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**NG ENERGY ANNOUNCES BRIAN PAES-BRAGA TO BECOME NEW BOARD CHAIR,
ANNOUNCES A FULLY SUBSCRIBED OFFERING OF CDN\$30 MILLION AND PROVIDES
CORPORATE UPDATE**

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- *Funding led by incoming Chair and associates to take NGE to cash flow positive*
- *After 6 years and approximately US\$100 million spent on the acquisition and development of Maria Conchita, Sinu-9 and Tiburon, NGE enters “high growth phase” of its journey to become a reliable energy transition fuel source for Colombia.*

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 6, 2023 – NG Energy International Corp. (“NGE” or the “Company”) (TSXV: **GASX**) (OTCQX: **GASXF**) announces today that Mr. Ronald Pantin will be transitioning from his role as Executive Chairman to Director, as well as the upcoming retirement of Mr. Gordon Keep and Mr. Jeffrey Harder from the Board (the “**Board Changes**”). The Company is also pleased to announce that upon the Board Changes coming into effect, Mr. Brian Paes-Braga will be appointed as Chair of the Company’s Board of Directors. Mrs. Luz Stella Murgas, Mr. Don Sewell and Mr. Brian O’Neill will also be appointed to the Board of Directors.

“I wish to thank Ronald Pantin for his dedication and leadership as he and a very small, technically driven team built NGE’s assets into what they are today, robust natural gas deposits with significant growth in reserves and resources since inception as well as a growing production base, providing Colombians with critical cleaner energy for their transition away from coal. Without his perseverance, in-country expertise and steadfast belief in NGE’s assets, especially through COVID, I struggle to see how this company would be where it is today. I am looking forward to our continued collaboration in his role as a Director of the Company. I also wish to thank Gordon Keep and Jeffrey Harder for their efforts and service to the Board” said Mr. Serafino Iacono, CEO and Director of NGE. “I am also looking forward to working with Brian Paes-Braga in his new role as Chair of the Board. Having worked with Brian for many years now and observing his career, I know how his talents will benefit all our stakeholders as we enter the next phase of the company’s growth. I also wish to welcome Don Sewell, Brian O’Neill and Luz Stella Murgas. This is an exciting time for NGE, as the new members of the Board will bring their capital markets expertise and business acumen to the table, as they work with me and the rest of our management team to take NGE to new levels.”

Mr. Brian Paes-Braga is a Canadian-born entrepreneur, merchant banking executive, and author. Currently, he serves as Managing Partner at SAF Group, a leading structured credit and merchant banking group which builds, invests, finances, and advises high growth companies as well as provides flexible and long-term capital solutions to public and private corporations while providing stable returns for investors through its structured credit arm. As an executive, Mr. Paes-Braga was Founder and CEO of Lithium X Energy Corp., a lithium resource company which, within 2.5 years, raised approximately CDN\$53 million and was acquired in an all-cash deal for CDN\$265 million. Mr. Paes-Braga was formerly Chair of the board of directors of Thunderbird Entertainment, a global multi-platform entertainment company creating award-winning programming for the world’s leading digital platforms, and a former board member of DeepGreen



Metals (now TMC the metals company Inc.), which closed a >US\$2 billion go-public transaction on the NASDAQ in September 2021 and aims to supply the world with ethical, clean metals harvested from the deep ocean floor.

“I am excited for the opportunity to support the entire executive team at NGE, its Board, very patient shareholders, and all other stakeholders as we endeavour to build a domestic clean energy producer. Natural gas has become globally recognized as an important fuel in the energy transition. Colombia is in great need of these new discoveries, as well as production, as it faces a natural gas deficit as early as 2025. Additionally, stable premium-pricing creates an excellent foundation to build a high growth, free cash flowing energy company. I believe the significance of the Brujo-1 discovery has been largely overlooked and that Sinu-9 is destined to become a critical bridge and cleaner energy source for the next generation of Colombians, as the country transitions to renewable energy. I have been a shareholder of NGE since 2017, when the Company acquired its interest in Maria Conchita, Sinu-9 and Tiburon. Since then, NGE has raised approximately US\$100 million and deployed it across these assets, resulting in a company today with a small, yet stable, production base and rapid growth in reserves and resources. Looking forward, NGE has the opportunity to have an industry leading growth trajectory, which sees our assets growing from a current production base of 7mmcf/d. Our strategic plan sees this initial base more than doubling every year for the next 5 years, toward our corporate goal of getting to 200mmcf/d, nearly 20% of Colombia’s current requirements.¹ I look forward to supporting Serafino, Federico Restrepo, Jorge Fonseca and the rest of the management team in advancing the Company’s assets, including the high impact prospects of oil on the Northern flank of Sinu-9 and the potential giant gas target at Tiburon. I am determined to support all stakeholders as we advance our current portfolio of assets and ultimately, endeavour to become a global energy company. I am honoured that I will assume the role as Chair from industry veteran Ronald Pantin and look forward to our continued work together,” said Mr. Brian Paes-Braga, Incoming Chair of NGE.

