



## Calfrac's Amended Recapitalization Transaction is Still the Best Way to Vote, for Both Shareholders and the Company

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***The Board Recommends that Shareholders VOTE FOR on the white proxy form.***

CALGARY, AB, Oct. 6, 2020 /CNW/ - Calfrac Well Services Ltd. ("Calfrac" or the "Company") (TSX: CFW) today summarized the current status of its Amended Recapitalization Transaction:

### **What Shareholders Need to Know:**

#### **Calfrac's Offer: At your election:**

- (i) **Cash of \$0.15 per share; or retain your Calfrac shares.** (The cash amount is subject to possible proration.); **plus**
- (ii) **in either case:** Shareholders will also receive **two warrants for each share held**, exercisable for a period of three years at a price of \$0.05 per share.

**Potential Value of the Calfrac Warrants:** Using conventional finance methods: **\$0.05 per share now**, but with the potential to be worth **\$0.26 to \$0.71** per share, if Calfrac's enterprise value returns to its historical average. More details in respect of the warrant analysis will be posted on our website under the Recapitalization Transaction Information tab which can be found [here](#).

#### **Important Reasons to Accept the Calfrac Offer:**

##### **(i) Deal certainty.**

Calfrac's transaction can be readily completed. It is contractually supported by 78% of Unsecured Noteholders. (The Unsecured Notes balance due is US\$431.8 million.)

This is the **only transaction** being voted on at the meetings on October 16, 2020.

As discussed below, the Wilks Brothers Offer is conditional, uncertain and appears to be in violation of applicable securities laws.

Calfrac's Amended Recapitalization Transaction will proceed if Calfrac Shareholders vote **FOR**, which is the best result.

##### **(ii) The alternative plan is significantly less favourable for Shareholders.**

If the Shareholder votes are negative, then the original Recapitalization Transaction will still proceed. Calfrac has agreed with a majority of Unsecured Noteholders to apply to implement the original Recapitalization Transaction under the CCAA in this event. This agreement was made to deliver the incremental consideration to Shareholders under the Amended Recapitalization Transaction.

The cash alternative and the warrants for Shareholders are only available under the Amended Recapitalization Transaction if Shareholder approval is obtained.

#### **The Wilks Brothers Takeover Bid -- Issues and Problems**

##### **Overall:**

The Wilks Brothers takeover bid is still a mirage. It exists to try to entice Shareholders to vote against the Calfrac Amended Recapitalization Transaction. The Wilks Brothers takeover bid has no clear path to implementation. Its principal purpose is to disrupt the Amended Recapitalization Transaction.

Even if the Wilks Brothers takeover bid could be completed, it would be a change of control under all of Calfrac's loan documents, triggering an immediate insolvency. The Amended Recapitalization Transaction does not face this hurdle.

A failure of the upcoming Calfrac Shareholder vote may also push Calfrac into insolvency, which Wilks Brothers has sought several times already.

##### **What are the Conditions to the Wilks Brothers Offer?**

No one knows, because on October 5, 2020, Wilks Brothers announced that it has added a new condition to its offer without disclosing any of the details. Wilks Brothers has said that it will not disclose the details of this condition until its formal notice of amendment is filed, within ten days. This additional undisclosed condition – which appears to be a violation of Canadian takeover bid rules – creates even more uncertainty about whether Shareholders could ever receive any recovery under the Wilks Brothers Offer.

##### **Adverse Amendments to the Wilks Brothers Offer:**

**Wilks Brothers seeks to adversely change its offer structure – seemingly in violation of Canadian takeover bid rules.**

As described above, Wilks Brothers has, most unfairly, failed to disclose the details of its new takeover bid condition, announced on October 5. Wilks Brothers vaguely announced that it will be adding another condition to "preserve the status quo with respect to Calfrac's issued shares". The addition

of new conditions to an outstanding takeover bid appears to be a violation of Canadian takeover bid rules.

Furthermore, Wilks Brothers has sought to cap the amount of cash it would need to pay under its offer at \$21,103,250. This amendment also appears to be a violation of Canadian takeover bid rules. The capped cash amount provided in the Wilks Brothers Offer would equate to approximately \$0.01 for each of Calfrac's pro forma shares outstanding after the original Recapitalization Transaction is completed, but it is certainly not clear what is intended.

**Does anyone seriously believe that Wilks Brothers does not already know what its new takeover bid condition will say?**

**Does Wilks Brothers intend to provide details at a time that is too late for Shareholders to consider before making their decisions for the October 16 meetings?**

**The Wilks Brothers Offer, regardless of its offer price, continues to be unlikely to be completed.**

### **Conclusion**

The Board of Directors of Calfrac urges Shareholders:

- (i) to continue to ignore the noise;
- (ii) to focus on Shareholder economics;
- (iii) to carefully consider deal certainty;
- (iv) to consider the downside risks of the alternatives; and
- (v) to look at all of the terms and conditions involved (including the newly added and as yet unclear condition).

Calfrac remains of the opinion that Shareholders should VOTE FOR the Amended Recapitalization Transaction.

***Shareholders and Unsecured Noteholders are reminded that the meetings previously scheduled for September 29, 2020, have been postponed to October 16, 2020.***

***Any questions or requests for further information regarding voting at the meetings or revoking proxies should be directed to Kingsdale Advisors by: (i) telephone, toll free in North America at 1 (877) 659-1822 or at (416) 867-2272 outside North America, or (ii) e-mail to [contactus@kingsdaleadvisors.com](mailto:contactus@kingsdaleadvisors.com).***

***Further details regarding the Amended Recapitalization Transaction are available on Calfrac's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on Calfrac's website at [www.calfrac.com](http://www.calfrac.com).***

***If you have any questions regarding the above, or related to the Amended Recapitalization Transaction, please contact Scott Treadwell, Vice President, Capital Markets and Strategy at (403) 266-6000.***

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***All references to "\$" are to Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.***

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***These forward-looking statements and information are based on certain key expectations and assumptions made by Calfrac in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following: the Amended Recapitalization Transaction will be completed as proposed; the written statements of intention of the Consenting Noteholders; precedent decisions by Canadian securities regulators with respect to the scope of exemptive relief available under takeover bid legislation; economic and political environment in which Calfrac operates; Calfrac's expectations for its customers' capital budgets and geographical areas of focus; the effect unconventional oil and gas projects have had on supply and demand fundamentals for oil and natural gas; Calfrac's existing contracts and the status of current negotiations with key customers and suppliers; the effectiveness of cost reduction measures instituted by Calfrac; and the likelihood that the current tax and regulatory regime will remain substantially unchanged.***

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