# 2019 A&D Look Back 2020 A&D Outlook

# Sayer Energy Advisors' Perspective

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### Sayer Energy Advisors

- 33 year history of oil and natural gas industry M&A services.
- Completely independent of the public markets – we do not get involved in financings.
- Managed by individuals with varied backgrounds, each with significant related experience.



### Sayer Energy Advisors

#### **Corporate Advisory Services**

- Divestitures, Mergers, Acquisitions.
- Valuations and Fairness Opinions.
- Expert Witness Assignments.

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#### **Industry Publications**

- Well-known for Canadian M&A market analysis through our quarterly publication.
- Publish complete Canadian oil industry M&A and financing information.
- Complete listing of current Canadian oil & natural gas industry asset and corporate dispositions.

# Recent M&A Activity Metrics

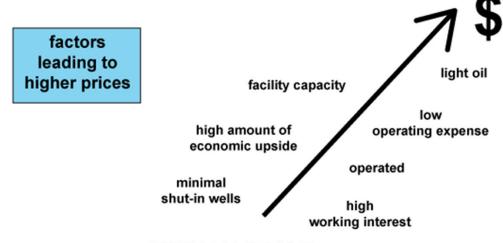


# We Are in a Buyers' Market

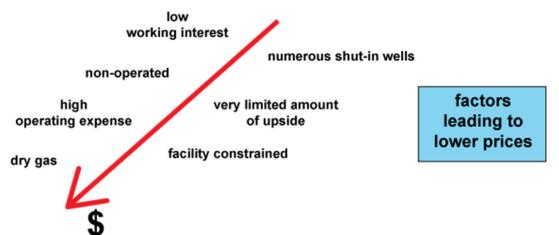
- We have been in a "Buyers' Market" for a number of years.
- The "Buyers' Market" will continue in Canada until we see more capital coming into the industry.

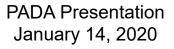


# Factors Affecting Prices for M&A Transactions



#### **MEDIAN PRICE**







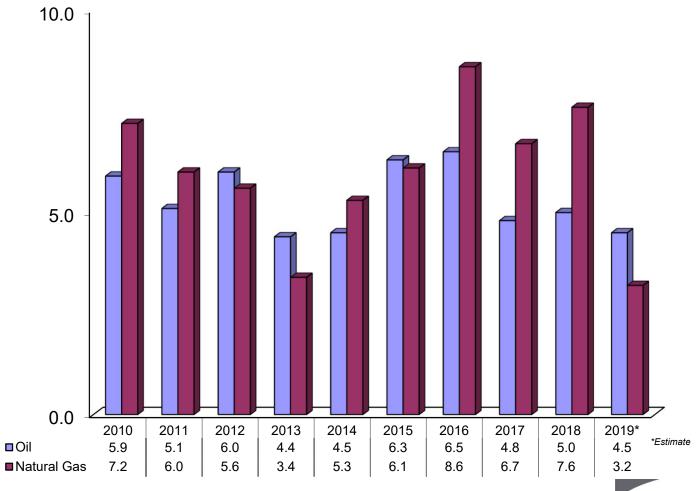
### Cash Flow is King!

 Deals are being done on a cash flow basis, less consideration for liabilities.

Reserves and production based metrics are pretty much off the table right now.

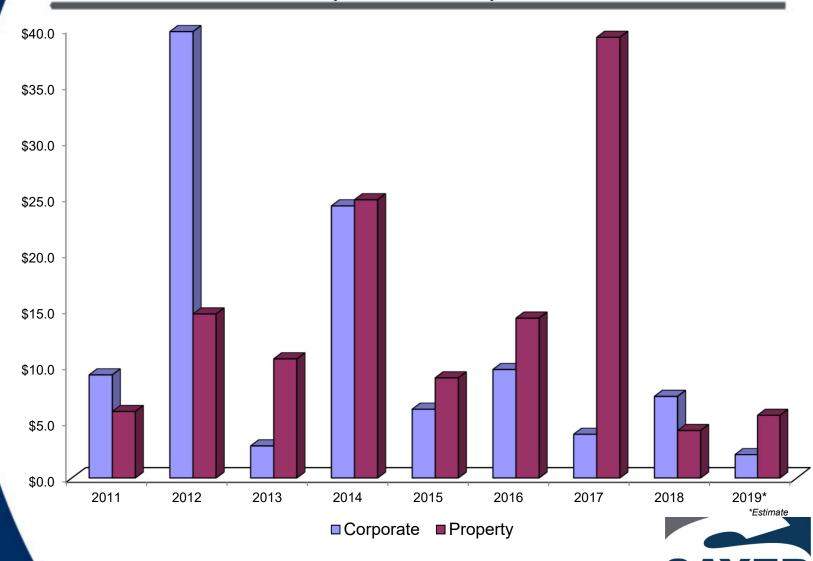


# Historic Cash Flow Multiples





# Total Enterprise Value of Transactions (\$ Billions)



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### Why is M&A Value Down?

- Uncertainty relating to pricing.
- Uncertainty relating to government.
- Uncertainty relating to environmental policies.
- A generally bad public feeling about our industry.
- In general it appears that our industry is currently "toxic".