Mr. Paes-Braga continued “I want to personally thank our long-standing shareholders for their patience in this company through COVID and some of its growing pains. I plan to do everything in my power to reward you for this patience by supporting our management team in executing on our strategic plan as well as sharing with the markets just how unique this value proposition is. I also want to personally welcome our new stakeholders in this funding round. My focus will be supporting the Company in corporate governance, attracting new institutional investors and best in class partners for our Company’s development, as well as opportunistically assessing potential M&A opportunities as NGE enters this very exciting chapter of high growth.”

“With this financing, led by our incoming Chair, Brian Paes-Braga, the Company is set to be cash flow positive, resulting in over US\$1 million a month in free cash flow as we drill and complete the Aruchara-3 well” Jorge Fonseca, Chief Financial Officer of NGE remarked. “We are laser-focused on continuing to execute on our strategy to be an asset-light, high free cash flow generating energy business which focuses on attracting best in class partners at the upstream, midstream and downstream levels of our business as we continue our journey to becoming a critical solution to Colombia’s growing energy needs.”

The Offering

The Company further announces a financing commitment of up to CDN\$30,000,000 led by incoming Chair Brian Paes-Braga and a group of strategic investors (the “**Strategic Investors**”), which will include significant insider participation from the Company. The non-brokered private placement offering will be for the issuance and sale of up to 30,000 convertible senior secured debenture units (the “**Debenture**”).

¹ Bolsa Mercantil De Colombia, Gestor Del Mercado De Gas Natural En Colombia, July 5, 2023 Daily Report, <https://www.bmcbec.com.co/sites/default/files/2023-07/Informe%20diario%202023.07.05.pdf>.



Units”) at an issuance price of CDN\$1,000 per Debenture Unit (the “**Offering Price**”), for aggregate total gross proceeds of up to CDN\$30,000,000 (the “**Offering**”). Completion of the Offering is contingent upon approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (“**TSXV**”), compliance with applicable Canadian securities laws, and completion of satisfactory due diligence by the Strategic Investors, anticipated to be completed within 30 days of this announcement.

Each Debenture Unit will consist of: (i) one 10.0% convertible senior secured debenture with a principal amount of CDN\$1,000 (each, a “**Convertible Debenture**”) maturing three (3) years from the closing of the Offering (the “**Maturity Date**”); and (ii) 1,000 common share purchase warrants of the Company (each, a “**Warrant**”), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one common share of the Company (a “**Common Share**”) at an exercise price equal to CDN\$0.90 for a period of three (3) years from the closing date of the Offering.

The principal amount of each Convertible Debenture will be convertible, for no additional consideration, at the option of the holder, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, into Common Shares prior to the earlier of: (i) the close of business on the Maturity Date; and (ii) the business day immediately preceding the date specified by the Company for redemption of the Convertible Debentures upon a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture that will govern the Convertible Debentures) at a conversion price equal to CDN\$0.70 per share.

Proceeds of the Offering will be allocated towards drilling and rework activities at the Aruchara-3 and Aruchara-1 wells, respectively, to fill pipeline capacity at Maria Conchita and at Sinu-9, for Company costs required to move forward with midstream partners as well as remaining payables on Magico-1 and Brujo-1. The Company will use the balance of the proceeds for working capital.

Corporate Update

Maria Conchita Aruchara-1 Production

- Aruchara-1 has achieved consistent production flow rates of 7mmcf/d and is selling the natural gas on the spot market at an average sales price of US\$5.50 /mcf.

