii) 1,038,009 warrants exercised.

At the Closing, HighPeak Energy entered into the Amendment and Assignment to Warrant Agreement (the "Warrant Agreement Amendment"), by and among HighPeak Energy, Pure and Continental. The Warrant Agreement Amendment assigned the existing Warrant Agreement, dated April 12, 2018, by and among Pure, Pure's officers and directors and Pure's Sponsor (the "original warrant agreement") to HighPeak Energy, and HighPeak Energy agreed to perform all applicable obligations under such agreement. In addition, the terms of the Warrant Agreement Amendment, provide for, among other things, the holders of warrants the option to exercise such warrants on a "cashless basis," in addition to creating an obligation of HighPeak Energy to issue shares of our common stock without registration provided that such issuance may be made in reliance on Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act. If holders of the warrants elect to exercise them on a cashless basis, they would pay the exercise price by surrendering his, her or its warrants for that number of shares of common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of common stock underlying the warrants, multiplied by the excess of the "fair market value" (defined below) over the exercise price of the warrants by (y) the fair market value. The "fair market value" shall be the average reported last sale price of the shares of common stock for the ten (10) trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date that notice of the exercise is received by Continental. In addition, the Warrant Agreement Amendment eliminated the ability to redeem the outstanding warrants.

In connection with the business combination, HighPeak Energy assumed Pure's rights and obligations under the original warrant agreement. Each whole warrant entitles the registered holder to purchase one share of HighPeak Energy common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to certain adjustments, at any time commencing on September 21, 2020. Warrants must be exercised for a whole share. The warrants will expire August 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

HighPeak Energy has no obligation to settle such warrant exercise unless a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to the shares of HighPeak Energy common stock underlying the warrants is then effective and a prospectus relating thereto is current, subject to HighPeak Energy satisfying its obligations described below with respect to registration. No warrant will be exercisable for cash or on a cashless basis and HighPeak Energy will not be obligated to issue any shares to holders seeking to exercise their warrants unless the issuance of the shares upon such exercise is registered or qualified under the securities laws of the state of the exercising holder, or an exemption is available. In the event the conditions in the two immediately preceding sentences are not satisfied with respect to a warrant, the holder of such warrant will not be entitled to exercise such warrant and such warrant may have no value and expire worthless. In no event will HighPeak Energy be required to net cash settle any warrant.

HighPeak Energy is re-registering the issuance of the common stock underlying the warrants issued in connection with the business combination on the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. HighPeak Energy will use its best efforts to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement, and a current prospectus relating thereto, until the expiration of the warrants in accordance with the provisions of the warrant agreement. Notwithstanding the above, if HighPeak Energy's common stock is at the time of any exercise of a warrant not listed on a national securities exchange such that it satisfies the definition of a "covered security" under Section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act, HighPeak Energy may, at its option, require holders of warrants who exercise their warrants to do so on a "cashless basis" in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act and, in the event HighPeak Energy so elects, HighPeak Energy will not be required to file or maintain in effect a registration statement, but will use its best efforts to register or qualify the shares under applicable blue sky laws to the extent an exemption is not available.

The original warrant agreement provides that the terms of the warrants may be amended without the consent of any holder to cure any ambiguity or correct any defective provision, but requires the approval, by written consent or vote, of the holders of at least 50% of the then outstanding warrants (including the private placement warrants) to make any change that adversely affects the interests of the registered holders.

The exercise price and number of shares of common stock issuable on exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of a stock dividend, extraordinary dividend or HighPeak Energy's recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. However, the warrants will not be adjusted for issuances of shares of HighPeak Energy common stock at a price below their respective exercise prices.

The warrants may be exercised upon surrender of the warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date at the offices of the warrant agent, with the exercise form on the reverse side of the warrant certificate completed and executed as indicated, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price, by certified or official bank check payable to us, for the number of warrants being exercised. The warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of shares of common stock and any voting rights until they exercise their warrants and receive shares of common stock. After the issuance of shares of common stock upon exercise of the warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

Warrant holders may elect in writing to be subject to a restriction on the exercise of their warrants such that an electing warrant holder would not be able to exercise their warrants to the extent that, after giving effect to such exercise, such holder would beneficially own in excess of 9.8% of the shares of common stock outstanding.

No fractional shares of common stock will be issued upon exercise of the warrants. If, upon exercise of the warrants, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, HighPeak Energy will, upon exercise, round down to the nearest whole number the number of shares of common stock to be issued to the warrant holder.

