



**CES ENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. ANNOUNCES STRONG FOURTH QUARTER  
AND FULL YEAR 2024 RESULTS WITH RECORD ADJUSTED EBITDAC AND AN  
INCREASE TO ITS QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

**CES Energy Solutions Corp.** ("CES" or the "Company") (TSX: CEU) (OTC: CESDF) is pleased to announce strong financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, along with a 42% increase to the quarterly dividend from \$0.030 per share to \$0.0425 per share, which will be paid on April 15, 2025, to the shareholders of record at the close of business on March 31, 2025.

- Fourth quarter revenue of \$605.4 million, increased 9% year over year
- Record quarterly Adjusted EBITDAC of \$103.2 million at a 17.0% margin, increased 22% year over year
- Record annual revenue of \$2.4 billion, increased 9% year over year
- Record annual adjusted EBITDAC of \$403.2 million at a 17.1% margin, increased 28% year over year
- Annual Cash Flow from Operations of \$304.7 million and Free Cash Flow of \$186.9 million
- Conservative leverage of 1.12x Total Debt/Adjusted EBITDAC, a reduction from 1.49x year over year
- Returned \$128.4 million to shareholders in the year through \$26.9 million in dividends and \$101.5 million for the repurchase of 15.2 million shares at an average price of \$6.69, and representing approximately 6.4% of common shares outstanding at January 1, 2024
- Announced a 42% increase to the quarterly dividend to \$0.0425 per share, representing an implied annual payout ratio of 16%

CES' fourth quarter and full year record setting results continue to demonstrate the significant merits of its unique business model. CES has continued to provide mission critical chemical solutions enabling our customers to succeed in an era of high service intensity levels, and increasingly complex drilling fluids and production chemical technology requirements.

CES' performance is characterized by strong levels of financial resilience, cash flow generation, and profitability inherent in its capex light, asset light, vertically integrated consumable chemicals business model supported by industry leading people, infrastructure, and technology. CES continues to provide valuable solutions to increasingly complicated drilling programs which require higher levels of service intensity, effectively overcoming a lower US industry rig count. Attractive growth was also achieved by delivering superior production chemical services and technology to active, results oriented, high quality customers as they continue to maximize returns on their producing wells through effective chemical treatments.

Adjusted EBITDAC margin of 17.0% in the quarter resulted from continued levels of high service intensity, an attractive product mix, and adoption of innovative, technologically advanced products supported by a prudent cost structure, effective supply chain management, and vertically integrated business model.

CES remains confident in its ability to continue generating strong surplus free cash flow, supported by its financial performance, outlook, and capital structure, and furthermore, on March 6, 2025, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in the quarterly dividend from \$0.030 per share to \$0.0425 per share, which will be paid on April 15, 2025, to the shareholders of record at the close of business on March 31, 2025.

## **Fourth Quarter and Annual Results**

In the fourth quarter, CES generated revenue of \$605.4 million, representing a sequential decrease of \$1.1 million from the record quarterly revenue set in Q3 2024, and an increase of \$51.9 million or 9% compared to \$553.5 million in Q4 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, CES generated revenue of \$2.4 billion, an increase of \$190.2 million or 9% relative to the year ended December 31, 2023. Increasing service intensity levels, higher industry rig counts in Canada, and strong market share positions, resulted in an overall uptick in revenue compared to prior year, despite softening industry rig counts in the US.

Revenue generated in the US during Q4 2024 was \$390.2 million, representing a sequential decrease of \$12.4 million or 3% compared to Q3 2024, and an increase of \$29.1 million or 8% compared to Q4 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, revenue generated in the US was up 7% to \$1.6 billion relative to the twelve months ended December 31, 2023. US revenues for both the three and twelve month periods benefited from higher production levels and increased service intensity, which more than offset the impact of decreased industry drilling activity. CES continued to maintain its strong industry positioning, achieving US Drilling Fluids Market Share of 21% and 22% for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, compared to 22% and 21% for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, respectively.