Maria Conchita Aruchara-3 Development Well

- ANH approval was granted in May for the drilling of the Aruchara-3 development well.
- The Company has made significant progress on the required civil works ahead of the arrival of the drill rig and spudding, which is expected to commence in July.
- The Company expects to tie the Aruchara-3 well into existing production from Maria Conchita during the second half of the year.

Sinu-9 Midstream Agreements

- The Company continues to finalize agreements and term sheets with both Kronos and Promigas for gas offtake from Sinu-9 and will continue to keep the market apprised of the progress.

Colombian Gas Market Update

The advancement towards increasing production is timely and the Company is very encouraged by recent domestic Colombian spot market pricing which traded above US\$6.50 per mcf this month. The stable price premium observed in Colombia over the last decade has room for further improvement with the supply demand fundamentals present in the market and may increase with the arrival of the first El Niño in almost four years.



Additions to the Board of Directors

Mrs. Luz Stella Murgas has worked in the energy sector for more than 18 years and is the active Executive President of NATURGAS, the Natural Gas Association in Colombia. She served as Vice President of Promotion and Areas Allocation at the National Hydrocarbons Agency, where she promoted foreign investment, especially for the development of offshore exploration and production. She also worked as Exploration Manager at the same entity. Mrs. Murgas also worked at Ecopetrol (Colombia's National Oil and Gas Company) as a tax advisor for the entire value chain of the business for eight years. She also participated in determining the initial stock value for the company's IPO, as well as in its internationalization process. In addition, she held the position of Executive Director of her legal consulting firm with an emphasis on environmental, social, and business affairs for the development of projects in the mining and energy sectors. She has a Law degree from the Universidad del Rosario and is a tax law specialist from the same University.

Mr. Don Sewell is a private and public company finance executive and former energy investment banker. Mr. Sewell currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer of a private global energy transition-focused royalty company in addition to leading energy transition investments for SAF Group. Prior to, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of a TSX-listed consumer-packaged goods company and spent several years in the energy investment banking groups of a big six Canadian bank and an independent energy investment dealer. Mr. Sewell brings a broad range of experience in corporate finance, capital markets, governance and securities regulatory matters given his public company leadership experience, in addition to advising on the completion of several billion dollars in energy sector M&A transactions and capital raises. Don holds a BSc degree from McGill University and is a CFA charterholder.

Mr. Brian O'Neill is Vice President of SAF Growth at the SAF Group. He is a former director of Gold-X Mining which was sold to Gran Colombia Gold (now Aris Gold). He spent nearly a decade in the practice of law with leading Canadian law firm, McCarthy Tétrault LLP. His practice began in the areas of corporate and commercial law, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, corporate finance, intellectual property, and commercial transactions. He then shifted his practice to focus on corporate tax matters, with a particular emphasis on the tax-related aspects of mergers and acquisitions and corporate reorganizations. Mr. O'Neill received his B.Sc. Honours in Molecular Genetics, with first-class standing, and his LL.B., with distinction, from the University of Alberta. He is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia and has completed CPA Canada's In-Depth Tax Course.

The appointments of Mr. Paes-Braga, Mrs. Murgas, Mr. Sewell and Mr. O'Neill are subject to regulatory approval and the completion of the Offering.

The Company also announces that, with the filing of the financial materials, its principal regulator, the British Columbia Securities Commission, has lifted the cease trade order of May 10, 2023. Effective at the opening, Monday, July 10, 2023, trading will be reinstated in the securities of the Company.

About NG Energy International Corp.

NG Energy International Corp. is a publicly traded E&P company on a mission to provide a clean and sustainable solution to Colombia's energy needs. The Company intends on executing this mission by producing and bringing gas to the premium priced Colombian gas market from the blocks, SN-9, a 311,353 acres block which is adjacent to Canacol's Nelson field, as well Maria Conchita, a 32,518-acre block located in the region of La Guajira. NGE's team has extensive technical expertise and a proven track record of



building companies and creating value in South America. For more information, please visit SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and the Company's website (www.nenergyintl.com).

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Abbreviations

The abbreviations set forth below have the following meanings:

Natural Gas

mcf	thousand cubic feet
mmcf	million cubic feet per day

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