#### Contingent Value Rights

The CVRs are contractual rights to receive a contingent payment (in the form of additional shares of common stock, or as otherwise specified in the Contingent Value Rights Agreement, dated August 21, 2020, by and among HighPeak Energy, HighPeak I, HighPeak II, and Sponsor in certain circumstances (the "Contingent Value Rights Agreement"). The holders of the CVRs (each, a "CVR Holder") are being provided with a significant valuation protection through the opportunity to obtain additional contingent consideration in the form of additional shares of common stock if the trading price of common stock is below the price that would provide the CVR Holders with a 10% preferred simple annual return (based on a \$10.00 per share price at Closing), subject to a floor downside per-share price of \$4.00, at a date to be specified by HighPeak I, HighPeak II and Sponsor, which may be any date occurring during the period beginning on (and including) August 21, 2022 and ending on (and including) February 21, 2023, or in certain circumstances, upon the occurrence of certain change of control events with respect to HighPeak Energy's business, including certain mergers, consolidations and asset sales. To be a "Qualifying CVR Holder," a CVR Holder must provide certain information required under the Contingent Value Rights Agreement. Further, HighPeak Energy has applied to list the CVRs on the Nasdaq, and they are currently quoted on the OTC under the symbol "HPKER." There is no assurance, however, that the CVRs will be listed on the Nasdaq. The terms of the CVRs are more fully set forth in the Contingent Value Rights Agreement that is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The Transfer Agent for HighPeak Energy's common stock is Continental. HighPeak Energy has agreed to indemnify Continental in its roles as Transfer Agent, its agents and each of its stockholders, directors, officers and employees against all liabilities, including judgments, costs and reasonable counsel fees that may arise out of acts performed or omitted for its activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the indemnified person or entity.

#### Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions of Delaware Law and HighPeak Energy's A&R Charter and Bylaws

HighPeak Energy is subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") regulating corporate takeovers. This statute prevents certain Delaware corporations, under certain circumstances, from engaging in a "business combination" with:

- a stockholder who owns 15% or more of HighPeak Energy's outstanding voting stock (otherwise known as an "interested stockholder");
- an affiliate of an interested stockholder; or
- an associate of an interested stockholder, for three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder.

A "business combination" includes a merger or sale of more than 10% of HighPeak Energy's assets. However, the above provisions of Section 203 do not apply if:

- the board of directors of HighPeak Energy (the "Board") approves the transaction that made the stockholder an "interested stockholder," prior to the date of the transaction;
- after the completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, that stockholder owned at least 85% of HighPeak Energy's voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than statutorily excluded shares of voting common stock; or
- on or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the Board and authorized at a meeting of HighPeak Energy's stockholders, and not by written consent, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

HighPeak Energy's authorized but unissued voting common stock and preferred stock are available for future issuances without stockholder approval and could be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, acquisitions and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved voting common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of HighPeak Energy by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

#### Written Consent by Stockholders

HighPeak Energy's A&R Charter provides that prior to the first date in which Sponsor, HighPeak Energy, LP ("HighPeak I"), HighPeak Energy II, LP ("HighPeak Energy, LLC and Jack Hightower and each of their respective affiliates and certain permitted transferees (collectively, the "HighPeak Group") no longer collectively beneficially owns more than 50% of the outstanding HighPeak Energy voting securities, HighPeak Energy stockholders may take action by written consent of the holders of not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Before such time, any action required or permitted to be taken by HighPeak Energy's stockholders that is approved in advance by the Board may be effected without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote of stockholders, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is or are signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. If any such action by written consent is taken then HighPeak Energy will notify its stockholders of the same.

#### Special Meeting of Stockholders

The Bylaws provide that special meetings of its stockholders may be called only by a majority vote of the Board, by HighPeak Energy's President or by HighPeak Energy's Chairman.

#### Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations

The Bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice of their intent in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice will need to be received by the Company's secretary at HighPeak Energy's principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, proposals seeking inclusion in HighPeak Energy's Annual Proxy Statement must comply with the notice periods contained therein. The Bylaws also specify certain requirements as to the form and content of a stockholders' meeting. These provisions may preclude HighPeak Energy's stockholders from bringing matters before HighPeak Energy's annual meeting of stockholders.

#### **Exclusive Forum**

The A&R Charter provides that a stockholder bringing a claim subject to Article 8 of the A&R Charter will be required to bring that claim in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware, subject to the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware having personal jurisdiction over the defendants. The forum selection provision is not intended to apply to claims arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. To the extent the provision could be constructed to apply to such claims, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision in connection with such claims. The A&R Charter also provides that any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock will be deemed to have notice of, and to have consented to, the provisions of Article 8 of the A&R Charter. Stockholders will not be deemed, by operation of Article 8 of the A&R Charter alone, to have waived claims arising under the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The enforceability of similar exclusive forum provisions in other companies' certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that, in connection with one or more actions or proceedings described above, a court could rule that this provision in the A&R Charter is inapplicable or unenforceable.

If any action the subject matter of which is within the scope of the forum selection provision described in the preceding paragraph is filed in a court other than the Court of Chancery (or, if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, another state court or a federal court located within the State of Delaware) (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any stockholder, such stockholder shall be deemed to have consented to (i) the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the State of Delaware in connection with any action brought in any such court to enforce the forum selection provision (a "Foreign Enforcement Action") and (ii) having service of process made upon such stockholder in any such Foreign Enforcement Action by service upon such stockholder's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such stockholder.

# **Rule 144**

Pursuant to Rule 144, a person who has beneficially owned restricted shares of HighPeak Energy's voting common stock or warrants for at least six months would be entitled to sell their securities provided that (i) such person is not deemed to have been one of HighPeak Energy's affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale and (ii) HighPeak Energy is subject to the Exchange Act periodic reporting requirements for at least three months before the sale and has filed all required reports under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the twelve months (or such shorter period as HighPeak Energy was required to file reports) preceding the sale.