Revenue generated in Canada during Q4 2024 set a new quarterly record at \$215.2 million, representing a sequential increase of \$11.3 million or 6% compared to Q3 2024, and an increase of \$22.8 million or 12% compared to Q4 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, revenue generated in Canada was up 12% to \$782.2 million relative to the twelve months ended December 31, 2023. Canadian revenues for both the three and twelve month periods benefited from higher industry activity and production chemical volumes year over year. Canadian Drilling Fluids Market Share of 36% and 34% for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, compared to 33% and 34% for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDAC set a quarterly record at \$103.2 million, representing a sequential increase of 1% compared to Q3 2024, and an increase of 22% compared to Q4 2023. Adjusted EBITDAC as a percentage of revenue of 17.0% in Q4 2024 came in ahead of 16.9% and 15.3% recorded in Q3 2024 and Q4 2023, respectively. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, Adjusted EBITDAC was up 28% to a record \$403.2 million from \$315.8 million in 2023, and Adjusted EBITDAC as a percentage of revenue increased to 17.1% from 14.6% a year ago. Adjusted EBITDAC improvements for both the three and twelve month periods were driven by strong revenue levels combined with improved margins, resulting from increased service intensity, an attractive product mix, effective supply chain management, and continued adoption of innovative, technologically advanced products, supported by a prudent cost structure and vertically integrated business model.

Net income for the three months ended December 31, 2024, decreased 15% to \$41.9 million and net income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, increased 24% to \$191.1 million relative to the comparative 2023 periods. Both the three and twelve month periods benefited from strong activity levels combined with improved margins and prudent management of expenses, partly offset by increased foreign exchange losses associated with the appreciation of the US dollar, which was more pronounced in Q4 2024, and higher stock based compensation expenses relating to the appreciation of the Company's share price on associated cash-settled awards throughout the year.

During the quarter, CES returned \$44.6 million to shareholders (Q4 2023 - \$25.1 million), through \$37.7 million in shares repurchased under its NCIB and its quarterly dividend of \$6.9 million (2023 - \$19.1 million and \$6.0 million, respectively). For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, CES returned \$128.4 million to shareholders (2023 - \$93.5 million), through \$101.5 million in share repurchases under its NCIB and \$26.9 million in dividends paid (2023 - \$70.9 million and \$22.5 million, respectively).

For Q4 2024, net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$62.2 million compared to \$39.3 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, net cash provided by operating activities of \$304.7 million compared to \$301.8 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2023. The increases in net cash provided by operating activities for both the three and twelve month periods were driven by strong financial performance with higher contribution margins on associated activity levels relative to the comparative reference periods.

CES generated \$68.8 million in Funds Flow from Operations in Q4 2024, compared to \$88.5 million generated in Q3 2024 and \$68.2 million generated in Q4 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, CES generated \$293.0 million of Funds Flow from Operations compared to \$251.7 million in 2023. Funds Flow from Operations excludes the impact of working capital, and is reflective of the continued strong surplus free cash flow generated in 2024.

CES generated \$34.6 million in Free Cash Flow in Q4 2024, compared to \$40.1 million generated in Q3 2024, and \$15.2 million generated in Q4 2023. The increase in Q4 2024 was driven by strong financial performance with higher contributions margins on associated activity levels, relative to the comparable period in 2023. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, CES generated \$186.9 million of Free Cash Flow compared to \$211.6 million in 2023. The decrease for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, was driven by larger required capital expenditures to support record revenue levels, relative to 2023. Free Cash Flow includes the impact of quarterly working capital variations, net of capital expenditures and lease repayments.

As at December 31, 2024, CES had a Working Capital Surplus of \$681.1 million, which increased from \$633.3 million at September 30, 2024, and \$632.8 million as at December 31, 2023. The movement during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, was primarily driven by a rapid appreciation of the US dollar which resulted in increases to working capital on the revaluation of balances held in the Company's US subsidiaries. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, the movement in the quarter was driven by increases to inventory and accounts receivable to support the year over year increases in activity levels. The Company continues to focus on working capital optimization benefiting from the high quality of its customers and diligent internal credit monitoring processes.

As at December 31, 2024, CES had Total Debt of \$452.6 million compared to \$469.6 million at December 31, 2023. Included in Total Debt at December 31, 2024, is the Senior Facility of \$148.8 million (December 31, 2023 - \$140.6 million), \$200.0 million of Senior Notes, which replaced the previously outstanding Canadian Term Loan for \$250.0 million, and lease obligations of \$91.9 million (December 31, 2023 - \$73.1 million). The decrease in Total Debt during the year was driven by the repayment of the Canadian Term Loan using the proceeds from the Senior Notes issuance, resulting in a permanent reduction in the Company's fixed term debt, and the continued strong financial performance and ongoing efforts to optimize working capital cycles. These benefits were partly offset by increased levels of lease obligations and deferred acquisition consideration associated with the acquisition of Hydrolite.