### Why is M&A Value Down?

- Uncertainty relating to pricing.
  - M&A prices are responsive to commodity price changes.
  - Parties that do not have to sell are not selling in the current M&A environment.

"That's an offer of only 1X cashflow!!

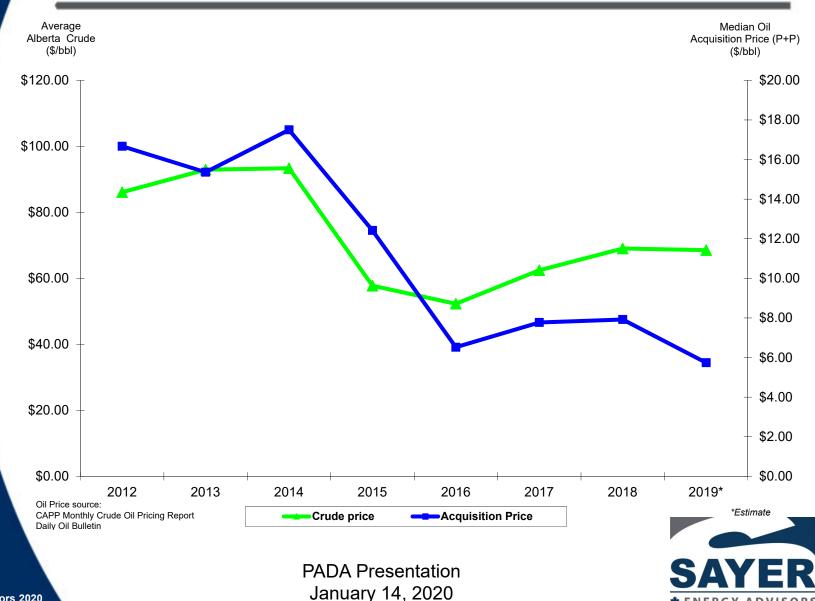
I'll hold on and see what happens."



# The Question We **HATE** Getting Asked

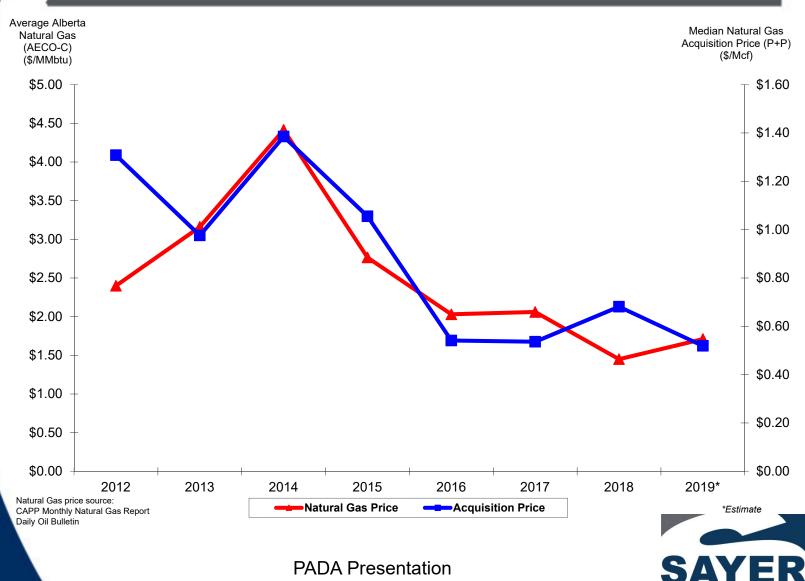
- "When is the gap between buyers and sellers going to close?"
  - Buyers want to buy assets because they believe that the price of oil will rise, yet they make offers as if the price is going to stay low.
  - Sellers, unless pressured to sell, will not sell at low prices unless the prospect of higher prices is reflected in the offer price.
  - A buyer which recognizes this can be successful if it offers value over and above that reflected in strip pricing.

# Correlation of Median M&A Price and Commodity Prices: OIL



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# Correlation of Median M&A Price and Commodity Prices: **NATURAL GAS**



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### Why is M&A Value Down?

- Uncertainty relating to government.
  - Change in provincial government
    - · Production curtailments
    - Uncertainty relating to handling of liability issues.



# Does Anyone Love Our Industry?



# Forecast for 2020 M&A Activity



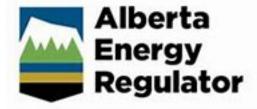
#### M&A & Liabilities

• Environmental liabilities are a concern, impediment, issue in M&A transactions.



#### M&A & Liabilities

LLR uncertainty





• Until there is resolution in this matter, the M&A market will remain in turmoil.



#### Insolvencies



#### **Current Insolvencies**





#### HOUSTON OIL & GAS LTD.













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#### Who's Next?

- The big question on everyone's mind is who will be the next big blow up?
- Trident was a big one in terms of well count but there are fears that even bigger ones are pending.