Persons who have beneficially owned restricted shares of HighPeak Energy's voting common stock or warrants for at least six months but who are HighPeak Energy's affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale, would be subject to additional restrictions, by which such person would be entitled to sell within any three-month period only a number of securities that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the total number of shares of such securities then-outstanding; or
- the average weekly reported trading volume of such securities during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

Sales by HighPeak Energy's affiliates under Rule 144 are also limited by manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us.

#### Restrictions on the Use of Rule 144 by Shell Companies or Former Shell Companies

Rule 144 is not available for the resale of securities initially issued by shell companies (other than business combination related shell companies) or issuers that have been at any time previously a shell company. However, Rule 144 also includes an important exception to this prohibition if the following conditions are met:

- the issuer of the securities that was formerly a shell company has ceased to be a shell company;
- the issuer of the securities is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act;
- the issuer of the securities has filed all Exchange Act reports and materials required to be filed, as applicable, during the preceding twelve months (or such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such reports and materials), other than Current Reports on Form 8-K; and
- at least one year has elapsed from the time that the issuer filed current Form 10 type information with the SEC reflecting its status as an entity that is not a shell company.

# **Listing of Securities**

HighPeak Energy's common stock and warrants are listed for trading on the Nasdaq under the symbols "HPK" and "HPKEW," respectively. Further, the Company has applied to list the CVRs on the Nasdaq, and they are currently quoted on the OTC under the symbol "HPKER." There is no assurance, however, that the CVRs will be listed on the Nasdaq.

#### **SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS**

Up to 35,687,338 shares of our common stock may be offered for resale by certain selling securityholders under this prospectus, including up to (i) 7,776,549 shares of our common stock owned by the selling securityholders named herein pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, (ii) 8,089,509 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, (iii) 17,726,484 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs and (iv) 2,005,345 shares of common stock acquired by the selling securityholders, and 92,581 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the 92,581 warrants acquired by the selling securityholders, in each case subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement. Additionally, 8,089,509 warrants and 8,341,875 CVRs, respectively, issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, and 92,581 warrants acquired by the selling securityholders subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement, may be offered for resale by certain selling securityholders under this prospectus. This prospectus also relates to the issuance of our common stock issuable upon exercise or settlement of such warrants or CVRs, respectively, that have been sold by the selling securityholders pursuant to this prospectus. Further, 81,374,134 shares of our common stock may be offered for resale by certain selling securityholders under this prospectus pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2020, by and among HighPeak Energy, Sponsor, HighPeak II, LP and certain other security holders named therein (the "Registration Rights Agreement").

The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock, warrants and CVRs being offered by the selling securityholders (as applicable), including their donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest, subject to the transfer restrictions described in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, based on the assumptions that: (i) all shares of our common stock, CVRs and warrants being registered for sale by this registration statement will be sold by or on behalf of the selling securityholders; and (ii) no other shares of our common stock, CVRs or warrants will be acquired prior to completion of this offering by the selling securityholders. The following table also sets forth the number of shares, CVRs and warrants known to us, based upon written representations by the selling securityholders, to be beneficially owned by the selling securityholders (as applicable) as of the date of this prospectus. The selling securityholders are not making any representation that any shares of our common stock, CVRs or warrants covered by this prospectus will be offered for sale. The selling securityholders reserve the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any proposed sale of the shares of our common stock, CVRs or warrants. For purposes of the table below, we assume that all of the shares of our common stock, CVRs and warrants covered by this prospectus will be sold. As of the date of this prospectus, the selling securityholders have advised us that they do not currently have any plan of distribution with respect to their shares. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each selling securityholders named in the table below is 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Name and Address of Selling Securityholders	CVRs Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering (1)	Number of CVRs Available Pursuant to this Prospectus (2)	Number of CVRs Beneficially Owned After Offering	of CVRs	Warrants Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering (1)	Number of Warrants Available Pursuant to this Prospectus (2)	Number of Warrants Beneficially Owned After Offering	Percentage of Warrants Beneficially Owned After Offering	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering	Number of Shares of Common Stock Available Pursuant to this Prospectus	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering
John Paul DeJoria Family Trust												
(3) Jack Hightower	5,500,000	5,500,000	_	_	5,500,000	5,500,000	_	_	22,687,500(1)	22,687,500(2)	_	_
(4)(10)(13) (14)	600,000	600,000	_	_	681,298	681,298	_	_	4,382,521(1)	4,382,521(2)	_	_
FPA Employee Stockholders	000,000	000,000			001,230	001,230			4,302,321(1)	4,302,321(2)		
(5)	78,000	78,000	_	_	89,283	89,283	_	_	509,025(1)	509,025(2)	_	_
FPA Other Stockholders	F.CC 2552	F.CC 2002										
Group 1 (6) FPA Other	566,372	566,372	_	_	564,006	564,006		_	2,227,752(1)	2,227,752(2)		_
Stockholders Group 2 (7) FPA Vendor	176,000	176,000	_	_	176,000	176,000	_	_	726,000(1)	726,000(2)		
Group 1 (8)	750,000	750,000	_	_	500,000	500,000	_	_	2,593,750(1)	2,593,750(2)	_	_
FPA Vendor Group 2 (9)	671,503	671,503	_	_	671,503	671,503	_	_	2,560,789(1)	2,560,789(2)	_	_
HighPeak Pure Acquisition, LLC (10)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4,856,000(11)	4,856,000(12)	_	_
HighPeak Energy, LP (13)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	39,642,461(11)	39,642,461(12)	_	_
HighPeak Energy II, LP (14)	_	_		_	_		_	_	36 740 593(11)	36,740,593(12)	_	_
RRA Other Stockholders									, , ,	, , ,		
Group (15)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	135,080(11)	135,080(12)	_	_