Working Capital Surplus exceeded Total Debt at December 31, 2024, by \$228.5 million (December 31, 2023 - \$163.1 million). As of the date of this press release, the Company had total long-term debt of approximately \$360.0 million, comprised of a net draw on its Senior Facility of approximately \$160.0 million and its outstanding \$200.0 million Senior Notes due May 24, 2029.

## Outlook

The demand trends of developing countries and global demand requirements to support eventual energy transition initiatives, combined with depletion of existing resources, reduced investment in the upstream oil and gas sector over recent years, and diminished available inventory quality has necessitated increased service intensity for available resources thereby resulting in continued constructive end markets for CES services which enhance drilling and production performance. This constructive environment supports a favorable outlook for CES' primary North American target market.

Despite economic uncertainty and ongoing global conflicts, energy industry fundamentals continue to support critical drilling and production activity for oil and natural gas. Moreover, current depressed global inventories and fewer high-quality drilling locations provide cautious optimism for suitable pricing, despite potential economic headwinds and geopolitical instability impacting customer spending plans. Currently, oil prices are sustained by increasing global demand and limited supply growth and while natural gas has demonstrated price weakness since early 2023, we anticipate a sustained period of elevated gas drilling activity in the US and Canada as projects under construction come online. While the current political landscape and potential impact of recently imposed tariffs in both the US and Canada continues to generate uncertainty, including within the energy sector, CES' business model provides relative protection due to its significant proportion of revenue derived in the US versus Canada, its vertically integrated business models in both countries, and flexible supply chain capabilities.

CES continues to be optimistic in its outlook for the next year as it expects to benefit from stable upstream activity, increased service intensity levels, adoption of advanced critical chemical solutions, and continued strength in commodity pricing across North America by capitalizing on its established infrastructure, industry leading positioning, vertically integrated business model, and strategic procurement practices.

Commensurate with current record revenue levels, CES expects 2025 capital expenditures, net of proceeds on disposals of assets, to be approximately \$80.0 million, evenly weighted between maintenance and expansion capital to support sustained activity levels and business development opportunities. CES plans to continue its disciplined and prudent approach to capital expenditures and will adjust its plans as required to support prudent growth initiatives throughout divisions.

CES has proactively managed both the duration and the flexibility of its debt. In May 2024, CES successfully issued \$200.0 million of Senior Notes due May 24, 2029. The net proceeds from the issuance of the Senior Notes, together with draws on the Company's Senior Facility were used to repay the \$250.0 million secured Canadian Term Loan Facility on more attractive terms, and provided maturity extension to 2029. This further strengthens the Company's capital structure and reduces the cost of capital alongside its previously amended and extended Senior Facility due April 2026. The combination of the Senior Notes and the Senior Facility effectively addresses CES' near-term and foreseeable longer-term requirements. CES routinely considers its capital structure, including increasing or decreasing the capacity of its Senior Facility, issuance or redemption of Senior Notes, and other potential financing options.

CES' underlying business model is capex light and asset light, enabling the generation of significant surplus free cash flow. As our customers endeavor to maintain or grow production in the current environment, CES will leverage its established infrastructure, business model, and nimble customer-oriented culture to deliver superior products and services to the industry. CES sees the consumable chemical market increasing its share of the oilfield spend as operators continue to: drill longer reach laterals and drill them faster; expand and optimize the utilization of pad drilling; increase the intensity and size of their fracs; and require increasingly technical and specialized chemical treatments to effectively maintain existing cash flow generating wells and treat growing production volumes and water cuts from new wells.

## Conference Call Details

With respect to the fourth quarter results, CES will host a conference call / webcast at 9:00 am MT (11:00 am ET) on Friday, March 7, 2025. The Link to Webcast and Dial-In information can be found at [www.cesenergysolutions.com](http://www.cesenergysolutions.com). A recording of the live audio webcast of the conference call will also be available on our website at [www.cesenergysolutions.com](http://www.cesenergysolutions.com). The webcast will be archived for approximately 90 days.