# Share Buy Backs - NCIB

 This will continue in 2020 meaning less money will be directed toward M&A



### Share Buy Backs - NCIB

• .....As a result, Tamarack plans to invest approximately half of the adjusted operating field netback in excess of the 2020 capital budget to continue to purchase shares for cancellation through the NCIB program....





# Currently "On the Block" or "Reviewing Strategic Alternatives"











#### 2020: More "Share for Share" Deals

Look for an increase in "paper deals".





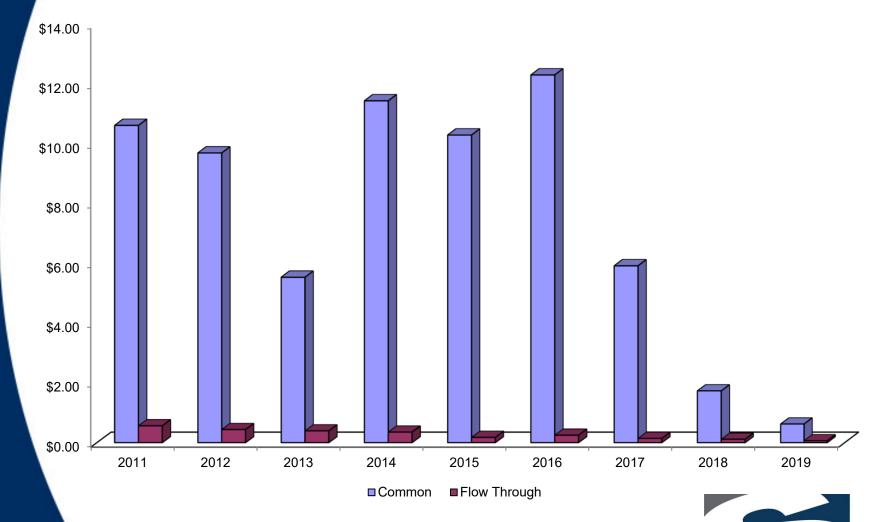


 We believe this activity will pick up as yearend financial and operating results are released.

# Total Canadian Oil & Natural Gas Financings (\$ Billions)

- New capital especially equity is key to funding M&A activity.
- Financing activity was down slightly in 2019.
  - Including equity and debt issues, a total of \$5.2 billion in capital was raised in 2019.
  - \$5.3 billion was raised in 2018
  - \$22.8 billion was raised in 2017
- Equity raised was down significantly in 2019, with \$800 million raised vs. the \$1.9 billion raised in 2018 and \$6.0 billion raised in 2017.
- There was an increase in debt issues, with \$4.4 billion raised in 2019 compared to \$3.4 billion in 2018.

# Total Canadian Oil & Natural Gas Equity Financings (\$ Billions)



# 2020: Private Equity Will Increase Its Presence

 With lethargic public capital markets, private equity has recently stepped up its presence as recently illustrated by transactions involving:





Topaz Energy Corp.



Private Company





# 2020: Private Equity Reorganizations and Recapitalizations





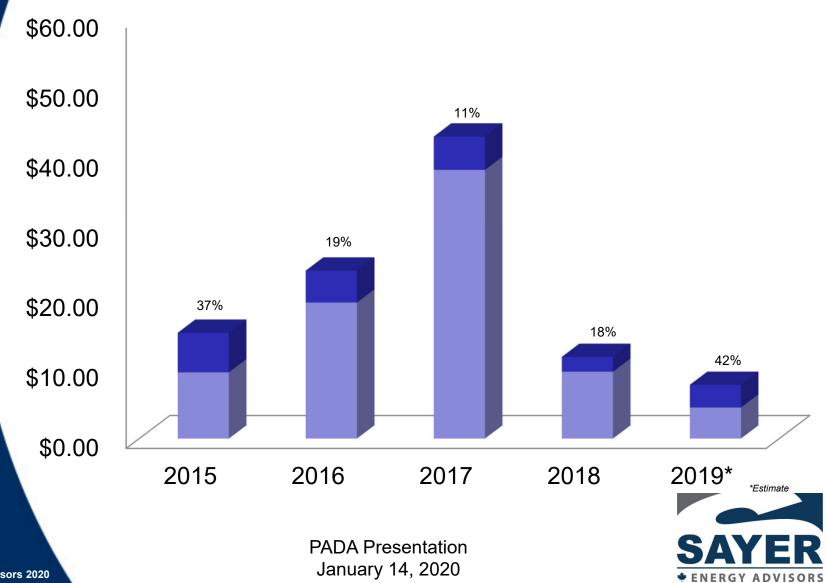
Headwater Exploration Inc.







# Total M&A Value vs. Total M&A Value Done By Private Entities (\$ Billions)



# M&A Transactions Concluded by Sayer in 2019

























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# M&A Transactions Concluded by Sayer in 2019































### Summary

- The M&A market needs cooperation from all levels of government.
  - LLR, environmental, pipelines, ...
- LLR and environmental issues will continue to factor into M&A transactions.
- Declining curtailment levels will help.
- Some companies will "roll over" and willingly enter the M&A market.
- Other companies will enter the M&A market unwillingly.
- More share-for-share transactions will be concluded.
- Private equity will continue to step up.
- The industry will survive.

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