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent.

- (1) The number includes shares of our common stock, CVRs and warrants, in each case, issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement. Such amount also includes (i) the shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs at the CVR Maturity Date, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders, as applicable, *provided*, *however*, such shares of our common stock underlying the CVRs will be beneficially owned by such selling securityholders, as applicable, prior to any offering pursuant to this registration statement, and (ii) the shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of our common stock, CVRs and warrants being registered on behalf of the selling securityholders pursuant to this registration statement.
- (3) Represents 5,500,000 shares of our common stock, 5,500,000 CVRs and 5,500,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, owned by the John Paul DeJoria Family Trust at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement. The address of the John Paul DeJoria Family Trust is 8911 N Capital of TX Hwy #3210, Austin, TX 78759. Such amount also includes 11,687,500 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders, and 5,500,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any.
- (4) Represents (i) the 500,000 shares of our common stock, 500,000 CVRs and 500,000 warrants, in each case issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement to HighPeak III at the Closing and subsequently transferred to Jack Hightower, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement, (ii) 100,000 shares of our common stock, 100,000 CVRS and 100,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at Closing and (iii) an aggregate 1,826,223 shares of our common stock (or vested options to acquire our common stock) and 81,298 warrants acquired subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement. Such amount also includes 1,275,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon the settlement of the CVRs, which are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders, and 681,298 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any.
- (5) Represents (i) 78,000 shares of our common stock, 78,000 CVRs and 78,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement and (ii) an aggregate 179,122 shares of our common stock (or vested options to acquire our common stock) and 11,283 warrants acquired subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement. Such amount also includes 165,750 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders in the aggregate, and 89,283 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any. This group includes six (6) selling securityholders that may be affiliated with HighPeak Energy as a result of their employment, including executive officers and certain directors, and business relationships with the HighPeak Group and its affiliates. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.
- (6) Represents 460,206 shares of our common stock, 566,372 CVRs and 564,006 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement. Such amount also includes 1,203,540 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders in the aggregate, and 564,006 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any. Includes approximately twenty-four (24) other selling securityholders not otherwise listed above. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.
- (7) Represents 176,000 shares of our common stock, 176,000 CVRs and 176,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement and were previously registered on the Company's Combined Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Form S-1, declared effective by the SEC on August 7, 2020 (File No. 333-235313). Such amount also includes 374,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders in the aggregate, and 176,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any. Includes approximately twelve (12) other selling securityholders not otherwise listed above. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.
- (8) Represents 500,000 shares of our common stock, 750,000 CVRs and 500,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement. Such amount also includes 1,593,750 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders in the aggregate, and 500,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any. Includes approximately two (2) vendors of the Company who received the registered securities pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.
- (9) Represents 462,343 shares of our common stock, 671,503 CVRs and 671,503 warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing, which are being registered pursuant to this registration statement. Such amount also includes 1,426,943 shares of our common stock issuable upon settlement of the CVRs, which such shares are not currently beneficially owned by the selling securityholders in the aggregate, and 671,503 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants with such shares able to be sold hereunder upon their issuance, if any. Includes approximately two (2) vendors of the Company who received the registered securities pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement at the Closing. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.

- (10) Represents 4,856,000 shares of our common stock issued to Sponsor in exchange for its shares of Pure Class B Common Stock as merger consideration pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement.
- (11) The number includes the number of shares of our common stock issued (i) to the HPK Contributors as merger consideration pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement and (ii) to the former holders of Pure Class B Common Stock as merger consideration pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement.
- (12) Represents the number of shares of our common stock being registered on behalf of the selling securityholders pursuant to their rights under the Registration Rights Agreement pursuant to this registration statement.
- (13) Represents 39,642,461 shares of our common stock issued to HighPeak I as merger consideration pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement. The general partner of HighPeak I is HighPeak Energy GP, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of HPEP I. The general partner of HPEP I is HighPeak Energy Partners GP, LP, whose general partner is HP GP I. Jack Hightower has the right to appoint all of the managers to the board of managers of HP GP I and is one of three managers of HP GP I. Mr. Hightower has the number of votes necessary to constitute a majority of the total number of votes held by all of the managers of HP GP I at any given time, which acts by majority vote. As a result, Mr. Hightower may be deemed to have or share beneficial ownership of the securities held directly by HPEP I. Mr. Hightower disclaims any such beneficial ownership of such securities to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (14) Represents 36,740,593 shares of our common stock issued to HighPeak II as merger consideration pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement. The general partner of HighPeak II is HighPeak Energy GP II, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of HPEP II. The general partner of HPEP II is HighPeak Energy Partners GP II, LP, whose general partner is HighPeak GP II, LLC ("HP GP II"). Mr. Hightower has the right to appoint all of the managers of HP GP II. Mr. Hightower has the number of votes necessary to constitute a majority of the total number of votes held by all of the managers of HP GP II at any given time, which acts by majority vote. As a result, Mr. Hightower may be deemed to have or share beneficial ownership of the securities held directly by HPEP II. Mr. Hightower disclaims any such beneficial ownership of such securities to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