## Financial Highlights

(\$000s, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Revenue						
United States <sup>(1)</sup>	390,203	361,091	8 %	1,571,433	1,466,990	7 %
Canada <sup>(1)</sup>	215,181	192,366	12 %	782,244	696,522	12 %
Total Revenue	605,384	553,457	9 %	2,353,677	2,163,512	9 %
Net income	41,855	49,187	(15)%	191,106	154,642	24 %
per share - basic	0.18	0.21	(14)%	0.82	0.62	32 %
per share - diluted	0.18	0.20	(10)%	0.81	0.61	33 %
Adjusted EBITDAC <sup>(2)</sup>	103,174	84,607	22 %	403,190	315,821	28 %
Adjusted EBITDAC <sup>(2)</sup> % of Revenue	17.0 %	15.3 %	1.7 %	17.1 %	14.6 %	2.5 %
Funds Flow from Operations <sup>(2)</sup>	68,774	68,180	1 %	293,009	251,651	16 %
Change in non-cash working capital	(6,543)	(28,888)	(77)%	11,655	50,128	(77)%
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	62,231	39,292	58 %	304,664	301,779	1 %
Free Cash Flow <sup>(2)</sup>	34,648	15,230	128 %	186,932	211,584	(12)%
Capital expenditures						
Expansion Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	15,155	16,541	(8)%	68,078	55,835	22 %
Maintenance Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	5,818	2,345	148 %	22,918	17,575	30 %
Total capital expenditures	20,973	18,886	11 %	90,996	73,410	24 %
Dividends declared	6,760	5,901	15 %	27,738	23,337	19 %
per share	0.030	0.025	20 %	0.120	0.095	26 %
Common Shares Outstanding						
End of period - basic	225,329,085	236,042,566		225,329,085	236,042,566	
End of period - fully diluted <sup>(2)</sup>	228,948,223	241,385,242		228,948,223	241,385,242	
Weighted average - basic	226,704,896	239,160,013		232,341,309	249,108,042	
Weighted average - diluted	230,379,790	244,555,366		236,577,679	254,909,191	

As at

Financial Position	December 31, 2024	September 30, 2024	% Change	December 31, 2023	% Change
Total assets	1,539,331	1,473,994	4 %	1,377,265	12 %
Total long-term debt	344,888	332,999	4 %	390,616	(12)%
Long-term financial liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>	412,608	399,630	3 %	419,416	(2)%
Total Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	452,588	439,334	3 %	469,619	(4)%
Working Capital Surplus <sup>(2)</sup>	681,085	633,262	8 %	632,764	8 %
Net Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	(228,497)	(193,928)	18 %	(163,145)	40 %
Shareholders' equity	814,230	746,309	9 %	657,995	24 %

<sup>1</sup>Supplementary Financial Measure. Supplementary Financial Measures are provided herein because Management believes they assist the reader in understanding CES' results. Refer to "Non-GAAP Measures and Other Financial Measures" contained herein.

<sup>2</sup>Non-GAAP measure that does not have any standardized meaning under IFRS<sup>®</sup> Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. The most directly comparable GAAP measure for Adjusted EBITDAC is Net income, for Funds Flow from Operations is Cash provided by (used in) operating activities, for Shares Outstanding, End of period - fully diluted is Common Shares outstanding, and for Total Debt, Net Debt, and Working Capital Surplus is Long-term financial liabilities. Refer to the section entitled "Non-GAAP Measures and Other Financial Measures" contained herein.

<sup>3</sup>Includes long-term portion of the Senior Facility, the Senior Notes, the Canadian Term Loan Facility, lease obligations, deferred acquisition consideration, and cash settled incentive obligations.

## **Business of CES**

CES is a leading provider of technically advanced consumable chemical solutions throughout the life-cycle of the oilfield. This includes total solutions at the drill-bit, at the point of completion and stimulation, at the wellhead and pump-jack, and finally through to the pipeline and midstream market. Key solutions include corrosion inhibitors, demulsifiers, H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers, paraffin control products, surfactants, scale inhibitors, biocides and other specialty products. Further, specialty chemicals are used throughout the pipeline and midstream industry to aid in hydrocarbon movement and manage transportation and processing challenges including corrosion, wax build-up and H<sub>2</sub>S.

CES operates in all major basins throughout the United States ("US"), including the Permian, Eagleford, Bakken, Marcellus and Scoop/Stack, as well as in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin ("WCSB") with an emphasis on servicing the ongoing major resource plays: Montney, Duvernay, Deep Basin and SAGD. In the US, CES operates under the trade names AES Drilling Fluids ("AES"), AES Completion Services, Jacam Catalyst LLC ("Jacam Catalyst"), Proflow Solutions ("Proflow"), and Superior Weighting Products ("Superior Weighting"). In Canada, CES operates under the trade names Canadian Energy Services, CES Completion Services, PureChem Services ("PureChem"), StimWrx Energy ("StimWrx"), Sialco Materials ("Sialco"), and Clear Environmental Solutions ("Clear").

## **Non-GAAP Measures and Other Financial Measures**

CES uses certain supplementary information and measures not recognized under IFRS where management believes they assist the reader in understanding CES' results. These measures are calculated by CES on a consistent basis unless otherwise specifically explained. These measures do not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and may therefore not be comparable to similar measures used by other issuers.

Non-GAAP financial measures and non-GAAP ratios have the definition set out in National Instrument 52-112 "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure". The non-GAAP measures, non-GAAP ratios and supplementary financial measures used herein, with IFRS measures, are the most appropriate measures for reviewing and understanding the Company's financial results. The non-GAAP measures and non-GAAP ratios are further defined as follows:

*EBITDAC* - is a non-GAAP measure that has been reconciled to net income for the financial periods, being the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS. EBITDAC is defined as net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, finance costs, other income (loss), stock-based compensation, and impairment of goodwill, which are not reflective of underlying operations. EBITDAC is a metric used to assess the financial performance of an entity's operations. Management believes that this metric provides an indication of the results generated by the Company's business activities prior to how these activities are financed, how the Company is taxed in various jurisdictions, and how the results are impacted by foreign exchange and non-cash charges. This non-GAAP financial measure is also used by Management as a key performance metric supporting decision making and assessing divisional results.

*Adjusted EBITDAC* - is a non-GAAP measure that is defined as EBITDAC noted above, adjusted for specific items that are considered to be non-recurring in nature. Management believes that this metric is relevant when assessing normalized operating performance.

*Adjusted EBITDAC % of Revenue* - is a non-GAAP ratio calculated as Adjusted EBITDAC divided by revenue. Management believes that this metric is a useful measure of the Company's normalized operating performance relative to its top line revenue generation and a key industry performance measure.

Readers are cautioned that EBITDAC and Adjusted EBITDAC should not be considered to be more meaningful than net income determined in accordance with IFRS.

EBITDAC, Adjusted EBITDAC, and Adjusted EBITDAC % of Revenue are calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net income	41,855	49,187	191,106	154,642
Adjust for:				
Depreciation and amortization	22,624	17,653	85,681	72,845
Current income tax expense	6,900	5,768	35,733	15,637
Deferred income tax (recovery) expense	(3,410)	(2,602)	9,115	19,294
Stock-based compensation	12,485	4,285	51,239	19,807
Finance costs	22,647	10,822	31,833	35,060
Other loss (income)	73	(506)	(1,517)	(1,464)
EBITDAC	103,174	84,607	403,190	315,821
Adjusted EBITDAC	103,174	84,607	403,190	315,821
<i>Adjusted EBITDAC % of Revenue</i>	<i>17.0 %</i>	<i>15.3 %</i>	<i>17.1 %</i>	<i>14.6 %</i>
<i>Adjusted EBITDAC per share - basic</i>	<i>0.46</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>1.74</i>	<i>1.27</i>
<i>Adjusted EBITDAC per share - diluted</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>1.70</i>	<i>1.24</i>

*Distributable Earnings* - is a non-GAAP measure that is defined as cash provided by operating activities, adjusted for change in non-cash operating working capital less Maintenance Capital and repayment of lease obligations. Distributable Earnings is a measure used by Management and investors to analyze the amount of funds available to distribute to shareholders as dividends or through the NCIB program before consideration of funds required for growth purposes.

*Dividend Payout Ratio* - is a non-GAAP ratio that is defined as dividends declared as a percentage of Distributable Earnings. Management believes it is a useful measure of the proportion of available funds committed to being returned to shareholders in the form of a dividend relative to the Company's total Distributable Earnings.

Readers are cautioned that Distributable Earnings should not be considered to be more meaningful than cash provided by operating activities determined in accordance with IFRS. Distributable Earnings and Dividend Payout Ratio are calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	62,231	39,292	304,664	301,779
Adjust for:				
Change in non-cash operating working capital	6,543	28,888	(11,655)	(50,128)
Maintenance Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	(5,818)	(2,345)	(22,918)	(17,575)
Repayment of lease obligations	(9,316)	(8,128)	(34,271)	(27,944)
Distributable Earnings	53,640	57,707	235,820	206,132
Dividends declared	6,760	5,901	27,738	23,337
Dividend Payout Ratio	13 %	10 %	12 %	11 %

<sup>1</sup>Supplementary Financial Measure. Supplementary Financial Measures are provided herein because Management believes they assist the reader in understanding CES' results.