  (15) Represents 135,080 shares of our common stock issued to the former directors of Pure as merger consideration in exchange for their shares of Pure Class B Common Stock pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement. Includes three (3) selling securityholders not otherwise listed above. Collectively, this group of selling securityholders is registering less than 1.0% of our common stock outstanding as of the date hereof.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

This prospectus includes the registration for resale of (i) 81,374,134 shares of common stock issued as merger consideration in connection with the business combination; (ii) 7,776,549 shares of common stock issued pursuant to the terms Forward Purchase Agreement; (iii) 8,089,509 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, (iv) 17,726,484 shares of common stock that could be issued upon satisfaction of the conditions in the Contingent Value Rights Agreement with respect to the CVRs issued pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement and (v) 2,005,345 shares of common stock acquired by the selling securityholders, and 92,581 warrants acquired by the selling securityholders, in each case subsequent to the filing of the POS AM Registration Statement. It also includes the registration of 8,082,090 warrants and 8,341,875 CVRs, respectively, that may be offered for resale by the selling securityholders. This prospectus also relates to the issuance of common stock issuable upon exercise or settlement of such warrants or CVRs, respectively, that have been sold by the selling securityholders pursuant to this prospectus. As of the date of this prospectus, the selling securityholders have advised us that they do not currently have any plan of distribution. Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus, "selling securityholders" includes the selling securityholders named in the table included in the section above entitled "Selling Securityholders" and donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling securities received from the selling securityholders as a gift, pledge, partnership distribution or other transfer after the date of this prospectus.

The selling securityholders may offer and sell all or a portion of the securities covered by this prospectus from time to time, in one or more or any combination of the following transactions:

- on the Nasdaq, in the over-the-counter market or on any other national securities exchange on which our securities are listed or traded;
- in privately negotiated transactions;
- in underwritten transactions;
- in a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the offered securities as agent but may purchase and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- through purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus;
- in ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers;
- through the writing of options (including put or call options), whether the options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;
- through the distribution of the securities by any selling securityholder to its partners, members or stockholders;
- in short sales entered into after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part; and
- "at the market" or through market makers or into an existing market for the securities.

The selling securityholders may sell the securities at prices then prevailing, related to the then prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. The offering price of the securities from time to time will be determined by us and by the selling securityholders and, at the time of the determination, may be higher or lower than the market price of our securities on the Nasdaq or any other exchange or market.

The selling securityholders may also sell our securities short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The shares may be sold directly or through broker-dealers acting as principal or agent, or pursuant to a distribution by one or more underwriters on a firm commitment or best-efforts basis. The selling securityholders may also enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers. In connection with such transactions, broker-dealers of other financial institutions may engage in short sales of our securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume with us and with the selling securityholders. The selling securityholders may also enter into options or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of securities offered by this prospectus, which securities such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). The selling securityholders also may resell all or a portion of the securities in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule. In connection with an underwritten offering, underwriters or agents may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling securityholders or from purchasers of the offered securities for whom they may act as agents. In addition, underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. The selling securityholders and any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in a distribution of the securities may be deemed to be "underwriters" withi

The selling securityholders may agree to indemnify an underwriter, broker-dealer or agent against certain liabilities related to the sale of the securities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The selling securityholders have advised us that they have not entered into any agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriters or broker-dealers regarding the sale of their securities. Upon our notification by a selling securityholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with an underwriter or broker-dealer for the sale of securities through a block trade, special offering, exchange distribution, secondary distribution or a purchase by an underwriter or broker-dealer, we will file a supplement to this prospectus, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, disclosing certain material information, including:

- the name of the selling securityholder;
- the number of securities being offered;
- the terms of the offering;
- the names of the participating underwriters, broker-dealers or agents;
- any discounts, commissions or other compensation paid to underwriters or broker-dealers and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid by any underwriters to dealers;
- the public offering price; and
- other material terms of the offering.

In addition, upon being notified by a selling securityholder that a donee, pledgee, transferee or other successor-in-interest intends to sell securities, we will, to the extent required, promptly file a supplement to this prospectus to name specifically such person as a selling securityholder.

The selling securityholders are subject to the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M. This regulation may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the securities offered in this prospectus by the selling securityholders. The anti-manipulation rules under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of securities in the market and to the activities of the selling securityholders and their affiliates. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the securities to engage in market-making activities for the particular securities being distributed for a period of up to five business days before the distribution. The restrictions may affect the marketability of the securities and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities for the securities.