*Funds Flow From Operations* - is a non-GAAP measure that has been reconciled to Cash provided by (used in) operating activities for the financial periods, being the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS. Funds Flow from Operations is defined as cash flow from operations before changes in non-cash operating working capital and represents the Company's after-tax operating cash flows. Readers are cautioned that this measure is not intended to be considered more meaningful than cash provided by operating activities, or other measures of financial performance calculated in accordance with IFRS.

Funds Flow from Operations is used by Management to assess operating performance and leverage, and is calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<b>62,231</b>	39,292	<b>304,664</b>	301,779
Adjust for:				
Change in non-cash operating working capital	<b>6,543</b>	28,888	<b>(11,655)</b>	(50,128)
<b>Funds Flow from Operations</b>	<b>68,774</b>	68,180	<b>293,009</b>	251,651

*Free Cash Flow* - is a non-GAAP measure that has been reconciled to Cash provided by (used in) operating activities for the financial periods, being the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS. Free Cash Flow is defined as cash flow from operations adjusted for capital expenditures and repayment of lease obligations, net of proceeds on disposal of assets, and represents the Company's core operating results in excess of required capital expenditures. Readers are cautioned that this measure is not intended to be considered more meaningful than cash provided by operating activities, or other measures of financial performance calculated in accordance with IFRS. Free Cash Flow is used by Management to assess operating performance and leverage, and is calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<b>62,231</b>	39,292	<b>304,664</b>	301,779
Adjust for:				
Expansion Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>(15,155)</b>	(16,541)	<b>(68,078)</b>	(55,835)
Maintenance Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>(5,818)</b>	(2,345)	<b>(22,918)</b>	(17,575)
Repayment of lease obligations	<b>(9,316)</b>	(8,128)	<b>(34,270)</b>	(27,944)
Proceeds on disposal of assets	<b>2,706</b>	2,952	<b>7,534</b>	11,159
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>34,648</b>	15,230	<b>186,932</b>	211,584

<sup>1</sup>Supplementary Financial Measure. Supplementary Financial Measures are provided herein because Management believes they assist the reader in understanding CES' results.

*Net Cash Used for Investment in Property and Equipment* - is a non-GAAP measure that has been reconciled to Cash used for investment in property and equipment, being the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS. Management believes that this metric is a key measure to assess the total capital required to support ongoing business operations. Readers are cautioned that this measure is not intended to be considered more meaningful than cash used for investment in property and equipment or other measures of financial performance calculated in accordance with IFRS. Net Cash Used for Investment in Property and Equipment is calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash used for investment in property and equipment	<b>20,804</b>	18,285	<b>88,642</b>	72,175
Adjust for:				
Proceeds on disposal of assets	<b>(2,706)</b>	(2,952)	<b>(7,534)</b>	(11,159)
<b>Net Cash used for investment in property and equipment</b>	<b>18,098</b>	15,333	<b>81,108</b>	61,016

*Working Capital Surplus* - is a non-GAAP measure that is calculated as current assets less current liabilities, excluding the current portion of finance lease obligations, current portion of long-term debt, and deferred acquisition consideration. Management believes that this metric is a key measure to assess operating performance and leverage of the Company and uses it to monitor its capital structure.



*Net Debt and Total Debt* - are non-GAAP measures that Management believes are key metrics to assess liquidity of the Company and uses them to monitor its capital structure. Net Debt represents Total Debt, which includes the Senior Facility, The Canadian Term Loan Facility, the Senior Notes, both current and non-current portions of lease obligations, both current and non-current portions of deferred acquisition consideration, non-current portion of cash settled incentive obligations, offset by the Company's cash position, less Working Capital Surplus.

Readers are cautioned that Total Debt, Working Capital Surplus, and Net Debt should not be construed as alternative measures to Long-term financial liabilities determined in accordance with IFRS.

Total Debt, Working Capital Surplus, and Net Debt are calculated as follows:

	As at	
	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Long-term financial liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	412,608	419,416
Current portion of lease obligations	34,589	27,980
Current portion of long-term debt	—	20,800
Current portion of deferred acquisition consideration	5,391	1,423
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>452,588</b>	469,619
Deduct Working Capital Surplus:		
Current assets	952,150	880,772
Current liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	(271,065)	(248,008)
<b>Working Capital Surplus</b>	<b>681,085</b>	632,764
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>(228,497)</b>	(163,145)

<sup>1</sup>Includes long-term portion of the Senior Facility, the Canadian Term Loan Facility, the Senior Notes, lease obligations, deferred acquisition consideration, and long-term portion of cash settled incentive obligations.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes current portion of lease liabilities, long-term debt and deferred acquisition consideration.

*Total Debt/Adjusted EBITDAC* – is a non-GAAP ratio that Management believes to be a useful measure of the Company's liquidity and leverage levels, and is calculated as Total Debt divided by Adjusted EBITDAC for the most recently ended four quarters. Total Debt and Adjusted EBITDAC are non-GAAP measures that do not have any standardized meaning under IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. Total Debt and Adjusted EBITDAC are calculated as outlined above.

*Shares outstanding, End of period - fully diluted* - is a non-GAAP measure that has been reconciled to Common Shares outstanding for the financial periods, being the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS. This measure is not intended to be considered more meaningful than Common shares outstanding. Management believes that this metric is a key measure to assess the total potential shares outstanding for the financial periods and is calculated as follows:

	As at	
	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Common shares outstanding	225,329,085	236,042,566
Restricted share units outstanding, end of year	3,619,138	5,342,676
<b>Shares outstanding, end of year - fully diluted</b>	<b>228,948,223</b>	241,385,242

## Supplementary Financial Measures

A Supplementary Financial Measure: (a) is, or is intended to be, disclosed on a periodic basis to depict the historical or expected future financial performance, financial position or cash flow of the Company; (b) is not presented in the financial statements of the Company; (c) is not a non-GAAP financial measure; and (d) is not a non-GAAP ratio. Supplementary financial measures found within this press release are as follows:

*Revenue - United States* - comprises a component of total revenue, as determined in accordance with IFRS, and is calculated as revenue recorded from the Company's US divisions.

*Revenue - Canada* - comprises a component of total revenue, as determined in accordance with IFRS, and is calculated as revenue recorded from the Company's Canadian divisions.

*Expansion Capital* - comprises a component of total investment in property and equipment as determined in accordance with IFRS, and represents the amount of capital expenditure that has been or will be incurred to grow or expand the business or would otherwise improve the productive capacity of the operations of the business.

*Maintenance Capital* - comprises a component of total investment in property and equipment as determined in accordance with IFRS, and represents the amount of capital expenditure that has been or will be incurred to sustain the current level of operations.

## **Cautionary Statement**

*Except for the historical and present factual information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release, may constitute forward-looking information or forward-looking statements (collectively referred to as "forward-looking information") which involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of CES, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. When used in this press release, such information uses such words as "may", "would", "could", "will", "intend", "expect", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "estimate", and other similar terminology. This information reflects CES' current expectations regarding future events and operating performance and speaks only as of the date of the press release. Forward-looking information involves significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be an accurate indication of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking information, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed below. The management of CES believes the material factors, expectations and assumptions reflected in the forward-looking information are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these factors, expectations and assumptions will prove to be correct. The forward-looking information contained in this document speaks only as of the date of the document, and CES assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise such information to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be required pursuant to applicable securities laws or regulations. The material assumptions in making forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, assumptions relating to demand levels and pricing for the oilfield consumable chemical offerings of the Company; fluctuations in the price and demand for oil and natural gas; anticipated activity levels of the Company's significant customers; commodity pricing; general economic and financial market conditions; the successful integration of recent acquisitions; the Company's ability to finance its operations; levels of drilling and other activity in the WCSB, the Permian and other US basins, the effects of seasonal and weather conditions on operations and facilities; changes in laws or regulations; currency exchange fluctuations; the ability of the Company to attract and retain skilled labour and qualified management; and other unforeseen conditions which could impact the Company's business of supplying oilfield consumable chemistry to the Canadian and US markets and the Company's ability to respond to such conditions.*