In compliance with guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the maximum compensation or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker or dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of securities offered pursuant to this prospectus.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution. Instead of selling the securities under this prospectus, the selling securityholders may sell the securities in compliance with the provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, or pursuant to other available exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Under the Registration Rights Agreement entered into with the selling securityholders, we agreed to use our commercially reasonable efforts to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part continuously effective under the Securities Act until the date that all Registrable Securities (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) covered by this registration statement have ceased to be Registrable Securities.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the issuance of the securities offered in this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas. If certain legal matters in connection with an offering of the securities made by this prospectus and a related prospectus supplement are passed upon by counsel for the underwriters of such offering, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement related to that offering.

### **EXPERTS**

The balance sheet of HighPeak Energy, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and partners' capital (Predecessors), and cash flows for the period from August 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (Successor Company) and the period from January 1, 2020 through August 21, 2020 (Predecessor Company) and the balance sheet as of December 31, 2019 (Predecessor Company) consolidated and combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Predecessor Company) included in this prospectus have been audited by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein and is included upon reliance of the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information included herein regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves of the Company, the future net revenues from those reserves and their present value as of December 31, 2020, are based on the proved reserves report prepared by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. These estimates are included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm as an expert in these matters.

### **PART II**

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

Set forth below are the expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) expected to be incurred in connection with the offering of the securities registered hereby.

SEC registration fee	\$ 104,373,.74
Printing and engraving expenses	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Transfer agent and registrar fees	*
Miscellaneous	*
Total	\$ *

To be provided by amendment.

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the DGCL authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities, including reimbursement for expenses incurred, arising under the Securities Act.

HighPeak Energy's A&R Charter provides for indemnification of its directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL, and the Bylaws provide for indemnification of its directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL. Further, the Bylaws permit HighPeak Energy to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director or employee for any liability arising out of his or her actions regardless of whether Delaware law would permit indemnification. The Company has purchased a policy of directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures the Company's directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgement in some circumstances and insures the Company against the Company's obligations to indemnify the directors and officers.

These provisions may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against the Company's directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. Furthermore, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent the Company pays the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

In addition, HighPeak Energy has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers. These agreements require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

# Item 16. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this registration statement, including those exhibits incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing of HighPeak Energy, Inc. under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act as indicated in parentheses:

Exhibit Number	Exhibits
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
2.1+	Business Combination Agreement, dated as of May 4, 2020, by and among Pure Acquisition Corp., HighPeak Energy, Inc., Pure
_,_	Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP, HPK Energy, LLC, and, solely
	for limited purposes specified therein, HighPeak Energy Management, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A to the Company's
	Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
2.2	First Amendment to Business Combination Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2020, by and among Pure Acquisition Corp., HighPeak
	Energy, Inc., Pure Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP, HPK Energy,
	LLC and HighPeak Energy Management, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A-I to the Company's Registration Statement on
	Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
2.3	Second Amendment to Business Combination Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2020, by and among Pure Acquisition Corp., HighPeak
	Energy, Inc., Pure Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP, HPK Energy,
	LLC and HighPeak Energy Management, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A-II to the Company's Registration Statement on
	Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
2.4	Third Amendment to Business Combination Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020, by and among, Pure Acquisition Corp., HighPeak
	Energy, Inc., Pure Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP, HPK Energy,
	LLC and HighPeak Energy Management, LLC (incorporated by reference to Annex A-III to the Company's Registration Statement on
	Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
4.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2020, by and among HighPeak Energy, Inc., HighPeak Pure Acquisition, LLC,
	HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP and certain other security holders named therein (incorporated
4.0	by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-39464) filed with the SEC on August 27, 2020).
4.2	Stockholders' Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2020, by and among HighPeak Energy, Inc., HighPeak Pure Acquisition, LLC,
	<u>HighPeak Energy, LP, HighPeak Energy II, LP, HighPeak Energy III, LP, Jack Hightower and certain directors of Pure Acquisition Corp.</u> (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-39464) filed with the SEC on
	August 27, 2020).
4.3	Warrant Agreement, dated April 12, 2018, by and among Pure Acquisition Corp., its officers and directors and HighPeak Pure
4.5	Acquisition, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File
	No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
4.4	Amendment and Assignment to Warrant Agreement, dated as of August 21, 2020, by and among Pure Acquisition Corp., Continental
	Stock Transfer & Trust Company and HighPeak Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration
	Statement on Form S-4 and Form S-1 (File No. 333-235313) filed with the SEC on August 5, 2020).
5.1**	Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. as to the legality of the securities being registered.
21.1	List of Subsidiaries of HighPeak Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K
	(File No. 001-39464) filed with the SEC on August 27, 2020).
23.1**	Consent of Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., independent registered public accounting firm for HighPeak Energy, Inc.
23.2**	Consent of Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc.
23.3**	Consent of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. (included as part of its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).
24.1**	Powers of Attorney (included on signatures pages of this registration statement.
99.1	Reserve Report of HPK LP as of December 31, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Annual Report on
	Form 10-K (File No. 001-39464) filed with the SEC on March 15, 2021).
99.2	Audit Letter Relating to Reserves of HPK LP as of December 31, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Company
	Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333.258853) filed with the SEC on August 16, 2021).

<sup>+</sup> Certain schedules and similar attachments have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. HighPeak Energy agrees to furnish a supplemental copy of any omitted schedule or attachment to the SEC upon request.

<sup>\*</sup> To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K of HighPeak Energy, Inc.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Filed herewith.

## Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of a prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
  - (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (d) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
  - (i) each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

- (ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (e) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
  - (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
  - (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
  - (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, as amended, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Fort Worth, State of Texas, on December 16, 2021.

## HIGHPEAK ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Jack Hightower

Jack Hightower

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below appoints Jack Hightower, Steven W. Tholen and Rodney L. Woodard, and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any Registration Statement (including any amendment thereto) for this offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or would do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof..

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated below as of December 16, 2021.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ Jack Hightower	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman	December 16, 2021
Jack Hightower	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Steven W. Tholen	Chief Financial Officer	December 16, 2021
Steven W. Tholen	(Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ Keith Forbes Keith Forbes	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	December 16, 2021
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/s/ Jay M. Chernosky	Director	December 16, 2021
Jay M. Chernosky		
/s/ Keith A. Covington	Director	December 16, 2021
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/s/ Sharon F. Fulgham	Director	December 16, 2021
Sharon F. Fulgham		
/s/ Michael H. Gustin	Director	December 16, 2021
Michael H. Gustin		,
/s/ Michael L. Hollis	President and Director	December 16, 2021
Michael L. Hollis	Trestacht und Brector	December 10, 2021
/s/ Larry C. Oldham	Director	December 16, 2021
Larry C. Oldham		

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December 16, 2021

HighPeak Energy, Inc. 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Re: HighPeak Energy, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to HighPeak Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with respect to certain legal matters in connection with the preparation and filing of a registration statement on Form S-3 (as amended from time to time, the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, relating to:

- a) the offering, issuance and sale, from time to time, by the Company of up to \$300 million of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock");
- b) the offering, issuance and sale, from time to time, by the Company, of: (i) up to 9,500,174 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock"), that may be issued upon exercise of the Company's outstanding warrants to purchase one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, including (A) 8,976,875 warrants (the "FPA Warrants") issued pursuant to an Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement (as amended, the "A&R Forward Purchase Agreement"), dated July 24, 2020, by and among the Company, each party designated as a Purchaser on the signature page thereto, HighPeak Energy Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and solely for the limited purposes specified therein, Pure Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Pure") and governed by the Warrant Agreement and Warrant Amendment and Assignment (each as defined herein) once such FPA Warrants have been sold by the selling securityholders pursuant to the Registration Statement and (B) 523,299 warrants issued at the closing of the Company's business combination (the "business combination") to the previous holders of Pure's then outstanding warrants and Pure Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Pure Class A Common Stock"), and the previous holders of Pure's public warrants, and governed by the Warrant Agreement and Warrant Amendment and Assignment (each as defined below) (together with the FPA Warrants, the "Existing Warrants," and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof, the "Warrant Exercise Shares"); and (ii) up to 21,694,762 shares of Common Stock issuable upon settlement of contingent value rights ("CVRs") of the Company, including (A) 19,075,859 shares of Common Stock issuable upon settlement of CVRs of the Company issued pursuant to the A&R Forward Purchase Agreement and governed by the Contingent Value Rights Agreement (as defined herein) once such FPA CVRs have been sold pursuant to the Registration Statement, and (B) 2,618,903 contingent value rights (together with the FPA CVRs, the "Existing CVRs" and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon settlement thereof, the "CVR Settlement Shares") issued at the closing of the Company's business combination to holders of Pure Class A Common Stock and governed by the Contingent Value Rights Agreement; and

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c) the offering, issuance and sale, from time to time, by the selling securityholders identified in the Registration Statement of an aggregate of (i) 117,064,602 shares of Common Stock, including (A) 7,776,549 shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the A&R Forward Purchase Agreement (the "FPA Shares"), (B) 8,089,509 shares of Common Stock underlying the FPA Warrants, (C) 17,726,484 shares of Common Stock issuable upon settlement of the FPA CVRs, (D) 76,383,054 shares of Common Stock issued as merger consideration in connection with the closing of the business combination (the "HighPeak Shares"), (E) 4,856,000 shares of Common Stock issued as merger consideration to the previous holders of shares of Pure's Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, in connection with the closing of the business combination (together with the FPA Shares and the HighPeak Shares, the "Outstanding Secondary Shares"), (F) 135,080 shares of Common Stock issued as consideration for the exchange of shares of Pure Class B common stock to certain former directors of Pure, (G) 2,005,345 shares of Common Stock acquired by certain selling securityholders in open market transactions and (H) 92,581 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the 92,581 warrants of the Company acquired by certain selling securityholders in open market transactions; (ii) 8,182,090 FPA Warrants and (iii) 8,341,875 FPA CVRs.