*In particular, this press release contains forward-looking information pertaining to the following: the certainty and predictability of future cash flows, profitability and earnings; expectations that Adjusted EBITDAC will exceed the sum of expenditures on interest, taxes and capital expenditures; expectations of capital expenditures in 2025; expectations that Adjusted EBITDAC will provide sufficient free cash flow to pay down the Company's Senior Facility and repurchase common shares pursuant to the Company's NCIB; expectations regarding CES' revenue and surplus free cash flow generation and the potential use of such free cash flow including to increase its dividend or repurchase the common shares of the Company; expectations regarding end market activity levels; the strength of the Company's balance sheet, the achievement of the Company's strategic objectives, and the generation of shareholder value; expectations regarding industry conditions; CES' ability to execute on financial goals relating to its balance sheet, liquidity, working capital and cost structure; the sufficiency of liquidity and capital resources to meet long-term payment obligations; CES' ability to increase or maintain its market share; optimism with respect to future prospects for CES; impact of CES' vertically integrated business model on future financial performance; supply and demand for CES' products and services, including expectations for growth in CES' production and specialty chemical sales, expected growth in the consumable chemicals market; industry activity levels; expectations regarding the impact of economic policy and tariffs on the energy sector and specifically the Company, including the degree of impact to the Company; expectations regarding service intensity in the upstream oil and gas sector; expectations regarding the adoption of advanced critical chemical solutions; continued strength in commodity prices; oil and gas inventory levels; reduced availability of high quality drilling locations; expectations regarding OPEC production quotas; anticipated drilling activity for natural gas projects; development of new technologies; expectations regarding CES' growth opportunities in Canada the US and overseas; expectations regarding the performance or expansion of CES' operations and working capital optimization; expectations relating to general economic conditions, interest rates and geopolitical risk; expectations regarding end markets for production chemicals and drilling fluids in Canada and the US; expectations regarding demand for CES' services and technology; access to debt and capital markets and cost of capital; impacts of the Company's issuance of Senior Notes on the Company's capital structure and reduced cost of capital; expectations regarding capital allocation including the use of surplus free cash flow, debt reduction through the repayment of the Company's Senior Facility; investments in current operations, issuing dividends, or market acquisitions; expectations regarding the timing and amount of common shares repurchased pursuant to the Company's NCIB; CES' ability to continue to comply with covenants in debt facilities; and competitive conditions.*

*CES' actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking information as a result of the following factors: general economic conditions in the US, Canada, and internationally; geopolitical risk; fluctuations in demand for consumable fluids and chemical oilfield services, downturn in oilfield activity; oilfield activity in the Permian, the WCSB, and other basins in which the Company operates; a decline in frac related chemical sales; a decline in operator usage of chemicals on wells; decreased service intensity levels; an increase in the number of customer well shut-ins; a shift in types of wells drilled; volatility in market prices for oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids and the effect of this volatility on the demand for oilfield services generally; declines in prices for natural gas, natural gas liquids, and oil, and pricing differentials between world pricing, pricing in North America, and pricing in Canada; decisions by OPEC regarding production quotas; the impact of the removal of sanctions on Russia and the potential for additional oil and gas supply to global markets; competition, and pricing pressures from customers in the current commodity environment; conflict, war and political and societal unrest that may impact CES' operations, supply chains as well as impact the market for oil and natural gas generally; currency risk as a result of fluctuations in value of the US or Canadian dollar; liabilities and risks, including environmental liabilities and risks inherent in oil and natural gas operations; sourcing, pricing and availability of raw materials, consumables, component parts, equipment, suppliers, facilities, shipping containers, and skilled management, technical and field personnel; the collectability of accounts receivable; ability to integrate technological advances and match advances of competitors; ability to protect the Company's proprietary technologies; availability of capital; uncertainties in weather and temperature affecting the duration of the oilfield service periods and the activities that can be completed; the ability to successfully integrate and achieve synergies from the Company's acquisitions; changes in legislation and the regulatory environment, including uncertainties with respect to oil and gas royalty regimes, programs to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions and regulations restricting the use of hydraulic fracturing; pipeline capacity and other transportation infrastructure constraints; changes to government mandated production curtailments; reassessment and audit risk and other tax filing matters; changes and proposed changes to US policies including tax policies, policies relating to the oil and gas industry, or trade policies; impact of tariffs on the global economy, the energy industry, and the Company; international and domestic trade disputes, including restrictions on the transportation of oil and natural gas and regulations governing the sale and export of oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products; the impact of climate change policies in the regions which CES operates; the impact and speed of adoption of low carbon technologies; potential changes to the crude by rail industry; changes to the fiscal regimes applicable to entities operating in the US and WCSB; access to capital and the liquidity of debt markets; fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates, including the impact of changing interest rates on the broader economy; CES' ability to maintain adequate insurance at rates it considers reasonable and commercially justifiable; and the other factors considered under "Risk Factors" in CES' Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2024, dated March 6, 2025, and "Risks and Uncertainties" in CES' MD&A for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, dated March 6, 2025.*

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