The securities described in the foregoing clauses (a), (b) and (c) are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have read and examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (a) the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the amended and restated bylaws of the Company, (b) the Business Combination Agreement, dated May 4, 2020 (as subsequently amended, the "Business Combination Agreement"), by and among (i) Pure, (ii) the Company, (iii) Pure Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and then a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, (iv) HighPeak Energy, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("HighPeak I"), (v) HighPeak Energy II, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("HighPeak II"), (vi) HighPeak Energy III, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("HighPeak III" and, together with HighPeak I and HighPeak II, the "HighPeak Funds"), (vii) HPK Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of HPK Energy, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and an affiliate of HighPeak Pure Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("HighPeak Acquisition") and (viii) solely for the limited purposes specified therein, HighPeak Energy Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (c) the Contingent Value Rights Agreement, dated August 21, 2020, by and among the Company, HighPeak Acquisition, HighPeak I, HighPeak II and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent (the "Contingent Value Rights Agreement"), (d) the Amendment and Assignment to Warrant Agreement, dated August 21, 2020, by and between the Company, Pure and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent (the "Warrant Amendment and Assignment"), related to the amendment and assignment of that certain Warrant Agreement, dated April 12, 2018, by and between Pure and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent (the "Warrant Agreement"), (e) the A&R Forward Purchase Agreement, (f) the Escrow Agreement, dated August 21, 2020, by and among the Company, HighPeak Acquisition, HighPeak I, HighPeak II and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as escrow agent (the "Escrow Agreement"), (g) the Registration Statement and (h) such other certificates, statutes and other instruments and documents that we considered necessary or appropriate for the purpose of rendering the opinions set forth below.



In our examination, we have assumed, without independent investigation (a) the genuineness of the signatures on all documents that we have examined, (b) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (c) the authenticity of all documents supplied to us as originals, (d) the conformity to the authentic originals of all documents supplied to us as certified, photostatic, facsimile, electronic or otherwise reproduced copies, (e) the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents, (f) that the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded and (g) all Securities will be issued and sold, as applicable, in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable prospectus supplement, if any.

We have also assumed that (a) the Warrant Exercise Shares and CVR Settlement Shares will be issued in the manner described in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement and in accordance with the terms of the Contingent Value Rights Agreement, the Escrow Agreement, the Warrant Amendment and Assignment and the Warrant Agreement, (b) all Securities will be duly registered, as applicable, by the registrar for the Securities in the stock register maintained by such registrar and (c) at the time of issuance of any Warrant Exercise Shares or CVR Settlement Shares, (i) the Company will validly exist and be duly qualified and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation, (ii) the Company will have the necessary organizational power and authority to issue the Warrant Exercise Shares or CVR Settlement Shares, as applicable and (iii) the Company will have made available for issuance such number of Warrant Exercise Shares or CVR Settlement Shares, as applicable.



Based upon the foregoing and subject to the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Securities have been duly authorized and:

- 1. the Warrant Exercise Shares, when issued against payment therefor and delivered upon exercise of the Existing Warrants in accordance with the Warrant Agreement and Warrant Amendment and Assignment will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- 2. the CVR Settlement Shares subject to issuance in settlement of the Existing CVRs upon their maturity will, when issued and delivered in accordance with the Contingent Value Rights Agreement, be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
  - 3. the Outstanding Secondary Shares are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- 4. the FPA Warrants are validly issued and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with the terms of the Warrant Agreement and the Warrant Amendment and Assignment.
- 5. the FPA CVRs are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with the Contingent Value Rights Agreement.

Our opinions expressed herein are limited in all respects to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, which includes all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and the reported judicial decisions interpreting such laws, and the federal laws of the United States of America, and, as to the Warrants constituting legally binding obligations of the Company, solely with respect to the laws of the State of New York. We do not express any opinion as to the applicability of, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction, domestic or foreign.

We express no opinion as to any matter other than as set forth herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied herefrom. Our opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we undertake no, and hereby disclaim any, obligation to advise you of any change in any matter set forth herein.

Our opinion that any document or Security is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Company is subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights of creditors generally, (ii) general principles of equity, including without limitation concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief and limitation of rights of acceleration, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law and (iii) limitations of rights to indemnification, exculpation and contribution which may be limited by applicable law or equitable principles. We also express no opinion regarding the effectiveness of any waiver of stay, extension or usury laws or of unknown future rights, and we express no opinion regarding severability provisions.



We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. in the prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement under the caption "Legal Matters." In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 15, 2021, with respect to the audited consolidated and combined financial statements of HighPeak Energy, Inc. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P. WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Fort Worth, Texas December 16, 2021

# CAWLEY, GILLESPIE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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As independent petroleum engineers, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reserves report and audit letter relating to HighPeak Energy, Inc.'s proved oil and natural gas reserves estimates and associated estimates of future net revenues and their present value as of December 31, 2020. We also consent to the references to our firm contained in the Registration Statement, including in the related prospectus under the caption "Experts."

CAWLEY, GILLESPIE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Texas Registered Engineering Firm

/s/ W. Todd Brooker, P.E.

W. Todd Brooker, P.E. President

Austin, Texas December 16, 2021